Early Saturday morning, a thousand peaceful protestors gathered in front of Beckman Institute to kick off the Pasadena March for Science, which was organized by Caltech postdoctoral, graduate, and undergraduate students. A line to obtain the event’s neon orange T-shirts snaked across the entire field, emptying box after box, which were just as soon deconstructed and transformed into witty signs. After speeches from government representatives and educators, the crowd funneled onto the sidewalk and marched to Memorial Park, where the event culminated with science demonstrations and more speakers.

Many were marching to fight for more respect for science from the government, especially concerning climate change. Some marched to engender trust and support for science among others. Congresswoman Judy Chu took the former stance in her speech, declaring that “all science has been under near-constant attack by Donald Trump,” and eliciting boos for related officials and policies. The budget cuts “endangered” science, said undergraduate Betty Wang. Graduate student Wendy Zhang instead drew attention to the “huge split between people” and the importance of everyone understanding the value of science. Jaika Doerfler, a postdoctoral student, likewise wanted to “demonstrate that science has no borders.” These two goals certainly have the potential to conflict. “We need to stay united,” Congresswoman Chu addressed the largely liberal crowd, and “fight together for science,” but we also need to be careful not to further drive a wedge into the crack across our nation.
Upcoming Events
Poster Making for March for Science
Thursday | April 20th | 6:00 - 8:00 PM | Avery House Courtyard/ Dining Hall
Join teachers preparing signs for the LA and Pasadena science marches while everyone meets the talents of Magpie Castle magician Rmax! Rmax will do strolling magic during the sign-making and will have a stage performance to round out the event. Refreshments and Sign-Making Materials Provided.

Caltech Y Spring Friends Dinner with Dr. Charles Elachi
“The Golden Age of Exploration”
Thursday | April 20th | 6:00 PM | The Athenaeum | $85 pp
Please join us for our upcoming Friends Dinner with our guest speaker Dr. Charles Elachi who will be speaking on the topic, “The Golden Age of Exploration”.
JPL missions have visited every planet in our Solar System. Over the last fifteen years, three rovers have explored Mars in coordination with a number of orbiters. Samples have been brought back from a comet tail and the solar wind. Saturn and its satellites have been studied extensively with Cassini. Planets around neighboring stars were discovered. Many new insights in our planet’s environment have been acquired.
Dr. Elachi will describe, from first-hand experience, the excitement and impact of these discoveries and the challenges and risks for the next 15 years.
Limited spots available, please call the Caltech Y office on 626 395 6163 to secure your seat!

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For general information on the LA March see http://marchfor科学.com/.

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The Caltech Y Advocating Change Together (ACT) Award
Applications are due by Friday, April 21st no later than noon
Students are invited to participate in the Caltech Y program and are a current student, submit your photos for a chance to win. We’re giving a $100 prize to the winner of each of the five photo contest categories. The 5 categories come from the Caltech Y pillars of: Civic Engagement, Adventure, Service, and Leadership.

Upcoming Announcements
Change Together (ACT) Award
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Beyond the Y
Caltech Earth Week 2017 Events
April 15-22, various locations
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For the Coal Miner’s Daughter

Ariel Hassé
Contributing Writer

On Friday evening Congressman Adam Schiff, of California’s 28th district, and three local scientists gathered in Beckman auditorium with hundreds of people from Hollywood, Dawson City, and everywhere in between. I often feel like an outsider in Los Angeles, but never have I felt so alienated than on Friday.

The panel was on climate change and many people had questions about what they can do to save the Earth, what scientists are learning about the environment, and what congress is doing legislatively. I heard concerns about protecting LA’s light rail, tax credits for electric vehicles, worldwide policy, recycling, and pollution. This crowd was pumped about climate change. Congressman Schiff couldn’t come up with enough Earth-loving, solar-supporting, science rhetoric to appease the environmental warriors of LA. What baffled me is no one was asking “Why?”

Why do we need to conserve water? Why do we need to stop using fossil fuels? Why is climate change even real?

