Kaplan calls out Princeton Review for false advertising

By Sarah Marzen
COPY EDITOR

Princeton Review, a test preparation company, has voluntarily discontinued certain advertising claims based on a complaint by rival test preparation company Kaplan, Inc. and ensuing recommendations from the National Advertising Division (NAD), an arbitrator for disputes between companies.

“We are currently... focusing on new compelling messages to communicate the quality of our courses,” wrote Leah Pennino, executive director of marketing communications at The Princeton Review, in an email. “We are working with our various offices and personnel to ensure that they understand – and are complying with – this change, and have also updated our website and all marketing materials.”

According to Princeton Review’s previous claims, Princeton Review students “boost an average 10 point score improvement of the MCAT” and “improve their score by an average of 206 points,” as well as several other claims.

Kaplan’s complaint to the NAD from roughly three months ago centered on the difference between a Princeton Review diagnostic test and the student’s self-reported score on the exam. However, the average student scores much lower on the Princeton Review diagnostic test than on Kaplan’s diagnostic test. In addition, Princeton Review’s claims are based on the average score improvement for a small subgroup of the entire surveyed population.

“Mounting a formal challenge to The Princeton Review’s score claims at the NAD was a significant undertaking,” wrote Carina Wong, Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions Communications Executive Director, in an email. “In recent years, Kaplan has tried to address such issues informally, but The Princeton Review’s increasing use of such claims caused Kaplan to file its challenge.”

The Princeton Review has withdrawn all advertising claims, but it maintains that “it is confident that its diagnostic tests are reasonable predictors of future performance” and “its claims accurately describe the results of these surveys,” according to the full NAD report.

Caltech students are not strang... Princeton Review’s test prep books— in fact, some Caltech students have even taught Princeton Review test prep courses. Feedback from Caltech students was mixed.

“The Princeton Review ones had the practice tests LEAST like the real SATs,” wrote former undergraduate Camden Jansen. “Also, it seemed to me that the first test was way harder than the back few, so it looks like your grade is going up.”

“The questions don’t seem as difficult as those on the actual exam,” wrote recent alum Mauon Lai.

“The practice tests were harder than the MCAT, and I scored lower on the practices than I did in real life,” wrote undergraduate Micah Manary.

“The tests weren’t too far off from what ETS gives,” wrote undergraduate Ali Ebrahim.

“Ultimately the scores I got on

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Wise Advice for “Iron Man 2”

By Casey Jao
STAFF WRITER

Iron Man 2’s protagonist Tony Stark is suffering from palladium poisoning. The cure requires a chemical element which does not yet exist. So what does he do? Of course he builds his own particle accelerator to synthesize the element.

Though it’s not so simple in real life, the producers and writers were there. They invited Wise back later to review what happened.

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To find a scientific guru, Iron Man 2 co-producer Jeremy Latcham directed Latcham to Wise, whom she knew through her husband Sean Carroll, a Caltech cosmologist.

“I went down to Marvel Studios and I took with me one of my grad students, Tim Dunley,” said Wise. “We were there for a couple hours. The producers and writers were there.” They invited Wise back later to review what they had shot.

In addition to the particle accelerator scene, the filmmakers also asked Wise for tips on how Stark should go about looking for the magic element to cure his palladium poisoning. Stark finds an old message left by his father which leads him to a diagram of the atomic structure of this hypothetical element.

“I haven’t read that much science fiction but I did like to see the movies. Even the really bad ones,” said Wise.

As for Iron Man?

“It satisfied my expectations,” wrote Wise in an email after viewing the movie Saturday. “The movie was very entertaining, but though the scenes we discussed were well done.”

First Health Fair Geared Towards Caltech Students

By Vivian Yang
STAFF WRITER

Wide umbrellas and blue lined canopied tables lined the walkway in front of Red Door Café this past Friday, the 14th of May. The Caltech Health Fair, which ran from 11:45am to 1:15pm, attracted a wide audience of students, faculty, staff, and other community members of Pasadena.

