Late-night lockdown: armed carjacking suspect causes campus security incident

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On the night of October 25th, the Caltech campus was put under lockdown and students were told to remain in their rooms. But what was the full story? An armed carjacker, 21 year old Khalil Abdulrahim, fled from the police, crashed into a car and was chased into campus, which was subsequently placed on lockdown for nearly four hours while campus security and five local police departments searched the area. The suspect was eventually caught and taken to a local hospital to be treated for leg injuries from a police sniffer dog. The investigation was a joint effort by Alhambra station, Glendale Police, Alhambra Police, South Pasadena Police and El Monte Police, and involved the Pasadena police helicopter (Pasadena Star-News).

The Day Of - A Timeline of Events

9:30 pm: Police spot stolen Audi A8 on Holliston Avenue. Information filters through the student body about police activity on campus.

9:32 pm: Tom Mannion, Senior Director of Student Activities and Programs, confirms the presence of a carjacking suspect on campus and mentions that police were closing Del Mar Boulevard and Holliston Avenue - this may be the first notification received by any student.

9:35 pm: House mailing lists start notifying students to stay inside.

9:48 pm: Timothy Liu, ARC Chair, emails the undergraduate mailing list.

9:52 pm: Security asks some graduating students to guard the South Houses gates.

10:04 pm: First Caltech Security alert informing students about the carjacking and asking for any information.

10:19 pm: Tom Mannion confirms that five police departments had been called in.

10:49 pm: A car drives by on Del Mar Blvd with a megaphone, telling people to stay in their homes.

10:52 pm: Caltech Security sends out an alert asking students off campus not to return until further notice.

11:12 pm: Tom Mannion confirms that 95 units will be in use, South Houses notify students soon after.

12:08 am: Tom Mannion confirms that suspect was apprehended, but an all-clear had not been issued yet.

12:26 am: Tom Mannion confirms an all-clear had been issued.

A Stroke of Misfortune - Student Stories

Several students were caught in inconvenient locations, from spending an unprecedented amount of time in Mead to having an impromptu board game night at Tom’s:

ANANT KALE and his American History class were stuck in Baxter 120 until about 1:15 am, for a class that was supposed to end at 9:30 pm. A few students, including the professor, left, unaware at the time of any danger on campus. The students left behind pulled out a professor, left, unaware at the time of any danger on campus. The students left behind pulled out a

The Aftermath - Student Concerns

Perhaps the greatest concern has been the delay in notification about the events unfolding; several students were aware of the situation due to house communications and group chats before Caltech Security sent out the first alert. A feedback session was held on November 1 with Dean Gilmarini and Title IX Coordinator Felicia Hunt in an effort to address these concerns.

Some of the issues brought up include the possibility that security was unsure whose role it was to notify students, the fact that students do not really know who security is and the notification divide between undergrads and grads/faculty. Several solutions were proposed to handle the issues: employing an alarm to signal lockdown, introducing security liaisons to facilitate communication between security and students, having lockdown drills, giving UCS and Health Ad training relevant to such a situation and hosting a town hall of sorts for student concerns.

What might have contributed to the general consternation is the fact that Caltech is a much smaller and subsequently safer campus than many others, which makes us more vulnerable to confusion in such situations due to less precedent to act on. This seems to have been the case on the 25th, and it’s important that we look closely at what happened so future events find us appropriately prepared.

(Student courtesy of Henry Swanson, Nikita Sirohi, Anant Kale, Cayla Dedrick, Sarah Crucilla and Dessie DiMino)
2. Annenberg Photography Space - Caltech Y Explore LA Series
Sunday | November 13th | 11:30 - 2:30 PM | Downtown LA | Free
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Sign up here: https://goo.gl/forms/4bJGxPxbQbLEwtv52

3. Hathaway Sycamores Volunteer at Hathaway Sycamores, a group that supports local underprivileged but motivated high school students. There are a variety of ages and subjects being tutored. The service trip includes about an hour of travel time and 1.5 hours of tutoring. Transportation is included. For more information and to RSVP email Sherwood Richers at sirchers@tapir.caltech.edu. Eligible for Federal Work Study.

4. Pasadena LEARNS Every Friday | 3:00 - 5:00 PM | Pasadena
Come volunteer at Madison and Jackson Elementary School! We are partnered with the Pasadena LEARNS program and work with their Science Olympiad team or do regular tutoring along with occasional hands-on science experiments. Transportation is provided. For more information and to RSVP, contact azhai@caltech.edu. Eligible for Federal Work Study.

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Feist caps career with 11 saves, ends with 559

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**PASADENA, Calif.** (Nov. 29, 2016) – Senior J.D. Feist finished his historic Caltech men’s soccer career with 11 saves as the rest of his Caltech career as the Beavers have sent off their senior class with a victory, this time biding farewell to Suzannah Osekowsky and Ker Lee Yap.

The Beavers took advantage of Eagles mistakes early to lead 15-8 in the first set, forcing a West Coast Coast Baptist timeout. Caltech maintained control and won the first set, 23-14, behind a balanced offense that saw four players register at least two kills. The Eagles kept it close in the beginning of the second set, tying the game at 6-6. Caltech went on to score nearly two points for every one WCBC notched, eventually claiming a 25-16 win.