One woman even admitted her limited scope in science and despite this proclaimed her determination to make a difference. The applause was igniting and inastable, no one could make enough noise for the Earth or for Los Angeles.

“I see all of those women in fancy hats” a different audience member began, she continued to report that the coal lobby is just a show, “so how will congress make renewable energy sexy?” she asked.

My hand instinctually shot in the air, my body tensed, my face reddened, my tongue loosened ready to assault.

Has she ever seen a coal miner? Has she ever been to the middle of nowhere, to small forgotten communities pouring their souls into tilling the Earth so she can turn the light on at night?

My aunts and uncles are coal miners, my education was funded by BP and Shell, my teachers husbands fly three weeks on, one week off to the barren north slope of Alaska to drill oil, and my childhood friend builds pipelines in North Dakota. Seattle even was built from Alaska gold rush, adventurers leaving all luxuries behind to mine, to provide, to survive. These are the blue-collar workers who have provided you precious metals, coal, and petroleum. People who are proud of an economy of the great industrial age that led us to electricity, better medicine, transportation, wealth, jobs, and innovation. More than that though, they are hard working, dedicated, patriots just like the hundreds of people who filled Beckman auditorium Friday evening.

Coal miners aren’t living in the middle of nowhere Texas, North Dakota, or Alaska because it’s “sexy”. They believe in pulling themselves up by their bootstraps and dedicating themselves to their families. Natural resources are their livelihoods and their culture - my culture.

And it can’t go on.

We need to stop using fossil fuels before yesterday to protect the environment and ultimately humanity. And I can’t say there isn’t a healthy dose of ignorance, lack of education, and media manipulation that voted for Donald Trump and his anti-environmentalist agenda, but more than anything, at least for my people, they see crowds of city folk enjoying all modern comforts and picketing for rural America’s unemployment. Once again, I’m a scientist, I know, we need to shut down coalmines and stop drilling in the Arctic. I’m an Alaskan, I know, we need to save our glaciers before they’re gone and keep our salmon fisheries prosperous.

But we don’t need to persuade women in fancy hats that renewable energy is ‘cool’. What the people of Los Angeles are asking me is to tell my loved ones that they want be able to provide for their families anymore and perhaps more hauntingly, that everyday of hard work is damaging their grandchildren’s future and the very place they call home.

I left angry, confused, marginalized. My entire state, my whole family, and millions of others like us around the country are angry; in fact that’s why rural America won the election. I can’t ever defend their candidate or intolerance, but their economies are in grave danger, just like the Earth, and no one was listening.

I will deliver the message to my people, I have been my whole life, because I’ve always been a scientist and greenhouse gas emissions have never been a joke to me. In return, though, I am humbly asking, pleading, begging, that you listen. We need solutions that work for the Earth and for Americans. We can’t leave the children of rural mining communities to starve anymore than we can let the children in impoverished coastal communities starve as the ocean rises. When you hear someone say, “Why care about climate change?” hear beyond the frustrating denial of facts and listen to the American families whose jobs are disappearing with every Prius and who could never afford an electric vehicle in the first place.

The orange bubble has been popped; Caltech is no longer separate from the world stage. Now being a scientist comes with the responsibility of changing the world; of saving the world, of advocating for our work, the scientific method, and climate change. If we are to make a difference, if our research is to matter, if we are to build efficient solar cells and supply America’s electricity, we need to commit ourselves not just to science, but also to people.

Because I can’t look my cousin, a coal miner’s daughter, in the eye and report her parents are ruining our futures and need to stop unless I have a new future for her family too. We aren’t women in fancy hats, we’re blue collar, middle class patriots fueling America and providing for our families. Only together, with open hearts can we begin to make science relevant and the American lifestyle sustainable.

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A 1-hour workshop offered 2 times this term:
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Section 2: Wednesday, May 17th, 4:00 - 5:00
Location: 229 Sherman Fairchild Library
More information: counseling.caltech.edu
Meet the New Caltech Y Cabinet!

