by Vassil Kriakov

Once again it’s the time of the year when an unseen bustle arises among the students—it’s time for the annual Career Fair at Polytechnic University.

This Wednesday, November 3rd, over 70 companies will gather at Poly in their attempt to find the best of the University’s students for full-time, part-time, and internship employment. An information desk will be set up in the Rogers Hall foyer to guide the students and to answer their questions. A list of the locations of the attending companies is provided in the sidebar.

A common complain among students has been the need to have companies organized by majors. Thus, it would be easier for students to talk to companies that are interested in hiring people in a specific major (for example, having all computer science companies in RH116).

Dorothy Adams, Cooperative Education Coordinator at the Career Services/Co-op Education Department, explained that a certain diversity in the mix of companies was required. “We don’t want a lot of larger and well-known companies to be in the same room,” said Adams, “because the smaller ones won’t be able to compete with them.” For students, this means that they have to cover a lot of ground to go through their wish list of companies. Presumably, most students would try to talk to the larger companies first. Nevertheless, Dorothy Adams assured that “[we] are trying to do everything possible to make it easier for students at the Career Fair.”

What else are the coordinators doing in trying to improve this event? All companies that have announced their intention to attend are called by NSBE and SHPE members to verify their attendance. This should solve the problem of frustrated students waiting in front of empty tables where a company representative was supposed to be but never showed up.

Although it is commonly known that corporations present at the Career Fair usually ignore freshmen and sophomores, there are actually quite a few companies who are willing to hire students from lower classes as interns. A list of what kind of majors and what kind of employment each company is looking for will be provided at the Career Fair. To deal with the freshmen’s skepticism, the coordinators have contacted via e-mail all freshmen. In addition, in all CP and SL classes, students of all levels have been encouraged to attend.

For the first time this year, students will be asked to fill out evaluations forms for the Career Fair. Previously, only attending companies’ input has been considered. As an incentive, people who fill out the evaluation forms will be entered in a raffle for a prize. This provision for more interactive feedback from both sides of the event should result in better and smarter improvements in the forthcoming years.

“Corporations spend money to come to Poly’s Career Fair because of Poly’s good reputation of students,” said Dorothy Adams. Someone out there is spending money to come hire you.
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The following letters are responses to Jason Feldman’s editorial, that appeared in the previous issue of The Polytechnic Reporter.

From: 129 338 15 117

What is dumb about you bastards...how the hell can you print any of that...where the hell is your goddamn faculty advisor...so help me I’m gonna make sure all of you go down for this...FARMINGDALE FOREVER YOU PIECES OF SHT!!!

From: Anthony Trotta

Thank you for your earnest and obvious disregard for all fact and scruples in reporting. I am happy to know that the campus I will soon be attending is populated by pompous overinflated egos. No offense of course...I am extremely upset at the fact that one student has enough power to write and publish an article in our paper that has essentially no basis in reality. The Long Island Campus is cleaner and more friendly than the Brooklyn Campus will ever be. You ask what the appeal of the Long Island Campus is...It is that we don’t have to deal with such individuals as Jason Feldman. I assure you that the students here will be white-teethed if you accidentally finds himself in the midst of a group of Farmingdale students. That is not a threat because I am not a violent person, but you can be sure that some people are not as forgiving as you are please be careful in selecting your editors from now on. For soon Farmingdale students will be attending the Brooklyn campus on a regular schedule, and we do not like to be treated as second class citizens

