Financier Munger to Give DuBridge Lecture

Charles "Charlie" Munger, lifelong friend and business partner of Warren Buffett, will be the featured guest at the 2008 DuBridge Distinguished Lecture at the California Institute of Technology at 8:00 PM, March 11, in the Beckman Auditorium, 332 S. Michigan Avenue. The event is free and open to the public.

Originally from Omaha, Nebraska, Munger, 84, is vice chairman of Omaha-based Berkshire Hathaway Corporation, the diversified investment corporation chaired by Buffett. He is also chairman of Wesco Financial Corporation.

Munger is known for his simple, yet wise, approach to business and investment: "We have three baskets for investing: yes, no, and too tough to understand."

The Lee A. DuBridge Distinguished Lecture Series brings prominent speakers of national and international importance to the Caltech campus. The series was inaugurated in 1996 in honor of Lee A. DuBridge, president of Caltech from 1946 to 1969. DuBridge, who died in 1994, was once called America's "senior statesman of science" by Time magazine, and was considered an exemplary research-university president in an era of vast scientific, societal, and educational change. Previous DuBridge speakers included Buffett, Walter Cronkite, John Hume, Jack Valenti, and Judy Woodruff.

No tickets are necessary for the DuBridge lecture; 300 seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. The event will be in the format of a conversation with Tom Tombrello, Caltech’s division chair for Physics, Mathematics, and Astronomy.

For more information on this event, please go to Caltech’s Public Events website at http://events.caltech.edu

Two Techers Head for the Skies

Gaze into the sky sometime in the second week of March, and Caltech alumni might just pass before your eyes. Sharing their first space flight experience, Garrett Reisman (PhD ’97) and Robert Behnken (PhD ’97)—the only two active astronauts among the Caltech alumni—will launch on the Endeavour with the rest of the STS-123 Space Shuttle crew to deliver components to the International Space Station, a research facility orbiting the earth. The International Space Station will gain an additional 13,000-pounds to its current 513,000-pound bulk, in the form of Dextre, a two armed robot, and a Logistics Module intended for storage. Dextre is of Canadian origin and is designed to help perform fine maintenance chores such as replacing a 220-pound battery. The Logistics Module is the second of four modules that will make up the Japanese Kibo Laboratory.

During their time in space, both Caltech astronauts are scheduled for space walks and Reisman will be staying aboard the space station.

To read the entire article, please go to: http://tech.caltech.edu/Tech2.0/02_04_2008/article30.html
Caltech Public Events in March

- **March 12** at 8:00 PM in the Beckman Auditorium, Caltech’s **Earnest C. Watson Lecture Series** presents **Next-Generation Neural Implants** with **Yu-Chong Tai**. He will discuss the progress in developing an intraocular retinal implant to help the millions of people with blindness caused by age-related macular disease and retinitis pigmentosa. Tai is a professor of electrical engineering and mechanical engineering at Caltech. This event is free, and no tickets or reservations are required.

- **March 24** at 7:00 PM in the Ramo Auditorium, **Caltech Public Events** presents **Clazzical Notes, The Jazz Singer and The Diva**. Clazzical Notes is an adult educational outreach program sponsored by the Pasadena Symphony. This event is free, and no tickets or reservations are required.

- **March 25** at 7:30 PM in the Ramo Auditorium, **Caltech Public Events** presents **Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour**. Celebrate the spirit of adventure with this annual favorite, featuring the world’s best films on mountain subjects. Please contact the Caltech Ticket Office at 395-4652 to purchase a ticket.

For more information on these events and other programs, please visit Caltech’s Public Events website at [http://events.caltech.edu](http://events.caltech.edu) or call the ticket office at 395-4652

**SCIAC Lower Quad Track Meet**

Caltech will host the SCIAC (Southern California Inter-collegiate Athletic Conference) Lower Quad Track Meet on Saturday, March 15, from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. If you encounter any problems as a result of this event, please contact Caltech Security at 395-4701.

**Bus-in Fieldtrip**

A **Theaterworks/USA** bus-in will occur on Thursday, March 27. School buses will be parked along the west side of Hill Avenue between San Pasqual Street and Del Mar Boulevard from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM. If you would like to attend with your child or grandchild, please contact Heidi Bloks at 395-3685 for free admission.

**Broadcaster Krulwich Will Be Caltech Commencement Speaker**

Robert Krulwich, a radio and television journalist whose specialty is explaining complex topics—science, technology, economics—in a style that is clear, compelling, and entertaining, will be the featured speaker at the **California Institute of Technology’s 114th annual commencement ceremony at 10:00 AM on June 13**.

Kruzlitch regularly appears on ABC’s **World News** and National Public Radio’s **Morning Edition** and **All Things Considered**. He co-hosts **Radio Lab**, a national radio series that explores new developments in science for people who are curious but not usually drawn to science shows. "I like talking about ideas, and I especially like creating images that will keep those ideas in people's heads," he says.

