**MIT SOLD!**

**Caltech Opens Humanities School at MIT Campus**

By Witt Grinn

Bowing to extreme financial pressures, MIT administration today meta to the East campus of the Institute to Caltech. The campus is to be re purposed as Caltech East, a new School of the Humanities, serving as a complementary counterpart to Caltech’s scientific excellence.

Numerous committees have been assembled to oversee a complete overhaul of administrative organization, academic departments, and curriculum. Administrators emphasize that adjustments to the restructuration may at times be difficult for students and faculty alike, but that every effort will be made to ease the transition. Members of the Caltech East community are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the rich history and traditions of which they have now become part.

Several initiatives aim to create an immersive, cohesive environment for humanities research. Many existing laboratories are to be converted to cozy spaces designed to stimulate creativity and facilitate artistic expression. The new Caltech East will draw top humanities scholars from around the world. This singular focus on humanities will be unfeasible even in the hallways, with building and room numbers replaced with identifying clusters of letters. In anticipation of any confusion resulting from these changes, campus maps will be labeled with both sets of identifiers for the duration of the academic year.

**Academics To Be Overhauled, New Curriculum Expected Immediately**

As MIT transitions into the Caltech East School of the Humanities, the institute’s academic programs will be going through some radical changes. Caltech administrators report that they are doing the best they can to make the switch to a humanities curriculum as smooth as possible for East Campus students. Dean of Students Bob Hallgreen explained the choice to place all former MIT students in humanities options by saying, “Caltech recognizes that its current students are simply the best when it comes to math, science, and engineering, and you just don’t mess with perfection. So, we decided instead to use our newly acquired students, buildings, and professors to branch out into the oft-overlooked humanities disciplines.” Caltech promises that while East Campus students will still be held to the same high academic standards to which they are accustomed, they will be relieved of the responsibility of advancing human knowledge through scientific research. Instead, they will be left free to let their creativities run wild, crafting, reading, and blogging to their heart’s content.

**Horticulturists Deem Boston Palm Trees ‘Unlikely’**

**By George Carter**

As part of efforts to beautify the Caltech East campus, abscure experts have been hired to assess the feasibility of sustaining palm trees in the harsh Boston climate. Though several extremely hardy species are known, plans to incorporate them into campus landscaping may be abandoned due to the low likelihood of the palms’ winter survival.

Landscape design expert Fan C. Hedges said, "In addition to its northern latitude, the campus’s location on the Charles serves as a major disadvantage. The palms simply won’t thrive when incessantly battered by damp, bitterly-cold winds." He additionally remarked, "Can we go inside now! I can’t feel my fingers or toes anymore." Protecting the trees from plummeting winter temperatures requires their trunks to be wrapped in insulating practice, effectively nullifying their aesthetic addition to the campus scenery.

On Hedges’ advice, the Commit tee for Campus De-Uglification has reconsidered its palm-planting initiative. "Unfortunately, it seems that East Campus may never be an attractive site as its west-coast partner institution, we are working at an aesthetic disadvantage which may prove impossible to overcome."
New Addition to Exchange Studies

By C. Bass

Now that MIT has become Caltech East, be on the lookout for yet another new addition to campus: real Caltech students! The Fellowships Advising and Study Abroad Office at Caltech has officially added a new option to its menu of programs: the East Campus Humanities Scholars Program. Caltech students will now have the opportunity to trade California’s sweet sunshine for Boston’s gloomy skies for one, two, or even three terms. Following Caltech’s mission of shaping well-rounded individuals, this new program will give students the chance to tone down the math and physics and really dive into language and art. They will put aside those challenging Ph.D. sets and demanding ACM 95 complex integrals and instead pick a book, read a story, and relax their brains. The variety of courses offered at the East Campus will allow any Techer to appreciate Chaucer’s wise words or view Rembrandt’s art pieces in a new light. After all, most Caltech students are so bright that even a rigorous regime science and engineering courses cannot completely exhaust their mental capacities, so why not expand into the humanities too? However, the benefits are not only intellectual. Prospective sophomore exchange student Ian McBooky commented that “the courses are bound to send my GPA skyrocketing. I mean, ‘Shakespeare’s Sonnets in Modern English’; that’s got to be easier than my physics labs!” Indeed, students are already being enticed by East Campus course syllabi. Paced readings, short responses, and scarce essays are making students more and more enthusiastic about the idea of adventuring off to Beantown. Students from any option can apply and much is done to facilitate the transition process. For example, if Tchechers are having trouble comprehending the Bostonian dialect, a three-unit course is offered the term before departure in order to facilitate communication with the locals. And if students are worried that a term at the School of the Humanities will cause them to get behind in their scientific studies, they need not fear. “Caltech faculty are fascinated with this program and are more than willing to post webcasts of lectures and electronic versions of the assignments for the benefit of those stuck at the East Campus.” Young and promising, this new program is bound to be a success amongst Caltech students. All that’s required is four-season clothes, a tolerant of low sunlight and high urbanization, and some East Campus students daring enough to try and survive long enough in Caltech to complete the exchange program.