From: Alex Cea

Thank you for giving us your fantastic views on the Long Island campus. You pompous piece of garbage! Now let me give you the overall opinion on how Long Island feels about you. You can be white-teethed in Brooklyn if you try because we like this campus so much is the closeness of the students and the individualism each student gets from the excellent staff. None of the things you said were true. Please don’t let me ruin your day. I have to attend this school because you would have had a more than hour at this campus to see what a family atmosphere it is here? Have you ever spent more then an hour at this campus to see what it is actually like? Who are you to judge anything about this campus when you have never truly experienced Farmingdale Poly. You have written a cold, ruthless article that was truly experienced Farmingdale Poly. You say you have to sit hours in traffic on the LIE to get there? Did you know there are at least three or four different highways to get here w/ have extensively less traffic? How the hell can YOU say there is traffic when you come from Farmingdale Poly and cannot even drive there w/o being afraid my car will get stolen or even have a chance of getting into Brooklyn under an hour. Do you realize how much safer it is to live out here then in Brooklyn? Did you know a girl was raped right outside of Rogers Hall waiting for the bus? This was on the news, great publicity. I really want to go to Brooklyn now. Yes the chance of getting hurt is possible anywhere, but in the city, there is a much greater risk. Do you want to know how special this place is? People here care about everyone else. They are willing to help others out whether they are black, yellow, brown, or white. How often do you see that in Brooklyn, let alone in America? Can you honestly say there is a family atmosphere at Brooklyn “where everyone knows your name” and is friendly as it is here? Have you ever spent more then an hour at this campus to see what is actually like? Who are you to judge anything about this campus when you have never truly experienced Farmingdale Poly. You have written a cold, ruthless article that was totally unjustified. I cannot believe we will be alumni of the same school because I would never want to have that same association with you.

From: Anthony Giorgio

Your article on the closing of the Farmingdale campus was unpatriotic and inappropriate. I suggest you check your facts next time before you publish such a slandering article. We at Poly LIC feel very strongly about our home, and take exception to someone speaking about our campus in such an inflammatory manner. I invite you to publish a more thorough and thought out article in your next edition.

From: Waste of Funding

Your editorial, read by a sizable portion of the Farmingdale undergraduate program (comprising a FIFTH of the Polytechnic undergraduate program) was not only unappreciated, but terribly unpatriotic and inaccurate. It’s obvious that your research was barely adequate at best, and nil in all probability. I recommend a less bias bringing review of your peers in the future, as your article, time, and the countless hours you have put towards activities; and then put shut down? How do you think I feel when I graduate, this $80,000 degree may be worthless? And don’t think for a second your degree may be laughed at also. Your article was 80% unfounded and NOT true. Long Island Poly is NOT in the middle of nowhere. Did you know that multi-million dollar companies are surrounding us such as Computer Associates, Symbol, etc.? Did you know that Long Island is equivalent to the Silicon Valley of California? Did you know how much money these surrounding companies have donated to Poly and now will donate nothing to your “traditional hom, Brooklyn USA?” And do you still think Poly is in the middle of nowhere? Now where is the corporate campus? You say you have to sit hours in traffic on the LIE to get there? Did you know there are at least three or four different highways to get here w/ have extensively less traffic? How the hell can YOU say there is traffic when you come from Farmingdale Poly and cannot even drive there w/o being afraid my car will get stolen or even have a chance of getting into Brooklyn under an hour. Do you realize how much safer it is to live out here then in Brooklyn? Did you know a girl was raped right outside of Rogers Hall waiting for the bus? This was on the news, great publicity. I really want to go to Brooklyn now. Yes the chance of getting hurt is possible anywhere, but in the city, there is a much greater risk. Do you want to know how special this place is? People here care about everyone else. They are willing to help others out whether they are black, yellow, brown, or white. How often do you see that in Brooklyn, let alone in America? Can you honestly say there is a family atmosphere at Brooklyn “where everyone knows your name” and is friendly as it is here? Have you ever spent more then an hour at this campus to see what is actually like? Who are you to judge anything about this campus when you have never truly experienced Farmingdale Poly. You have written a cold, ruthless article that was totally unjustified. I cannot believe we will be alumni of the same school because I would never want to have that same association with you.

From: Christopher Ovalle

I have only one thing to say, how dare you publish anything this inflammatory knowing that this paper is sent to the Long Island Campus as well. The article by Jason Feldman was one of the most horrible things I have ever seen. None of the facts have any basis, and neither do his ideas. Some facts that he may like to know: a) Airport is no where near anything large. The largest thing flying out of it is the FUGI Blimp b) Most people commute by car, and to get here you can choose either the Northern State, LIE, Southern State, or Sunrise Highway. I live

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I felt this the day I started and I will feel it the day I graduate, from Farmingdale God sparing. One thing is for sure, I will not come to Brooklyn, especially if people like Mr. Feldman inhabit the place. There is much worse that I could have said, but I will just say this: Mr. Feldman has no idea of ever showing up at the Farmingdale campus, I can restrain myself, but I cannot say the same for most of my classmates.