Spearheaded by Lloyd freshman Catherine Xie, the Caltech Health Fair was motivated by a desire to “increase awareness on certain health related issues such as physical and mental health.” Previous Caltech Health Fairs, which have been larger, catered towards student and faculty health awareness, but generally received more attendance by the faculty. This year’s Health Fair was designed so that information and events would focus on Caltech students.

Whereas most booths were from on campus associations, such as the Caltech Alpine Club, Athletics Department, and Health Advocates, many booths were manned by representatives from off-campus organizations, including Huntington Memorial Hospital and Cancer Center, Naked Juice, and the Massage Chair people. Some booths were even manned by faculty. The representatives from San Fernando Valley Community Mental Health Center commented, “The students here are so receptive. I got a lot of great questions, and I hope I gave great information!”

Interspersed during the Caltech Health Fair were demonstrations of ballet dancing, tai chi, and karate. Hoping to make these engaging physical activities more applicable to the general student body, Peter Muggelbeee, of the Caltech Tai Chi Club teaches his students to focus on the breath, which “is the center of your dan tian (soul).” Breathing from your belly will allow your lungs, and therefore body, to expand more, and this will help you focus your energy.” Although there might be a negative association with the slow, deliberate movements of tai chi, the strange yells of karate, or the high heels that are worn in the

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Do you or do you not favor a blanket amnesty program for the nation’s estimated 12 million illegal immigrants?

By Pradeep Ramesh
staff writer

The issue of illegal immigration has been a topic of discussion since the birth of this nation. In 1986, congress granted blanket amnesty to an estimated 3 million illegal immigrants in the country and the issue has once again resurfaced as a topic of discussion. As the senate prepares to take on a controversial legislative overhaul of immigration and naturalization, we were interested in what fellow Techers had to say about the issue:

“I do not believe in granting outright amnesty to illegal immigrants but I do believe that there should be some cohesive process by which we can integrate them into society.” -anonymous

“We should subject them to the same naturalization process that all other immigrants have to go through” but jokingly quipped that “we should give amnesty to all the hot Mexican women.” -anonymous

“I believe that they should all be naturalized but we should also strengthen our borders to prevent these mistakes from happening again.” -Donatella Bellone

“They have taken away jobs from American citizens and are eating into America’s welfare programs, so I think we should send them all back and then let them reapply.” -anonymous

“I think we should grant amnesty on a case by case basis... only for those who are actually contributing to our society.” -anonymous

“I don’t believe that we should grant blanket amnesty to them because it merely perpetuates the problem” – Aric Fitz-Coy

“They are already here and it would be pretty [annoying] to hunt them down and deport them since they won’t leave of their own volition anyways, so yes, I would support a blanket amnesty program.” Scott Yantek

“I don’t really care how people got here, but what really matters is how they stay here and whether or not they are actively contributing to society. We have a lot of useless people who are citizens and chances are that these people probably work very hard to make their living...so, let them become legal citizens and actually pay taxes.” Arjun Ravikumar

“No, I don’t think we should grant blanket amnesty because the opportunity cost paying them dirt cheap wages far outweighs any taxes accrued by legalizing them. This is a democrat ploy to shift the voting pattern leftward thereby destroying the voice of the right.” -anonymous

The following shows the correct representation of ASCIT survey on student preferences for End of Year Activity...

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Corrections

Ascit Formal Story from 05-11-10; the pie chart on the front page was incorrect. The following shows the correct representation of ASCIT survey on student preferences for End of Year Activity...

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by Aryan Safaie

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“Does it work? Quantum Computing Company Answers Questions at Caltech”

D-wave Details Quantum Computer Chip Design and Performance

by Edward Chen and Gabriel Mendoza

D-Wave Systems, “The Quantum Computing Company” held two physics seminars on May 11-12 at Caltech. D-wave has claimed to have built the world’s first quantum computer, a device which utilizes quantum mechanical phenomena to run algorithms. Unlike desktop computers, which store information in electrical signals called “bits”, a quantum computer stores information in the state of quantum particles called “qubits”. In principle, quantum computers can efficiently solve certain computational problems that would currently take the fastest PCs the age of the universe to solve. However, D-wave’s claims have been met with some skepticism from the academic community due to the company’s unconventional approach towards building a quantum computer. The seminars are an indication of D-wave’s recent efforts to communicate with the research community and to promote “open-source” access to their quantum processors exclusively for the research community.

