Jet Propulsion Lab Faces Uncertain Future

from JPL's Universe

Caltech and JPL this week delivered to NASA the Phase B contingency plan with recommendations on how the Laboratory could best respond to a continued lapse in federal funding.

The heart of the Phase B plan is to protect JPL employees and contractors and the Laboratory's efforts as a whole by conserving available funds now to extend all, not just some, of JPL tasks as long as possible, until about mid-May. At that time, in a worst-case situation of a continued lapse in funding, the Phase B proposal recommends that all JPL work and all JPL employees would simultaneously begin the termination process.

Caltech General Counsel Harry M. Yohalem stated in a letter to NASA that "a very important factor in developing this plan is the assumption that any lapse in funding would be temporary, non permanent, and consequently that irreversible damage to the capabilities of our staff and our suppliers is to be avoided to the maximum extent possible." The proposed plan calls for continued curbs on expenditures but with no task terminations or layoffs taking place until only enough funds were remaining to cover layoff pay and accrued vacation costs for all JPL employees. The Phase B plan divides the Lab's tasks into time-critical ("excepted" from a partial shutdown) and non-time critical tasks ("non-excepted" from a partial shutdown). Approximately 66 percent of the funds and 58 percent of the JPL workforce are in the excepted category. Analysis showed that excepted tasks could not be funded for the remainder of the fiscal year with the funds on hand even if the partial shutdown were initiated now.

"Under these circumstances, we could find no criterion for selecting any particular date to shut down non-excepted tasks in advance of excepted tasks," Yohalem wrote. "In fact, delaying the shutdown date for all work provides the maximum time for a resolution of the budget crisis before we are forced to take actions that could irreversibly damage NASA's work."

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The Outside World

By Myfanwy Callahan

Beijing, China — The Chinese government has made it perfectly clear to the US that it may take action against Taiwan after the island’s first democratic elections. They have threatened a missile attack to counter what they see as a drive for independence. A future, however, is not taken too seriously.

Manama, Bahrain — The Bahrain Defense Forces arrested 37 people Tuesday in an effort to quell antigovernment protests taking the local of riots, fires, and sabotage. Eight opposition leaders were arrested and accused of plotting to destabilize security in Bahrain.

Sara jovan, Bosnia and Herzegovina — US forces heightened security in Bosnia yesterday after receiving intelligence reports warning of possible attacks on American military installations in Sarajevo. The implication is that the US suspects various terrorist organizations, possibly even al Qaeda, involved in the recent explosions at the US military post in Sarajevo. The attack on the US military base in New York yesterday was a warning to the US of the possible threat to US citizens in the US and elsewhere.

Los Angeles — The University of California system has postponed the ban on affirmative action so that it takes effect in the fall of 1999 instead of 1998 as previously planned. UC officials say the stoppage time to change the admissions rules and how to come out of this game, but God Wilson accused them of dragging their feet without good reason.

Tokyo, Japan — Japan’s trade surplus shrunk for the first time in five years. The government reported Wednesday that the merchandise trade surplus dropped 11.4% in the last year. This may improve sensitive trade relations with the US.

IHC Minutes

Minutes of the IHC meeting: January 18 1996

Present: Tom, Laura, Brian, Nestor, Art, Bill, Vogel, Alison, Francois (Bill Penn).

- Alison introduces Bill (Francois) Penn and leaves. I have no idea why Dave Relyea calls him Francois... I just stole the idea.

- Steve Koonin will be coming to dinner in all the houses. He wants to have discussion before and after dinner and he doesn’t want anything thrown at him. This will mainly effect the new president.

- We decide that it would be a good idea to put our survey on the house system in the Tech.

- Tom says something about an alumni survey (I missed it) — but let him know by Feb 1st.

- There is an intercultural workshop on the 25th at the 4th from 1-4:30 p.m.

- They want two IHC representatives to attend. Tom and I don’t have anything better to do so we agree to go.

“Some free roaming cats will just sit in a microwave” — wisdom from Francois.

This is going to be a fun year on IHC...
Wellness Week, brought to you by the Counseling Center and numerous other campus organizations, is culminating this weekend with the Health Fair this afternoon, Family Night this evening, and the Senseless Death Comedy Night on Saturday night from 9-11 PM. All these events are in or near Winton Lounge.

