Sixth annual Undergraduate Research Week kicks off

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Contributing Writer

If you all didn’t know, The Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) has dedicated this week as the national Undergraduate Research Week. The celebration started in 2010 when the House of Representatives declared the week of April 11, 2011 as such in order to encourage research among undergraduates at academic institutions. In celebration of this week, I want to share my own experiences with and thoughts on research.

I participated in the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) here on campus for two summers. My first SURF was right after my freshman year, and I used the experience to gauge my interest in research. I also thought that the easiest way to decide between chemistry/chemical engineering and biology/biological engineering would be to try research in one of these areas. I worked in a synthetic chemistry lab, learning the basics of doing research. This included technical experiments, experience in group meetings, scientific writing and how to approach research problems. For my second SURF, I did research in synthetic biology, I was on the Caltech iGEM (International Genetically Engineered Machine Competition) and what I really liked about this experience is that we had the chance to implement an entire research project from scratch. I learned how to thoroughly review literature and how to write research proposals for funding. We were able to dictate exactly which experiments we wanted to do and in what order—in many ways, it was like an all-encompassing crash course research experience.

Finally, I realized that summer that I really love synthetic biology research.

SURF isn’t the only way you can do a research project here at Tech, I myself have done research for work-study, as well as research for credit. Even as a frosh, you can get started immediately by volunteering in a lab, and you can extend summer work by working during the school year.

To recap, there are numerous ways to do research and many benefits to be gained. You can apply knowledge from class to a lab setting and in the process gain an experience which enhances what you learn in the classroom, learn valuable skills in communication, critical thinking and problem solving, have publications, forge connections with others in your field, in addition to many other things.

Caltech is an institution known for amazing research opportunities; as such, I would recommend every Techers try out research at least once while here.

Congratulations to all the Techers who received a SURF for the summer!

Photoblast: Caltech community shows off talent at dance show

Photos Courtesy of Hye Joon Lee
my organizational skills by coordinating events for the entire SURF population including managing the budget, meeting with key administrators in offices such as Housing and Student Affairs, and getting feedback from students in the summer community. As ASCIT President, I will apply my experience with these programs to the undergraduate community by pressing for direct student representation in the admissions process. Currently, undergraduates play only a passive role in admissions, which is why I will use my position as chair of the Admissions Committee. I will also work to secure the student voice is heard among faculty members on a more regular basis than just the Student-Faculty Conference alone.

I also use my position as ASCIT President to address the current UASH policies and 12-term tuition policy. Already, I have worked directly with the Deans as a UCC through the Peer Academic Advising Program to address concerns with these policies. In this process, it has come to my attention that the number of changes related to student ineligibility is “psychological factors.” Since Caltech prides itself in being such a tight knit community, I propose that student programs like UCC’s be given more autonomy within the houses and also more accessible resources like Counseling Center drop-in hours are expanded.

Lastly, since communication and transparency are the most important factors in effective governance, while I am ASCIT President, I will bring back the Tech column “From the President’s Desk,” which will address current and ongoing issues of concern to the student body. I welcome feedback, and I look forward to having even more topic suggestions when I visit each of the houses this week. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please don’t hesitate to email me at sdelgadillo@caltech.edu or come to me in person. Thank you, and I look forward to hearing from you.

JAY PALEKAR
ASCIT President Candidate

Every year before Prefrosh weekend, I end up putting together my two mental lists for the Prefrosh. In the first one, the students encourage them to come here, and in the second, all of the reasons I would tell them to get out before it’s too late. More than anything, I’m the magical upperclassman who over time has somehow become less bitter, but I think my second list has been getting shorter over the years, and I want to continue that trend. I’m running for ASCIT President because I sense that there are problems to be fixed, but I think my background and experience make me the best prepared to improve student-life.

I’ve been part of numerous areas of student government. I’ve been on the ARC for the past three years, the BoC for the past two years, and I’m the current ASCIT Vice President of Academic Affairs and ARC Chair. Through these positions I’ve been a longtime advocate for the student voice. I have served on the Deans Advisory Committee, Committee for Undergraduate Education, and as ARC chair, and was part of the selection process to pick a new undergraduate Dean. I’m also currently serving as a student advisor to the 12-Term Tuition Policy Committee and putting together the committee which will make recommendations for future changes to Regis. Through my experience in all of these, I already have strong working relations with the faculty and student affairs, and because of that I can get things done.