Richard Harris, D-Wave’s lead experimentalist, gave a 90-minute overview of the structure of the company’s unique chip design. The chip computes using “quantum annealing”, a process by which the initial quantum state is adiabatically cooled, or cooled slowly enough, to a final state that is expected to be near the global minimum of the probability landscape. In other words, imagine a filled swimming pool with the shape of the bottom of the pool unknown. In this analogy, the surface of the water would be the probability distribution of the quantum system. By slowly siphoning out the water from the surface, eventually only pockets of water will remain at the lowest pockets of the pool bottom. Near the end of this siphoning sequence it is likely that the remaining pockets of water sit at or near the lowest pockets of the initially unknown pool bottom. The lowest point of the pool, or global minimum, is then the optimal solution to this quantum algorithm.

Harris presented experimental evidence that an 8-qubit chip is finding the correct solutions to problems with high probability. But is this unconventional chip undergoing a truly quantum process, and will it outperform classical computers?

Eric Ladizinsky, director of technical operations, admitted that the answers are still uncertain, but suggested that their machine may operate somewhere between classical and quantum regimes to achieve speedups. Mohammad Amin, D-Wave’s head theorist, revealed that quantum simulations required much less time than some classical simulations and yielded results that match both qualitatively and quantitatively with experimental data.

For the most part, D-wave’s talks were well received by Caltech researchers. The D-wave scientists were treated to rigorous questioning by Caltech’s quantum computing experts, including professors Jeff Kimble, Alexi Kiraev, John Preskill and Gil Refael. Harris, Ladizinsky, Amin, and Geordie Rose, the founder and CEO of D-Wave, are currently visiting scholars at Caltech’s Institute for Quantum Information.

Even if D-Wave’s chip is not operating exactly as they have been promoting, the experimental and theoretical accomplishments are still impressive by academic standards. D-wave is currently collaborating with Google on possible image search applications, and is expanding operations to another site in Silicon Valley. “An undertaking like this will have a long investment period—maybe 10 years,” said Rose. “It’s likely going to take more than university research to get it off the ground.”

Get a bunch of comedians together, have them offer advice, what do you get? Something that could’ve been funny, but isn’t. You’re a Horrible Person. But I like what he seems like he has the potential to be something people talk about and recommend to their friends with words like “truly hilarious.” In this book, the humor falls flat, and the comics seem to be grasping for straws.

The book consists of hundreds of questions and answers, consisting of a reader of the Beardwood & Company endeavor, in a question and a comic answering it. Here’s one excerpt from Mindy Kaling’s section.

Dear Mindy:

My husband is a terrible author. He’s been working on the same novel for almost a decade, and I’m so tired of reading his “latest revision.” I just can’t fake it anymore, and he gets suspicious when I claim to have a headache or eye cramps. How can I avoid his sloppy prose while also sparing his feelings?

Guilty Wife in Baton Rouge

Dear Guilty Wife:

You think the fact that he’s bad is the reason you hate reading his stuff, but it’s not. When I carried on my decades-long affair with Tom Wolfe you should’ve seen the two of us, nattily dressed in matching white suits—he always asked me to read his work. It was dreadful. I got to the point where I had to put down chapter two of The Right Stuff and say: “They go to space, they don’t go to space, I don’t care anymore!” And he’s a good writer. It’s torture. I would check into a women’s shelter.

Regards,

Mindy

First of all, I had to look up Tom Wolfe on Wikipedia because I didn’t know who he was. Wolfe is older than both John McCain and David Letterman. Second, what kind of rambling answer is that? “Nattily dressed in matching white suits...” Are you kidding me?

This kind of answer is standard for the book. Most of the answers (as well as the introduction to the book, and every single one of Judd Apostow’s replies) consists of a long rambling story that’s not very funny, and barely related to the question.

