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Message from the Y Board Chair

by Carolyn Ash, Y Board Chair

Congratulations to the Y on another banner year!

My term as Chair of the Y board draws to a close this month. The board is a remarkable group of individuals committed to the Y’s mission, and members are interested in and deeply supportive of the students. Following the important study of the Y’s opportunities and challenges carried out last summer by Molly Jones, the board developed robust action plans to boost fund raising activities, bolster the Friends program, and increase board effectiveness as we move into the future. I have greatly enjoyed working with you over the past two years. Thank you for all you do!

It has been a great pleasure to work with the Y staff. This small group of professionals manages a broad array of programs, provides guidance and encouragement to the students, creates a welcoming environment for students to take a break from their studies, and fosters leadership development among the talented young people who participate in the Y.

I have also enjoyed working with the ExComm. This year, the ExComm thoughtfully reviewed budgets and made painful decisions to decrease program costs. They have, nonetheless, coordinated many excellent activities. I extend hearty congratulations to our graduating students and wish you all the best as you leave Caltech to take up your next endeavors.

I now pass the torch to Susan Murakami, who will chair the board next year. She will provide strong leadership and bring new ideas to sustain the Y on its great journey with our remarkable students to help them make a world of difference!

Avanti!

Executive Director’s Report

by Athena Castro, Y Executive Director

It’s nearly June and there is the usual flurry of activity before the end of the academic year. With only a few weeks until commencement, there are still events on the calendar such as Decompression and the annual Yosemite-Nelder Grove Trip. There is also the seemingly never-ending summer project list – if you are interested in helping out during the summer repairing and inventorying camping and audio equipment, please let me know!

While it has been a challenging financial year for the Y, we are encouraged by the dedication of the Y ExComm, non-student board members, and our very dedicated Friends. As previously reported, the ExComm applied their finance skills as we faced reduced funds for the coming year. They rose to the challenge beautifully. The non-student board also got creative and helped to cut expenses by volunteering their time, vehicles, and washing machines (for laundering dirty sleeping bag liners!).

Many of us have been personally affected by the economy. Some Friends had to decrease their giving, but others came to our rescue and increased their support. We have a way to go to meet our goal for this year, but we are still receiving gifts and it’s not too late to send in yours! A special thank you goes to our faithful donors who are noted in this newsletter. Thank you for your generosity! Your continuing support allows us to do the important work that we do. And, while giving merrily is a wonderful way to show your support for the Y, we recognize it is not the only way to show support.
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Thank you to all our volunteers and board members, both students and non-students, who give of their time so selflessly and work hard to ensure the success of the Y!

In particular, the Y ExComm and other student planning committees such as the Social Activism Speaker Series Committee and Outdoors Committee should be especially commended for a job well done! Despite the challenges of this year, Y events continued to enrich student life with well rounded, thoughtful, and fun programs. I am thankful I have the opportunity to work with such talented students. You indeed make a world of difference!

Heather Bixby Departing

Heather Bixby is completing her internship serving as Y Student Activities Coordinator and is receiving her masters degree in student affairs from Azusa Pacific University. She will be leaving in June to work as the Residence Director at Pitzer College, one of the Claremont Colleges. Apart from her residence life responsibilities, she will also be an active member of the Women’s Resource Center, Community Service and Office of the Chaplains departments.

Heather contributed greatly to the Y’s successful year, and we extend to her our best wishes in her new position.

Outgoing Board Members

We wish to thank the outgoing board members for their many years of service. The people below have been a dedicated part of the Caltech Y Board and have contributed greatly to our organization.

Carolyn Ash    Dean Elzinga
Steve Frautschii    David Gillies
Rolf Hastrup    Gunilla Hastrup
Cathy Jurca    Harry Kawahara

Thank you for all of your hard work! We appreciate the time you have spent on the Y Board and will miss serving with you!

Returning Board Member

We welcome back Caltech alumna, Rosy Macedo, to the Caltech Y Board of Directors. A familiar face to many on campus, Rosy served on the Y Board for several years but resigned in the middle of her term in 2006 to take on a new role as the Executive Director of the Watson Fellowship Program requiring relocation to New York. Now that she is back in LA, we are pleased Rosy has agreed to join the Y Board once again.