I have two projects I’d like to see implemented next year. Firstly, a change I’d like to see next year is reform of the UASH policies, and as ARC Chair I’ve found that the person best situated to push for those changes is the ASCIT President. Our current system needlessly penalizes students for taking E’s and I’s and can hinder their ability to move around campus. It’s so poorly thought out that the forms to petition for reinstatement are only available through Regis, which you don’t have access to during the process. A better process should involve actually thinking about how the idiosyncrasies of Caltech’s grading system interact with our eligibility policies and should not force students to fight all the parts of the committee. I’ve already met with members of the administration to begin this process, and I’ve worked with administration to put together committees in the past. I think we can do better and I will do everything in my power to see us get there.

Secondly, I think the ASCIT needs to devote more effort to working with the Career Development Center and the various alumni groups to provide better career support. It should take a stake in trying to bring back more alumni, both at the career fairs and during the school year, to provide mentorship for Caltech students looking into industry, including outside of CS. I would like to see next year’s ASCIT invest more time in providing resources to industry focused student clubs, which in other schools train students for interviews and provide them connections during their job search. Finally, I think the ASCIT is uniquely positioned to work on finding seniors who would later in their careers enjoy the opportunity to give advice to current Caltech students. I would hope to see next year’s ASCIT actually recognize the many paths that students take when they leave this school and invest in making the transition out of here easier.

I think that next year’s ASCIT president will be in a unique position to bring about positive change. Next year’s administration: the Vice-Provost, Vice-President of Student Affairs, and Dean’s Office are the most student friendly administration that we’ve had in a while, and I’m the candidate they’ve worked with, listened to, and trust. I’m running for ASCIT President because I’m the candidate who can follow through on improving the school.

And next year, let’s actually have Monday Bagels and Friday Donuts on the Olive Walk. "Caltech is a unique place." And I want to do as much as I can to make sure that we’re not just as good as we’ve been, but better. I’m the candidate who can get this done. I’ve been actively seeking out every opportunity I could to give back to the Caltech community. Furthermore, being on the BoC, I’ve gained an even deeper appreciation for how the Honor Code protects the students. Furthermore, sitting on the board, I have firsthand experienced how vital it is for us as students to be the absolute authority on our own government. It is our responsibility as students to make sure our voices are heard, and as ASCIT President, I will work with other students to ensure that students are fairly represented.

I am always looking for new opportunities to make lasting improvements on the Caltech experience. I have worked closely with the admissions office as a tour guide, panelist, and coordinator to ensure that Caltech continues to attract students that will add to the community. I have also been involved with diversity initiatives on campus including working directly with people on campus such as Cindy Weinstein, Vice Provost and Chief Diversity Officer, and Felicia Hunt, Title IX Coordinator. I am wholly dedicated to expanding the dialogue between students and administration in each of the administrative branches.

This past summer, I was a Student-Faculty Fellow with the House Ambassador, a position which covers everything from event coordination to direct communication with administrative managers. This opportunity let me hon
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NAILI MATSCHKE
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Ashkan Kooshanjad is an Iranian-American instrumentalist, music producer and film director who first gained international recognition as the vocalist of synth-rock project (and later Take It Easy Hospital), the members of which were arrested after a performance and sentenced to three weeks in prison in 2007. Following this, Take It Easy Hospital members starred in the award-winning movie \textit{No One Knows About Persian Cats}, which followed them as they explored the nation's underground music scene and attempted to find other artists to leave with them.

The film's reception forced the band members to seek asylum abroad, with Kooshanjad relocating to London and beginning his career as an electronic producer under the pseudonym Ash Koosha. Ash Koosha's debut LP \textit{GUUD} was released in June 2015 on the Olde English Spelling Bee label, and I wouldn't be surprised if some inspiration was drawn from chiptune artist Ash Koosha took and I wouldn't be surprised if the same sort of analog samples the trademark arrhythmic chirps the duo is famous for with Ash Koosha's \textit{Tomorrow's Harvest} sound as much as they did on \textit{GUUD} I AKA I

It's the Economy, Bernie!

SEAN MCKENNA
Contributing Writer

My friend David Wang recently convinced me to take an online test that tells you which of the presidential candidates your views best align with. I was not surprised that it gave me an 86 percent match with Hillary Clinton. However, I was very surprised that it also suggested I had an 86 percent match with Bernie Sanders. When I looked at the expanded results, one thing stood out to me: I stood with Sanders and Clinton on issues they both support such as family leave and gay marriage. However, there was critical area where I agreed with Clinton and not Sanders: economic policy.

