BFD, Page website come under fire

by TECH STAFF

Most everyone at Caltech has heard of Ruddock’s literary journal, the BFD, whose editors describe its thesis on Ruddock’s homepage: “The BFD is a waste of the house’s money where the editors can be crude and tasteless and can make fun and insult everyone else in the house. And, we love it.” An offensive newsletter is as rare as one from the stereotypical college experience as, for example, the somewhat vulgar or otherwise controversial images known to be on some of the house websites.

Not as widely known may be that the BFD will not be published for the rest of the year, and that Page house’s webpage is no longer on Caltech’s server.

Shortly after prefresh weekend, Deans Jean-Paul Revel and Barbara Green, together with Victoria Strapman, one of the institute’s lawyers, talked to Kevin Franklin and Jeremiah Smith, two of the editors of the BFD. They were called in as a result of a formal complaint from the administration about the nature of personal attacks in some BFD articles.

As Dean Revel put it, “We called them in to talk to us, and they informed us that they would not be publishing for the rest of the year.” He did express hope that the administration could talk to next year’s publishers and that the BFD could be published again.

“Putting an end to the BFD is not a viable option,” said Smith, “but no one finds it an acceptable publication.” The editors did regret, however, that people who had qualms with particular articles in the BFD did not approach the editors before contacting the administration.

“It’s much easier to solve these problems early on in an interpersonal way,” Smith said.

When questioned about why the BFD, which has been published for about 30 years, would finally come under such criticism, Revel said that “times have changed, sensibilities have changed.” He said that in the old times, when there was less diversity (both with respect to gender and race), things were different, but that today there is much less tolerance for many of the things published in the BFD.

There was also an issue of the editors violating a rule that kept them from printing material about individuals who had expressly stated that they wished to be excluded from BFD articles.

Around the same time, Page House moved its site off of Caltech’s servers. The Dean confirmed that this was at his request and that at Caltech’s lawyers, who, apparently, are still unsatisfied with the redraft page at the former location of the website. It warns the viewer: “The Page House website, jrpage.net, is designed for use by members of Page House, who are college students. As such, it contains material that may disturb the sensibilities of some viewers. Please proceed at your discretion.” The California Institute of Technology in no way endorses jrpage.net, and the Institute is not responsible for any content contained therein.”

An article on Page’s homepage says that “the man is still not satisfied,” and the Dean confirmed that the legal team was unhappy that you could still reach Page’s homepage from Caltech’s main page. The fact that Page House’s webpage could be reached via a search engine was also mentioned as a cause for some concern.

When questioned about the timing of these events (right around prefresh weekend), the Dean replied, “Caltech wants to present a view that does not include, for example, raunchy pictures.” The basic point is that Caltech desires to control its appearance to the outside world, “what we’d like to project as opposed to house aces.” Revel denied that he was attempting to present a “rosy” picture to the outside world, although he acknowledged that the timing was not entirely coincidental as it is prefresh weekend when most students leave the campus.

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Education chronicle

faults Caltech’s diversity

by DANA SADAVA

Caltech’s lack of adequate minority recruitment of African-American students was made the focus in The Chronicle of Higher Education, in an article entitled, “A Top University with No Black Freshmen.”

As the title suggests, none of the members of the class of 2003 are African-American, a statistic which has drawn a great deal of attention and concern from observers and institutional affiliates alike.

Two possible causes of this occurrence were presented in the article, which was published on April 28. The first was that a statistic on minorities at Caltech will undergo normal fluctuations, but it still is the consequence of being blown out of proportion because of the small class size.

The second and more highlighted reason for the lack of enrollment of African-American students was Caltech’s failure in recruiting them.

Cited among other areas of improvement was a faculty committee formed in 1995 to actively recruit minorities to the institute. Last year, that committee disbanded.

Sue Borrego, Associate Dean and Director of Minority-Student Affairs, acknowledged that different departments in the administration attempt recruiting efforts, but that communication about these efforts and coordination among them has been difficult.

Complementing these problems, the article said, is a feeling among admissions officials that only the most qualified applicants should be accepted and that recruiting efforts should not involve admitting students based on race in order to fill a quota.

Sophomore Richard Bowman was quoted as saying, “Caltech is teetering on a fine line here. They don’t want to give the impression that they’re showing preference for certain people and giving someone an advantage.”

Statistics reported in the article revealed how this attitude prevails: the percentage acceptance rate for African-American applicants at Caltech is 15% as compared with an overall 18% acceptance rate. In contrast, 44% of African-American applicants are accepted to MIT, compared with its 19% overall acceptance rate.