From: Methusula
Get your facts straight

I was very upset by your recent editorial. In it you bash both the Farmingdale campus and its students and seem to be kindling a person while they’re down. This is very upsetting.

You say that the Farmingdale campus is in the middle of nowhere and that it is a mile from the train station. This is only partially true. Yes it is a mile from the train station but most people commute to school or do not take mass transit because they don’t live that far away. The campus is not in the middle of nowhere, it is in the 110 corridor which is an area of High Tech business on Long Island. Yes the dorms are not the greatest but that is because no money is put into fixing them up since it all goes to Brooklyn. Well if I were to go to Brooklyn I would have to spend at least 2½ hours commuting by the ¼ hour of commuting to Farmingdale. Then when I get to Brooklyn there is not really anywhere to park.

As a graduating Aerospace Engineer major I feel that the wind tunnel is not a part of the university labs a major asset. It means that I can do research on campus and learn more of what it is like in industry. You say that in order to survive in the corporate world you have to be a suck up and a back stabber, I think this is a very sorry view that you hold and I for one am not for it. If the world had fewer people like you and your view it would be a much better place to live in. I and most of the students on the Long Island campus are not like that and I have found that in my experience in industry, people aren’t really as callous and egomaniac as you make them out to be. I have found that most engineers in industry are friendly and helpful much like the Long Island campus community.

You say in your recent editorial that the Farmingdale campus then congratulations you succeeded. If you wanted to make it a big, “them or us” situation you definitely failed. We New Poly students feel welcome in our campus. If the intent of your editorial was to inflame the student body of the Farmingdale campus then congratulations you succeeded. I wanted to make it a big, “them or us” situation you definitely failed. We New Poly students feel welcome in our campus.

You wonder why we do not want to come to the Brooklyn campus. Well look in the mirror it is you who make us want to leave you. You say all of the excitement of a new campus, the new and exciting, the cutting edge and the modern campus. ($19,000 times 350 students = 6.5 million dollars. Not an insignificant sum considering the relatively low cost of upkeep.) It seems Brooklyn Poly no longer needs it’s cash cow and cannot stand any competition. All in all, why waste money on the small, friendly environment when all those lovely greenbacks can go to supporting the decrepit weight of old Brooklyn Poly?

I’ve been there, and I was undershelmed. No dorms. No Gym. Exposure to the corporate world is just that. A razor blade factory is just that. A refurbished ancient elevators, and a horrible computer to student ratio. A refurbished old building well past it’s prime. Not exactly a center of advanced science and engineering.

It seems Mr. Feldman was right about one thing at least: Poly is a great place to learn about back stabbing. My only consolation is that I’ll be gone by the time the changes take effect.

Farmingdale has to offer. I will advise him to come to the front of our auditorium in the Metropolitan Center. Why would you make that cheap piece of paper the most IGNORANT, STUPID piece of writing that I have seen in my entire life. Not only are your opinions morally and ethically wrong, your writing is not even correct. How can you expect to have any credibility when you make things up? Maybe by writing a line to the effect of “its better to learn to back stab and suck up in college than to have to learn after you gradu...” And thought there Jason. Full of credibility. President Chang already told some students on the Farmingdale campus that the facts in your two articles on our campus were DEAD WRONG. I don’t think they mean to say that they made up those facts and THEN made them up.

You made things up about our Dean, perhaps the most honest and caring member of the entire Poly administration. And, you hurt all of the students here that love this campus so much. You probably can’t understand what you are doing because you are the heartless hu (continued on next page)
man being you strive to be. Yes, you have succeeded in what you want to be. Congratulations.

From: The Unknown Soldier
Looks like you have been reading too much of that foreign propaganda, soldier. You should be reading the all-American truth in Pit Trap instead.

From: Dan Davis
Well well well. It seems that the Reporter’s famous unprofessionalism has once again reared its ugly head. This isn’t the first time I’ve had to confront the Polytechnic Reporter for their tedious and unnecessary outbursts, however this latest episode takes the taco. It is true that every man is entitled to his own opinion. However, there are certain times when he ought to keep that opinion to himself - Feldman has crossed that line. It is simply a matter of professional courtesy that one does not go out over a death. Mr. Feldman has convinced me that he lacks any such professionalism, and has no clue how you deal with people and events in the here and now. It is true that Mr. Feldman is masking his own insecurity by taking this event as an opportunity to mock the students here, and dance on our grave, giddy as a schoolgirl. He is awfully brave sitting behind his terminal. What I don’t understand is how unprofessional Jason is.

