North Houses Burn to the Ground

By R. Sunnist  STAFF WRITER

Last week, fire alarms rang out once again in the North Houses. A small kitchen fire quickly grew until it tore through all three North Houses. Surprisingly, no students left their rooms.

“We thought it was just Lloydie’s trying to microwave popcorn again,” a group of students told the Tech. “Nothing to wake us excited about.”

Luckily, no one was hurt. “The many layers of paint provided the perfect insulation, protecting all of the rooms from the fire,” ex-house member, Pasadena’s Fire Chief.

Though the fire didn’t cause damage, the students rooms, it destroyed the hallways of the Houses, underscoring the need for new North Houses. The administration acknowledged that after over a decade of delays, it would finally see that that ground would be broken this summer for new North Houses.

Though the cause of the fire is still unknown, school officials believe it was most likely due to faulty electrical wiring. However, very few people know what exactly the wire was.

By v=v/c  A  SINF WRITER

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“In the spirit of the sweeping changes in the core curriculum, and the recent course additions of Ch3x and now this term B1x, it is only fair and trendy that we introduce a similar strategy for the Housing system, especially after the unfortunate fire,” said Dean HalfTwo, the new dean who filled the vacant position after Dean Hall resigned last month.

Initially, administrators tried to distribute ex-North House students into the next best fit from the remaining Houses, but the subsequent over-crowding was deemed a fire hazard.

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Out in the club And I’m sippin that bub

LOVE..... A-Fizzle and D-Bomb

Dabney House President Pleads Guilty to Grand Theft Shoe

A massive stockpile of shoes was uncovered today in the tunnels beneath Dabney house. Physical evidence linked the theft to Dabney House president, who has plead guilty to all charges. Responding to a request for comment, he said “I thought it was the perfect crime. No one would ever suspect a Darb of stealing shoes.” Darbs, many of whom had given up shoes after having so many pairs stolen, rejoiced.

Lady Gaga has taken over the airwaves, YouTube, and... Caltech?

In a strange turn of events, Booty House has decided to entirely change their culture to reflect the “spirit of Gaga.” According to their President Idon Wanna, Booty House was just getting too boring for his taste. “I was watching Lady Gaga’s new video with Beyonce; for her song called... I can’t remember exactly, but I think it’s called ‘Convict Killz Restaurant’ and I realized that watching that incredibly weird music video was the most interesting thing I had done in the past year.”

Yesterday, Wanna asked his Excomm to declare every Wednesday to be “Gaga Wednesday”, and posted posters of Lady Gaga all over the campus.

LHC Almost Worked

On March 30, scientists were ecstatic when the first super high-energy particle accelerator experiment was performed at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) in CERN. However, happiness quickly turned to dismay today, when an unidentified virus has suddenly eaten through all the data on all the computers, and another liquid nitrogen tank has broken.

The ill-fated LHC experiments have led credibility to the theory put forward by two credible physicists several months ago: that the Higgs particle is “abhorrent to nature.” In other words, a boson would change the past so that the particle would never have been created.

“Who knows? This could be God’s stamp of disapproval,” said the Director of CERN, who reportedly donated a million dollars to the Vatican Church after the virus demolished the first LHC data.
Health Care Reform Bill Becomes the Law of the Land

By Gloria Tran
STAFF WRITER

The passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act into federal legislation on Tuesday, March 23 secures the Obama administration and the Democratic Congress a spot in social reform history. The issue of universal health care has been around for nearly a century, and after a year of debates, forums, and promotion, the bill is one of the first steps in the health reform agenda that purports to establish a better and fairer system in terms of accessibility and quality.

As of current, the United States mixed public-private health care system has been touted as one of the most expensive in the world as evidenced by the larger portion of GDP spent on it than in other developed countries. As the only industrialized nation without universal health care, over 15% of the population remains uninsured. In measures of infant mortality and life expectancy, the US also lags behind other nations who pay half as much for health care.

Leaving some 32 million unable to afford health care, the rising costs of insurance plans arise partly from doctors and hospitals focusing on the quantity of treatment versus quality for its patients. In fact, according to Time, "as much as 30% of the more than $2 trillion Americans spend on health care each year goes toward treatments that are unnecessary and even harmful." Reimbursements to providers from the government are issued per treatment; much of this manifests in the state-of-the-art equipment and technologies in large hospitals.

Another reason that not all of the nation’s citizens are covered was that prior to the legislation, insurance companies could determine who received coverage and who were denied. Sick people and children with pre-existing conditions were thus often refused coverage.