New Board Officers

The following Y Board officers have been elected to serve for the 2009-10 year beginning in June 2009:

Chair: Susan Murakami
Vice-Chair: Frank Dryden
Treasurer: Peter Mason
Secretary: Connie Kofahl

Annual Board Meeting

The Caltech Y Annual Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 3, at 5 pm. Tom Mannion, Caltech Assistant VP for Student Life and Y Board member, is generously hosting this final board meeting of the year at his home at 400 S Hill Ave.

This event is more than the usual business meeting as we celebrate the end of another year for the Caltech Y and acknowledge all of the hard work by the Y ExComm, non-student board members, and staff. Departing board and staff members will be recognized, new board members welcomed, and new board officers instated. In addition, the student recipients of the Lucy Guernsey Service Award and the Stu denski Award will be acknowledged.

Winners of student service and leadership awards announced

Lucy Guernsey Service Award

We are proud to announce the 2009 winners of the Lucy Guernsey Service Award, established in 1991 by the Caltech Y ExComm in honor of Lucy Guernsey, the Y’s Executive Director from 1989-1991, in recognition of her leadership, dedication to students, and diligence to furthering the Y’s commitment to volunteerism. The award will be shared by Sunny Chun and Tara Gomez.

Sunny is a junior majoring in biology.

by Athena Castro, Y Executive Director

She has been active with the Caltech Y since her freshman year and is the current Vice President of the Y ExComm. Last year, Sunny led the Alternative Spring Break Trip to Owens Valley where the group worked with the Owens Valley Committee and Bureau of Land Management to disguise unauthorized trails. She has also served as the student coordinator for Make-A-Difference Day and tutors for the RISE Program. Her outstanding leadership with the ExComm as well as her dedication to these programs demonstrates her passion for service.

Sunny Chun, ’10
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Tara Gomez is a third year graduate student in biology. For the past three years, Tara has worked with Eye Dreams, a non-profit agency, which organizes art events for the local community. In addition, she is the current co-director of the Caltech Classroom Connection, which partners Caltech graduate students and faculty with science teachers in the Pasadena Unified School District as well as neighboring districts. Tara has also tutored with the Y’s RISE Program and has been active with the Graduate Student Council. In addition to her studies and her other volunteer work, Tara has worked with the Huntington Gardens’ Explorer Summer Camp as a science instructor.

Both Sunny and Tara will be honored at the Y Annual Board Meeting on June 3rd. Congratulations to Sunny and Tara!

Peter has been a significant leader on the Caltech campus and the larger community as a whole. He has been an active member of the Y ExComm, even as President in 2007-08, but his leadership and involvement has reached well beyond this role as well.

His passion for social justice and community service has resulted in significant opportunities for himself and others in the campus community. Peter is an enthusiastic and empowering leader who has been active all four years at Caltech, and he will continue to shape the world as a leader and an advocate wherever he goes.

Susan Shen, a senior, has won the Doris Everhart Service Award, which is given annually to an undergraduate who has actively supported and willingly worked for organizations that enrich, not only student life, but also the campus and/or community as a whole, and who has, in addition, exhibited care and concern for the welfare of students on a personal basis. The award was made possible by Sally V. Ridge and was established to honor Doris Everhart.

Susan has made a significant impact on the student body and the campus community as a whole. She has been an active member of the Y ExComm, planning a variety of events for campus. Her participation in service efforts, in particular, has been notable; however, she has been active in a number of areas including social activities and community service.

Leon Liu, a junior, is the recipient of the Frank Teruggi Memorial Award, established in 1998 by friends and classmates of the late Frank Teruggi, a Caltech undergraduate who was murdered in Chile in 1973, during the military coup led by Augusto Pinochet. The annual award honors the spirit of Frank's life, especially "in the areas of Latin American Studies, radical politics, creative radio programming, and other activities aimed at improving the living conditions of the less fortunate."

Leon has been an active member of the Caltech Y ExComm for the past several years and has been one of our more active leaders of recent years. He is the current ExComm President and has participated in some major service trips through the Caltech Y, and has also assisted in the leadership of many of them.

Student Leadership Awards

Congratulations to the following Ex-Comm members who will be recognized for their leadership!