A few ongoing things at the Y that you might be interested in... there are mountain biking trips every Thursday at 2:30 PM and, as always, we rent camping equipment and sell discount tickets to movie theaters and theme parks. Also, stop by the Y and talk to Athena to find out about all the volunteer opportunities available on and off campus.

Have a great weekend and get out and do something fun!

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All those mothers who believe that for NSBE Month, we... there will be MANY events to the entire campus, and a few of them should be well-attended. Dave suggests Alain go to the Alumni and that Alain go to Morgan Kousser in SS.

The BOD present discuss the Dave elections. "Gag. I won't make the gag. It's BENEATH ME.

The BOD members present discuss the Faculty Board meeting that Dave and Jon attended.

- Greg shows up. Alain asks for $150 for NSBE for activities relating to Black History Month. We promise him at least $500, as there will be MANY events open to the entire campus, and quite a few of them should be well-attended. Dave suggests Alain go to the Alumni Association and James suggests that Alain go to Morgan Kousser in SS.

- Elections suck. Sorry. They "stink". (For all those mothers who believe that "stuck" is a swear)

- Melissa mentions that a Club Latino is organizing a 3 day art show in early February. The show will highlight the works of more than 30 artists, and there will be a casual, dignified reception on Friday night for the Caltech community, followed by a raging party (ranging international band) (they sing in Swahili): (if anyone wants these minutes in Swahili, they'd best contact a translator) (parentheses). Melissa, on behalf of Club Latino, asks for $100, and we give her $150.

- Christina Molodowitch enters and violently assaults the BOD. Amidst the confusion, she retrieves a Little T and leaves the room in chaos (none of this is true except the part about the room).

- Greg will hold an ASCIT Social hour this Friday (TODAY) somewhere.

- This meeting was brought to you by the letter "L", and Greg.

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David Relyea: ASCIT Secretary and Poodle Hunter.

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Jim's CD Reviews
by Jim Pierce

The CD's reviewed are all ones that I liked enough to buy, and as a result, the starring scheme is a little weird. It works like this:

- a gift, saved only to be a ride chaser
- it's okay, so I keep it around for those occasional urges
- it's pretty good, but either not great or not my usual genera
- it's good, gets listened to regularly, and I plug it to friends
- it's really good and spends more than its share of time in the player.


** Tori Amos - Boys for Pele**

Boys for Pele is a damn good album with eighteen tracks of Tori at her best. Musically, it follows the progression from Little Earthquakes, relatively raw sounding, to Under the Pink, smoother, and now Boys for Pele is musically more smooth than Under the Pink; with lots of harpsicord, and even a cool "Mr. Zebra", where she is backed by the Black Dyke Mills Brass Bands. Lyrically, she's not as happy as Under the Pink, but not as bitter as Little Earthquakes. From the first song the album sings to every emotion in your body like only Tori can. Each new track brings a bunch of new feelings and thoughts. She uses a bunch of new musical ideas, like bagpipes and Brass Band. The coolest was the Bull on Professional widow. ****

**The Aphex Twin - Selected Ambient Works, Volume II**

In some places, this album is sad; in some places, it's happy; in some places, it's scary. This two CD set is perfect for chilling out in an altered state. The music is meditative and complete. There are tracks where the bass picks up and the beat pushes your brain forward, other times, the music drifts away into bits of silence and lets your ears diverge into infinity. It's certainly some of the Aphex Twin's best stuff, and one of their more popular ambient albums. ***

The Aphex Twin - Ventolin

Despite claiming that this CD is a single, and that it is a bunch of mixes of ventolin, it's pretty good. Some of the mixes are way too whiney, but the majority of the songs claiming to be ventolin are pretty cool. Lots of drums, not too much treble. It's also much much longer than a single, with 12 tracks, each over 4 min. (except #2, but there are two 7 min. tracks, so who's counting.) If you like ventolin, be wary, this CD is more like another album with ventolin on it. ***

Armageddon Dildos - Everyday is like sunday

These guys are a couple of goofballs. They stole a couple songs from Morrissey, and then added a country sample at the beginning of this single, and then tried too many different beats and too many different keyboard sounds. I keep it around because the last mix is actually pretty good. It was worth $2.50, but not $3.99. Every once in a while I have the urge to listen to the not-quite-industrial-but-not-anything-else-either-ness of it. ***