Aishwarya Nene
President

Aishwarya is a junior in Avery House studying chemistry. She became involved with the Y when she started to tutor high school students in science for the RESE program. She really enjoyed the service opportunities the Y provided and started attending executive committee meetings to become more involved. She has enjoyed working on programs from Explore LA to Make a Difference Day. Her favorite part of the Y is that it shapes student leaders and gives them a fantastic platform to turn their ideas into reality.

Kavya Sreedhar
Vice President

Kavya Sreedhar is a sophomore in Avery and is the newly elected Y Parliament. Throughout her time with the Y, she has been involved with programs ranging from the Social Activism Speakers Series to Kids Reading to Succeed and MAD Day. She really enjoys the amazing opportunities the Y provides and encourages you all to try out for a few! She is looking forward to her time on the Y Cabinet and hopes to encourage people to publish more articles, have Y events and serve as the contact person to ASCIT and the CSC to get the word out more about the Y.

Jenny Hsin
Treasurer

This is Jenny Hsin and she’s a junior studying biology (pre-med) in Avery House. She started helping out with the Y at the end of her freshman year and is currently going into her second year as Treasurer on the Caltech Y ExComm. The Y gives her a lot of opportunities to go off campus and de-stress. She appreciates programs like Make-A-Difference Day or Union Station to help out in the community. She has also led the Catalina Island Alternative Spring Break, where she got to kayak and snorkel for the first time.

Phillip Liu
Secretary

Even though Phillip is fairly new to the Caltech Y, in the past year and half he has been involved in many different Y activities, organized the Y Food Drives, Y Decompressions and Make-A-Difference Days. He is a current Resident Advisor on the Caltech Postdoctoral Association, Graduate Student Council Board, and the undergraduate community gave short, but impassioned speeches in support of the international scholars, conveying their appreciation for the diversity of ideas and perspective that make Caltech what it is and urging students and educators alike to continue in providing physical and emotional support on both the individual and community level. These statements echoed the sentiments made clear at the March 15 rally at Millikan Pond organized by the Caltech faculty, a gathering where the message was clear: science, as the pursuit of knowledge and truth, has no borders, and it ought to remain that way.
Caltech ends season with strong effort at CMS

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CLAREMONT, Calif. (Apr. 15, 2017) — Sophomore Katie Johnston and the Caltech women’s water polo team saved their best team performance for last when they battled host Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges on Saturday. The Beavers took the Athenas to the limit with a four-goal fourth period after scoring one goal in each of the first three quarters. Three of Caltech’s goals in the final period came off the shot of sophomore Brittany Percin, while Johnston scored the fourth and finished with two goals herself. While Caltech matched the Athenas’ scoring output over the final frame, the final barrage was not enough for the Beavers to salvage a SCIAC victory. Freshman Mackenzie Weston scored her first goal of the season to get the Beavers on the board in the first quarter. Meanwhile, Percin and Johnston showcased their attention to detail defensively by coming away with five of the team’s six total steals. Percin finished the season with 48 goals in 26 games, good for the third best scoring season in school history. Already occupying second place on the list, she has two more years to chase Ashley Grant’s record of 58 goals in 34 games.

Another SCIAC victory for baseball

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WHITTIER, Calif. (Apr. 15, 2017) — Caltech baseball added legitimacy to its first SCIAC win in 29 years with a second just two weeks later in a 13-12 slugfest at Whittier College on Saturday. After leading through six innings in the Friday game before being blanked in the first of the Saturday doubleheader, the Beavers erased a two-run deficit in the third inning of the nightcap with a five-run barrage and never looked back. Senior Kai Kirk once more played a starring role, again driving in the game-tying run and scoring the go-ahead to kick-start the offense en route to a second historic victory this season. Not to be lost in the moment was the fact that sophomore Mark Burleson broke the program record for hits in a single season, cracking his 41st in the fourth inning of Saturday’s morning game and going on to tally two more in the afternoon.