As to why very few accepted African-American students decide to enroll, students featured in the article claimed that Caltech
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May appear unattractive to minority students because there are so few there to begin with.

However, other administrative officials say that African-American students choose not to come to Caltech for the same reason as other applicants: "They are simply not willing to narrow their study options to Caltech’s focused curriculum."

Caltech’s administration is working with admissions committees to improve statistics and recruitment strategies.

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people take a look at Caltech. On the general issue of how far Caltech’s administration is planning on going in this matter, Revel expressed the opinion that there was no great problem if someone “wants to have a beer or smoke a joint, but if people are going to come here for that reason, I don’t want them.” Revel also acknowledged that there are other aspects of undergraduate life at Caltech (he mentioned specifically Ricketts’ webpage) which people may find offensive, but he had received the most complaints about the BFD and Page’s website, and indicated that it was not a good idea to “too many balls up in the air at the same time.”

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Institute Affairs

Student affairs office struggles with newly-developing software snafus

By John Off

As the world held its breath and waited for the final seconds of 1999 to tick down, men and women through Caltech had their hands full with another problem: their way through unfamiliar territory in order to meet the deadlines of the student affairs offices of the University. Over the years, Caltech had gathered mountains of records in various formats throughout the campus. It became painfully evident that a main system of networked records was needed, so that departments could communicate with each other and exchange their data.

As many people are aware, a solution to this problem was recently implemented, but not to the best of results.

As Caltech began bringing various modules of the new network system online (development was overseen by Oracle) most of the inevitable glitches and bugs were transparent to most of the student body. Unfortunately those that affected offices of student affairs, especially the registrar, caused no less than a few headaches for students, staff, and faculty alike.

The software modules for the offices of student affairs were designed by Exetter, a computer development company that specializes in information systems for universities and colleges. The plan was to create a system that would meet all the needs of the offices.

Student Affairs encompasses a large sphere of functions crucial to students, from the dean’s office to the registrar to financial aid. There are a lot of data systems. The intent was to program all of those, said Dr. Christopher Brennan, Vice President for Student Affairs, referring to the functions of the student affairs offices. “You would have all these different modules that would speak to the same common database.”

The first student affair modules to come online were those of admissions and financial aid. The first class to be admitted using the new system was the class of 2002. However, the software was run stand-alone then, and was not used integrated into the overall network, which was the eventual goal.

“The magnitude of the problems only really became apparent when we started to bring in the central module that involved the registrar’s office,” said Brennan. “It’s been a real struggle to keep even a bit ahead of what was needed immediately.”

The registrar’s module, which had the greatest visible impact to the student body, was brought online just this past summer. It was clear to us that a lot of performance problems needed to be corrected,” said Brennan. There was a great urgency in the registrar’s office last term when it was realized that there was still quite a long way to go until the new system would be running smoothly.

“It was very close, first term,” said Brennan. “But thanks to the very hard work of a lot of people, we avoided a catastrophe, but that does not mean the system is anywhere near where we would like it to be.”

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Caltech awarded grant

By Jill Perry

The Ralph M. Parsons Foundation has awarded the California Institute of Technology a $3 million grant to be used over three years to purchase scientific computer equipment for the Biomolecular Structures Laboratory at Caltech.

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The computational biology hardware will be used by scientists like Stephen Mayo, associate professor of biology and Howard Hughes Medical Institute assistant investigator. They will use it to study protein structures, function, and design.

“It’s phenomenal,” said Mayo. “Computational biology is a new and rapidly emerging area at Caltech and this will be very high end, high performance computer hardware. It will be one of the most significant computing facilities at Caltech.”

The equipment will provide a means for studying biotechnology materials that could be used in human therapies, industrial biotechnology and agriculture. It will be housed in the Broad Center for Biological Sciences, a structure that, when completed in 2002, will provide space for 10 new Caltech research groups that will work at the cutting edge of the biological sciences.

Caltech kicked off the Biologics Initiative in 1998, to raise $100 million for new faculty and resources. The Parsons Foundation gift is the first of several objectives of the Initiative, providing equipment for state-of-the-art instrumentation facilities that scientists in the Broad Center will share with others on campus.

Caltech has a history of discovery in the biological sciences, with six Nobel Prize winners in medically related fields. Thomas Hunt Morgan, who founded the Division of Biology at Caltech in 1928, won the Nobel Prize for identifying the gene. Thomas J. Hunt, with more than 50 years of research with Drosophila, received the Nobel Prize for work on the visual system of flies. He is the first insect to have a gene isolated.