Autechre

Autechre is generally much smoother (I like that). This is a good ambient album, and it comes highly recommended from ambient-l. The echo effect and smooth baseline are appropriately used, and this album flows. The pictures in the booklet are particularly cool, too. Are you ready to flow? (a buck to anyone who got that one...) ***

Autechre - Amber

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Autechre - Anvil Vapor

I was fooled into paying more than this was worth. The CD is okay, but it's only a single, not a whole disc. I got it at Poo-Bahs, but it was still 9 bucks. It's 55 minutes of more beep-beep-boop than Autechre uses in an album. If you like their techno, then it is indicative of their style and you'll like it; if on the other hand, you prefer their ambient, this is a waste. I like the sonar pings on track 4, though. **

Arrested Development - 3 years, 5 months, and 2 days in the life of...

This was one of the last rap CDs I ever purchased. It has some religious overtones and occasional creative samples, but other than the incredibly well known songs like "Tennessee" and "Mr. Wenda") the rest is repetitious and dull, with no interesting samples and the same beat. Speech has raised some valid points in songs like "Mr. Wenda) and people everyday, but becomes cliched in "Give a man a fish", and silly in "dance of the dreads". I slaughtered innocent millennials today. It was okay. **
Once again, the last weekend of January bears down (By the way, that will be the only Bobbitt joke I will mention in a family publication like this."

... "Hey boys, "Hey boys, "British Intelligence," "Cheeky Chappel"

31st Floor: True to the tease of Jerry Jones, the Dallas fans, who had been depressed by Jerry's se­ cretive plan back in December, are all abuzz again about the Spurs.

Final Score: Pittsburgh 25, Dallas 22

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Men's Basketball Team Falls Just Short
by Denise Gabaldon

On January 17th the Beavers had their home opener in SCIAC against the Redlands Bulldogs. It was a close game from the beginning and Caltech was holding their own throughout. At half time, the score was tied at 28. In the second half the Bulldogs came out strong and pulled ahead, but not for long. CIT kept themselves in it and took it right down to the buzzer. With 10 seconds left, the Beavers were trailing by 5, and their defense pressured Redlands stealing the ball and setting Senior Steve Tsai up for what looked like a 3 pointer, but was only worth 2. Down by 5, and 4 seconds left, Caltech tried to call a time-out but the buzzer went off before they could accomplish it and the Bulldogs went home with the win 60-59. High scorer for Tech was Tsai with 19 points. Junior Josh Moats led in assists with 7 and Sophomore Ben Turk led in rebounds with 11.

The King of Hoops
by Angie Bealko

Not many coaches can say that they've coached for nearly half a century. Then again, not many coaches are as passionate about coaching as Men's Varsity Basketball coach Gene Victor. This season marks coach Victor's ninth year as head men’s basketball coach at Caltech, and his forty years as an educator, winningest coaches in junior college basketball, take his class on Tuesday and Wednesday or Saturday evening. For the past four years Jon has been a part of the weekend program at the Caltech varsity basketball team. This season he plans to try for a first All-Conference selection as he leads his team through the season. Come out on Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings to see Jon and his teammates take the field.

A Need For Speed
What can gaining fifty pounds and growing eight inches over four years do for your athletic prowess? Just ask Senior Tom Drumkauskas. After entering Caltech at 5’4 and 100 pounds, Tom has blossomed into the incredibly cut runner that he is today. Despite only making it into the varsity cross country line-up a couple of times in high school, Mr. Drumkauskas managed to remain in the top 7 at Tech throughout his intercollegiate career. He has helped his team make amazing strides over the past four years. During his final season, the cross country team finished 4th in the SCIAC when the pre-season polls had picked them to 8th. Tom finished his cross country career in style saving his best race for last. At the NCAA Western Regional at UCSD, he finished 9th in 28:55 (8K), giving everything he had until the very end. Tom has also run track over his career, having redshirted his freshman year as well. He splits his time between pitching and playing outfield. Not only is he one of Caltech’s strongest players, he’s also the team captain for the second year. He is one of the most charismatic athletes you’ll find at Caltech. Mr. Wesselmann played throughout high school as well, and captured the MVP title his junior year. Tom banked on being the best he could be for Jon, and he did it. He currently plans to further his applied physics education in graduate school next year. Look for Jon to try for a first team All-Conference selection as he leads his team through the season. Come out on Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings to see Jon and his teammates take the field.