The inconsistencies in that editorial are too numerous for me to point out here. And to think, I was called unprofessional by that miscreant and his cohorts. Indeed, the Farmingdale campus has died. I have no great love for this school at all, however, Farmingdale was my campus, and I will have to live with that choice long after I leave. After all, I spent my entire college career there. Not everyone here cried when the hammer dropped on Oct. 15th, some were actually glad the place was put out of its misery. Mr. Feldman has convinced me that you are a complete moron who has no idea what is going on. This decision is the worst that Poly could have ever made and will lead to its eventual collapse. You have NO facts in any of your articles and the “facts” you do use - I am convinced you made them up off the top of your head. None of your figures add up, and most of them are false. Be prepared for my own editorial in the upcoming issue of Fusion. I will present in it a point by point break down of why this is a bad decision, and why you are an imbecile.

From: Dan Davis
I just ripped your article out of the reporter and wiped my ass with it. Just thought you should know that.

From: Alison Hazlett (LI Administration Office)
I’m certain you have received many responses to your editorial. I would like to add my thoughts and hope you will seriously consider my words. You are certainly entitled to your opinion - that is the purpose of an editorial. However, backing up with inaccuracies is not only wrong, it also makes you look foolish and unintelligent. Please put this experience in your memory bank as one to learn from. Secondly, “backstabbing” may be your way to deal with others, but I do not see it as being any different than telling people they should “learn it now” is only forcing your opinion and ideals on others. The same is true for your opinion of the Long Island campus and “open spaces”. The major difference in this country will attend suburban campuses for the next four years of their lives and will come out to be successful individuals in their chosen fields. I’d like to know how you equate urban colleges to “Success” when there are at least three times as many suburban campuses in this country as urban ones. Students chose the Long Island campus because they wanted grass and trees. They could have just as easily gone to Brooklyn if they wanted to but the point is THEY DIDN’T WANT TO. Finally, your lack of tact and sensitivity regarding the students and staff on Long Island not only shows your immaturity but your inability to manage others in the future. Good managers know how to motivate their employees. I believe results while at the same time being aware of their individual needs. I hope you will understand the damage you have done with your cruel and inaccurate editorial and learn from your mistakes. You have the right to freedom of speech but with that comes the responsibility of mature and truthful reporting, both of which I feel you’ve missed in you last editorial.

From: Anthony J. Santangelo
I was looking over my youngest son copy of your newspaper and came across the article by Jason Feldman “They’re Day Arrives.” That so much space was devoted to this letter is, I hope not a reflection of what this newspaper would like to believe. The letter was riddled with inaccuracies and sadly lacking in its ability to persuade. It sounds as if it were written by a petulant teenager. The number of students that attend the LI campus is not the issue. Some of the money that is channelled to the Brooklyn campus should have been used to expand the LI campus. We are not writing about two campuses we all know that and they are differentiated environments. My son selected Poly - Long Island because it was a small school with a superb teaching staff and small classes. He did not want the city environment or the atmosphere of Metrotech Center. By offering two campuses we all know that and they are differentiated environments.

From: Jeff Deniece
I am the President of the ACM here at Poly LIC. After reading your editorial I am convinced that you are a complete moron and I was that the poly would have ever made and will lead to its eventual collapse. You have NO facts in any of your articles and the “facts” you do use - I am convinced you made them up off the top of your head. None of your figures add up, and most of them are false. Be prepared for my own editorial in the upcoming issue of Fusion. I will present in it a point by point break down of why this is a bad decision, and why you are an imbecile.

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At this time I would like to call attention to some of the falsities that have been thrown at me. One letter said I am going to be an ineffective manager when I graduate. I would like to say that time will be the ultimate judge of that. But, in the here and now, we have successfully increased the frequency and profitability of The Reporter.

It is not an attitude found at the Long Island campus by Jason Feldman.