There are forty two comedians, and each gets a chance to answer the question where they answer a bunch of question. While there is a lot of opportunity for funny answers, it seems like the editors just put every single question and every single answer into the book. You have to wade through an ocean of boring exchanges to find a few gems. Reddit usually has funnier Q and A’s for free.

Given that this book costs $13.95, and therefore this book is definitely not worth the price.

Taken from the website, D-wave has claimed that their chip(pictured) uses quantum mechanical effects to speed up computations
"The Philosopher Kings" Documentary Features Caltech Staff Luis Cardenas

by ZeNan Chang

Premiered June of last year, fans have rallied around this cause and donated approximately $5,000 to support Lajeunesse’s water project. Shen is in the process of producing a follow up film called “La Source,” detailing Lajeunesse’s pursuit and fulfillment of his life-long dream to complete the water projects.

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There was an incredible maturity and beauty to his spirit. How someone could go through such a traumatic experience and be so positive and hopeful was something we had to know more about.

Once he submitted the name of Luis Cardenas who has worked as a custodian at Caltech since 1991, Shen was chosen to be featured. Cardenas says, “There was an incredible maturity and beauty to his spirit. How someone could go through such a traumatic experience and be so positive and hopeful was something we had to know more about.”

An additional story in “The Philosopher Kings” has come to serve as the bridge to Patrick Shen’s next project. Haitian immigrant Josue Lajeunesse, of Princeton, works a taxi job on the side and sends money back to support his extended family. He has a grand vision of bringing a permanent fresh water source to his hometown of La Source in Haiti, and the documentary follows a rare visit home to survey the conditions. After “The Philosopher Kings” first

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Renowned Irish contemporary poet, Paula Meehan arrived at Caltech on May 11th, joining students for dinner as well as giving a poetry reading in Dabney lounge Tuesday night.

Professor Kevin Gilmartin, who teaches primarily eighteenth and nineteenth century British culture and literature wished to invite Meehan for a visit as part of the curriculum for a class he is currently teaching this quarter; Modern and Contemporary Irish Literature.

“In teaching at Caltech I’ve always found that, when chance has brought a poet or novelist to campus, students have been challenged and energized by the experience,” explains Gilmartin, adding that since the focus of the course has been shifting toward contemporary writing, Meehan’s visit seemed opportune.

In the Words Matter program, a Caltech initiative to increase student exposure to accomplished writers, sponsored a visit by Irish novelist Seamus Deane in the past. A survey from a prior class revealed enthusiasm for another writer to come on campus, specifically Paula Meehan. Additional funding for Meehan’s visit came from the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences as well as a President’s educational innovation grant.

Throughout the rest of the week, Meehan gave seminars to and met with Gilmartin’s Irish literature class, Jud Hall’s Writing Poetry class, and students involved in Totem, Caltech’s student-produced literary and visual arts magazine.

“I thought Meehan’s visit was wonderfully successful. She is a gifted teacher and generous spirit as well as a distinguished poet, and everywhere she went on campus, she was able to connect with students and convey a vivid sense of the poet’s craft,” comments Gilmartin.

Meanwhile, Meehan expresses appreciation for the opportunity to meet Caltech students, emphasizing that compared with students focused solely on the humanities, Caltech students bring an extra dimension.

She also stresses that poets and artists should maintain a regular dialogue with scientists and researchers in order to create a balance between creativity and reason.

“Caltech is a place as well as a real place. It is a locus of great power, especially as many scientific developments have their inception here,” re-marks Meehan. “My experience was really positive and the level of commitment and engagement from the students was refreshing.”

Meehan became interested in writing through traditional Irish songs, games, and rhymes and was influenced by the popular rock bank culture as a member of several “garage” bands in the 70s, now finding inspiration in daily inspiring struggles of the community. Graduated from Trinity College, she now teaches in universities as a free-range professor, community programs and even prisons.

For aspiring writers and artists, she offers the following advice: “Trust your instinct and don’t be discouraged by others on this difficult path.”

In her reading in Dabney Lounge, she framed her poems with a lively sense of anecdote and personal experience, and then read in a way that I found absolutely mesmerizing. Her lunch-time seminar drew together questions of language and tradition that have been at issue in contemporary literature course all term, and made a compelling claim for the enduring social role of poetry.