Effective immediately, those denied coverage on grounds of high-risk pre-existing conditions will receive access to coverage. Additionally, insurance companies are not banned from imposing lifetime coverage caps. By 2014, individuals without insurance will pay a penalty while insurers will be restricted in setting prices based on status of health.

Children may remain on their parents’ insurance until they are 26, but will have access to cheaper coverage if buying insurance on their own as compared to older individuals.

For the most part, Medicare will remain the same –
People who do not qualify for coverage either through an employer or a government program could participate in a novel insurance exchange that would be regulated by the states.

This provision seeks to drive down the cost of insurance by creating a marketplace where insurers directly compete with each other to win customers.

Insurance companies can no longer deny coverage or increase premiums for individuals with pre-existing medical conditions. Insurers are not allowed to deny coverage to children, to place monetary limits on coverage, or to deep coverage when the covered individual falls ill.

A provision that has a large impact on college on students who are covered by their parents’ insurance plans till the age of 26.

The primary concern of most voters is how the government intends to pay for the proposed law: while the law, in its current form, increases health-care funding, including those of high-cost health care plans and on Medicare payers, and additionally plans to raise taxes on families earning over $250K to rates slightly below those during the Clinton administration that they are necessary and far from unreasonable.

The opposition's essential argument is that the recently passed health care reform is just a first step in the right direction. Naturally, our government needs to improve its health-care system, and while it is pointless to play the blame game now given our current predicament; the politicians who were only too eager to be in such a poor state of fiscal health and while it is pointlessness to play the blame game now given our current predicament: we should perhaps take the time to remind the politicians who were only too eager to vote on measures without being fully informed about their consequences. In a democracy, we expect the elected politicians to design policies that are beneficial to the country and its citizenry as a whole; after all, we trust them to make informed decisions upon having considered the various pros and cons of a legislative measure.

In this light, it is truly discouraging that the reforms have not evolved to meet the challenges of a developed nation in the world today. Which is already a birth right in many developed nations in the world today.

The California Tech

The opposition’s essential argument against healthcare reform relies on an all-too-familiar display of illogical arguments disguised under the guise of “real American capitalism.” It is staggeringly ironic that the same Republicans who vehemently argue against Obama’s apparent socialist tendencies are so quick to simply bask in the benefits of Social Security and other re-form measures that were passed earlier in the century. What exactly does the bill consist of that has raised such rancor among Republicans? Below are some of the bill’s measures (reconciliation measure passed by the House):

- Before 2011, the law necessitates that most Americans have a minimum level of health insurance or pay a penalty and while employers are not mandated to offer insurance, some would be penalized if workers use federal subsidies to buy insurance.

- One of the biggest arguments against this provision is that the penalty that employers have to pay is well below the actual cost of coverage for all their employees; while this is certainly true, the argument is insufficient to warrant an outright rejection of the complete law. Instead, further reform is needed to amend existing law.

- For the estimated $940 billion that will be needed to fund this program over the next ten years, money needs to come from somewhere. Is it really wise for the government to try and take over another aspect of our lives when it is clearly having difficulties running the services it has already promised to provide?

- From the current state of affairs, the government obviously doesn’t have enough money to cover for it on its own. Realistically, this compensation will come from one of two places. Either the public services already available will lose even more money, or the money will be forced from the pockets of American citizens through taxes. Forced. Ruling out any option of choice.

- But choice is sacrificed in another aspect as well. In fact, not only are taxes increased but opting not to take up public health insurance results in a 2% tax increase. That’s right. A person can be penalized for being healthy and choosing not to adopt health insurance. The constitutional right of an American to choose and make his or her own decisions is handed over to the government along with centralized health care. Is this supposed reform worth losing the values our country was built on?