From: Bill Faulk
I was a student at Polytechnic Univer- sity from 1995 to 1997, when I finally de- cided to Leave Poly because... POLY SUCKS... I thought so anyway. The campus was horrible, tuition was to high, etc. But I attended the Farmingdale Campus. And for some reason I was VERY offended by your article. You may have BEEN there, but you will never understand it. Yes the campus was a death. Mr. Feldman has convinced me that you are a complete moron and I was that the poly would have ever made and will lead to its eventual collapse. You have NO facts in any of your articles and the “facts” you do use - I am convinced you made them up off the top of your head. None of your figures add up, and most of them are false. Be prepared for my own editorial in the upcoming issue of Fusion. I will present in it a point by point break down of why this is a bad decision, and why you are an imbecile.

Replay from the Editor-in-Chief

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Amid all of this there is one thing that is overlooked: I did not close the campus. No one sent me a ballot or an email asking for my input. I believe we tried to contact student leaders there, but to no avail. In fact the real problem stems from the freshmen. They were sold a bill of goods that was taken from them. Juniors and seniors are expected to graduate from Farmingdale but the freshmen are the ones who are really going to be affected by the closing. Indeed these freshmen should petition the administration and make them aware of the difficulties that will be exerted on them.

As an aside, I would like to mention that I was impressed with student reaction. They reacted in ways that Brooklyn people would not have. I recall that when the Aero major died here there was not a peep from the students, who blithely ignored that fact. But I would also like to point that some responses were inappropriate and did not sway my opinion. I would like to thank the people that sent me intelligent feedback. These people made me rethink my position and without them this editorial would not have been written.

- Jason Feldman
The Leap Year Bug, the 48-Hour Day, and the 355-Day Year

by Spencer Kormos

Where were you on October 5, 1582? If you’re not immortal, you probably weren’t born yet. What about your ancestors then? Don’t know? Well I can’t tell you what they were doing, but I can tell you when they were doing it. It was on October 15, 1582 of course. No, I haven’t been smoking up on the commons. In 1582, October 5 occurred on October 15, for this was the only 355-year day in existence. Confused yet? Read on and I will explain.

This whole thing may be old news (about 417 years old), but its relationship to the year 2000 is not. You see, the three things listed above, all have to do with the bizarre configuration of the Julian calendar and the implementation of leap year. Most people know of the primary rule for leap year. That is, every fourth year has an additional day added to it, which was based on the discovery that the year has 365 ¼ days per year. However in AD 730, an Anglo-Saxon monk, the Venerable Bede calculated that this was in actuality an over-estimate by 11 minutes and 14 seconds (not bad for the technology of that time.) Unfortunately, nothing was done to correct this for about 850 years. In 1582 it was calculated that the over-estimate had placed civilization behind by about 10 days. So on October 4, 1582 Pope Gregory XIII declared that the day after October 4 be October 15, and history was made.

So what does this have to do with the year 2000? Well to make adjustments for the error, without TO-TALLY screwing up the calendar again, two new rules for calculating leap years for devised, thus making up the three following rules for determining a leap year:

1) If the year is divisible by 4 it is, unless
2) The year is divisible by 100, except
3) Those years which are divisible by 400.

What this boils down to is that every four years there is a leap year except centuries, provided that those centuries are not divisible by 400. Which leaves the years 1700, 1800, and 1900 leap years, but 2000 is not.

So in addition to the millennium bug, there is an additional bug that COBOL programmers didn’t think of. Many of these programmers neglected to include the third and final rule, making next year a standard year. This may not be THAT big of a deal, considering all the hoopla that has gone into changing the all the COBOL system over to newer less memory-hungry systems, but its just an additional little irksome task that needs to be handled by people who didn’t bother to think of this in the first place.

Many of you might be thinking that this isn’t too bad. Those services that depend upon the day (eg, paychecks, bills, etc.) can be handled by pulling the date back a day, or just doubling rates for that one day. It certainly isn’t as bad as all the life-dependent services to crash around the globe. While this certainly is true, what about the hundreds of babies that are born on February 29 each four years? It turns out that this is taken care of as well.

According to Federal Law, any “official” business that takes place on February 29, legally occur on the 28th instead. Thus making February 29, legally an extension of February 28. Well what do you know, we have a 48-hour day.