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ATHLETIC ACCOLADES
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Home Run
You would be hard pressed to catch a glimpse of Jon Wesselmann without his Braves hat on top of his head. Not only does he lead in the most runs, he’s also the best pitcher in our conference. That’s the year he sought to adopt, became the undisputed father of the Chinese missile program.

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EURLAPASSE
Lady Hoopsters Lose a Heartbreaker

by Angie Bealko

If any passerby had walked into the LaSierra gymnasium on Thursday January the 18th, he probably would have thought he was watching rugby instead of basketball. In an intense battle between Caltech and LaSierra, the referees lost control of the game early, making the matchup a fire for all jungle ball scene at times. By the end of the game, the official scorer had tallied 49 fouls between the two teams. Twenty seven of those fouls went to Caltech, including two technical fouls. Most of the fouls were called in the second half as the referees frantically tried to regain control. Caltech was ahead for almost the entire meet-up. With great defense and solid ball handling, CIT controlled the tempo of the game throughout the first half. Their excellent play sent LaSierra into shock since the opponents had beaten the Beavers by 24 in their last meeting earlier in the season. Sophomore Lori Hsu was the first scorer to foul out, leaving the game with 10 minutes left on the clock. A terrible blocking call caused Hsu to question the referee’s expertise, which in turn earned her the team’s second technical foul (you had to be there to fully enjoy the experience of the scene). The first technical went to Senior Angie Bealko while on the bench. Unfortunately the referee felt a great need to settle the score for earlier remarks made by the senior during the first half (ouchy aren’t they?). Bealko fouled out (with 6 like Hsu due to the technicals) with 5 minutes remaining in the game. The other three starters, Junior Ellis Meng, and Sophomores Michellean Callahan and Irene Wong also earned enough fouls to put each of them in foul trouble. Meng and Bealko did a fantastic job on the boards, while Hsu, Wong, and Callahan handled the other team’s full court press with confidence and poise. Junior Melissa Hampton, Sophomore Katie Stooler, and Freshmen Rachel Steinberger, Joanna Dodd, and Kara Swellow all came off the bench with big plays, helping the team out tremendously. Hampton made two key shots at the end of the game to almost put away the win for the Beavers. When it was all over though, the lack of consistent refereeing, and some unfortunate lack caused the lady hoopers to come up five points short, losing 39-44. Bealko led the scoring with 15 points, followed by Meng with 7 and Hsu with 6. Despite ending the season with a loss, it was an amazing year for the Beavers. The team made incredible strides throughout the year, improving at an amazing rate. They should be a force to be reckoned with next year as only one player is graduating, so come on out and support the Lady’s Basketball team in the 1996-97 season.

Upcoming Sports Events

Saturday 1/27
• Swimming vs. Claremont-Mudd-Scripps at HOME 11 a.m.
• Baseball vs. Dodger Town at HOME 11 a.m.
• Men’s Tennis vs. Redlands at HOME 1:30 p.m.
• Men’s Basketball vs. Pomona AWAY 7:30 p.m.
• Monday 1/29 Golf vs. Whittier at HOME 1 p.m.
• Wednesday 1/31 Men’s Tennis vs. Occidental at HOME 3 p.m.
• Basketball vs. LaVerne at HOME 7:30 p.m.

Friday 2/2
• Men’s Tennis vs. Biola at HOME 3 p.m.
• Women’s Tennis vs. Biola AWA Y 3 p.m.

Scores

Wednesday 1/17
• Men’s Basketball LOST to Redlands 50-62

Thursday 1/18
• Women’s Basketball LOST to La Sierra 39-44
• Saturday 1/20
• Men’s & Women’s Swimming LOST to Redlands
• Men’s Basketball LOST to Cal Lutheran 51-78
Announcements

40tBus Airlines offering special "extra" roundtrip fare of $100.00 to Europe. Fares are in effect only at $18, depending upon location of travel; for more details contact the dates January 6th and March 31st. Web sites are available for more information.