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Q and A with Wëtzle Prëtzle, Caltech professor of geophysics

What does this takeover mean for me, generic MIT student? I’m glad you used the word generic there, because generic you’ll be no longer! Instead of slaving away in lab, you’ll be slaving away at a canvas. If you want to be an artist, fine. But I still like science. I think I’ll transfer to Caltech! Yes, but to be honest, we would prefer if you didn’t. And, no, Klingon is not a real foreign language. Bummer. Well, how about…

The course on Tolkien sounds interesting! Should I take it? You should be aware that Star Wars novellas are not considered classic literature.

Will I find these new courses too hard? I have a suggestion for a new class. To whom should I speak? The registrar tells me that the waitlist is already 800 students long. I’m glad you used the word generic there, because generic you’ll be no more enthusiastic about the idea of adventuring off to Beantown. Students from any option can apply and much is done to facilitate the transition process. For example, if Tchechers are having trouble comprehending the Bostonian dialect, a three-unit course is offered the term before departure in order to facilitate communication with the locals. And if students are worried that a term at the School of the Humanities will cause them to get behind in their scientific studies, they need not fear. “Caltech faculty are fascinated with this program and are more than willing to post webcasts of lectures and electronic versions of the assignments for the benefit of those stuck at the East Campus.” Young and promising, this new program is bound to be a success amongst Caltech students. All that’s required is four-season clothes, a tolerant of low sunlight and high urbanization, and some East Campus students daring enough to try and survive long enough in Caltech to complete the exchange program.

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By Thom Manyun

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Here and Now

MIT
Sold to
Caltech

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majors designed to allow maximum time for training and rest. Undergraduate morale is expected to lift as well, with four former MIT students now able to focus on subjects better suited to their intellectual talents. Says sophomore Peter Conley, “Now I am free to pursue my first love, Ancient Egyptian rap, without the distractions of science.”

Many members of the community were shocked to learn of MIT’s change of ownership have been overwhelmingly positive. Senior Mel Function told us, “My first three years here I kept trying to convince myself that if I could just learn partial differential equations, I would feel fulfilled. Now that I’m a creative writing major, I see that happiness only comes from a good barefoot frolic or an iced chai latte, not problem solving! I just feel so...so liberated!” However, not all students are so pleased. There have been several reports in the recent days of a group of renegade students who refuse to accept MIT’s new identity. Graffiti reading “Science lives on!” has appeared on the walls of no less than four former chemistry labs. When asked how he intends to handle these vandals, Dean Hallgreen responded with a chuckle, “I’m going to round up, call them into my office, sit them down, and give them transfer applications.

Curriculum Change
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As expected, reactions to the change of ownership have been mixed, with many strong opinions both for and against the sale. During initial negotiations, Caltech considered rescinding its offer to purchase MIT when initial financial projections of MIT’s future revenue proved dismal. MIT administration appealed to Caltech, asking the buy-out committee to consider the futures of MIT’s thousands of undergraduate and graduate students, and the sale moved forward. After hammering out final contract details over the holiday weekend, the new Caltech East was ready for this morning’s dramatic unveiling.

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option, we provide the following conversion chart between their former scientific options and the current humanities options:

- **Biology:** Biology (Keep it. This science is so soft it might as well be a humanities course.)
- **Chemistry:** Foreign Language (Considering IUPAC nomenclature, I’d say you’re already halfway there.)
- **Engineering:** Economics (Hey, they both start with “E” and you still get to do useful math.)
- **Mathematics:** Philosophy (At least you’re still in a field not applicable to the real world.)
- **Physics:** Women’s Studies (It’s time you guys learned some manners. And how to bath.)

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New Seal Unveiled

for Caltech East

By Teri Oh
STAFF WRITER

The new seal of the California Institute of Technology was unveiled today at the opening of the institute’s new School of the Humanities.

The Caltech graphic design team wanted no time in incorporating the new seal into all of the opening day festivities.

From the bright, welcoming banner facing Massachusetts Avenue to the informative decals lining the infinite corridor, everyone on campus is getting a look at the symbol of MIT’s new identity: a subsidiary of the world’s premier institution for math, science, and engineering.

