Caltech Center for Diversity sponsors “Pride Prom”

Parul Pubbi
Contributing Writer

The Caltech Center for Diversity (CCD) aims to support “student access, equality, and inclusion” for all students on campus, specifically targeting under-represented minorities, women, and LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning) students. On Friday, April 11, the CCD sponsored a “Pride Prom” for LGBTQ students, where LGBTQ students and their allies could bring people of any gender and have fun in a “safe zone.” About 25 students attended the dance, which included a photo booth for students to get their photos taken, lots of food, and a dance floor and DJ. Organized primarily by Anastasios Dimitriadis, better known around campus as Taso, the second annual Pride Prom was a celebration of inclusion. When asked if there was anything else the Caltech CCD could do to promote a more inclusive culture on campus, Ben Bartlett spoke of how “they’re doing an excellent job promoting LGBT equality. It’s just that with a school this small, there aren’t going to be a tremendous number of gay people in the first place. But despite that, I do consistently feel accepted and safe around campus, which is definitely more important.” Ben also spoke of how his high school hadn’t allowed same-sex couples to attend, demonstrating by contrast the positive steps the CCD has taken toward inclusion.

Ellen Yu, another freshman, also spoke highly of the Pride Prom and the campus-wide efforts in general, stating “I had a blast dancing with my friends at the Pride Prom, and I think the steps being taken are great!”

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This weekly group sponsored by the Counseling Center will offer practical, actionable tips for developing new skills to manage emotions, improving focus, and integrating mindfulness into your everyday life. Students may join any time in the series, and new content will be provided each week. Attending each skill session (4 weeks) is recommended but not required.

Tuesday evenings, 8-9:30pm in the common area of the Center for Diversity (CSS 2nd floor).

April 15 Distress Tolerance - managing difficult situations
April 22 Interpersonal Effectiveness - setting boundaries and asking for what you want
April 29 Mindfulness

More information is available at the Caltech Counseling Center website: www.counseling.caltech.edu.

Upcoming events:

1a. Pasadena LEARNS
Wednesday and Fridays Weekly | 5:00 - 5:30pm | Madison and Jackson Elementary School | Pasadena

Come volunteer at Madison Elementary School! We are partnered with the Pasadena LEARNS program at Madison and work with their Science Olympiad teams on Wednesdays and do regular tutoring on Fridays along with occasional hands-on science experiments. We volunteer from 3 to 5 PM on Wednesdays and Fridays. Volunteers should be willing to commit to one visit per week. Transportation is provided. For more information and to RSVP, contact vkkumar@caltech.edu.

1b. Hathaway Sycamores Tutoring
Saturday | April 19th | 1:30-4:30pm | Highland Park

Volunteer at Hathaway-Sycamores, a group that supports local underprivileged but motivated high school students. Some of the subjects being tutored are AP Chemistry, AP Physics, and AP Calculus. The service trip includes about an hour of travel time and 2 hours of tutoring. Transportation is included. For more information and to RSVP, email Josie Kishi at jkishi@caltech.edu or Ted Starnes at gstar@caltech.edu. Please note that work study is no longer being offered for this service trip.

If you have any questions at all, feel free to contact the Caltech Y at (626) 395-6163 or caltechy@caltech.edu. Feel free to drop by at one of our weekly meetings at the Caltech Y at the Caltech Y (305 S. Wilson, next to CEFCU), time TBA.

Go to http://caltechy.org/lists/ to self-subscribe to announcement lists for upcoming events and sign-up information.

For a student’s perspective, feel free to contact Phoebe Ann at phoebe.ann2@gmail.com.

Do you know of an awesome restaurant?

Do you have a receipt you want to share?

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Then write for The Tech!

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Chemistry Professor Bercaw awarded Willard Gibbs Medal

CONNIE HSUEH
Director of Operations Candidate

Hello, Caltech! My name is Connie and I am running for re-election as your ASCiT Director of Operations. I have been so honored to represent you for the past year, and I would love to continue to do so.