Kruzlitch was called "the most inventive network reporter in television" by **TV Guide**. He has explored the chemistry of global warming and the mysteries of RNA; he created his own Italian opera, **Ratto Interesso**, to explain how the Federal Reserve regulates interest rates; and he pioneered the use of new animation on ABC’s **Nightline** and **World News**, and on NPR’s website to explore cellular biology and subprime lending.

**CATS Tours**

Caltech Architectural Tours (CATS) are offered on the fourth Thursday of each month at 11:00 AM. Tours last approximately 90 minutes, and are open to the public. The tour begins at the Athenaeum, 551 S. Hill Avenue, Pasadena. Parking is available on the streets nearby. Please call Susan Lee, in Public Relations, for reservations at 395-6327.
Achieving the goal of becoming a sustainable campus is a commitment Caltech does not take lightly, nor is it one that is accomplished overnight. Last year, Caltech ramped up its work towards sustainability. As of December 2007, there have been many notable “green” improvements campuswide.

- Custodial services established a green cleaning program across campus.
- The carpenter shop began to purchase wood materials through “green” vendors that support the SFI (sustainable forest initiative and forest stewardship council).
- 12 energy-star dishwashers were purchased for Campus Life.
- All local off-campus properties were switched to 100 percent green power provided by the City of Pasadena. Now, 100 percent of our portfolio uses green power.
- A campus mulching program was instituted to divert landscape waste from the landfill.
- Caltech Housing converted all washing machines to energy-efficient front-loading models, reducing electricity and water consumption.

Caltech has also launched a new website that is a comprehensive resource for information on the Institute’s achievements, current efforts and goals towards becoming a green campus. For information on the above projects, and many more Caltech is implementing, please visit the sustainability website http://Sustainability.caltech.edu.

**Bike Racks Now on ARTS Buses**

ARTS buses are now equipped with bike racks. Racks are available on a first-come, first-served basis at no extra charge. For instructions on how to use the bike racks, go to www.cityofpasadena.net/artbus.

**Dr. Chameau Pushes to Save Bus Line**

Being the president of the largest employer in Pasadena and one of the largest in the San Gabriel Valley, Dr. Chameau felt the need to write to MTA and request they reconsider cancelling Bus Line 177 that services both Caltech and JPL. “Caltech has 3,500 employees on its campus and 5,100 more at JPL. To discontinue this bus line would disproportionately affect not only those for whom public transit is an economic necessity, but also many others for whom it has become an environmental choice,” writes Dr. Chameau. “For years, Caltech has subsidized its employees and students who utilize public transportation as one of the ways to reduce atmospheric pollution and traffic congestion.”

The Metro San Gabriel Valley Governance Council will meet March 17 to review the revised service plan.

**Caltech Receives an "A" Rating in National Survey**

In a recent safety preparedness survey conducted by Reader's Digest, Caltech received an “A” rating, ranking 13th out of 135 schools across the country. The “Safe at School?” special report examines potential safety threats at American colleges and describes some of the best safety practices employed by certain schools.

Caltech Chief of Security Gregg Henderson says, "The unfortunate events that took place on the Virginia Tech campus served to illuminate the need for comprehensive security procedures on campuses. Even before these events occurred, Caltech placed paramount importance on crisis management, emergency planning, and security procedures to ensure the safety of our students, faculty, and staff. For over a year we have implemented a campus-wide emergency communications system, from Connect-Ed, and have partnered with other emergency coordinators throughout the city. We proactively monitor potential threats to the campus and allocate resources accordingly to mitigate those threats.” The “Safe at School?” survey will appear in the March issue of Reader’s Digest.

For more information on the campus safety preparedness survey and special report, go to http://www.rd.com.
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Please Excuse the Dust While We’re Under Construction

Over the next couple of years, Caltech will witness an unprecedented amount of building-construction activity. In addition to the continuing construction of the three-story, 100,000-square-foot Cahill Center for Astronomy and Astrophysics on California Blvd., there will be two other new buildings starting construction. The three-story, 50,000-square-foot Annenberg Center for Information Science and Technology began construction in December 2007 and will continue through July 2009, and the three-story, 60,000-square-foot Schlinger Laboratory for Chemistry and Chemical Engineering began construction in February 2008 and will finish in December 2009.

Unlike the Cahill building, the other two buildings will be built within the main campus. The Annenberg Center will be built in the area between Moore Lab and Steele House on the south side of Moore Walk, and the Schlinger Lab will be built in the area between Noyes and Beckman Behavioral Biology Labs on the north side of San Pasqual Walk. Construction crews will require space for staging areas and parking. Care will be taken to maintain existing service roads and pathways, and to limit disruption to the general campus as much as possible.

Construction Hours For All Projects:
Monday to Friday: 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Saturday (if necessary) 8:00 to 5:00 PM
There will be no work on Sundays and holidays.

Please visit our New Building Projects website for more information at http://newbuildings.caltech.edu

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Hall Daily or Heidi Bloks in the Office of Government and Community Relations at 395-6256.