Since economic policy is the hallmark of the Sanders campaign, my lack of enthusiasm for his policies explains why I can agree with him on so many other issues but still would never vote for him. However, the more pressing issue is whether Sanders himself understands the implications of his stance on the issues.

During an interview on April 1 with New York Daily News, Sanders was asked for specifics on his big plans, but they were few and far between. When asked exactly how he would break up the big banks, he seemed unclear as to whether his own hypothetical administration or the treasury department would have jurisdiction under current law, or whether new laws would have to be passed. When asked about the legal implications of insurer MetLife's recent court fight to prove that it was not actually too big to fail, he said that he was not familiar with what the implications might be. Clearly, Sanders is living in a fantasy world fueled by voter anger filled with hollow phrases like “break up the big banks” and void of the requisite expertise to avoid inflicting serious damage on the economy.

Another important question asked by the interviewer was how Sanders would deal with a Republican house of representatives. Imagine the best case scenario where Sanders wins the nomination and the presidency and where Democrats take back the Senate. Even if this were the case, Sanders would almost surely not be working with a Democrat-controlled House of Representatives, simply because the current congressional district boundaries were so gerrymandered by the Republican state legislatures and governors in office from 2010 to 2012 when the decennial redrawing occurred. Sanders did not have a practical response to this question. His simple response was that he was creating a political revolution, implying that we could be in for some electoral surprises. Do not be fooled. There is no plausible scenario where Sanders takes office under anything other than a Republican-controlled House, and he does not have a plan for working around them to implement his plans. President Obama has left behind myriad unfulfilled promises, and Sanders seems poised to do the same.

Since Sanders seems to have spent all his time dreaming of new ways to shout his opinions at people instead of new practical plans for getting his way once he's president, I'll be keeping my Hillary sticker firmly affixed to my laptop for the time being.

See page 6 for announcement regarding voting in the upcoming California primaries

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I certainly had high hopes for Ash Koosha's second LP, and as of yet I haven't found anything it could have done better. Everything that made \textit{GUUD} a fantastic release still forms the core of the album; yet it is simultaneously more ambitious and approachable while avoiding the typical pitfalls of an artist expanding into new territory. It's possible that I might get a little tired of the same unapologetically weird tracks in the future, but there's no question in my mind that this is a stellar album and is the last I would recommend. I AKA I enough to fans of experimental electronic and beat music, but I also think that the stylistic growth represented on the album could scratch anyone's itch for some music that's a little "out at the edge." If you released it, I don't think you'll be disappointed.
Caltech Y Column: Upcoming news, scholarships and events

CALTECH Y

The Caltech Y Column serves to inform students of upcoming events and volunteer opportunities. The list is compiled by Neera Shah from information given by the Caltech Y and its student leaders. Founded by students in 1916, the Y was organized to provide extracurricular activities planned and implemented by students as an opportunity to learn leadership skills and discover themselves. The mission of today’s Y remains the same—to provide opportunities that will prepare students to become engaged, responsible citizens of the world. The Y seeks to broaden students’ worldviews, raise social, ethical, and cultural awareness through teamwork, community engagement, activism, and leadership. More information about the Caltech Y and its programs can be found at https://caltechy.org. The office is located at 505 S. Wilson Avenue.

Ongoing and past programs hosted by the Caltech Y:

- Alternative Spring Breaks: Costa Rica, New York, Yosemite, San Diego, San Francisco
- Make-A-Difference Day: Hillsides Home for Children, LA County Arboretum and Botanic Garden, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles (Coachart), Eaton Canyon, Garden, Children’s Hospital LA
- Costa Rica, New York, Yosemite, $4500 to cover expenses for their programs to organize.