Prior to the Beavers’ 4-3 win over Pomona-Pitzer Colleges a fortnight ago, Caltech had not won a conference game since 1988, with the most recent victory before that having come in 1987. Coming into the day, the Beavers had won two games against SCIAC foes since 1978, when they earned one SCIAC and another non-conference victory over Pomona-Pitzer. Caltech’s last two-win SCIAC season came in 1973, when the Beavers defeated Pomona twice and Occidental College once in 18 conference games.

Game 1: Caltech 5, Whittier 2

The weekend series began with ceremonial dual first pitches to officially commemorate the opening of the Institute’s brand-new, state-of-the-art turf field. Looking to mark the occasion with a victory, the Beavers jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the second inning due to an error that allowed Kirk to score from first base. Sophomore Jonah Krop recorded his first four outs via strikeout and had racked up five by the end of the second inning as he shut out the Poets over the first six. The Beavers doubled their lead in the bottom of the sixth inning on a sacrifice fly by freshman Minjae Kim that plated junior Garrett Levine. Whittier’s bats woke up at that point as a leadoff single and flare double down the right field line put runners in scoring position with no outs. A groundout and sacrifice fly scored both and Caltech was unable to answer with Whittier adding the insurance runs on a solo homer and two-run error with two outs in the eighth inning. Krop still claimed the quality start, as he would be charged with three earned runs on seven hits and three walks while striking out six in the complete game.

Game 2: Caltech 0, Whittier 2

Kirk went toe-to-toe with Poets ace Alex Baez, who would pitch out 13 while walking five in a three-hit complete game. The senior pitcher surrendered just two runs on seven hits and three walks in eight innings as Caltech was unable to get anything going on offense, only once putting two men in scoring position when the Beavers loaded the bases with one out in the fourth inning. Whittier tallied its first run in the fourth and plated a two-out insurance run in the seventh, while a double play groundout erased a pair of leas, although Caltech was not far from stealing the match despite the 0-6 final score.

Game 3: Caltech 13, Whittier 12

The Beavers had their best day at the plate since 2014 and scored their most runs in a SCIAC game since 1999 in the series-ending victory. They needed every single one to close it out despite holding a nine-run lead heading to the bottom of the eighth inning, as the Poets staged a furious rally in a desperate attempt to defend their home field. After Whittier scratched out seven runs on two walks, five singles and just one extra-base hit (a double), Levine came in to put out the fire. Already the Beavers’ first reliever to record even a single save since at least the turn of the millennium, the junior worked out his nerves with a walk and run-scoring single before getting out of the inning with a fly ball to centerfield and a one-run lead intact.

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Six Beavers recorded at least two hits in the victory, with senior Harrison Jacobs recording three and Levine drawing two walks to score a team-high four runs. Burleson and Kirk led the squad over the weekend, each batting .385 while combining for three runs and five RBI.

Redlands, Calif. (Apr. 15, 2017) — Sophomore Julia Reisler won both her matches for two of the No. 40 Caltech women’s tennis team’s three points at No. 33 University of Redlands on Saturday. Reisler completed a 4-0 weekend in SCIAC play with a 6-4, 6-3 win at #3 singles and teamed with rookie Angelia Zhou for the second time this spring to record an 8-6 win at #2 doubles. Freshman Alexandra Bodrova claimed the Beavers’ only other point at #4 singles in a narrow 6-4, 6-0 win, although Caltech was unable to get anything going on offense, only once putting two men in scoring position when the Beavers loaded the bases with one out in the fourth inning. Whittier tallied its first run in the fourth and plated a two-out insurance run in the seventh, while a double play groundout erased a pair of leas, although Caltech was not far from stealing the match despite the 0-6 final score.