Peter Liu (along with classmate Kevin Noertker) will receive the Frederic W. Hinrichs, Jr Memorial Award. In remembrance of Professor Hinrichs’ honor, courage, and kindness, this award is given annually to a senior who, throughout his undergraduate years, made the greatest contribution to the student body, and whose qualities of character, leadership and responsibility have been outstanding. This award is presented at commencement.
Congratulations to ExComm Members graduating in 2009

by Heather Bixby, Y Student Activities Coordinator

The following members of the Y Student Executive Committee (ExComm) will be graduating in June. They are to be commended for their leadership and contributions to the continuing success of the Caltech Y.

Robin Abraham is an applied and computational mathematics major from Kuwait/Kerala, India. A few short days following graduation, he will be heading to Chicago, to join the team at Aardvark Trading, a global markets proprietary trading group.

Pradeep Bugga, a chemistry major, will continue his research in the Stolberg Lab during the summer and following year.

Shankar Kalyanaraman, a graduate student studying computer science from Bangalore, India, will be moving to San Francisco in July to work alongside the search team for Yahoo Search. Apart from his career, Shankar is also searching for a non-profit or community service organization to volunteer with in the late afternoon or weekends.

Peter Liu, a biology major who has been active with the Y since his first year at Caltech, will be attending Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City to pursue a combined MD/PhD program. It will be roughly an 8-year program, and he starts in July with a lab rotation. In the future, Peter hopes to go into cancer research.

Ilia Shadrin is a biology major from Torrance, California. Next year, he will be heading off to Duke University in North Carolina to pursue his MD/PhD degree. In the future, he is hoping to enter into the field of oncology and continue doing molecular cancer biology research while practicing how to become a good clinician. After he receives his dual degree, he will apply to a wide range of residencies, including back here in California.

Susan Shen is a double major in biology and English from Ames, Iowa. She will be attending Washington University in St. Louis for a combined MD/PhD program next fall. There, she will be pursuing her career goal of being a physician-scientist.

Abdul Ahad Tariq is a double major in physics and chemistry from Mansehra, Pakistan. He is currently pursuing the field of science policy.

President Chameau speaks at Spring Friends Dinner

by Jim Workman ’57, Y Board Friends Comm Chair
Photos by Ilia Shadrin and Rolf Hastrup

The third and final Friends Dinner of the 2008-2009 academic year was held May 7 at the Athenaeum. Both Caltech President Jean-Lou Chameau and Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations Peter deCourcy Hero were present and chatted with the 106 attendees during the pre-dinner reception. Fifteen students were in attendance, ten of whom were generously sponsored by Simon Ramo ’36.

Guests were welcomed to dinner in the Hall of Associates by ExComm President Leon Liu. Undergraduate Susan Shen and graduate student Shankar Kalyanaraman described the highlights of their involvement with the Caltech Y. Following a delicious dinner arranged by Y Board Member Betty Sirri, Y Executive Director Athena Castro made additional remarks and introduced Board Chair Carolyn Ash, who thanked the guests for being Friends of the Caltech Y and for being present. She then stepped aside to allow Friends Committee Chair, Jim Workman to introduce the evening’s speaker, President Chameau.

President Jean-Lou Chameau

Jean-Lou’s remarks went beyond the advertised topic, “Caltech and the Current Financial Environment.” Before setting the stage for a discussion of how Caltech is dealing with reduced revenues, he reported on a number of honors Caltech and its faculty have received over the last year. He pointed out the Class of 2013 will be slightly larger than the target of 235 students, will contain 42% women, and will be one of the most diverse classes. He described the various sources of Caltech’s campus operating funds and how they are spent. Since income from endowment is not the dominant source, the impact of the downturn in the economy is slightly less than at many other institutions. Caltech has had to make budget reductions and has reduced staffing. Some operations are being reorganized to become more efficient. He also pointed out that faculty hiring has not been suspended. Jean-Lou very graciously stayed to answer questions from the guests. These ranged from whether he had heard about plans to resurrect Throop Hall on its original site (No, he hadn’t), how student housing would be affected.
by the larger freshman class (only 15 more students will have to be accommodated), if the bookstore was being closed (it will be transformed) and how students’ concern about the rising costs of health insurance were being addressed (Caltech continues to negotiate for the best cost/coverage package available in an environment of rapidly rising healthcare costs).

At the close of the evening, Jean-Lou was presented with a gift basket of ‘healthy’ preserves and other treats. The Friends Committee, based on the noise level of dinnertime conversation and the participation of the audience during the question and answer period, judged the event a great success.