As your Director of Operations, I have sought to achieve a handful of goals. I’ve always had the student’s interests in mind, and I hope to improve upon my work this year. First, I’ve looked to strengthen communication between ASCiT clubs, the Board of Directors, and relevant administration. I want our clubs to be successful and well-funded, but sometimes that requires utilizing different avenues of funding or navigating bureaucratic hoops. Thirdly, I’ve moved the club application process online, but there remain some kinks that need to be ironed out in order to make the process as smooth as can be. I want to represent the clubs better as a member of the Board of Directors, especially when it comes to fighting for funding. I also want to check in with our clubs and publications more often, to see if things are going well or if there’s anything ASCiT can do for them.

Next, I wanted to make ASCiT resources, like lighting and scaffolding, available and easily accessible. ASCiT owns dozens of scaffolding sets that had been gathering dust in our storage closet. When I lent it out to TACIT for their production of Rent, how happy that they made use of it as well. I hope to increase our inventory of items and make borrowing availability and procedures clearer.

Another goal of mine has been to assist the Board of Directors in any way possible to better represent the students. Part of this has meant taking on projects from other branches of ASCiT. For example, this year I took over Take A Prof(’Ta) To Lunch (which you can still do! Email me). This has also meant voicing my concerns when it comes to decision-making, to make sure no subset of students is underrepresented. There are a number of things that I am passionate about, including mental health, student-faculty/administration relations, career development, and athletics, and I want to make sure that we address issues in these areas as they arise. I hope to build upon my work so far as Director of Operations, and my strongest resource will be my experience. Many responsibilities of the position, including club applications, club funding, and club fairs, happen only once per year. Having done all of these before, I am much more confident in running them again. It will be easier for me to make improvements to these events now that I know how they work. I wanted to note that I will be studying abroad during second term next year. This doesn’t worry me. The biggest responsibilities of Director of Operations occur during first term. During the rest of the year, it’s primarily routine things, like lending out lights. While I will continue to video-conference in board meetings, I also plan to appoint and train an assistant director during first term who will be able to continue serving during my place during my time away.

My experience as current director makes me confident that I would be able to continue to serve you, even from across the pond.

What I love about being Director of Ops is that I get to talk and represent students directly. This isn’t a position where I’m in meetings three times a week, yet nothing gets done. Instead, I get to make students happy by funding their clubs and helping make events happen. I have loved serving as your Director of Operations, and I would be honored to do so for another year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to email me at chsueh@caltech.edu. Thank you for your time!

ELOTT SIMON
Director of Operations Candidate

When I went home for the first time and met up with my friends from high school, we all naturally spoke about what we were doing in college. I told them that Caltech was a constant struggle. The concepts don’t make sense, the sets take ages, the school drains on you physically and emotionally; but when one person asked why I would ever consider coming back, I thought to myself, I wonder if that’s what I’m looking for.

When I returned, I enrolled in a class called ‘Culture and Chinese Philosophy’. The professor, Satoshi, recognized my interest in culture, and asked if I would be interested in participating in a withering seminar that would focus on the aesthetic experience in Chinese culture. At first I was hesitant, but the opportunity intrigued me, so I decided to participate. The seminar was a three-hour meeting each week, and we were required to read extensively and present our ideas to the class. It was a challenging experience, but I found myself growing in my understanding of Chinese culture and philosophy. I realized that I had a passion for learning about different cultures and how they influence our world today.

For path-breaking advances in inorganic and organometallic chemistry related to the elucidation of olefin polymerization and hydrocarbon oxidation mechanisms and development of early metal polymerization catalysts.

-Christine

He will receive his solid gold Gibbs medal in Chicago on May 16, and Chemicals Progress Towards Homogeneous Catalysis.