So what have we learned today? We have learned that there are 97 leap years in a four hundred year period. We also learned that legally a day isn’t added to the year, just 24 hours added on to the last day of a short month. As the author of this article I do realize that there is much more to this issue, like the religion versus science debate, or how this leap year “bug” could really damage society. I, however, reserve the right to give this to you the reader to decide on. Besides, I have to go and figure out what in the world a “leap second” is.
Bringing out the Dead

For a paramedic, to save a life is bliss. Never again can you feel more powerful, more divine, more... like god. But no paramedic will take credit for loosing a life. Denial and placing blame somewhere else is the only way to live with yourself while keeping your sanity. Once in a while, however, something goes so wrong; you cannot blame anyone but yourself. You realize you've failed. And your conscience never stops torturing you. Nicholas Cage plays one of the few semi-awake, near schizophrenic chosen ones, who dare to challenge fate and attempt to save people's lives on a daily basis. He belongs to a very discrete number of people who can stand the hectic lifestyle of paramedics. Cage's character works the night shift. That puts him in the same realm as drug dealers and their addict clients, suicidal psychopaths, gun-faring sociopath goons and all the other night dwellers. Between answering frequent distress calls, then racing against time and battling whatever it is that brings you where you're going, there's nothing but bright blinking lights of the city rushing past you in all directions. Cage, the lonely, sleepless paramedic, who surrenders his life to serve others the moment he puts on his badge, who can't even remember the last time he saved anyone, realizes he's not the messiah he once thought himself to be. After all the deaths he was unable to prevent while helplessly trying to resist destiny in his line of work, he's just a bystander, a witness to someone's passing, sometimes the only priest a dying person ever gets to meet before the end. This sort of profession will make anyone crazy. That's why Cage sees ghosts, hears voices of those he failed to rescue. They converse with him. Demand why he could not save them. B I a m e him. Ask him to let them go in peace or remind him of the errors he committed that lead to their deaths. Quitting seems like the only way out, except there is no quitting from the world that he lives in. No going back. No escape from the world he once chose to live in.

In “Bringing out the Dead,” Director Martin Scorsese puts us face to face with the reality of being a hero. Not an all-powerful, invincible superhuman do-gooder, but a real life, flesh and blood, vulnerable, unstable, self-punishing Messiah of life to all who require “some medical attention.” I can’t tell you that this is the most uplifting, wonderful story that has ever been put on film. The visuals are dark and creepy. The inner world that the lead character seems to live in is almost deprived of any hope, though full of compassion. The spinning lights become nasty to the point of giving you a splitting headache. But if you want a real experience, something new to grace your mind with, something educational, and perhaps something pure, then go see this gory, strange and intriguing interpretation of one true hero’s way of life, shining light on how a bunch of lunatics driving ambulance trucks are trying to save the world one life at a time.

FINANCIAL IDEAS

by Tung F. Cheng

How To Find A PT Job Outside of Poly

As students become juniors and seniors, curiosity kicks in as to what the “real” world is like after spending several years in college. Working part-time (less than 35 hours per week) outside of the university by your junior and senior years is useful as these jobs may end up offering you a full time position (working 35 hours or more per week) after graduation. Even if you decide to work at a different company after graduation, your experience from working in a corporate job becomes a great asset to other companies.

In most cases, part-time jobs at large companies are listed as “internships,” meaning you are working for the practical experience. Be aware that “internships” may pay hourly rates, a one time stipend, or nothing at all. So if income is important to you, be sure to ask the companies you apply to, whether they offer any payment for the internship. Do not make assumptions about the internship. Ask as many questions as you can when applying for a position. A great way to practice is at career fairs. One is scheduled at Polytechnic University on November 3, Wednesday from 11:00am to 3:00pm. They will be in the Student Lounge of Jacobs Building, lobbies of Rogers Hall and Dibner Building, and RH115 and 116.

At the career fair, representatives from large corporations are looking to hire students for part-time internships during the semester, full-time internships for the summer and full-time jobs for graduates. Some of these representatives were Poly students; and they may be recent graduates. Even if you are not looking to become an intern, you should take the opportunity to inquire about what companies are looking for in their employees, so that you can better prepare yourself to fit the qualifications companies want from future workforces.

The career fair is not a formal environment. Although it is recommended that you dress up so that your chances are better in getting the attention of the corporate representative, you can ask questions and gather information even if you are dressed down. Students have mentioned that they received internship offers at the career fair just by communicating with them. Ask about what in-
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Make The Web Work For You

As a supplement to the annual Career Fair at Poly—to be held on Wednesday, November 3—many of you may also want to broaden your search for that perfect job by considering other possibilities that are available—mainly the web for instance. So before you grab that Sunday paper and red marker, go online and sell yourself.