Special thanks must be given to Board Member Gunilla Hastrup and Student Activities Coordinator Heather Bixby for the flower arrangements on each of the tables, to Betty Sirri for arranging the menu, to the Athenaeum staff, and to the Y staff for arranging all the details necessary for a successful event.

Student ExComm Remarks

Following are excerpts of statements given at the Friends Dinner by two of the ten attending ExComm students.

Susan Shen ’09. Looking back at my years at Caltech, I realize what an impact the Caltech Y has had on my college experience.

Before arriving at Caltech, I envisioned myself delving into academics and hibernating at the library. Soon, I realized that there is so much more to the college experience. What is special about Caltech is that, if you have an interest or passion you want to pursue, you can make it happen. The Caltech Y helps to make this possible.

Through the Caltech Y, I have had the opportunity to work with wonderful students and members of the community. Meeting board members and friends of the Caltech, and hearing their perspectives, has been invaluable to me.

The motto of the Caltech Y is "making a world of difference," and it has made a tremendous difference in my life!

Shankar Kalyanaraman ’09. I wanted to speak to you tonight, not as an ExCommer telling you about the many things the Y does and how that benefits the student community, but instead as one of those in the student community that benefits from all the neat stuff that the Y puts up.

A couple of days ago, I came upon a personality test on the web and one of the questions was to describe myself in one word. I thought long and hard and it hit me today what it was: escapist. That's what I am. I believe in an "impossible reality" that I want to get away to every time I am stuck at work. And God knows I'm stuck at work an awful lot.

For nearly four years, the Y has been that "impossible reality," that escape hatch. Every week, I'd go to ExComm meetings to talk about amazing programs, great service opportunities, inspirational SASS talks, international food fairs, sweaty day-hikes and a host of other just-plain-good-fun things to do.

In most of the meetings with the Y Board and at Y Friends’ dinners, someone always makes sure to mention what an amazing job the ExComm has been doing in all the things that have come to pass. Here's my personal take: whatever I have done to help out, has been purely because I've had a ball doing it. I was at the Outdoor Committee because I loved to hike; I joined ExComm because I wanted to be
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involved in some kind of student government. Plus, there was free food.

Long story short, the amazing thing about the Y has been the unbelievable freedom it has given me to pursue the things I liked and wanted to be invested in, bringing them to fruition. That gave me responsibility and a sense of work ethic. Especially for a guy who's never had a 9-to-5 job in his life. And is not looking forward to it either.

Finally, a la David Letterman, I thought I should round this out with my top five memories of the Y.

At number five, was any discussion about staging decompression – especially when Abdul was present.

At number four, was to come in to ExComm meetings fearing pizza for lunch and instead having some wonderful pasta or tacos cooked by the wonderful staff at the Y.

At number three, this board lunch meeting when Abdul told us what the Y meant to him. It was one of those heartstring-tugging moments. And I wish that had been caught on tape.

At number two, is the Costa Rica summer service trip that I did.

At number one, I don't know how many of you read books by Ray Bradbury, especially the nostalgic ones. In those books, there is always the story of a young boy who loves to go to the house of his favourite aunt, who would have a wonderful spread of delicious cookies and tarts laid out for him. He'd go because he wanted to be in her warm comforting presence, to be reassured of life and of humanity. That is what the Y has been for me.

Reading to Kids
An enriching experience

by Jason Lunn ’10, Student Leader

On May 9, my first day volunteering for Reading to Kids, I had no idea what to expect. Upon entering Hoover Street Elementary in Downtown LA, I found myself surrounded by about 100 other volunteers from all over Los Angeles – all – quite eager. Once all the very excited kids had entered the building, I realized this was going to be an amazing Saturday morning.

With my volunteer partner, we led six second-grade students to their classroom to begin reading them the story, “If You Gave a Moose a Cookie”. At first, I expected their English skills to be poor, but I was pleasantly surprised as each student was more than capable of conversing with me. All of the students were quite eager to tell me about their family, pets, favorite games and anything else on their young little minds. Once we finished the story, we began the crafts project, which was to make moose antlers. All the kids were quite creative with their designs making moose antlers of every shape, size and color. Despite having no prior experience with working with kids, I found the short four hours I spent with them to be an enriching experience. The young students were very appreciative of the volunteers that came to read to them. Now, Reading to Kids is something I look forward to every month.