The Bercaw laboratory specializes in studying mechanisms of olefin polymerization, especially the Ziegler-Natta (ZN) reaction. Much of their work has led to a fundamental understanding of the detailed mechanism of chain growth in ZN polymerizations and the factors which control stereospecificity and isospecificity and the degree of commonomer incorporation in copolymerization. The specific variables are critical in determining the physical properties of the resulting polymers and copolymers.

Prof. Bercaw elucidated the general principles that dictate nearly perfect facial discrimination of α-olefin insertion into the metal alloy bonds of metallocene catalysts. He identified key steric and electronic interactions that discriminate between the two propylene enantiomers.

He developed a deuterated, isotopically chiral and enantiomerically pure Ziegler catalyst which enables simple quantitative NMR determination of the enantiomeric selectivity for insertion.

With Jay Lagbener, Bercaw elucidated key mechanisms in the “Shahlo” oxidation system, catalyzing the oxidative coupling of methane to methanol - one of the most promising model systems for further development of oxidative coupling of methane.

Using an array of elegant mechanistic probes, including model complexes, isotope and angularly labelled precursors, the combination with kinetic studies and isotope effects, his laboratory has established many of the important features responsible for the unique selectivity of this system for primary C-H bonds.

In addition to approximately 100 academic papers, Bercaw is a member of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences and the American Philosophical Society, and has received dozens of other honors and awards. For his basic science, he has been awarded the ACS award for Pure Chemistry, the ACS A.C. Cope Scholar Award, and the Southern California ACS Award in Organic Chemistry. He was also named a Seaborg Scholar by the Los Alamos National Laboratories.

His applied work has been manifested in productive collaborations with major corporations BP, ExxonMobil, Dow, and Shell.

The Willard Gibbs Medal, founded by William A. Converse, has been given by the Chicago Section ACS since 1910 “to publicly recognize eminent chemists who, through years of application and devotion, have brought to the world developments that enable everyone to live more comfortably and to understand this world better.” (See http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Willard_Gibbs_Medal_for_more.)

All interested parties are invited to attend Professor Bercaw’s award ceremony in Chicago on May 16, details are available at http://chicagoacs.org.
ADAM JERMYN
ASCIT President Candidate

We all came to Caltech for different reasons. Some went for an intense academic experience, research, the House system, the social life. For many of us, Caltech is so much more than that. One of the reasons why I ran for ASCIT President was that I think sometimes we forget these joys that brought us here at Caltech. I think when people discuss the bitterness that pervades undergraduate life, they often take it as normal. They take it for granted. I think that is not expected, which is inherent to the experience. I reject the notion that nothing can be changed, and this is why I am running for ASCIT President.

We have a lot of chances in the coming year to change things. The leverage on the future is high right now. Dean Dabiri and President Rosenbaum will be taking over from the current administration. There are ongoing discussions reviewing the efficacy and implementation of the Honor Code which are going to result in recommendations to the Faculty Board. There is an ongoing experiment with longer Counseling Center hours. All of these can result in changes which can either be for the better or for the worse, and so we need to be sure to have our voices heard on these matters. The ASCIT President needs to make a strong push for rebuilding trust with the administration, for strengthening the Honor Code, and for continued support for student mental health. While some of these issues are under the purview of the IHC, ASCIT still has an important supporting role to play, particularly when interacting with faculty. It is important that ASCIT and the IHC work together on these issues to strengthen our impact.

Change can be difficult, and it is made more difficult by changes over the past several years that have negatively impacted undergraduates. From matters as small as written exams in Physics to matters as all-encompassing as the hiring policy, we haven't fared well. There is reason to be optimistic though. In many ways, we are facing unsurpassed challenges, unlike past ones, student input has been actively sought by faculty and the administration. We have a chance to make an impression, and we need to seize it. We need to show Caltech that we are responsible, accountable and collaborative. We need to be united, which means that ASCIT needs to know where students stand on each issue. It is the job of the ASCIT President, I think, to learn student opinion, to lead these discussions, and to ensure that we live up to our view of ourselves.

