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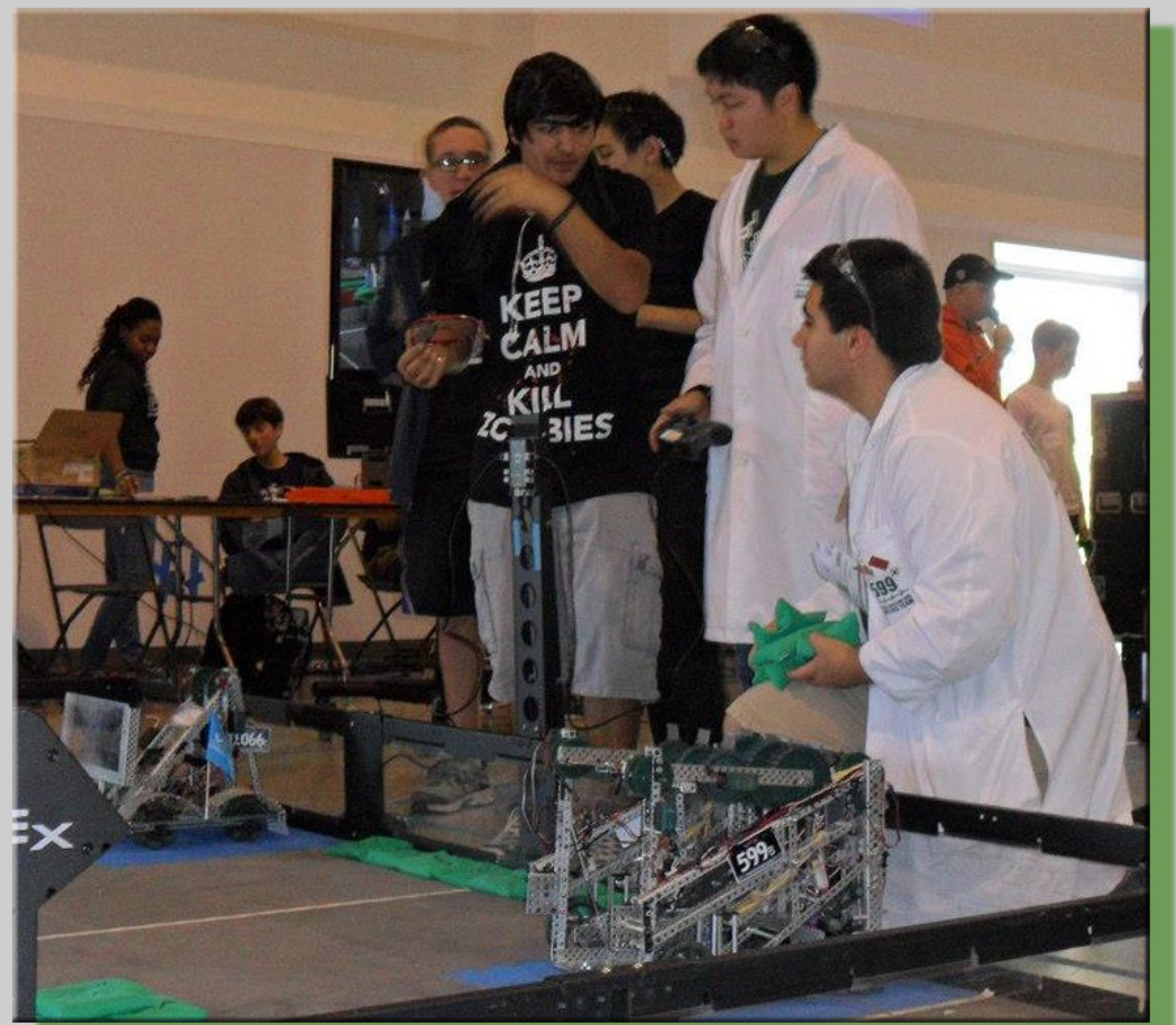
This month marked the official end of the 2012 Season and semesters. This is the official transition from VEX schedule to FRC "Build Season" schedule. We spent this month with our annual CSUN competition, among with preparation for the FRC teams. Read about it, and more...

Robodox Host 2012 CSUN VEX Comp'

by Jeffrey Lee

On Saturday December 8th, the Robodox co-hosted the Los Angeles VEX Robotics Regional at Cal State University Northridge. The large 72-team event was split into two divisions: the Future Division and the REC division. The team ran the Future Division and competed in the REC division, headed by mentor Tarek Shraibati. The vibrant atmosphere and the excitement of the teams and the audience were inspired

by the intense matches, as robots competed to boost their rank and enter into the division quarterfinals. Once the teams had finished quarterfinals, all three of the 599 robots making it to finals. 599A and 599D allied, teaming up with 569C Nighthawk Robotics, from Murrieta Valley High School. 599B was chosen to alliance by 404T. In the first match of the finals, 599D and 599A faced off against the 599B alliance and ended up winning both of their matches. 599D and A eventually made it to the finals rounds, facing off against a Future Division winner, and in a few high scoring matches, won the tournament for the Robodox. With their victory, all three robots on the alliance quali-



599B talks with their alliance partners, 1066B



The three awards that the team received at CSUN

-fied for the world championships. Additionally, 599D won the Excellence Award for the competition, giving the sub-team a triple qualification for VEX World. 599A is also doubled qualified, the reward for all of their dedication and ingenuity for their robots.

Everyone else ensured to provide a fully copacetic experience for the audience, the judges, and the team members. Most importantly everyone had a great time. The Robodox thanks all of its coaches, mentors, volunteers, and parents who donate so much of their time to ensure that the team functions and that everyone enjoys their time on the team, especially Gabrielle Merkin, Tarek Shraibati, Jazmen Thomas, and all of the hardworking volunteers. Without them, the competition would not have run as well as it did. GO DOX!

Robodox Events:

FIRST Kickoff/Build Season- The announcement of the new 2013 FRC game, and start of the infamous "Build Season" and the beginning of the second semester (January 5th/6th)

FRC Bag Date- The final day of build season; afterwards, competitions begin, and all work on the FIRST robot must be done at competitions. More information later (February 19th)

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