- This hastily and poorly contrived method of monetary compensation for these new reforms hurts those who are faring well in the present system in an effort to alleviate the state of the poverty-stricken, essentially robbing the rich to give to the poor. In a Robin Hood-esque fashion. But when it really boils down to it, all this talk about making life fair… doesn’t really seem fair anymore, does it?
ASCIT Board of Directors Meeting – Minutes

Officers Present: Adam Khan, Karthik Sarma, Tim Black, Brian Merloh, Chris Hallacy, Addie Rice
Officer Absent: Prakriti Gaba
Guests Present: Mahati Mokkakara, Neha Samardia, Anthony Chong, Laura Connill
Call to order: 12:14 PM

Funding Requests:

• RPS Team: Rock, paper, scissors club has requested $3.99 to watch a mockumentary.
  -Hallacy is unsure if we can afford this.
  -VOTE: Approved (6-0-0)
• Decompression: DK has asked for funding for decompression (this weekend), but is not here. We can pre-approve funding.
  -VOTE: Approved (6-0-0)

President’s Report:

• Pasadena Games: Anthony will be handling the “Pasadena Games” in which a bunch of colleges will be competing at the Rose Bowl. Adam will look into finding funding for shirts, and Anthony will be sending an email to recruit for the team.
• Chili Earthquake Fundraiser: Adam is currently working on this.

Officer Reports:

• V.P. of Academic Affairs (ARC Chair): A couple of courses have had problems with missing sets – the faculty have agreed to use lockboxes or other more secure methods. Some students are worried about getting into Room 10. Karthik has talked to Prof. Desai, who says that people who didn’t get in this year will be prioritized next year. Karthik will continue to look into expanding the course. Several students are looking into addressing concerns about 4a getting a lab section available for next term. They will be discussing this with the Faculty Board. Karthik will send an email to find student reps to interview candidates for the new CDC career counselor for pre-professional careers. Signups for ARC Secretary and rep-to-lab are underway.

• V.P. of Nonacademic Affairs (IHC Chair): Signups for RevComm chair and the Dean search committee are open. Housing has updated the Resident Guide to Institute Housing.

• Operations Director: Brian has been hunting down people from ASCIT-appointed committees. He has also found out who runs the Big T and trying to figure out the little t. He will also provide a note on the older dorms.

• Treasurer: Hallacy has dealt with a bunch of checks. Rudderock and Avery got interhouse funding. Everyone still wants money.

• Social Director: Matt is working on PFW club fair, spring break activities, the ASCIT movie and is working on assembling a social team.

Discussion:

• Alumni Career Summit: Anthony is thinking about holding a career summit so students can talk with successful alums.

• ASCIT Club Fair Booth: Adam is working on planning this.

• Midnight Donuts: Are tonight, on the Olive Walk

• New Staff: Neha and Mahati want to get involved. Adam will talk to them about various opportunities.

• ASCIT bulletin board: Laura will talk to Prakriti about adding other people to the bulletin board.

• ASCIT retreat: Will be the weekend of April 23rd

Meeting adjourned: 12:43 PM

Submitted by Karthik Sarma, ASCIT Vice President for Academic Affairs

Letters to the Editor

Marks/Brain Forced onto Board

While the house system is an important part of undergrad life at caltech, it shouldn’t be forced on anyone. One valuable role Marks and Brain is that it gives people an option to not be affiliated with a house. This is especially important as Archie healthy teeth. Plus, I floss every day “WTF?!” I am really healthy and have read your article on sneaky dentists I switched dentists twice since then and neither dentist ever mentioned micro-cavities. I switched dentists twice since then and neither dentist ever mentioned micro-cavities. It certainly sounds like something they use to scare you so they can generate more revenue. (Maybe they’ll come up with fento-cavities next?) Unfortunately, one of the dentists I switched to also tried a sneaky trick. He said I had receding gums again, I thought “WTF?!” I am really healthy and have recently, because the pile of change last week did not add up to $10. If we waited a couple of months, this may not have been necessary because the dollar/euro exchange rate could shift in Will’s favor.

Prefrosh Weekend Rules

The IHC reviewed Prefrosh Weekend rules. Rule 4e, which prohibits Tcheers from “otherwise unfairly biasing a student toward an individual house”, is too vague. This rule will be clarified. In addition, rule 2c, which used to read “serve refreshments at events without the restriction of a small gratuity”, now reads “serve refreshments at events for free”.

RevComm Chair/ Dean Search Committee

Every president needs to appoint a Review Committee rep from his house by the end of this term. Signups for RevComm chair are up till Thursday, and interviews will occur shortly thereafter. We can pick six people to represent for the Dean search committee; we will come up with a list jointly with ARC and ASCIT.

Resident Guide to Institute Housing/House Endowments

There are two changes to the Resident Guide to Institute Housing that need to be clarified or further explained.

• Pets in tanks are not permitted: In general, students were not in support of this change. The IHC would like clarification on this rule, because it does not seem to be in place for all reasons.