I believe that this is a job I am uniquely qualified to do. In my role on the ARC, I have often had to assess student opinion on issues ranging in scope and complexity from changes to the UASH handbook to teaching quality to option requirements. My work on the Council for Undergraduate Education and the Curriculum Committee has given me experience coordinating with other students to present a unified front. On the Faculty Board Honor Code Committee I have firmly made the case for keeping the BoC autonomous and entirely student run. When I see proposals on the table which are at odds with student wishes, I can keep a level head while not yielding my position. As a result of the various conversations I have had, I have engaged in very good working relationships with much of the administration. I also have significant experience with the ARC, as I have worked in four different research groups, each of which had very different dynamics, and it has given me the ability that I can represent students to both the administration and the faculty in a way which does T eccs justice. For me, Caltech is a way of life, an experience, but I am acutely aware that this has not been the case for everyone. A big component of this is obviously working to ensure good policy and student freedom, but it is more so than that. Mental health support at Caltech, particularly in regard to stress, is insufficient. The UCC program should come with more training. The Counseling Center's extended hours should be permanent, not merely there. There needs to be more education of students, particularly incoming freshmen, regarding issue-specific resources such as confidential resources, Title IX resources, and so on. It's hard to get help when you don't know what's available, who is safe to talk to, and so on. I believe that by keeping a clear view of our goals and demonstrating our responsibility we can make long-lasting positive change. Thank you for your consideration, I hope to have the chance to represent you.

CATHERINE JAMSHIDI
ASCIT President Candidate

Sometimes we lose sight of the big picture and forget that there are a lot of great things about Caltech. As ASCIT President, my goal is to make you happy. I would work to address current issues, as well as proactively prevent new issues from detracting from your undergraduate experience. My experiences and accomplishments have prepared me to solve these problems in collaboration with students, administrators, and faculty, and given me the foundations for addressing concerns before they are improperly handled in a manner detrimental to students.

Having served on the Board of Directors this past year as Secretary, I fully understand the responsibilities of both the Board and the ASCIT. The most important of these is actively communicating with students, administrators, and faculty regarding important issues that affect student life. In working with the Trustee Student Experience Committee I have been able to gather feedback from students, but actively sought it out through surveys, town halls, and one-on-one conversations. ASCIT is a short surveys to be as provided valuable feedback from a significant portion of students, I would re-establish and expand these surveys to guarantee that the BoD always accurately represents your interests.

Throughout my time on committees I have worked with this year, I have established strong relationships with many administrators and faculty. They trust me and respect me as a voice of students already, and so, as ASCIT President, I would be well-suited to work with them on an array of issues. Not only is it important that they listen, but that feedback is incorporated and decisions are made and treated students as statistics rather than considering the full implications of their proposed changes. I spearheaded a fully-written counterproposal from the students. After involving the ARC in discussions and through consultation with Professor Dabiri and members of UASH, we were successful in recommending changes that were incorporated and later approved by the Committee to better reflect the interests of students. As President, I will establish this type of dialogue as the norm: decisions regarding student life should be informed by the input and interests of students.

There are already ways to improve this; student representatives sit on more committees and ASCIT is included directly on the Board and the IHC. As ASCIT President, I would work to ensure that these opportunities are utilized. I would work to increase student participation in ASCIT projects. We encourage students to petition for new club funding, and current clubs to run more Caltech-wide events. With my experience as a Head UCC, I will help the Head UCCs with projects to improve the mental health benefits for the entire Caltech community. I am currently drafting a proposal to fund events for the undergraduates that live off-campus.

As a UCC, I understand the need for high p r e s s u r e d events that deal with. I have worked with students who have been UASH' d and MOSSH' d. I have spoken to Caltech reps on aca-demic policies. As president, I will work with the ARC to better advertise the Honor Code to the faculty and also to the Student Freshman Committee, as well as with Administrators to ensure the Honor Code in the admission process.