We spoke with the head of Caltech’s graphic design team, Watchem Burns.

“We wanted to create a seal for both schools, something that would really embody the relationship between the two campuses,” explained Watchem. “In order to do that, we started with Caltech’s seal—streamlined and elegant—and asked ourselves, ‘Where does MIT fit in?’ ‘Of course!’ we exclaimed. ‘MIT is an appendage!’ And so that is the meaning we are trying to convey. Caltech’s seal in its entirety, representing permanence and control, opening up its walls to accept MIT, essentially no more than an appendage.”

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Are they working together, or are they growing apart? Now it hardly matters. Now these men are united! United by the red-hot flame of Caltech knowledge nipping at their backside.

Or, rather, an orange-hot flame! Even hotter than red.

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The seal will remain a primary element in the MIT graphic identity system, but should be reserved for ceremonial purposes, such as on diplomas and certificates.

New Student Orientation

Caltech East

Introducing the new Caltech students to Caltech: Exciting MANDATORY fun and games performance “Art n’ Crafts time”

Vegan cake!!!!!!
Students Struggle to Accept New School Mascot
By Sue Mi

"It’s a phat new one. Wait, actually...”

Since MIT’s recently financially-motivated rebirth as Caltech East, “East Techers” have dealt with numerous challenges, including taking on their new roles as students of the humanities. But perhaps the hardest change to get used to is the school mascot.

The beaver, Nature’s Engineer, has been the mascot of the old MIT for 95 years since 1914. But this year, all of that changes. The image of the ratty-looking, nato school for humanists must be represented with a fresh new character, one emblematic of the new ideas and ideals which Caltech brings to the table. The new mascot: another beaver. Caltech East students have replied to the Tech with mixed feelings regarding the change. Say the students:

“I like the new mascot. It reminds me of this double entendre, and this new school is all about double meanings. We students, we feel like we’re MIT students because we’re already going to MIT for 1,2,3,4,5 years up to now, but then, because of the economy, suddenly changed to be Caltech East students—now and for the next 6 years. Plus, we’re all humanities majors, now. It’s like we’re students of two colleges, but one of them doesn’t exist.”

—Anonymous (from bee.obama@gmail.com)

“F*** your new **** of a mascot. The science students would have a tree for their mascot, that’s pretty rad.”

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“For your info Jacob is not a huzzer!!!! he is fine... no big exxxt!! dont eva say the picked edward ova jacob! bad dude! no no!!!!!!! hehe hah i wierd — exysoquile2397! (1 hour ago)

Caltech 101
By DaSham Pain

I want to start off with a big welcome to the newest members of the Caltech family at the Caltech East Campus: School of Humanities. In order to help you assimilate into Caltech culture, I’ve put together a little dictionary of terms for the East Techers. Here’s a list of commonly used at Caltech:

Choose 2—something you’ll never have to do again. Now that you’re a Humanities major, you’ll have time to enjoy the finer things in life, like the sun and leaving your room. And bathing.

Course—For the East Campus, the mandatory 5 terms of literature, 5 terms of philosophy, 2 of history, 1 of economics, and 1 women’s studies. We take a course, as an East Techer, to study humanities at Caltech East Campus. This person should consider himself/herself lucky to be even remotely associated with the greatness of Caltech.

Good weather—Something you’ve probably never experienced. Describing this is somewhat like describing freedom to an East Berliner in 1985.

Independent Activities Period—Don’t even know what this is supposed to be. Extra Winter Break? Nap Time? Either way, it’s gone, because you’re no longer a real school now.

LEGOS—Toys, not for making buildings out of. MIT—Former name of the Caltech East Campus: School of Humanities. An unremarkable university.

Personality—Also known as individuality: This is something MIT has been copying from Caltech for decades, but how to do it at Caltech. To help with that, all students at Caltech East Campus will take a mandatory philosophy class.

Prank—Something which involves some level of technical skill, like changing the Hollywood sign. Not dressing up like movers and driving a truck.

Ratio, the—Much better, now that you’re at a university. It’s the ratio of people to staff. You don’t want your ratio to be too high.

Social life—You’ll now likely consist of slacker/hippie/sessions.

Techer—Person who attends Caltech. Privileged to be getting the finest scientific education in the world.

Welcome to Caltech, students of Caltech East Campus! If you still want to pursue a degree in math, science, or engineering, it’s likely you put in a transfer application to another school, as the sunshine in Pasadena would probably horribly damage your fragile complexion.

