A group of graduate students and postdocs at Caltech have begun the process of unisonizing. They have collected over 50 union cards, a supermajority of the grad students. While union cards are not a guarantee of a vote in a union election, they are a good predictor. The next step in the process is filing for a union election, where the graduate student body and the postdocs will vote on whether they want to unionize.

After the union election, Caltech will have an opportunity to contest the results of the election. If the union vote is successful, there will be negotiations over the union contract. Caltech has stated that they would "vigorously engage in good faith with the union" in the event the vote goes through. In 2005, when the C/GPU and the school reached a standstill, Caltech President David Lee, losing only to Fleming, took the title of interim President. Since then, the C/GPU stated that "Caltech's relationship with students and postdocs has improved dramatically, with more inclusiveness and transparency." Caltech stated that they "are committed to abiding by its duties to our students and postdocs, and we are hopeful that this will be a positive outcome." Caltech stated that they "are committed to abiding by its duties to our students and postdocs, and we are hopeful that this will be a positive outcome." Caltech stated that they "are committed to abiding by its duties to our students and postdocs, and we are hopeful that this will be a positive outcome."

Lilia Arzirabalaga
Campus News

Interhouse Dodgeball: A Tradition of Unity and Rivalry Concludes

This past week marked the conclusion of one of Caltech’s many traditions—interhouse dodgeball. Interhouse dodgeball has been a Caltech tradition for as long as records can show, dating back to at least the 1950s, if not earlier. As the first interhouse dodgeball games of the year, interhouse dodgeball is an excellent opportunity to integrate the freshly rotated first-year students into this long standing interhouse and intra-house culture, all of which is accomplished by pitting them against each other on the tennis courts.

Each house collects its members twice a week and braves the elements to play a best of three dodgeball competition. Some games are really just for fun while others become a head to head battle between houses to settle once and for all, or at least for this year, who the interhouse dodgeball champion will be. But regardless of the level of competition a given game may offer, interhouse dodgeball is a key aspect of interhouse life and in which we keep the unique Caltech culture alive.

This year, our results are as follows: Fleming took the title of interhouse dodgeball champi- on for the fifth year in a row. Lloyd, looking only to Fleming, was right on their tails coming for the running title. Then, we had a three-way tie between Page, Venerable, and Avery, each with 3 wins and no clear order in their individual games. Right behind both at two wins were Dabney and Blacker, broken by Blacker beating Dabney in their interhouse game. And lastly, Rick- ets came in last with a singular win.

Overall, the Caltech houses started the interhouse games strong and we'll see how these titles progress as we go into our next set of interhouse sports competitions: interhouse vol- leyball.

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Let me start by saying, I’m not a professional, or even interested in how to do journalism and even less, what kind of desk clerk. But do not mistake my lack of professional and personal style for a front page design for a large metropolitan newspaper. People often ask me variants of this question: ‘What do you do, exactly?’ My answer is, ‘Stories.’

Let me start by saying, it’s not that deep. It’s just something I’ve been doing for a long time. As a writer, I think to myself, ‘If you can do something unique and different from what everyone else is doing, you will be successful.’

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Every issue we’ll show you a different location on campus. Find the place and find the QR code hidden there to sign the log book and win a fabulous prize!!!!
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Last week’s winners!

Amazon Skymall
Welcome back to Amazon Skymall! In this column, we hold a raffle where we [not] randomly select one of our lucky readers and give them the item of their choice from these hand picked selections!

Enter this week’s raffle by using the QR code or the link below:

Last Issue’s Winner
Bram Schork (Fleming, ME ’26)

Housetalia:
“Something About Fire Alarms”
by Jen Hu

if anyone has requests or suggestions for house activities or interactions to draw, shoot them my way on discord @otaku553!
Caltech Cross Country Finishes Third and Fifth at SCIACs Meet

Elizabeth Fields
Sports

Caltech’s men’s and women’s cross country teams competed in the championship meet for the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) this past Saturday, October 28th. The men’s team competed in a 8K course and the women’s team in a 5K course.