In the last months, I have been working to ensure that we have developed positive and productive relationships with the Deans Office, the Counseling Center, the Center for Diversity, the Career Center, amongst others. These relationships will help me engage in conversations and work on student opinions on self-governance, the house cultures, the honor code, and the Honor Code Committee. Furthermore, I will engage the SEC (Student Experience Committee) to gauge students' opinions on the new format of BOC, and MOSSH (summer courses) and relay these opinions effectively to the administration.

These relationships will also enable me to actively work with the Student Self-Governance Committee so that the current proposal - which is that events are approved and damages are addressed in a streamlined manner through the student leaders - is approved.

As President, I intend to increase the visibility of the BoD in student life by continuing to be physically present in the houses and open to student concerns. I would work to increase student participation in ASCIT projects. We will encourage students to petition for new clubs

MATEO MARTINEZ
ASCIT President Candidate

Our community now stands on a big platform, and that's a good thing. We are heralded by the imminent ap- pointment of a new Dean, President, and President of Millikan, new student body lead-ers. Many of us will greet these changes with feelings of optimism and hope, and I want to make sure we can improve our college experience even more. It is in light of these new changes that I am running for ASCIT President.

Having supported the mental health network prison, I have developed positive and productive relationships with the Deans Office, the Counseling Center, the Center for Diversity, the Career Center, amongst others. These relationships will help me engage in conversations and work on student opinions on self-governance, the house cultures, the honor code, and the Honor Code Committee. Furthermore, I will engage the SEC (Student Experience Committee) to gauge students' opinions on the new format of the BOC, and MOSSH (summer courses) and relay these opinions effectively to the administration.

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CATHERINE JAMSHIDI
ASCIT Treasurer Candidate

Reliability, efficiency, and initiative. These three words describe the role of an ARC Chair candidate. I have had the opportunity to observe and work with some of the current ARC Chair candidates, and I have been impressed by their dedication and commitment to the campus.

The role of ARC Chair is a position that requires a lot of responsibility. As ARC Chair, you are responsible for leading a team of ARC representatives, providing feedback on the academic policies and procedures, and working with the ARC Board of Directors to ensure that the voices of the students are heard. I have had the opportunity to work with ARC representatives and have seen firsthand the dedication and hard work that they put into their roles.

In my time as a representative, I have seen firsthand the impact that the ARC can have on the campus. The ARC is a unique organization that provides a platform for students to voice their concerns and work towards making positive changes on campus. I have been impressed by the sense of community and collaboration within the ARC, and I believe that working with the ARC can be a rewarding experience for anyone who is passionate about making a difference on campus.

I am running for the position of ARC Chair because I believe that it is an opportunity to contribute to the campus community and work towards making a positive impact on the lives of students.

My experience as an ARC representative has taught me the importance of active listening, effective communication, and working collaboratively with others. I believe that these skills are essential for success in the position of ARC Chair, and I am confident that I have the necessary experience and qualifications to serve in this role.

I am an active member of the ARC and have been involved in various projects and initiatives. I have worked closely with the ARC Board of Directors and have had the opportunity to see firsthand the impact that the ARC can have on the campus.

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If elected, I will work to ensure that the ARC remains a strong and proactive organization that is responsive to the needs of the student body. I will work closely with the ARC Board of Directors and the ARC Chair to ensure that the voices of students are heard and that the ARC remains a valuable resource for the campus.

Thank you for considering my application for the position of ARC Chair. I look forward to the opportunity to serve the campus as ARC Chair and work towards making a positive impact on the lives of students.
Ellora Sarker
Social Director Candidate

My name is Ellora Sarker, and I'm very excited to be running for ASCIT Social Director. The first thing that set me foot on Caltech campus, I was overwhelmed by the strong sense of community here. As I spent more time on campus, I started to realize how much I valued this community, watching people come together over the cookies I baked, chatting and laughing and... That said, there is still room for improvement in various parts of the social experience here at Caltech. I will first describe what I believe are some of these problems, then address how I intend to solve them, and finally explain why I will be able to implement my suggestions. 