• Fees for sleeping in lounges: It is common for students paying for an on-campus room to fall asleep overnight in a lounge; the IHC will clarify whether this rule prohibits this situation or whether it is in place to prevent people from falling asleep at Tech before their housing contract starts and staying in a house’s common area.

ASCIT Report!

ASCIT is thinking of increasing its dues because they haven’t been increased for inflation since the nineties. Hallacy: 90% of the time when ASCIT needs money it goes to Mannion or the GSC for help. Club funding is abysmal. We would like more money so we can do stuff. The proposed increase is just to adjust for inflation—about $7 or $8 per term. This is an overall increase of $20,000 per year. In addition, we propose a yearly increase to adjust for inflation.

Will: This makes sense, but in return, could you publish the budget in the Tech like you used to? Could we do Big Interhouse again?

The IHC was mostly in favor of having another Big Interhouse; Chris notes that the undersigners were more interested. Andrew says Dabney would be happy with it if a North House was responsible for their portion of the building. We could potentially try having the parties in the old building—Will notes that the DJ Earwon concert was one of the best he’s seen because there were different people there; however, people were hesitant to go for a completely non-construction party. Andrew adds, however, that he feels construction is more important than music and food. Presidents will talk to their houses to gather more opinions.

Letters to the Editor

Re: Sneaky Dentists

I picked up a copy of The California Tech a few days ago and read your article on sneaky dentists in the area. That was an awesome article! Hopefully, students saw the article and will heed its advice.

A long time ago I went to a different dentist—also in Pasadena, but on Lake Avenue across from Macy’s—who gave me a check-up and cleaning. He said that I had several “micro-cavities” that needed to be filled.

My first thought was “WTF?!” I’ve never had a cavity—sorry, don’t know if you have a “micro-cavity” badge. I switched dentists twice since then and neither dentist ever mentioned micro-cavities. I switched dentists twice since then and neither dentist ever mentioned micro-cavities. It certainly sounds like something they use to scare you so they can generate more revenue. (Maybe they’ll come up with fento-cavities next?) Unfortunately, one of the dentists I switched to also tried a sneaky trick. He said I had receding gums again, I thought “WTF?!” I am really healthy and have seen a few doctors in the area. That was an awesome article!

Bob G.

More Sneakiness

Thanks for sharing your experiences with Delta HMO.

Your experience reminds me of Safe- guard DMO, which is one of the two dental offerings for staff.

A former colleague, who chose this less expensive safeguard coverage, was once told he needed $100K worth of dental work.

I was able to get him to see my new dentist (the staff Delta plan allows you to go to any licensed dental provider) and his problems were taken care of for less than $1K.

I am very surprised that the Institute does not offer students the option of the staff Delta plan.

Although the insurance may be more expensive, at least you probably won’t have someone trying to take advantage of you.

Dana R.
Make a Difference Day: Opportunities at Museums, Gardens, Natural Habitats

MAD day this year offers volunteering at LA Arboretum, Heal the Bay, Eaton Canyon, Kids Space Museum, Lifeline for Pets, Boys & Girls Club of Pasadena.

by Sara Ahmed, Sunny Chun, Yang Hu, and Xida Zheng

Volunteering for those of us who aren’t involved in service organizations, tends to be infrequent in our daily campus life. However, Make-A-Difference Day (MAD) is an annual event of community service that is open to all of the Caltech community. The event has been taking place for almost a decade and has been one of the many exciting activities organized by the Caltech Y. The Caltech community comes together to volunteer in our neighborhood. From teaching kids to spending time with the elderly, distributing food to the needy or just helping out with day-to-day chores, volunteers get the opportunity to contribute to our community.

This year MAD Day is on Saturday, April 10, 2010. Anyone part of the Caltech community is encouraged to sign up through the Caltech Y’s website at http://www.caltechy.org. Participants will receive a free t-shirt and free food for participating. Activities will end with a barbeque at the Caltech Y from 4–6 PM. This event is diverse and happens only once a year. It’s a chance for people at Caltech to learn more about the community and even discover some passions they may not have previously known about. This year MAD day is on Saturday, April 10, 2010. Anyone part of the Caltech community is encouraged to sign up through the Caltech Y’s website at http://www.caltechy.org. Participants will receive a free t-shirt and free food for participating. Activities will end with a barbeque at the Caltech Y from 4–6 PM. This event is diverse and happens only once a year. It’s a chance for people at Caltech to learn more about the community and even discover some passions they may not have previously known about. This year MAD day is on Saturday, April 10, 2010. Anyone part of the Caltech community is encouraged to sign up through the Caltech Y’s website at http://www.caltechy.org. Participants will receive a free t-shirt and free food for participating. Activities will end with a barbeque at the Caltech Y from 4–6 PM. This event is diverse and happens only once a year. It’s a chance for people at Caltech to learn more about the community and even discover some passions they may not have previously known about.