Opinion Policy

Editorials are the official opinions of the student body. Probably. Or not. We really don’t know. They were written by people who prefer to remain anonymous and have since fled to Latin America. If you need to contact them, you’re screwed.

Guests are when someone disagrees with a Supreme Court decision.

Letters to the editor, columns, and editorial cartoons are written under the by-line of the author, and under the control of influenced substances in others, so who knows if they have anything to do with the people who have to do with the news desk. If you know what I mean.

If you want to submit something you can send it by pigeon, telephone, or by capturing a Tech staff member and tattooing it on their skin in some location that will only be exposed during mid week meetings. Submit things before midnight, or your submissions will turn into pumpkins. Evil pumpkins!

You probably want to sign your stuff, and we can change it if you want, and we won’t tell you. We might even change it, then change it back to how you had it before, so you’ll never know it’s different, but it is, oh it is.

Guest columns are rather a silly idea, don’t you think? Might as well just say the person is part of the staff, and have the only write the one thing. Just more efficient that way.

An MIT student looks disdainfully at his food—is that Punetti or his friend Eddy?

STAFF WRITER

By Bubba Gautreaux

Students were shocked by recent revelations that financially-sponsored MIT dining services had turned to processing the freshmen into meat products and serving them in cafeterias throughout campus. “I always figured we were having a little trouble financially,” said junior Carl Carlson, “but I never would have imagined the situation was this extreme.”

Perhaps even more unimaginable is how long the administration managed to cover up the truth about the cafeteria meat. It turns out that students have been engaging in this unsuiting cannibalism for nearly seven months. The students used in the kitchen were specifically selected for obesity, to decrease the likelihood that they would be missed by their peers. They would be snatched quietly from their dorm rooms, where they were known to sit at their computers, playing video games all hours of the day or night, never passing to go out or meet people. It is this antiseptic trait which made so many students easy targets for kid-napping, and which has ultimately claimed the lives of nearly 110 students.

“With a total undergraduate population of over 4200, MIT certainly can’t be expected to notice something as inconsequential as a sev- eral dozen students going missing. We don’t have the kind of resources necessary to pay atten-tion to our students like that. Who do we think we are? Caltech!” grumbled MIT Chancellor William Mullen, defiantly.

Even with so much of the administration intent upon placing roadblocks in our path to the truth, an investigation by the Tech staff re- vealed all. The so-called “Texas BBQ Brisket” is made from real Texans, and forensic analysis of the barbeque found remains of German ex-change student Uter Basel.

In light of the recent takeover of all depart- ments by Caltech, and the overall increase in quality of life expected to follow, there will be no criminal charges directed at MIT. As one student put it, “We’re just happy to be in Caltech’s care now.”

Students are encouraged to share their feel- ings about the incident with others and to seek support from counseling services.
November 30, 2009

Study hard, East Campus!
Transfer to Caltech!
http://east.caltech.edu
Winchell by Anonymous

You look at me
I shatter
Don’t even ask me
What’s the matter

You touch me,
When we both reach
For each other

And by that I mean
Your mother
Made us cookies
And we will push each other

To eat cookies
Made by your mother
I would rather

Eat you. Take a chunk out of your face
And chew. Chew you.
Chew you like a voodoo donut.
I would kick you in the donuts,
So that you are paralyzed on the ground
Almost unconscious, as asleep—safe and sound?
No, your arms which are now so soft and round
Will be so soft with bites taken out of them
Bites taken out of them
Yum yum yum
What fun fun fun
to eat you you
Yum yum yum.

My life: a Haiku by Annoyed

Caltech East is now.
Caltech West smells really great.
Caltech East: so cold.

My life: a poem by Depressed

I hate you
I wish you would abate
Waaaaah
The world is hurting me

I will survive,
by Columbine Columbia

First I was afraid
I was petrified
Kept thinking I could never live
without Biomedical Oceanography on
my diploma, right?

But then I spent so many nights
Thinking how I did it wrong
I grew strong—and my new English
major
Showed me to get along

And now my head’s back
From outer space
I hate aeronautics; I’ll dream no longer;
I’ll take humanities in its place

Of problem sets
And long nights playing with myself
I had regrets
So now I’m trying something else

I’ll put my past inside a box
I’ll lock the lock and change the key
For not even a tenth of a second
Will there be science inside of me

Oh yeah
Yeah yeah
Yeah yeah
Yeah Yeah
Yeah Yeah
Yeah YeaH
Horoscopes
By the Caltech East Astrology Club
NEW FEATURE

Aries: March 21-April 19
Robots tend to have more luck than you at finding love. This week will see no alteration of that sad fact. However, it is possible that a robot may fall in love with you.