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ASCIT Minutes
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ASCIT Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes for 21 April 2017. Taken by Alice Zhai.
Officers Present: Andrew Montequin, Tim Liu, Rachael Morton, Sakthi Vetrivel, Kalyn Chang, Robin Brown, Alice Zhai
Guests: Bobby Sanchez, Vincent Park
Call to Order: 12:23pm

President’s Report (Andrew):
- Proposing a mascot change for ASCIT to the earthquake as his last act as president

Officer’s Reports:
V.P. of Academic Affairs (ARC Chair: Tim):
- This past weekend ARC put together a student group to talk to the alumni association
- Humanities classes have cleaned up the catalog of HSS courses
- ASCIT teaching awards will open nominations in the next couple days
- Course capture (recording class lectures) is going to be relaunched

V.P. of Non-Academic Affairs (IHC Chair: Rachael):
- Bechtel town hall meeting is being moved to May 1
- Came up with six focus group topics, with 5-10 students for each group
- Committee appointments will be happening after ASCIT elections

Director of Operations (Sakthi):
- Looking for ASCIT laptop, which will be used for ASCIT’s Netflix account for the screening room
- Club Fair is on Friday, April 21 from 4 to 6

Treasurer (Kalyn):
- Multihouse funding pairs for this term are Fleming/Lloyd, Page/Avery, Blacken/Ricketts, and Dabney/Ruddock
- Vincent Park pitched for funding for 150 S Chester Interhouse

Social Director (Robin):
- ASCIT Movie Night is on Friday, May 3
- Trivia Night starts next week

Secretary (Alice):
- Last meeting for the ’16-’17 BoD :)

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: 12:49pm

Crossword

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1. Young pig
2. Circuit
3. Lose velocity
4. Ignominy
5. Warning device
6. Indicating maiden name
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38. Solitary
39. Strainer
40. Ramble
41. Euphony
42. Well-defined
43. Awry
44. Small stream
45. Unwavering
46. Small stream
47. Of an obscure nature
48. Roof of the mouth
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51. Deliver a sermon
52. Snakelike fish
53. Church bench
54. Crouch
55. Part of a circle
56. Stringed instrument
57. Defensive embankment
58. Auricle
59. Small burrowing mammal
60. Heap
61. Moved through the air
62. Movable barrier
63. Burden
64. Boundary line
65. Keep away from
66. Lubricant
67. Anger
68. Solitary
69. Stupid mistake
70. Metal-bearing mineral
71. Target used in archery
72. Dainty
73. Church bench
74. Gymnastic apparatus
75. A 3-workshop series offered twice this term. Pre-screening is required - call the counseling center’s front desk at (626) 395-8331 for more information.
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36. Tabeland with steep edges
37. Bellow
38. Solitary
39. Strainer
40. Ramble
41. Euphony
42. Well-defined
43. Awry
44. Small stream
45. Unwavering
46. Small stream
47. Of an obscure nature
48. Roof of the mouth
49. Auricle
50. Of an obscure nature
51. Deliver a sermon
52. Snakelike fish
53. Church bench
54. Crouch
55. Part of a circle
56. Stringed instrument
57. Defensive embankment
58. Auricle
59. Small burrowing mammal
60. Heap
61. Moved through the air
62. Movable barrier
63. Burden
64. Boundary line
65. Keep away from
66. Lubricant
67. Anger
68. Solitary
69. Stupid mistake
70. Metal-bearing mineral
71. Target used in archery
72. Dainty
73. Church bench
74. Gymnastic apparatus

Down
1. Indication of damage
2. One playing period in golf
3. Translucent mineral
4. An orderly arrangement
5. Meddle
6. Telephone connection
7. Beer
8. Type of fold in fabric
9. Fake
10. Volcanic rock
11. Portent
12. Moved away
15. Has in common
20. Teem
22. Lacking in light
24. Shore, as a resort
25. Latchet
26. Fragrance
27. Raise trivial
29. Term of enlistment
31. Failure to hit
32. Contradict
33. Dodge
34. Renegade
36. Tabeland with steep edges
38. Irritate
42. Well-defined
45. Unwavering
49. Auricle
51. Deliver a sermon
54. Crouch
56. Stringed instrument
57. Flat float
58. Affirm
59. Small burrowing mammal
61. Moved through the air
62. Movable barrier
63. Burden
64. Boundary line
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