By Gloria Tran

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New Director of Admissions

Jarrid Whitney has been hired as Caltech’s Director of Admissions September 1, 2010. Whitney replaces Ray Prado who has served as Interim Director of Admissions since November 2009. He previously held the post of Associate Director of Admissions at Stanford before taking up his current post as Senior Associate Director for Admissions at the University of Santa Clara in 2008, and held earlier positions at Dartmouth and Cornell.

Stephen Mayo Named Biology Chair

Stephen L. Mayo, Caltech’s Bren Professor of Biology and Chemistry and current vice provost, will become the new chair of the Division of Biological, effective July 1, 2010. Mayo became vice provost in 2007 and will step down from that post when he assumes control of the division in July.

Mayo is a pioneer in the field of computational protein design, and his work impacts a broad range of areas ranging from understanding the evolution of protein function to developing protein-based therapeutics.

Nation

Android Surpasses iPhone

According to a recent report from the research organization NPD Group, the Android phone recently edged out the iPhone to nab 2nd place in the U.S. smartphone market. BlackBerry is still in 1st, with 36% of the consumer market, Android is at 28% and the iPhone is at 21%.

By James Wu

Caltech Chess Team Places Third

At the recent Pasadena City College Chess Invitational, the Caltech Chess Club placed third out of five teams. Losing to PCC and USC, the hastily assembled team from Caltech, consisting of four Pageboys, performed respectably, barely losing their matches to PCC and USC. They swept Glendale College and similarly suffered no defeats by Glendale Community College 2-0-2.

Captain Robert Rosenberg, junior, put in a spectacular performance, dominating his first three games, and tying his fourth, to finish second in the individual rankings. Junior James Wu (the writer of this piece) and freshman Saptarshi Chaudhuri both finished more Jeffrey Spraker had 1 win 1 loss and 2 draws. All members of the Caltech team finished evenly or above.

By Gloria Tran

By James Wu

By Peter Buhler
Athlete of the Week: Peter Buhler

1. What is your major?
Geology

2. Favorite athletic moment at Caltech?
The first meet we won this season was amazing. It was great to see the whole team come together and compete as hard as they could. It was definitely a team victory—everyone pulled their own weight and supported their teammates—and then we got to celebrate together.

3. People will be surprised to know . . .
the most I’ve swam in a day is 27,000 yards (15.3 miles).

4. Describe your sport in 3 words?
Wet, fast, and anoxic

5. What goes through your head at the starting line, up to bat, etc?
I’m really calm and relaxed when I’m on the starting block, but once the gun goes off all I think about is beating the people I’m swimming against.

6. Favorite food?
Pizza

7. What teammate has inspired you the most?
Mary Dorman, she always puts forward her best effort and she’s always there cheering for her team.

8. What type of music do you listen to?
Rock

9. If you could go to any sporting event what would it be?
The Olympics

10. Best part about living in California?
Definitely the weather.

11. If you could bring anything from your hometown what would it be?
My friends.

12. If you had no schoolwork what would you do all day?
I would play chess, bass guitar and hang out with my friends.

13. In 10 years, I’ll be . . .
On a spaceship, going to the moon (or Mars).

14. Nike or Adidas?
TYR (Nike and Adidas aren’t so good for swimming).

15. What are your pre event rituals?
Lots of warm-up and some loud rock.

16. Favorite SCIAC school to compete against?
Claremont Mudd Scripps, they have some pretty impressive athletes.

17. Last book you have read?
The Physics of Star Trek

18. What is your favorite movie?
The Lord of the Rings Trilogy

19. What teammate has inspired you the most?
Justin Johnson, he takes diving very seriously and has a great work ethic.

20. What is your favorite quote?
“Do or do not, there is no try.”

Lapides Breaks School Mark in High Jump
Alex Lapides broke a 27 year old mark set by Tim Magee in the men’s high jump. The school record stood at 6’6 1/2” until Lapides cleared 6’6 3/4” at the Cal State Los Angeles Invitational. “Alex has been so close to this record all year, I knew would break it today” commented Coach Julie Levesque after Lapides’s record-breaking jump.