Taurus: April 20-May 20
A mysterious stranger will cross your path. Should you consult him, you may find wisdom beyond your years. If not, it will just be like every other day you decide not to talk to the other weirdos around here.

Gemini: May 21-June 20
You’re not jinxed so staying in bed all day is not going to work. Relax, break out the medicines and pills, and get going! Assume everyone’s an idiot today and you may find yourself being patronizing and brilliantly witty.

Cancer: June 21-July 22
You might find yourself brandishing 2xs at your neighbors today. Your doctor will be able to diagnose your current problems far better than I. But only I can tell you that your broken heart will never heal. NEVER, NEVER!! Tomatoes can be your best friend – go Red for the day. * This horoscope is not sponsored by Heinz, or the Communist Party.

Leo: July 23-August 22
Drinking alcohol may well turn today into the worst tomorrow possible. Try to ensure that you go out tonight wearing the underwears with the really strong elastic.

Virgo: August 23-September 22
Today your school will be bought out by another school.

Libra: September 22-October 22
See above.

Scorpio: October 23-November 21
You may meet the love of your life today... and they may elope with someone else tomorrow.

Sagittarius: November 22-December 21
You’ll pray for better times once this week is done with. It’s sad, really, but so many people are going to get a kick out of your failure. Leap far because its fun to watch you fall flat on your face.

Capricorn: December 22-January 19
Parts of you feel like giving up the ghost today, but feeding those parts with ice-cream and bacon bits may revive them, to an extent. Don’t shun your naked body, express yourself in lots of new happy naked ways.

Aquarius: January 20-February 18
Today may seem like an extraordinary opportunity to get even with the world, but the world may have different ideas and the effort would be best spent surfing websites.

Pisces: February 19-March 20
Be warned about your general demeanor today as others will not take kindly to happy-clappy fools. Whether you want it or not, this week will have a surprise in store for you.

Police Flog
November 24, 2009

The following incidents were reported to the Campus Police between November 14 and the Boston Tea Party. The dates below reflect the dates incidents occurred. This information is compiled from the Campus Police’s crime log. The report does not include alarms, general service calls, or incidents not reported to the dispatcher.

Nov. 20 Bldg. E19 (400 Main St.), 4:45 p.m., report of hit and run involving an MIT Facilities truck. Investigation pending.
Nov. 21 Bldg. 38, 1:20 p.m., report of annoying phone calls.
Nov. 11-07 Memorial Dr., 6:00 p.m., larceny of two bicycles chained together. Criminal activity belonging to an ancient regime. Upon apprehension, the criminal was whipped severely.

Nov. 3 East Campus (Bldg. 64), 7:00 a.m., larceny of two bicycles chained together. Criminal activity belonging to an ancient regime. Upon apprehension, the criminal was whipped severely.

What the hell is this?

Caltech Pwns East Campus

What better way to kick off the transformation of MIT into Caltech East than with a head-to-head battle over that most beloved pastime of all “Institutes of Technology”? Starcraft. Teams from Caltech and Caltech East recently went head to head in a series of Bo7’s, ending in a 6-1 face stomping by Caltech’s A Team.

Reprinted for hilarity is the interview with Caltech’s team leader, taken from http://www.teamliquid.net/forum/viewmessage.php?topic_id=105576

Caltech Coordinator Oxidized:
“ Our players are too busy getting laid to practice.”

Could you give us your view of the rivalry between Caltech and MIT?
It’s only called a “rivalry” when the two sides are approximately equal. The correct term is “noobstomp.”

What do you think of this format with 2 Bo7s and potentially 14 players? We had trouble finding fourteen players who were bad enough to give MIT a fair shot.

How have you and your team prepared for this match?
We’ve prepared 21 shots of vodka per player to make the matches a little more even.

What do you think is your biggest advantage and disadvantage against the other team?
Biggest Advantage: We have better strategies, higher APM, better game sense, better timing, our probes mine faster, our scarabs don’t bug, and our zealots come with adrenal glands.
Biggest Disadvantage: Unlike MIT players, our players are too busy getting laid to practice. =

What do you think is the result of this match will be?
13-1. We’ll give them a game because we feel sorry for them. >_<

Any last words for your opponents?
Bring a bucket.

Editor’s Note: Unlike pretty much everything else in this edition of the Tech, this article is actually factual. Go Beavers!

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Why are there pandas in the Tech? Pandas can’t write! They can’t even type!

Do I need to be a panda to write for the Tech?

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