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Soda Jerks serves up Double competition to tournament runners-up Nick Cunningham and Derek Fitzpatrick from UC-Santa Cruz. (See also the 2000 Women's Tennis.)

Women's Tennis (11-11, 3-4) SCIAF Head Coach: Karen Nelson

Two women's players also played as part of the Ojai Valley Tournament. Nalini Colaco and Nita Losospokul teamed in doubles, winning their first round match against San Francisco State's Dianette Lee and Tomordo Sato, 6-4, 6-4. The duo fell in round two 6-1, 6-0 to eventual semifinalists Jennifer Fieras and Angelina Zoderovska from Loyola Marymount. In singles, Colaco fell in round one to UC-Davis' Shwana Barasch, 6-3, 6-2. Losospokul also dropped her first round match, a 7-5, 6-4 decision to Cal Poly Pomonas' Jenna Baker.

Caltech athletics season closes

Field Hockey season summary: The 2000 Caltech field hockey season wrapped up last Thursday with a 36-hole SCIAF Championships. Caltech finished 8th with rounds of 396-402 for a team total of 798. Individual scores of note were seniors Nick Lorenzoni (91-93), Stephen Wexler (98-98), James Lamunna (103-101), Jason Chua (104-110) and Jacob Lacouture (124-114). Men's Thfdays (11-10, 3-4) SCIAF Head Coach: Wade Gilham

The men's tennis season officially ended as the Caltech players competed in the Ojai Valley tournament. In singles, Matt Musick dropped a 6-0, 6-2 decision in the first round to eventual tournament winner Thomas Oechel from UC-Santa Cruz. Musick and Arjun Narayan fell in round one of the doubles competition.

Patti Smith releases brilliant new album

True comeback albums are rare in rock-it's not uncommon that they're attempted, but it's virtually unheard of that they're successful. Patti Smith failed miserably, in critical opinion at least, with her 1998 comeback, Dream of Life. Fans of her 70s work, when she was regarded as the "High Priestess of Punk", were unimpressed at her new work. Yet her voice-which has remained strong-was one of the few aspects of the album that managed to stand out. As such, the album was a flop, and Smith's career took a downward turn.

However, Smith has bounced back with her latest album, Gone Again. The album is a return to form for Smith, who has been working on the album for several years. It is a departure from her previous work, which was characterized by its political and social commentary. Gone Again is a more personal and introspective album, focusing on Smith's relationship with her husband, Robert Mapplethorpe, and their shared passion for art.

The album features a combination of new songs and re-recordings of older tracks, including "Horses", "Peace on Earth", and "Because the Night". The sound is reminiscent of Smith's 70s work, with a focus on acoustic instruments and a stripped-down approach. The album is a testament to Smith's versatility as an artist, and a reminder of her enduring talent as a songwriter and performer.

Overall, Gone Again is a strong return for Patti Smith, and a promising sign of things to come. It is a must-listen for fans of Smith and of rock music in general. The album is available now, and is sure to be a hit with fans of Smith and of rock music in general. The album is available now, and is sure to be a hit with fans of Smith and of rock music in general.
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aid, registrar, the bursar’s office, and the graduate office. Housing, career development, and other student affair offices have yet to be implemented. Future project considerations include web based applications, which is projected to be implemented by the next admission cycle, and also web based registration.

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work on how genes control development. Baltimore received a Nobel Prize at the age of 37 for his work in virology.

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Of ditches and Deans

Dean's Corner

D-Day, Caltech style

by Jean-Paul Revel

Other students (or anyone else) in jeopardy. The Honor System Handbook recommends that when planning a stack "...should ask [themselves] if this (will be) fun for the participants, or upsetting." Equally important is that the students participating in the stacks will have the good sense not to accept tasks which seem somewhat dicey to them. For example climbing buildings or trees to retrieve clues may entail too much risk. A potential bout of crowing success is not worth a lifetime of consequences. Remember and I quote again explicitly from the little green book, let us wave it in the air as we quote: "When acting as part of a group, always think as an individual!"