PALAC-CIT Discussion Forum
“Remembrance of Crises Past” stimulates lively debate

by Michelle Jiang ’11, ExComm

In preparation for the May 11 PALAC-CIT Discussion Forum, an article published in E&S, titled “Remembrance of Crises Past” and written by Philip T. Hoffman and Jean-Laurent Rosenthal, was assigned for reading by those who participated.

The discussion leaders were Caltech students Leon Liu ’10 and Michelle Liang ’10. Over twenty members of the PALAC group as well as Caltech- and JPL-affiliated community members attended at the Caltech Y. The two hours of lively debate focused on the issues, causes and possible solutions to the current status of our economy. With historical background and news to draw upon, all who were present offered a variety of opinions while examining the financial crisis that plagues our credit system today and its repercussions on our nation as a whole. Were it not for the two-hour limit, the economic and political debate could have been endless and the comments innumerable. It was a wonderful way to discuss the current economic situation with people of all backgrounds in an amiable environment.
Social Activism Speaker Series (SASS) events

by Greg Fletcher, Y Student Activities & Community Services Director

Jackson Katz

On May 12, SASS teamed up with the Caltech Center for Diversity, and Graduate Student Council to present a last major event for the year: "Jackson Katz – The Macho Paradox: Why Some Men Hurt Women and How All Men Can Help". An educator, author and filmmaker, Katz is internationally recognized for his groundbreaking work with men in the field of gender-violence-prevention education, particularly in sports and military.

The Macho Paradox, from his book of the same title, explored ways that male culture contributes to sexual and domestic violence, and suggested strategies to enlist men in the fight against all forms of men’s violence toward women. Katz accentuated the importance of understanding, and changing, the cultural environment that condones or promotes sexism and violence. In addition to a multi-media presentation with clips from popular media, Katz fielded questions in a lively discussion. He also met for dinner with event organizers and student leaders, and remained for a reception.

Dr Hatim Kanaaneh

On May 26, the Graduate Student Council and SASS hosted a book reading and discussion with Dr. Hatim Kanaaneh – the author of A Doctor in Galilee: The Life and struggle of a Palestinian in Israel, a memoir recounting his 35-yr struggle, as a doctor and grass roots activist, to bring medical care to Palestinians in Galilee.

Born in a small village in the Galilee, Kanaaneh left his native country to study medicine at Harvard University. In 1970, having completed his medical and public health degrees and declining several lucrative offers to practice in the US, he returned to Galilee to become a Public Health Doctor. Frustrated by the lack of access to health care and what he perceived as a lack of support, Kanaaneh left Galilee again only to return for a second time driven by a passion to help his community. After doing all he could for his patients by working inside the system, Kanaaneh founded the Galilee Society, an NGO working for equitable health, environmental and socio-economic conditions for Palestinian Arabs in Israel.

In addition to the reading, Kanaaneh shared some of the different medical and life conditions in Galilee. He also fielded questions and stayed for discussion at the reception.

Annual Y Alumni Reunion Brunch

by Athena Castro, Y Exec Director

On Sunday, May 17, the Caltech Y hosted a brunch for alumni following Seminar Day events. Approximately 50 people, ranging from graduates of the 50s to graduates from the last 5 years, enjoyed reminiscing and meeting other alums. Current ExComm members were also on hand to greet the alums and talk about Caltech today while hearing stories about what Caltech was like back in their day. It was especially fun to see some alums attend with their own future little Techers.

It was a wonderful way to catch up and renew connections while making new ones!

Y Outdoor Adventure Events

Switzer Falls Hike

by Arthur Chan, Student Coord

On April 25, the Y Outdoor organized a short hike to Switzer Falls in the San Gabriel Mountains, led by Nicole Bouley and Arthur Chan. Starting at the Switzer Picnic Area, we hiked down the canyon to Switzer Falls. Stream crossings were frequent but, luckily, no one got particularly wet. Although the water level is low for this time of the year, the falls were still spectacular, and the pools further down Bear Canyon were a great place to sit and relax. Some of us followed the Y tradition of post-hike ice cream.

Overall, it was a good hike and everybody enjoyed a pleasant day outdoors.