With the coverage of an additional 32 million individuals, the demand for the already short supply of family physicians, nurse practitioners and other primary care providers increases at an even greater rate. The bill provides “appropriations over five years to fund further training programs, scholarships and loan repayments for those entering primary care,” says Time. The number of doctors entering the job market in the United States is rapidly becoming steady state, a situation encouraged by the competitiveness and selectivity of medical school admission. Discussion of establishing more medical schools across the country and the new appropriations promised by the bill will hopefully increase the number of primary care providers in the near future.

Supporters and opponents of the reform bill concede that it will take years to see the effects of the new legislation, if at all. However, the health reform agenda is far from completion, assure the Democrats. “Of course we’ll fuss with it [the bill],” says Karen Politz, Georgetown University’s Health Policy Institute director. “But we’ll have something to fuss with, as opposed to nothing.”

Health Care Reform Passes
Caltech Athletes Set PRs at Cal State Northridge Meet

Bettina Chen ran a lifetime PR in the 800m with a time of 2:24.87.
Tom Rose had a lifetime PR in Javelin with a throw of 140’-1”.
Brice Nzeukou ran a lifetime PR in the 100m with a time of 11.44.
Mitchel Arene also ran a lifetime PR in the 100m as well with a time of 11.65.
Tuling Ma ran a lifetime PR in the 400m with a time of 55.77.

How To Treat A Girl Right

A few weeks ago I might have offended some members of Caltech. Since I have no desire to pitch a tent on the Olive Walk, I should do something special for the community. I would teach guys how to treat a girl right.

Right now, most guys follow girl(s) in groups and stand next to them awkwardly. This needs to be stopped immediately. The only way to show a girl that you’re the right guy for her is by giving her the respect and attention she deserves. Here’s a list of several things guys should think of doing instead:

1. Cook with her.
   Cooperate with her in a domestic task to make something you can both enjoy. Show her that you respect her as an individual, and value her as an equal partner. When she finally realizes her boyfriend doesn’t value her the way you do, she’ll dump him for you, who’s always been there for her. It’ll feel so right.

2. Work on homework together.
   Sure, you might’ve already taken Ma1a, but that shouldn’t stop you. She wants someone she can lean on. You need to become her pillar of support. This also shows that you’re captivated by her personality.

3. Let her do your laundry
   If you’re not captivated by the purifying scent of detergent, the soft feeling of freshly laundered clothing, and the warm hum of the washing machine, you must not be a woman. Letting her do your laundry shows that you understand her desires and needs; that you don’t just think of yourself.

4. Give her alcohol
   Everyone feels sad sometime. When that happens, a girl may be looking for a drink. Be there for them. Offer them all the alcohol they want. The more they drink, the more they’ll realize how good you are for them. Let her know that you have all the liquid she needs.

5. The Naked Man
   In the comfortable atmosphere of her own room, give her a surprising gift. Not the keys to a fancy car or a diamond ring. It’s a man, sitting on her couch, completely naked. Resting self assured, with his arms open and welcoming, his confidence telling her, “I’m here, ready for you, whenever you need me.”

Upcoming Events

Friday, April 2nd
2pm M Tennis @ Pomona-Pitzer
2pm W Tennis vs Pomona-Pitzer
3pm - Baseball vs La Verne

Saturday, April 3rd
9:30 W Tennis vs La Verne
10:30 Track & Field @ Redlands
11am Baseball @ La Verne
11am W Water Polo vs Oxy
2pm Baseball @ La Verne
2pm M Tennis @ Cal Lutheran

Horoscopes

(Mar 21 - Apr 19)
Aries
Your newest model’s assumptions will be all wrong. Oh ya, and cows ain’t spheres.

(Apr 20 - May 20)
Taurus
Those photos of you lighting stuff on fire will leak on to facebook, expect to hear from the deans.

(May 21 - June 20)
Gemini
As it turns out, you cannot both go to TND and pass Ph106 (insert other set due Friday)

(June 21 - July 22)
Cancer
Somewhere your two minute to deadline email-in-pset was delayed and got there too late.

