Chinese New Year, Winter Olympics celebrated

On Saturday, February 15, ASCIT held its Winter Olympics-themed carnival—snow machines and hay transformed the Olive Walk. Students munched on churros and corndogs as other Techers learned to curl, went down a sled, and watched the Olympics. "It's fun bringing snow and other winter-related things to campus," said Michelle Tang, ASCIT Social Director and organizer of the event. "We don't ever experience a real winter in southern California."

A curling rink was set up for students to learn the Olympic sport, as many attempted to slide rocks across the ice and into one of four rings. "It was lots of fun," said Leo Zornberg, a current sophomore. "I was terrible at it and flipped the stone over, but it was cool to try."

The mound of snow allowed for snowball fights, snowman building, and sledding in Pasadena weather.

"The carnival was great!" said Kate Lewis, a Lloyd freshman. "I got to see Olaf from Frozen in real life!"

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US in second at Sochi

16 medals (4 gold, 4 silver, 8 bronze) won by US, tied with Russia

Hockey team triumphs

4 shootout goals made by American TJ Oshie after overtime vs. Russia

Help for African country

2.5k troops to be sent by Europe to aid the Central African Republic

Mars mystery solved

1.5-inch "Jelly Doughnut" on Mars identified as rock broken by rover

Michael Dunn convicted

60 yrs. in prison given to Dunn for 3 counts of attempted 2° murder

Drinking game spreads

4 dead from viral drinking game, in which players outdo one another

Egyptian bus explodes

4 dead, 14 wounded in terrorist attack on tourists near Israeli border

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New course offered on entrepreneurship

OPINION

Brad gives tips on date night attire

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Caltech Y volunteers for homeless

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Men’s tennis scores victory
Food with Mannion!

Do you like eating food? How about free food at nice restaurants? Ever want to tell the world exactly what you think of said food? The Tech will be beginning a new column to chronicle the foodie experiences of new writers every other week...The Catch: They’ll be going head-to-head with Tom Mannion who will be reviewing the same restaurant. If you have ever thought you were more of a gourmand than our resident master chef, now’s your chance to prove it!

Email us for a spot on the list at tech@caltech.edu
Hi everyone! This is the Caltech Y Column, designed to inform you about your opportunities and the opportunities we provide for you to inspire your passion. What are we doing in your programs or leading your own?

Upcoming events:

1. Caltech Y Advocating Change Together (ACT) Award
   Information and Applications are due March 7th by 5 pm

2. Science Policy Series: Bill Foster, Member, U.S. House of Representatives
   “What it’s like to be a Scientist in Congress
   Friday | February 21st | 12:00 Noon to 1:30 pm | Lunch is included for students (sophomores to juniors and seniors) and will be paid by a donor.

3. Bike hike along Arroyo Seco in the San Gabriel Mountains
   Sunday | February 23rd | 12:30 to 4:00 pm (estimated time)
   Come along with the Caltech Y “real world” insight and guide a nice little ride down the Arroyo Seco bike path, ending with a visit to the Heritage Square Museum.

4. Getty Museum Trip – Caltech Y Explore LA Series
   Saturday | March 1st | 11:00 - 4:00 pm | Los Angeles | Transportation is included. For information and applications, visit http://www.getty.edu/visit/center/ for more info.

5. Pasadena LEARNs Tutoring
   Friday | February 21st | 12:00 Noon to 1:30 pm | Highland Park

The program is designed to support underprivileged but motivated high school students.

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It’s 2 hours before your big date and it’s time to get ready to impress. (Yes, you’re going to start getting ready 2 hours in advance.)

**Step 1:** Shower time. Time to lather your freshly cut hair. You did get a haircut recently right?

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**Step 6:** Onto the restaurant! Before you sit down (and after you pull out your date’s chair because chivalry and all that… unless she’s a “strong independent woman that don’t need no man”) you take off your blazer and drape it over her chair, then take your seat, undo your cuff buttons and proceed to roll up your sleeves to just below your elbow for two reasons: (1) you're eating, so you want to avoid getting your shirt messy and (2) Rolled up sleeves show off those sexy forearms that you’ve been working on at the gym.

**Step 7:** Dinner is over! Time to go for a walk. As you’re leaving the restaurant you drape your blazer over your arm instead of putting it on.

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Caltech Y Volunteers help homeless at Union Station shelter

WEN MIN CHEN  Contributing Writer

Twice a month, a month, Caltech is called upon to help out at the local homeless shelters. A volunteer group composed of Caltech students, faculty, and staff, including students, travels to the Adult and Family Centers located in Pasadena to cook dinner for the residents. The Caltech Y helps recruit volunteers and provides the food to make dinner. However, wanting interest in this program means helping build the demand in the frequency of these visits.

Union Station Homeless Services runs several programs that aim to help homeless community members become stable and self-sufficient. This is accomplished through counseling, shelter housing, assistance in benefits enrollment, and other programs. These services have become increasingly important—where the national rate of homelessness was 0.2% in 2012 and has been moderately decreasing. Los Angeles County’s homeless population increased by 15% in recent years². Additionally, the proportion of homeless families has grown as well, and nearly a quarter of the homeless are under the age of 18³. Los Angeles has an increasing need for homeless services, and Caltech helps out by volunteering at a few of Union Station’s shelters.