West Coast Baptist refused to give in despite the two-set deficit, taking the lead at 3-2 in the third and reclaiming it at 10-8. The Beavers accepted the challenge, firing back with eight unanswered points as junior Mayra Melendez held serve. The teams traded short runs until the Eagles rattled off six straight points, with four coming on Beavers errors, to tie the set at 22-22. Freshman Julia Fay stepped up to notch back-to-back kills and Li smacked another to give Caltech to match point, but WCBC staged one final rally effort with consecutive points via blocks to pull within one at 24-23. Unfazed, Walker set Li for the deciding kill, clinching the Beavers' third victory of the season.

Li paced the beavers in both kills and digs (13) and digs (12), while Lauinger recorded 10 of each with three emergency assists and a team-high .381 hitting percentage (among those with more than five attacks). Sophomore Sakthi Vetrivel notched eight kills, six digs and two assists while Fay, Walker, Osekowsky and sophomore Claudia Canamas rounded out the offense with an absurd 436 collective hitting percentage.

Head Coach Tom Gardner’s squad showed tremendous improvement even after last year’s major step forward as a program. The 2016 team registered 93 more kills on 111 more assists and dug 175 more balls than the 2015 squad, culminating in nearly a three-point improvement per match. The 513 kills, 479 assists and 945 digs all rank second in single-season program history.

Individually, Lauinger recorded the third-most kills (181) and second-most digs (299) in single-season history, while Li was not far behind in sixth (161) and fourth (225), respectively. Vetrivel fell just short of the 100-kill mark, which would likely have been the first such occurrence in program history. Walker placed second on the single-season assists list with 395 and topped the 100-dig plateau, along with Melendez.

Bradley, Ross net five goals apiece vs. ULV

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**PASADENA, Calif.** (Nov. 2, 2016) – Senior Chris Bradley and sophomore Charles Ross kept Caltech men’s water polo in the mix against West Coast Baptist College, avenging a 3-1 season-opening loss.

Despite starting the match down 4-0, the Beavers fought back and after as Ross netted two goals in the final few minutes of the period, at which point Caltech trailed 5-2.

Bradley came alive in the second period, scoring four goals as the Beavers outplayed ULV over a six-minute span. Caltech's stingy defense held the Leopards to only one goal in the opening three minutes, but still limited La Verne to just four over the entire quarter to maintain the three-goal deficit at halftime, 9-6.

Ross opened the second half with a goal to bring the Beavers within two, but that was as close as they would get. The Leopards went on to score the next four goals to take a 13-8 lead after the third quarter and put the game out of reach in the fourth, although freshman Bradley Justice scored a nice consolation goal on a breakaway for Caltech.

The end of a feisty era.

Photo Courtesy of Michael Wong

Volleyball sends off seniors with a win

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**PASADENA, Calif. (Nov. 1, 2016) –** The Caltech volleyball team averaged a 3-1 season-opening loss against West Coast Baptist College on Tuesday night, sweeping the Eagles in the season finale on Senior Night in Braun Gymnasium. Freshman Ellie Walker fueled the offense with 31 assists while both Alexa Launiger and Lauren Li closed out their rookie campaigns with double-doubles.

The win marked the third straight year the Beavers have sent off their senior class with a victory, this time bidding farewell to Suzannah Osekowsky and Ker Lee Yap.

The Eagles fell to Cal Lutheran, 6-0, with double-doubles.

The 11 saves from this game will go into the NCAA record book as 15th in Division III history and 20th across all three divisions.

Despite the score, the Beavers did not faze the Beavers as they came out in the second half fired up and zoned in even more on defense. Seniors Dave Luo, Kevin Gao, Schaeffer Reed, and Fedorico Presutti.

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**Crossword**

Across

1. Banquet
6. Man or boy
9. Theatrical equipment
13. Planet
14. Frozen water
15. Throw with great effort
16. Performer
17. Type of fish
18. Avid
19. Gland near the base of the neck
21. Deluge
23. Edible tuber
24. Rural deity (Roman Mythology)
25. Buddy
28. Starchy tuberous root
30. Serving of drink drawn from a keg
35. Turns litmus paper red
37. Percussion instrument
39. Pertaining to hearing or the ear
40. Relatively many
41. Long past
43. Nobleman
44. Attempted
46. Bowling alley
47. A score of zero in tennis
48. Main course
50. Requirement
52. A great distance
53. Hit
55. Flop
57. Taxonomic group
61. Ancient Egyptian tomb
65. Overhang
66. Golfing term
68. Dodge
69. Broker
70. Self
71. Move sideways
72. Let for money
73. At present
74. Sharply sloping

Down

1. A notable achievement
2. Every one considered individually
3. Showily imitative
4. Tale
5. Pharynx
6. Prevaricated
7. Playing card
8. Greek letter
9. Juicy fruit
10. Fury
11. Kitchen appliance
12. Sauce
15. Rupture
20. Adult insect
22. Not at home
24. Candy
25. Adhesive material
26. Fruit of the oak
27. Boundary
29. A list of names
31. Draw
32. Factual evidence
33. Immature form prior to metamorphosis
34. Senior
36. Cervid
38. Segment of DNA
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