(July 23 - Aug 22)
Leo
You can leave your cell uncharged: you will not receive a follow-up call after that interview.

(Aug 23 - Sept 22)
Virgo
Tomorrow you will learn that the problem you are trying to solve is considered a ‘classic’.

(Sept 23 - Oct 22)
Libra
Somehow your assumptions about rationale behavior in economics are irrational.

(Oct 23 - Nov 21)
Scorpio
Perhaps in the coming weeks you should branch out into new fields, and leave your old work behind.

(Nov 22 - Dec 21)
Sagittarius
You may come to realize the LHC data will start to arrive in your 8th year of graduate school.

(Dec 22 - Jan 19)
Capricorn
The only hard and fast rule of science you have discovered today: those who work less will achieve more.

(Jan 20 - Feb 18)
Aquarius
This week you will fall asleep in class all your classes.

(Feb 19 - Mar 20)
Pisces
Try to be understanding of those around you in the coming days, they, as it turns out, are almost as crazy as you are.
Alarming study finds that grad students are far more attractive than undergrads

Efforts underway to “dull down” the grad student population

By Ugly

Jane Doe, Caltech ’12, finally realized Caltech had a problem when she broke up with her high school boyfriend over a year ago. “After the requisite mourning period, I looked around campus for a potential rebound relationship, and it was horrible!” she said. “Every time I saw a guy and though, ‘Oh, he’s cute.’ I would discover that he was a graduate student.”

On Friday, the evidence for the superior attractiveness of grad students moved from anecdotal to statistical, when Useless Surveys rated both grads and undergrads on a rigorous 1 to 10 attractiveness scale. According to the guide for raters, “I is absolutely and utterly repulsive, and 10 is a supermodel.” The average Caltech grad student ranks a 5, whereas the average Caltech undergrad ranks a 3.

Useless Surveys representative Lissy Sideburns said that even she was surprised by the supreme lack of good-looking Caltech undergrads. “Caltech is no UCLA, but even so, we didn’t think scores this low were possible. Our raters incorrectly guessed the genders of the Caltech undergrads 10% of the time.”

In response to another Useless Surveys poll, a majority of Caltech undergrads indicated that they just didn’t care about the results. A small minority of Caltech undergrads were outraged at being “shown up” by the grad students, and have been lobbying the Director of Graduate School Admissions to “ask for a picture with grad school applications and reject all students above a 5.”

A smaller minority of Caltech undergrads lobbied the Undergraduate Admissions Office to consider attractiveness and gender when choosing the incoming class, but were immediately repudiated by the Admissions Office and the rest of the student body for supporting affirmative action.

Barack Blocks Bill, Lashes out at Lavish Legislators

By Scoop McGee

In a shocking turn of events, President Obama issued an executive order yesterday to block implementation of the recently-enacted healthcare bill. The bill has been the source of much debate and controversy in Washington for the past year since the President began his initial push for reform. In a live television appearance Obama said, “I had been so busy discussing the issue that I never had time to actually read the bill. Well, I finally sat down and took a look at it and, boy, I was shocked at what I saw.”

As the only person to have read the bill in Washington or anywhere else, the President uncovered that many of the so-called "concessions" in the bill were actually special benefits for congressmen themselves and their political allies. One Congressional aide who asked to remain anonymous provided insight on the devious plot, stating, "most of the infighting in Congress was not ideological in nature but rather fierce competition to allocate as much money as possible for personal use."

President of the United States, Obama singled out certain individuals in his speech, saying, "Liposuction for Jerry Nadler? An experimental brain transplant for Sarah Palin? And seventeen plastic surgeries for Nancy Pelosi!? You should be utterly ashamed!"

The effects of this scandal in Washington remain unclear, but efforts underway to "dull down" the grad student population.

Biology T.A. has a Donk

By Caltech Male

A biology T.A. has been making a stir recently with the revelation that she has a donk. Freshman Pan Wang says, “I could always tell she had a donk. It’s been really obvious lately though, ever since she started wearing really tight pants.”

“She looks like one of those rap guys girlfriends,” sophomore Taylor Martin agreed. Junior Ziyong Wang was confused. “A donk? Wait, I thought she was a chick.”

When asked if her donk made it difficult to pay attention in class, students disagreed. Approximately one third of those surveyed said that her donk distracted the class from the lecture, while two thirds claimed that her donk was the only reason they started going to class.

One thing’s for sure, she’s got some junk in the trunk.

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