It is all meant to be fun, remember! The problem with fun is that it seems difficult for everyone to agree on a definition for the word. Fun things are activities from which one derives pleasure and satisfaction. Different things give oneself totally to the task at hand. I know that you are immersed in the latest problem sets, and so by the above definition of fun, you should already be enjoying yourselves immensely. Too much of even a good thing, though, does not always make for fun. In the case of the homework we have been talking about, while your ears may have turned red from concentration, and so could allow one to quantitate how much fun you are having doing your assignment, it is not so much fun when the problem sets come back scribbled all over by the TA, dissenting with your conclusions. So why go through this experience as well as the proper time and place may differ, depending. Getting wholeheartedly involved will provide fun and distance from the every day concerns of homework, midterms and finals. But that is only going to be a great experience if you are thoughtful, in spite of abandoning yourself to the fun of the chase. I do understand that Ditch Day is one of those Caltech Events which titillated your curiosity and raised your excitement when you considered coming to Tech. Great, there is nothing to prevent you from enjoying this tradition. It is nevertheless essential that all of you exercise due care in enjoying the day. I believe I don't have to tell you that none of the policies concerning conduct by students are rescinded for the day. The only thing that is really different on Caltech's version of D day is that no one expects you to be in class. Your profs. have been told that you would be otherwise busy. Most of them need not be reminded further, but if you have problems along that line we'll do our best to help, the day after tomorrow.

Caltech gives its students an amazing amount of freedom. That is, of course, an expression of the confidence the school places in you, in your ability to get along without rules thoughtfully, and to exercise good judgement. The freedom is not a license to be in ways in which you know your parents would disapprove of, or that the Dean will get exercised about, just to give two obvious examples. The freedom you enjoy gives you a chance to show that you have in fact outgrown the need for external control. It is a hard, very hard thing to do, especially in the heady atmosphere of the day. And so have good fun, safe fun and do nothing that you might come to regret.

A bientôt!

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Pasadena Symphony tickets are available at the Caltech Y. The Concert is Sat., May 6, 8 p.m. at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium and will be conducted by Jorge Mester. Tickets cost $6.

CIM Vision International, an E-Commerce company based in Long Beach, California, is seeking talented individuals with a passion for software development in Windows 2000 COM+/Java/ASP. Immediate openings are available. Candidates must show attention to detail in their work, have good oral and written communication skills adn demonstrate that they work well under pressure as well as in a fast-paced team environment. Preference will be given to those candidates that have experience with C++, MVC, COM/DCOM/COM+, ATL, Java, SQL, and UML. Please send resume and a cover letter to: Human resources, CIM Vision International, 3000 Ogden Ave., Suite 1500, Long Beach, CA 90802.

Beginning Night Club Two Step 7:30-9:00 p.m. for five successive Mon. starting Mon., May 1; presented by a professional dance instructor, $30.00 except $20.00 to Caltech undergraduates! Beginning Salsa, 7:30-9:00 p.m. for five successive Wed. starting Wed., May 3; [student taught, free to students, suggested nominal $1.00/lesson donation for others] Both lessons in Willen Lounge on the Caltech campus. No partner is required. Refreshments and dance practice time are provided after each class. For last minute changes see www.it.caltech.edu/~ballroom or call Don at 626-794-3103.

Free mid-term ballroom dance party with refreshments, 8 p.m. until midnight Sat., May 6 in dining area of Avery; sponsored by the Caltech Ballroom Dance Club. Refreshments and dancing starts at 8 p.m. From 8:30-9:00 p.m. there will be an introductory Meredith lesson. No partner is required. An addition to the Waltz there will be music for the waltz, fox trot, tango, cha cha, samba and others as requested by the dance floor (ask for your own music). For last minute changes see www.it.caltech.edu/~ballroom or call Don at 626-794-3103.

The CBDC hosts a series of weekly “mini-parties”, i.e., no lesson/demonstration or theme done for the “regular” parties. The parties are free and take place in Willen Lounge after past students are dismissed and after the previous class on Mon. from 9:00-11:00 p.m. Refreshments are provided and no partner is required. From 9:00 to 9:30 p.m. music pertaining to the previous class will be played, but after 9:30 p.m. feel free to make requests or bring your own music.

CIT Guitar Classes for the spring term will meet on Tuesdays in SAC Room 1, starting on Apr. 4. Beginning, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Intermediate, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Advanced 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Classical and flamenco repertoires are explored, but techniques transfer to other styles of guitar. The Beginning Class includes a jazz/folk chord system. Classes are free to Caltech students and other members of the Caltech community (space permitting). Undergrads can receive 3 units of credit. For more information, contact Darryl Denning at (323) 405-0881 or by email at ddennen@caltech.edu, or visit www.musicalguitar.com

Due to recent vandalism, Cleveland Elementary School in Pasadena is seeking donations of books and equipment for the school’s library. Specifically, the school is in need of two overhead projectors and books appropriate for grades K-6 to replace those stolen or destroyed. Donations may be made directly to Cleveland Elementary School at 5241 Pasadena Street, Pasadena, California, 91103. For questions or further information, please contact Principal Abel Quesada at 626-794-7169 or Laura Biedebach in the office of Congressman James E. Rogan at 626-577-3960.