The Problem:
Caltech is a very small school with a unique culture. The advantages of this are that we feel very safe in that we know most, if not all, of our peers and we have a very strong house culture that aims to encourage socialization and friendships. At the same time the size and house culture introduce their own problems:

- House culture can unintentionally seclude people into cliques. There are loose lines drawn between Avery, the North Houses, and the South Houses.

- The small school also makes it difficult to meet others across campus who share some of your interests.

The New House Culture
Michelle has done a splendid job at the North Houses, and the South Houses. If elected as Social Director, I will of course continue to bring the advantages of this are that we feel a unique culture. The main part of getting social events set up is determination to make it happen. I have the energy (and food) to figure out how to make arrangements and planning for events but I am also interested in working with Admissions for Prefrosh Weekend, or with Tom Mannion, serving Sunday dinners. This summer, I spent hours working on campus-wide events such as the Iron Chef Competition, food nights at Chouse, and the big Fourth of July barbeque, where I had to feed 400 people. More recently, I planned a school-wide Holi event. I've also started working with the current Social Director on ASCIT events. I helped plan and execute Be A Kid Again Day, Midnight Donuts, and the planning for the Vineyard Day, as well as worked on the planning for ASCIT Formal. I've looked every minute of these events, and they gave me the pictures I need to improve and sides of event planning on every possible level at Caltech. As Social Director, I can use these varied experiences to facilitate and improve events. If elected as Social Director, I will want to plan more events like Chouse trivia night and ASCIT movie night, which involve different members of the student population. I believe that by being involved in their planning through the Houses, as well as finding revenue streams like the little-known ASCIT movie nights, we can attract more interest in and support for this social side of campus life. As for meeting new people, I want to explore the idea of partnering up with nearby schools such as Harvey Mudd and Occidental College to gain invitations to some of their events and parties and in return offer invitations to some of our events/parties based on your feedback. During this academic year the Active Minds club did an event during the day providing students with an opportunity to write thank you cards to other members of the Caltech community I want to encourage club events like these that offer daytime bars around campus, and also other club activities reaching out to the community in general.

I want to maintain the focus on both social and academic events while also focusing on organization and planning. I want to make sure that events are planned and executed within a timely manner. I believe that it is important to have a Social Director that not only is part of the social team in my house. Being on Soc Team has given me valuable insight on how to work with the planning and plan house events, such as Happy Hour, Cocktail Party, and Bubbly (a celebration taking place at the end of each academic year). Currently, I am the UCC at-large, meaning I serve as UCC for the entire house. As UCC at-large, I do not plan events for the individual alices; rather, I work on a broader scale and coordinate with the whole house participates. I believe that while previous events interested much of the undergraduate population, student participation can still be increased. I will plan events, specifically off-campus events, as the president of the ASCIT social director and the co-president of the Munchen club. I understand it is hard to meet everyone's expectations of what a social event should be as each person has different interests. However, I believe that by holding a greater variety of events, a larger event participation will be involved. I hope to continue the tradition of ASCIT movie nights and ASCIT Formal, host a game of multi-city themed carol singing at Chouse, and plan more off-campus field trips, such as to the Aquarium of the Pacific, the California Science Center, and the LA Zoo.