Full Moon Hike

by Thomas Ader, Grad Student

On May 8, around a dozen people showed up for this full moon hike that was aiming at Echo Mountain, right north of Caltech. The weather was perfect for hiking, no clouds and pretty warm temperature. We started the hike around 7:30 pm in the last light of the day. Some argued that we should have waited for the night darkness to start, but starting early actually enabled us to get some altitude, and admire the red full moon as it started rising. The group stretched out and eventually split, some wanting to get to the top as fast as possible and some others wanting to take their time. But after less than an hour and a half, everybody met at the top.

We stayed up there for another half hour, admiring the lights of Altadena and Pasadena, dining on sandwiches and chilling out. The way back was faster, making it to the bottom together, and to Caltech by 10:30 pm.
Meet the ExComm

Each month the Caltech Y News interviews a member of the Y Student Executive Committee (ExComm)

Michelle Jiang ’09

by Heather Bixby, Student Activities Coordinator

Meet our current ExComm secretary, Michelle Jiang, a sophomore double majoring in mechanical engineering and business management, and a member of Lloyd House from Vancouver, Canada. Michelle has kept busy participating and leading events such as: Make-a-Difference Day, Decompression, the Theater Arts Series, and the PALAC-CIT Discussion Forum. Michelle really enjoys being a part of ExComm because of the amazing people she is given the opportunity to work with.

Apart from the Y, Michelle is very active on campus. She is President of the Athletics Committee and a member of the Undergraduate Committee for Mechanical Engineers, Student Faculty Conference, Totem Staff, Women’s Tennis and Volleyball Team, Art of Science Committee, and ASCIT.

During the summer, Michelle will be serving at the Athenaeum. During the fall, she is planning to enroll in Professor Ken Pickar’s “Product Design for a Developing Nation” (E/ME105) course, which will give her the opportunity to live and work in the agricultural community of San Juan La Laguna, located on the banks of Lake Atitlan in rural Guatemala. In the community, Michelle would work with locals on designing, construction and testing wheelchairs for community use.

Michelle decided to join the ExComm board after volunteering to help set-up Decompression with Ilia Shadrin during her freshman year. She instantly recognized how beneficial and valuable the Caltech Y was to the student body and surrounding community of Caltech, and she wanted to become a part of that! Michelle exclaimed, “What we do is not only gratifying, but it gives me the opportunity to work with such a fantastic group of people who have great ideas and are always focused on our mission, values and ideals.”

Voices of the Y Board

Frank Dryden ’54

My association with the Caltech Y came early. In the summer before my freshman year, I received a letter from Wes Hershey, the Executive Director of the Y, offering to have someone from the Y meet me when I arrived in Pasadena and bring me to Caltech if I was traveling by public transportation. Although I lived on a farm north of Santa Barbara, my folks were unable to drive me to Pasadena, so I took a 5-hour bus trip and was met by Wes at the bus station on Walnut. Thus, began a friendship that lasted until Wes’s death.

I found the Y to be a great counterpoint to the stress of academics at Caltech, and it provided opportunities to explore social issues and wrestle with development of a moral and ethical philosophy of life. In addition to Chairing the Freshman Lunch Club, which met weekly and introduced freshmen to interesting faculty or community leaders, I became aware of the student conferences held in the fall and spring in the local mountains and between Christmas and New Years at the Asilomar Conference grounds in Pacific Grove. The Caltech Y was a member of the Pacific Southwest Region of the Student YM-YWCA, at that time, and each year about 400 students from about 20 colleges in the region met for a fabulous week of exploration and fun at Asilomar. I attended my first Asilomar Conference as a sophomore and continued to do so for the next seven years. In 1956, while a graduate student at Caltech and following two years of service in the Air Force, I was elected Regional Co-chair for the student YMCA and served for the following year with an attractive YWCA Co-chair from College of Pacific, Marianne Tuttle. When our terms were up, I started making weekend trips to Stockton and we married in 1959. Of the many benefits I receive from participating in the Y, that one will always top the list.
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In the 1960’s period of the Viet Nam War, student unrest and revolt against traditional institutions led to the dismantling of the student YMCA movement throughout the country. Only a few of the well financed and managed associations survived. Fortunately, the Caltech Y was one of those thanks to the leadership of Wes Hershey and the Board. The Y broke its relations with the National Student YMCA movement and eventually dropped the MCA from its name as women came to the campus in the early ’70s and the Y recognized its nonsectarian traditions and lack of participation in an Association.