Wright, Chiu, and Oviatt Compete in the Heptathlon
Three members of the Beaver women’s track and field team competed in the heptathlon at CMS on May 13-14. Sarah Wright, Margaret Chiu, and Mia Oviatt competed in the 100 mH, high jump, shot put, 200 m, long jump, javelin, 800 m. Wright finished in 7th with a total score of 3445 pts, Oviatt finished in 8th place with a total score of 2443 pts, and Chiu finished in 9th with a total score of 2291 pts.

Upcoming Games
May 27, 2010
Track and Field
NCAA Championships @ Cleveland, OH

May 28, 2010
Track and Field
NCAA Championships @ Cleveland, OH
Let’s Play House Tour!

By James Wu

Staff Writer

This game is played best when bringing some carrots along to eat as a snack. Every time you see a House fulfilling stereotypes, eat half a carrot. Whenever you see something that breaks stereotypes, eat an entire carrot. A great way to eat carrots with your friends!

1. Avery
   If you see: someone doing work
   Eat a: half carrot
   If you see: someone not doing work
   Eat a: full carrot

2. Blacker
   If you see: people building something
   Eat a: half carrot
   If you see: someone with a tan
   Eat a: full carrot

3. Dabney
   If you smell: glaucoma medicine
   Eat a: half carrot
   If you see: shoes
   Eat a: full carrot

4. Fleming
   If you see: Flems stick together
   Eat a: half carrot
   If you see: Individuality
   Eat a: full carrot

5. Lloyd
   If you see: a EE major
   Eat a: half carrot
   If you see: a dance party
   Eat a: full carrot

6. Page
   If you see: someone eating carrots
   Eat a: half carrot
   If you see: someone not eating carrots
   Eat a: full carrot

7. Ruddock
   If you see: a buttock
   Eat a: half carrot
   If you see: someone who showers
   Eat a: full carrot

8. Ricketts
   If you see: something in violation of fire regulations
   Eat a: half carrot
   If you see: a well-adjusted person
   Eat a: full carrot

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Dr. Smart is Back!

Dear Dr. Smart,

People have been accusing me of being sexist. This only started happening recently. I haven’t changed my behavior much, at least as far as sexism goes. And nobody complained before. I am pretty sure I am not sexist. Why is this happening to me?

Sincerely, Anonymous Caltech Male

Dear ACM,

I gotta tell you, man, strange times are here. It used to be you could expect a woman to do her typical womanly duties while her man does the important things like replacing blown fuses and watching the ball game. Women weren’t even allowed to do science until the 1960s. Just think, if we were born 50 years earlier we would enjoy free love and flower power before the feminists of the 70s killed chivalry and changed our relationships with the fairer—wait, that’s sexist, I can’t say that—the other sex forever. Granted, women in science have it harder than men. This is due to the influence of Lucille Ball, who established the precedent of the incompetent female. Everyone remembers what happened when she and Ethel worked in the candy factory. Imagine what would happen if one of these females was in your lab, spilling hydrofluoric acid, breathing on sensitive samples, touching your expensive diffraction grating. How do you compensate for the research funding squandered on safety and repairs? Easy: pay them less. Lucille Ball, though detrimental to women pursuing careers in science, did pave the way for female comedians. Unfortunately, this road is not often traveled. If I had a nickel for every funny man I’ve seen and a Euro for every funny woman, I’d have a lot of American money. I dare you to name three funny women who are not Tina Fey, Maria Bamford, and Anneilla Sargent. You can’t. Don’t believe me? Go ask a math major. He’ll prove it for you. If any woman disagrees, you’ve just got an example of why women are bad at math.

Dear Dr. Smart,

I have an idea for an article but I am not sure if I should publish it because it might offend people. What should I do?

Love, Dr. Smart

Dear Dr. Smart,

You probably shouldn’t. Some people just can’t take a joke. You don’t want to get yelled at, do you? Yours truly, Dr. Smart

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