Both the Adult and Family Centers are located less than 2 miles from Caltech. Both provide nutritious meals, safe shelter, and services, and adult classes in topics like personal management and life skills. Residents of both the Centers stay for an average of three months, during which they save 70% of their income towards future housing.

Finding stable housing in the future is vital as it is difficult to receive public assistance without a permanent address, not to mention obtaining a job. Additionally, the Family Center is one of the few shelters in Los Angeles County that accepts single fathers with children.

The shelters depend heavily on volunteers to prepare meals, provide child care, and perform office work. Caltech helps out through the Adopt-A-Meal program, where we visit each center once a month to prepare dinner for the residents. Each dinner includes a main entrée, starch, vegetable, and dessert. About 60 people are served at the Adult Center while at the Family Center about 30 people are served. The group leader will have the necessary groceries and recipes to prepare the meals, and volunteers do not need to have prior cooking experience to help.

Caltech Y, oversees the volunteer group, from grad students and Caltech staff to people from other houses.” says Katherine. In fact, volunteers have ranged from foreign exchange students to the families of Caltech staff. Liz Jackson, the Student Programs Coordinator for the Caltech Y, oversees the volunteer group. She says that, “Union Station gives Caltech students, staff and faculty an opportunity to serve their community, interact with people from different walks of life, and understand some of the social issues that we face as a country. It’s a great way to give back and one can’t help but feel a sense of accomplishment after cooking, serving and washing dishes for a group of 60 thankful people.”

The Caltech Y’s volunteering program with Union Station spans nearly 20 years, and is the Y’s longest standing community service program. However, it needs your help to keep it program running. The time commitment for one trip is about four hours, and trips occur every first Sunday and third Saturday of each month. Volunteer spots are on a first-come, first-served basis. Sign up for reminders at http://caltechy.org/lists, and make a difference in your community!

References:

Counseling Center Announces Emotional Intelligence Workshop Series

Caltech’s counseling center has designed an exciting series of 3 workshops to help you understand your emotional life better, to improve your relationships, and to help you make smarter choices. Here’s what’s in store:

• Tuesday, February 18th: Reading the Emotions of Others, presented by Maria Y, Oh, Ph.D., and Wendy Lopata, LCSW. This fun and exciting workshop will help you get even better at understanding how other people are probably feeling. We’ll use examples from real life and from videos to help you build some of these valuable skills.

• Thursday, February 27th: Emotionally Intelligent Problem Solving, presented by Charisma Bartlett, Ph.D. This workshop caps off the series, and focuses on practical skills for using your emotions to your advantage when you feel stuck or confused.

All workshops are in the Winnett Lounge and run from 12:00 - 1:00. Free lunch is provided!
Men’s tennis defeats Occidental

GoCaltech

The Beavers started their home schedule in grand fashion by taking out Occidental 6-3 on Saturday afternoon.

A huge difference for Caltech in posting the win was the play of its three first-years. The trio combined to go undefeated in their five matches.

Sathwick and Ruthwick Pathireddy teamed up to win the second doubles match 8-3. In singles play Sathwick posted a 7-5, 6-3 victory at the No. 3 singles position while his twin brother won 6-0, 7-6 (2) at the No. 4 slot.

Fellow first-year Morgan Lebby joined forces with Rushikesh Joshi to win the third doubles match 8-5. Lebby continued his winning ways with a 6-4, 6-4 win at the sixth singles position.

Luka Mernik won 6-3, 7-6 (6) at the No. 5 singles position. It is the first time since the 2004 season the Beavers knocked off Occidental.

While the two teams are SCIAC foes, this match does not count in the league standings. Their April 4th match will be a conference match.

Tennis Match Results

SINGLES
1. Josh Dancu (OXY) def. Devashish Joshi (CALTECH) 6-2, 6-1
2. Kevin Siebs (OXY) def. Rushikesh Joshi (CALTECH) 6-2, 6-1
3. Sathwick Pathireddy (CALTECH) def. Avery Howard (OXY) 7-5, 6-3
4. Ruthwick Pathireddy (CALTECH) def. Jack Streeters (OXY) 6-0, 7-6 (7-2)
5. Luka Mernik (CALTECH) def. Jessie Kreger (OXY) 6-3, 7-6 (8-6)
6. Morgan Lebby (CALTECH) def. David Cotton (OXY) 6-4, 6-4

DOUBLES
1. Josh Dancu/Avery Howard (OXY) def. Devashish Joshi/Luka Mernik (CALTECH) 8-4
2. Sathwick Pathireddy/Ruthwick Pathireddy (CALTECH) def. Kevin Siebs/Jack Streeters (OXY) 8-3
A Sense of Humor

OBSERVED ON 7TH-4PM IN PASADENA....

EVIDENCE THAT SOCAL FOLK ARE REALLY CONFUSED ABOUT WHAT TO DO WHEN IT RAINS.

Audrey Liu

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