As I have always enjoyed social events, I have a good sense of what to expect from students. I want to make sure that events are planned and executed within a timely manner. I believe that it is important to have a Social Director that not only is part of the social team in my house. Being on Soc Team has given me valuable insight on how to work with the planning and plan house events, such as Happy Hour, Cocktail Party, and Bubbly (a celebration taking place at the end of each academic year). Currently, I am the UCC at-large, meaning I serve as UCC for the entire house. As UCC at-large, I do not plan events for the individual alices; rather, I work on a broader scale and coordinate with the whole house participates. I believe that while previous events interested much of the undergraduate population, student participation can still be increased. I will plan events, specifically off-campus events, as the president of the ASCIT social director and the co-president of the Munchen club. I understand it is hard to meet everyone's expectations of what a social event should be as each person has different interests. However, I believe that by holding a greater variety of events, a larger event participation will be involved. I hope to continue the tradition of ASCIT movie nights and ASCIT Formal, host a game of multi-city themed carol singing at Chouse, and plan more
Senior Feature of the Week: Juliette Becker

NEERA SHAH
Editor-in-Chief

Do you participate in another sport on campus except Track & Field?

I run (and am captain of) the cross-country and track teams.

Do you play any other sports as recreation?

No.

How long have you been in Track & Field (both at Caltech and in general)?

I have been running track at Caltech all four years, and I ran four years in high school as well as one more in middle school. So, nine years total.

Which events do you compete in, and why do you enjoy them?

I compete in the steeplechase, which is a bit shorter than two miles and you have to jump over wide wooden barriers that come up to your hip. For an added bit of fun, one barrier each lap has a big pit of water behind it. This is a race I started last year (and set the school record that year), so I won’t say that my strategy is very good but it’s fun because it’s challenging and different from normal track races.

I also have the school record in the 10k run, and I run the 800, 1500 and 5k when time permits.

If you competed in high school, how does playing sports in college compare?

The track team here is a lot smaller. Although I only have a few teammates, they are all fun people, and I wouldn’t trade them for the 100-person mass that was my high school team.

The Beavers had a strong showing as they competed against a total field of an order of magnitude one thousand athletes. The Pomona-Pitzer Track & Field Invitational is an annual meet of the season.

They may not have beat La Verne, but at least Mary Boyajan had a fierce man.

-Julieta Becher

Sports at Caltech have kept me sane and brought a lot of joy into my life. I would highly recommend that all you frosh try out for a sport at least once!

Track and Field competes in final invitational

JULIETTE BECKER
Contributing Writer

The Caltech Track and Field team put up a strong showing at such a competitive meet, but its small size (there were only twenty-four competing athletes between the men and women’s teams on the Caltech squad at this particular meet) presents a significant difficulty in competing against schools that have as many freshmen women as we have on our entire team.

Although Irrambal, Caltech’s track team perseveres, struggling not to win meets but instead to continually improve on individual performance.

What do you like most about being part of the Track & Field team at Caltech?

I have enjoyed getting to spend time with my teammates. I supposed I’ve learned some life lessons from all the races I’ve lost, too.

How do you plan on keeping up with your sport after you graduate?

I plan to keep running forever!

What are your future plans (in general/life) after leaving Caltech?

I will be attending graduate school with the eventual goal of becoming a professor.

Is there anything else you’d like to share regarding your experience with sports at Caltech?

Sports at Caltech have kept me sane and brought a lot of joy into my life. I would highly recommend that all you frosh try out for a sport at least once!
Acquired Taste

Today we have encountered a consultant in his natural habitat.

What does he do all day? What does he contribute to society? Why is he paid so well?

Maybe by studying his behavior we can answer some of these questions.

Oh no! It seems he has spoiled us.

I guess our question will remain mysteries for another day.

Sherlock and Waston

Watson, let’s go camping this weekend.

W: I see millions and millions of stars.
S: And what does that tell you?

W: Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, I observe that Saturn is in Leo. Horoscopically, I deduce that the time is approximately a quarter past three in the morning. Theologically, I can see that God is all powerful and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, I suspect that we will have a beautiful day today.

Sherlock and Watson

Watson, what do you see?

W: No, Watson! It means our tent was stolen.
S: I did not planet.

Answers to last week’s crossword

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