40bGreek Clubs at the University of Michigan are seeking new students for their Engineering Science or Management classes. The fellowships are not for students in the study, but found study at the Univer- sity of Michigan. The fellowships include full-tuition, a stipend, and a flight to the University of Michigan. Students must be enrolled full-time.

Club events

40cFan of Whelen will be giving a talk about his recently published book. The Meeting Occurrence of 0 at 0 of the 2000 Poppleton in the Department of Chemical Engineering on Tuesday, January 29 at 5:00 in Lecture Hall. His talk will include topics on the history of Whelen and his recent book. The lecture will be followed by a Q&A session.

40dGreen G. Grimes, Professor of History at Princeton University, will be giving a Science, Studies, and Public Seminar entitled "The Great Gun Debate" on Tuesday, March 5th at 5:00 in the Jefferson Library. The event is open to the public.

40eThe Glee Club Band will be holding an Evening of Latin Jazz with guest trumpeter Bobby Rodriguez on Saturday, January 26th in the Bakerman Auditorium at 8:00. Bobby Rodriguez has played in the United States and in many Latin countries. His band will include members. The event is open to the public for free.

40fThe Jazz Lab Band will be holding a Winter Student Showcase on Wednesday, January 31st, between 6:00-8:30. For more information, please contact Villa Enzian at 400.01, or visit the Jazz Lab Band website.

40gWilliam Summers, Professor of the School of Architecture, Yale University, will be hosting a Science, Studies, and Public Seminar entitled "The Professors of the French School" on Monday, February 26th and 27th in the Jefferson Library. The seminar is open to the public.

40hDr. Rodriquez, has recently published a book on the subject of his research. The book will be available in bookstores in the next month. He is a member of the American Studies Association and has received several awards for his research.

40iThe Howick Valley Music Festival will be holding its first volunteer day on Saturday, February 1st at 9:00 in the Howick Valley Concert Hall. The volunteer day will include tasks such as cleanup and maintenance.

40jThe Inter-American Fund is now accepting applications for scholarships for the 1997-1998 academic year. The fellowship is for U.S. Citizens, who are in the late stages of undergraduate studies, or have graduated within the past year. The fellowship includes a stipend of $2,500 and travel to and from the United States.

40kThe National Academy of Nuclear Training will be offering a new educational program for the 1997-1998 academic year. The program is for U.S. Citizens, who have a minor in C.P.E. and are interested in applying. The program includes intensive language training and includes a stipend of $2,500.

40lThe Rotary Foundation is now accepting applications for scholarships for the 1997-1998 academic year. The program is for U.S. Citizens, who are in the late stages of undergraduate studies, or have graduated within the past year. The program includes a stipend of $2,500 and travel to and from the United States.

40mThe Scholarships for the 1997-1998 academic year are now open. The scholarships are for U.S. Citizens, who are in the late stages of undergraduate studies, or have graduated within the past year. The scholarships include a stipend of $2,500 and travel to and from the United States.

40nThe Student Government is now accepting applications for scholarships for the 1997-1998 academic year. The program is for U.S. Citizens, who are in the late stages of undergraduate studies, or have graduated within the past year. The program includes a stipend of $2,500 and travel to and from the United States.

40oThe Undergraduate Committee is now accepting applications for scholarships for the 1997-1998 academic year. The program is for U.S. Citizens, who are in the late stages of undergraduate studies, or have graduated within the past year. The program includes a stipend of $2,500 and travel to and from the United States.

40pThe University of Michigan's John Tracy Language Program is now accepting applications for scholarships for the 1997-1998 academic year. The program is for U.S. Citizens, who are in the late stages of undergraduate studies, or have graduated within the past year. The program includes a stipend of $2,500 and travel to and from the United States.

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40rThe Volunteer Action Corps is now accepting applications for scholarships for the 1997-1998 academic year. The program is for U.S. Citizens, who are in the late stages of undergraduate studies, or have graduated within the past year. The program includes a stipend of $2,500 and travel to and from the United States.

40sThe Western Regional Society of Medicine is now accepting applications for scholarships for the 1997-1998 academic year. The program is for U.S. Citizens, who are in the late stages of undergraduate studies, or have graduated within the past year. The program includes a stipend of $2,500 and travel to and from the United States.