Upcoming Events

1. The Studenski Award
   - Proposals Due Friday, April 15th at Noon
   - Are you wondering about the next step in your life? Have you reached a crossroad where you would benefit from an opportunity to explore? Would a trip, an opportunity to volunteer with an organization, or a chance to try a new skill or interest this summer help you gain clarity? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then the Studenski Award might be for you.
   - The Studenski Memorial Award is a grant of up to $6000 established in the memory of Paul Studenski. It is awarded to a Caltech undergraduate who, having reached a crossroads in life, would benefit from a period away from the academic community to obtain a better understanding of self and to explore possible directions for the future.
   - Studenski proposals (1 to 2 pages maximum) are due Friday, April 15th by 12:00 noon to caltechY@caltech.edu (in word format).
   - For more information, contact Athena Castro athena@caltech.edu or Greg Fletcher gregf@caltech.edu.
   - The Caltech Y Advocating Change Together (ACT) Award
     - Applications Due Monday, April 18th at Noon
     - Got an issue or cause that warrants attention? Explore the issue—by attending a conference, training, or workshop, or choosing to immerse yourself with a mentor or organization that is changing the world then plan some programs on campus to educate us all. Awardees can receive up to $4500 to cover expenses for their educational experience. Caltech Y activists determine the cause they will address, their educational experience, and the type of programs to organize.
     - Visit www.caltechY.org/programs_services/commercseerv/ACT/index.php for applications and more information, and/or stop by the Caltech Y or contact us to learn more about this exciting opportunity!

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3. Actively Changed Together (ACT)
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Other Announcements - Beyond the Caltech Y

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Baseball

chioffs explode in CMS Series

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Actual Sports Content Editor

CLAREMONT, Calif. (Apr. 2, 2016) – The Caltech baseball offense exploded for the most runs in a SCIAC series since 1999, scoring 15 and holding a lead in extra innings against Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges this past weekend.

The Beavers lost their first two games in the second game, but came back to win the third game 8-1. fridge to base. The Beavers held the lead with just one run in the third game before scoring four unanswered runs in the fourth to pull ahead and win 8-1.

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ASCIT Minutes

Meetings are every Wednesday at 4 p.m. in SAC 13

ASCIT Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes for 7 April 2016. Taken by Phillip An.

Officers Present: Nima Badizadegan, Kalyn Chang, Jay Palekar, Sean McKenna, Bobby Sanzhez, Phillip An

Call to Order: 12:02 pm

Guests: Bobby Sanchez (IHC-Chair elect), Ethan Pronovost, Vaishnavi Shrivastava

President’s Report (Nima):
- Round food event -- Thursday night
- Pre-frosh weekend is next week -- Club fair will be hosted by ASCIT
- Yearbook -- will try to be done by graduation
- BOC amendment passed for number of at-large members on the BOC

Officer’s Reports:
V.P. of Academic Affairs (ARC Chair: Jay):
- ARC had a meeting regarding improvement of classes
- Option Fair happened
- Potential committee for registration staggering

V.P. of Non-Academic Affairs (IHC Chair: Bobby):
- IHC secretary has been appointed

Director of Operations (Sean):
- Club fair at prefrosh weekend on Friday -- ASCIT table will present!

Treasurer (Kalyn):
- Techstock budget will be determined

Social Director (Annie):
- Absent

Secretary (Phillip):
- Will send out emails regarding Pre-frosh weekend events
- Nomination deadline for ASCIT positions are Friday at 5pm

If anyone has any questions or concerns about a section of the minutes please email the appropriate officer. We are happy to answer any questions.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:25 pm

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We will be hosting a voter registration drive from 12-4 p.m. on April 12th in front of the Caltech Bookstore.

If you have a CA state ID or licence: register at http://registertovote.ca.gov/ (and request a mail-in ballot!). You can check your LA County registration status at https://www.lavote.net/vrstatus.

If you don’t have a state ID/license, come to this event and we will get you registered to vote through paper forms! We will have both registration forms and mail-in ballot forms available (since June 7 is during finals week).

Everyone is welcome to approach us for help and/or forms, regardless of party affiliation.

- Caltech Students for Bernie

REMINDER FROM COUNSELING CENTER

Meditation Mob (drop-in mindfulness meditation)
Meet every Monday, 12:00-12:50 pm
Bottom Floor of Winnett

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VICE PROVOST’S OFFICE HOURS

Vice Provost, Chief Diversity Officer and Professor of English, Cindy Weinstein, holds regular office hours. This is an opportunity for undergraduate, graduate students and postdocs to meet and discuss what they’d like pertaining to the Council on Undergraduate Education, Caltech accreditation, the Staff and Faculty Consultation Center, Student-Faculty Programs, the Center for Teaching, Learning and Outreach, the Caltech Diversity Center and the libraries.

There are four appointments per hour, 15 min. each. Sign up the morning of the office hour in 104 Parsons Gates, Vice Provosts’ Offices (x6339).