Ride your bicycle to Caltech? Register with Caltech’s CYCLECOM/MURRS Website: http://www.it.caltech.edu/~cyclocom or email: cyclocom@caltech.edu

Monthly random drawings for a $30.00 gift certificate to a local bike store and free tune up and extra at the Commuter Fair Day, on May 19th! If you are a rider, log in your miles for an extra chance to win additional prizes every 6 months.

EVENTS

Women dressed just in hats? Men who can only grace fully? 6 or mayo PARTY!!! at 5 p.m. at 6th Ave. at 9 p.m. in the Catalina North Rec Room, 1054 E. Del Mar, Pasadena (free parking thru Winnett), Caltech invites UCLA, USC & the Art Center. Some of America’s premier up & coming filmmakers will be in attendance. Come dance the 70’s, 80’s, 90’s & 00’s. Mexican hats encouraged. Free drinks and snacks; no cover charge. Dr. Evil will be performing live! Bring to you by the GSC

The “JESUS” film, an accurate representation of the life of Jesus Christ, will be projected on 070 Moore on Tue., May 9 at 9 p.m. The film is an excellent way to learn more about who Jesus is and what he did. There will be door prizes and refreshments.

Doris Kearns, Pulitzer Prize winning historian, will speak at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium, Tue., May 9, as part of the Distinguishe Shepherd Series. The program begins at 8 p.m. and tickets are $26, $36, and $46 and can be purchased at the Pasadena Civic Box Office, 624-549-7360 or through Ticketmaster. For more information, call 310-546-6222 or visit www.speakersonline.com

“The Technology and Commerce of Music: The E-mu Systems Story” presented by Dave Smith of E-Mu Systems Co-

“Different View of the DNA Double Helix: A Conduit for Charge Transport,” Beckman Auditorium, Wed., May 17, 8 p.m. Dr. Jacqueline Barton, professor of chemistry, will give this Earnest C. Watson lecture. Admission is free. Call 1-888-2CALTECH for more information.

The College Inventors Competition, a program of the National Inventors Hall of Fame, is handing out money—big money—to college inventors and their advisors. Each winning student- or student team -receives a $20,000 cash prize. Faculty advisors each receive a $10,000 cash prize. The competition, open to all full-time college students and judged by distinguished scientists and inventors from across the country, awards up to six prizes each year. The deadline for applications is June 1, 2000. In addition to cash prizes, winners and their advisors will travel to the induction ceremony of the National Inventors Hall of Fame on September 8-9, 2000. During the weekend, winners will be honored and have the chance to learn from the greatest scientific minds of our time, who visit the Hall of Fame each year for the induction festivities. Applications are available at www.invent.org/college.

The Jewish Loan Association, a non-profit organization, is offering interest-free student loans to qualified individuals for tuition, books and supplies, and living expenses. Applicants must have completed a minimum of one year of undergraduate study and have a 2.5 GPA or above. For further information, please contact the Jewish Free Loan Association at 213-761-8830 or 818-464-3331.

The John Gyles Education Fund is offering scholarships awards up to $3,000 for the 2000-01 academic year. Applicants must be Canadian or U.S. citizens, have a 2.7 GPA or above, and demonstrate financial need. Criteria other than strictly academic ability and financial need are considered in the selection process. To request an application, send self-addressed, stamped envelope to: The John Gyles Education Fund, Attn: The Secretary, P.O. Box 4080, 712 Riverside Dr. Frederickson, New Brunswick, Canada E3B 5G4. Filing dates for mailing documents in 2000 are April 1, June 1, and November 15.

The Department of Defense hosts three student internship programs at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. These include Internships in Terascale Simulation Technology (www.lbnl.gov/its/hi.html), and Graduate Interns in Nuclear Weapons (www.education.llnl.gov/giint). Housing and salary are at competitive rates. For more information, contact Barry Goldman, 925-206-5117, or godman1@lbnl.gov.

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Information and applications for the Summer Work-Study are available in the Financial Aid Office. If you are interested in Summer Work-Study, please submit the requested application as soon as possible, but no later than June 1, 2000. If awarded, work-study fund will begin working July 5, 2000.