Caltech’s men’s team finished third in SCIACs, duplicating their standout performance at 8K. Rohan Agarwal (MSC, ’24) pulled out a second place performance, with an overall time of 24:13.14 and a pace of 5:23.68 per kilometer. Similarly, Rohan’s second place finish put him in the top five, with a time of 24:10.49 and a pace of 5:23.10 per kilometer. These, along with many other impressive performances from the team, ranked the men just below the dominant Claremont Men’s Cross Country (CSCM) and Pomona-Pitzer (PP) teams which have dominated the SCIAC in recent years, along with many other sports, for many years.

Caltech’s women’s team also finished strong, with a fifth place overall ranking. Gia Pallidio (Biochem, ’26), Eric tolerance (Biochem, ’26), Rohan Agarwal (MSC, ’24), Ven- erable, Lauren Gurrerrez (MSC, ’24), and Yui Wu (MSC, ’24) led the way for the women’s team.

How to Find a Peer Academic Coach

ARC Tip of the Week: Good luck on midterms!

Final Reminder: Graduation Requirement for Seniors

Meeting with the Registrar

Fortunately, with the Registrar, the requirement to graduate is met prior to November 6, 2023, to declare your candidacy for the degree of Bachelor of Science by the Registrar and ensure your timely graduation in June 2023. The Registrar will require your remaining options’ requirements, and you both will discuss your academic plan. Please e-mail registrar@caltech.edu to schedule your candidacy appointment. Appointments will begin on Monday, July 31, 2023, and later. Generally, the appointments are scheduled on Monday and Wednesday afternoons—3:00pm and Friday mornings (9:00 am—11:30 am). For more information, please see the email titled “Graduating Class of 2024” sent on July 18th, 2023.

Course Concerns Form

If you have concerns or issues with a course, please fill out this anonymous form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdP08My6hX0Vw0Z0zW1ddm.zirknXQ8Qv5Q/viewform

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Skye Ruedas
Humans of Caltech

Caltech is known for its rigorous academic environment, but beneath the surface lies a community of student-athletes who defy the odds daily, balancing their passion for their sport with the demands of academic life. One such athlete is Sam Small, a junior BioE major, minorning in Chemistry. His journey provides an enlightening perspective on what it’s like to be a student-athlete at Caltech.

Waking up at 6:30 am, Sam’s day begins with a morning lift in the gym from 7 to 8:30 am. Refueling quickly with a coffee and snack, he goes off to his 9 am lab meeting. As a BioE major, Sam’s academic plate is just as full as his athletic one. After his lab meeting, he makes some time for studying and lunch before attending his 1 pm to 2:30 pm class.

Sam’s commitment to swimming is evident. Not only does he along with the other swimmers practice every day from Monday to Saturday, but they also attend two morning gym sessions a week. These practices and sessions build both their physical abilities and their bond with the team – a close-knit group that feels like family.

Sam’s athletic journey impacts his social life too. The swim team, for him, allows him to be part of a community with shared goals and aspirations. This unified team provides companionship, mutual support, and lasting memories. On the other hand, there are trade-offs. The dedication to his sport occasionally keeps him and other swimmers from joining certain activities, like house ski or beach trips, especially during the season. Yet, for Sam, the personal growth and team victories make it all worthwhile.

Post-practice, Sam grabs dinner and then shifts his focus back to academics. His evenings often involve working as a TA for a lab class from 7 to 10 pm. Despite the long day, Sam’s dedication to both his studies and sport is clear.

Through the eyes of Sam Small, we’re granted a glimpse into the demanding yet rewarding world of a Caltech athlete. His story shows the commitment that defines Caltech’s athletic community. Whether it’s the support of a team that feels like family or the relentless pursuit of academic and athletic excellence, student-athletes like Sam show the spirit of Caltech.

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