Spring Term Office Hours
12 p.m. - 1 p.m.
Tuesday, April 12
Wednesday, April 20
Tuesday, April 26
Friday, May 6
Thursday, May 12
Wednesday, May 18
Tuesday, May 24
Friday, June 3
Hello, everyone! My name is Kalyn Chang, and I am running for the position of ASCIT Treasurer. This past year has been quite exciting for me, as a member of the Caltech community wants to throw my way! :)

As RevComm Chair, I have had the pleasure of working closely with the BoD to make sure that appointed offices, elected campus positions, and ASCIT subcommittees continue to run smoothly. I’ve also helped maintain the ASCIT website, Donut, to make sure that students can access information about the BoD, other campus offices, the bylaws, elections, and ASCIT committees like the ARC. I look forward to helping campus publications get the resources they need, so they can continue to provide you with awesome photos in the yearbook, useful information in the Little T, engaging articles in the Tech, and, of course, Monday Punday and all of our favorite weekly comics.

Throughout my work with admissions, I have helped organize the PFW club fair for the past two years. I love helping with club-related activities, since the clubs and extracurriculars we have on campus are one of the things that make Caltech such a great place to live! I want to make sure that the club application process is clear to students, especially freshmen, since the community has so many great ideas and quirky interests that deserve to be officially recognized and encouraged.

Before coming to Tech, I was the Logistics Manager and technical liaison for a theater and event venue in my city. A lot of my responsibilities there mirrored the responsibilities of Director of Operations, including resource management, keeping track of all the music, and taking care of equipment, and generally making sure that the logistics were under control for a large group of people with a lot of different needs. In particular, I would like to make it easier for smaller, less funded gatherings (like several Houses’ fresh parties or the CCD’s Pride Prom) to still deliver a memorable and high-quality experience for the campus community.

I’m also already in the process of creating a simple, easy-to-understand guide to using the ASCIT lights for parties. Often, students are not getting the full range of possible benefits from the ASCIT equipment since many students do not have experience using production-quality lights and sound setups. I started putting the guide together after doing lights for Ruddock’s OPI this year, when I realized that the lights that ASCIT owns are versatile but not immediately intuitive to set up and use. The main job of D Ops, in my opinion, is making sure that ASCIT not only has the resources and equipment it’s students need and want, but also ensuring that using these resources is both approachable and convenient.

If anyone has any questions or is interested in some of the projects I mentioned, please don’t hesitate to drop by my room for a chat or reach out to me at adorsye@caltech.edu. I look forward to serving you, whether it’s as a member of the ASCIT BoD or simply as another member of the Caltech community!

In addition to serving as last year’s ASCIT Treasurer, I was the Page House Treasurer two years ago, and I also served as my high school’s junior class treasurer. I have a wide range of budgeting experience—I’ve managed last year’s ASCIT budget, the Page House budget, and the budget for my high school’s prom at the Aquarium of the Pacific. The ASCIT budget goes toward funding events and clubs on campus. I want to make Caltech more fun and give all the students more opportunities to pursue their interests by keeping student input in mind while making funding decisions. I will work with next year’s social director to put on events such as Rath nights, ASCIT formal at a cool venue, and more. I’m eager to hear your opinions on what your money should be going towards, and I will do my best to make that happen.

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Hey guys, I’m Phillip and I’ve served as an ASCIT Director of Operations.

Honestly, I won’t claim that I’m perfect and not make mistakes, but I’ll certainly try and do my best to learn and improve. I believe that making the best policies for someone who wants to represent your interests.

This being said, serving on the ASCIT BoD this past year has given me momentum going into this next one. As an ASCIT secretary, I’ve experienced the club funding process and managed affairs with Caltech’s Publications. I hope to use my past experience as an ASCIT director to help the current BoD make the best decisions for the club. As a major responsibility of the Director of Ops, I’ve worked very closely with Sean, the previous director, and I look forward to keeping people informed about the state of their reimbursements. Since I don’t actually have any of the ASCIT money, I can’t always reimburse people as quickly as I’d like; ASCIT’s financial manager, Chen, will handle the reimbursements. Year party. I would continue to see that in mind, I believe social events should be accessible to even the busiest of students. The ASCIT Social Committee also caters to a variety of student interests. Accordingly, I am receptive to any suggestions or ideas people may have.

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