Although I participated on the Y Board while serving as Student President in 1953, I was elected to a full term on the Y Board just out of graduate school and have repeated many times over the years. I believe I served on the Board with every Executive Director the Y has had from Wes to Athena. I enjoy the contact with students and the opportunity to see them grow as they participate in the ExComm and the Board. The Y provides a wide range of programs and is effective in challenging students to think about all dimensions of their lives outside the academic. I was present when the Friends of the Caltech Y was organized and when the Leaders of America programs were developed. Hearing from such outstanding leaders as Oppenheimer and Martin Luther King was inspiring and still is. It has been a great privilege to be associated with so many outstanding members of the Board over the years and to see the evolution of the Y and its programs as it has grown into an outstanding student life enhancement institution. Indeed, for Caltech and those who pass through it, the Y makes a world of difference.

Coming Events (Jun-Sep)

A Preview of Summer Fun!
by Greg Fletcher, Y Student Activities & Community Services Director

As many students head out on vacation and others shift gears into their SURFs, the Y shifts gears, as well, into conducting equipment inventory and refurbishment, follow up reports to grant organizations and funding sources, updating systems, wrapping up programs, and the general “save-this-until-summer” list. As always, the Y will somehow be active with student fun as well.

The Y-Outdoors is already talking about possible day hikes or camping trips, SASS is considering a summer talk or two, and the ExComm, of course, has a few ideas up their sleeves. Some of our highlights we know of for the coming months are:

Decompression
(Saturday, June 6)
The Y-Outdoors is already talking about possible day hikes or camping trips, SASS is considering a summer talk or two, and the ExComm, of course, has a few ideas up their sleeves. Some of our highlights we know of for the coming months are:

Graduate Reception
(Friday, June 12)
Immediately following commencement, the ExComm will have one last chance to gather with their graduating members. Families and friends are also welcome as we celebrate those leaders active with the Y who are graduating.

Yosemite-Centennial Grove Trip
(June 24-26)
Students looking for a great way to kick off the summer join us on a camping and hiking trip to Yosemite National Park and the Caltech Centennial Grove in the Sierra National Forest. The Caltech Centennial Grove is a section of the Sierra containing 5 giant Sequoias, and Yosemite is one of the most spectacular natural places in the world. With two nights of camping and plenty of hiking available, this trip is a great get away. The trip includes transportation, campsites, and food. No camping experience is necessary – in fact, often there are more participants on the trip with no camping history than seasoned outdoor enthusiasts. The trip is also primarily filled with international students, many seeing Yosemite for, perhaps, the only time in their lives.

The Huntington Tea
(Date TBD)
Students join faculty, and staff for tea, pastries, and finger sandwiches in the Huntington Tea Room, and then stay for the day to explore the renowned Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens. It is a very popular and wonderful opportunity to interact with others outside of the campus environment, and to experience all the Huntington has to offer.

2nd Annual Golf Tournament
(Friday, October 9)
As you know, last October we instituted a new fundraising event for the Y, the Y Golf Tournament and Auction. Now a tradition, save the date for the 2nd Annual Y Golf Tournament and Auction, Friday, October 9. This event is a great way to start the academic year and get in a round of golf with your friends, enjoy a fabulous dinner and auction, and support the Y at the same time. You won’t want to miss it!
In order to insure our donors are recognized in a timely manner, the Caltech Y is introducing a new feature called “Recent Gifts.” It has been brought to our attention that year-end gifts to the Caltech Y do not appear in the Annual Report for a long time – sometimes too long. By the nature of our academic accounting cycle, which ends September 30, any gift made after the end of the academic year waits until the next year’s Annual Report.

Beginning with this issue of the Y News, as well as with postings on the Y website, the Caltech Y proudly announces recent donations. This issue presents a listing of new gifts received from October 1, 2008 to May 15, 2009. Also included is a special listing of contributions from the Fall 2008 Golf Tournament and Auction. During the coming academic years, new gifts will be announced approximately quarterly.

Please let us know if there are any corrections. We are making every effort to be accurate.

**Recent Gifts (10/1/2008 to 5/15/2009)**

**Visionary** $10,000 and up
- Philip and Nancy Naecker
  Caltech (United Way Matching Program)

**Wes Hershey** $5,000 - $9,999
- n/a

**Benefactor** $2,500 - $4,999
- John Andelin and Virginia Geoffrey
  John and Barbara Gee
  
**Patron** $1,000 - $2,499
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