With the proliferation of the Internet, this medium has become one that more employers and job seekers are beginning to prefer over more traditional methods—such as newspaper want ads. The reason? Versatility. Where else can you perform customized searches by locality or company and get the results within seconds? How about uploading your resume to a database that is sure to catch a prospective employer’s eye? Try to accomplish that with your local paper.

Make the web work to your advantage. The following links have been carefully selected to provide quality information for the job seeker and employer. Each link is annotated to save you time while browsing.

**Dice.com**
[http://www.dice.com](http://www.dice.com)

If you’re interested in a position within the IT industry, then look no further. With over 150,000 high tech jobs to browse through, Dice.com clearly stands out. Job seekers can easily search by region, area code, skill keywords and title to get listings they want. In addition to finding jobs, Dice.com offers interesting links any IT-savvy individual would appreciate and career resources. Using simple navigation and a clean appearance, this website revolves around three basic principals: focus, depth, and results.

**HeadHunter.net**
[http://www.headhunter.net](http://www.headhunter.net)

HeadHunter.net is one of the first online recruitment services to allow corporations and candidates to control the exposure of your job or resume postings within a search. It is the most current database of active job listings and quality, passive job seekers across all professional categories. The site now has over 160,000 current jobs listings—19,535 of them in engineering— with salary values ranging from entry level to over $500,000, and over 230,000 resumes. Headhunter.net also enables recruiters and job candidates to search by any key word, such as “public relations” or “C++ programmer,” as well as by occupation, travel requirements, and other criteria.

**Monster.com**
[www.monster.com](http://www.monster.com)

Don’t let the name scare you, but this flashy site can probably find your next position. Monster.com allows the user to research companies, personalize the job-hunting experience, and valuable career resources that will help you sound more marketable to the employer. Chats, boards and newsletters at this website provide an opportunity for everyone to sound off on topics that are related to job searching and career development. Extra points have to be awarded to Monster.com for the colorful appearance and efficient navigation.

**CareerMosaic**
[http://www.careermosaic.com](http://www.careermosaic.com)

More than 100,000 current opportunities in a variety of industries from employers around the world are offered at Career Mosaic. Posting jobs online is quick, easy, and cost effective—the jobs remain live for a full 30 days. Job seekers can use a zip code radius search to view openings within a given distance from any zip code in the country or can refine their search using description, title, company, and location fields.

**CareerPath.com**
[www.careerpath.com](http://www.careerpath.com)

CareerPath.com was co-founded in October 1995 by six major newspapers: The Boston Globe, Chicago Tribune, Los Angeles Times, The New York Times, San Jose Mercury-News and The Washington Post. The job listings offered by this site come from two sources: they’re pulled from the Help Wanted ads of the nation’s leading newspapers, and from the Web sites of leading employ-
Kasparov 1, World 0
by Ivan Kriakov

As the many chess junkies in Poly know, four months ago an epic battle began – Garry Kasparov, the world’s best player of the game of chess took on the World. The contest, which started on June 21, ended on October 22 in 62 moves when 51 percent of the representatives of the world decided to resign. This decision was reached when Garry showed the World his final analysis and the inevitability of his win. I was one of the players who voted for the resignation, and who participated in the event, and my decision on the final move was influenced as much by the predictability of the end as by my lack of enthusiasm for proceeding with the monotony voting. Here are my reflections on the event.

The game was organized by Microsoft through their Zone.com gaming services site. It was played on a java applet where you could click and move the figures, chat with other players and read featured articles and information about chess. Kasparov was white and made the first move, and then each side had 24 hours to proceed. The World had 58,000 unique voters and the move that received the most votes was played. To become a voter I had to create a free account with Zone.com, and to vote I had to decide on my move, submit it, and then enter my username and password for verification. This was bothersome but necessary to prevent ballot stuffing, which nevertheless supposedly occurred in the end game, due to a glitch in Microsoft’s technology – this was one of the controversies of the game.

My main disappointment was that the world had team leaders:
- Etienne Bacrot, 16.
- Irina Krush, 15. The U.S. women’s chess champion and youngest member of the U.S. Olympiad team.

Most of the moves recommended by her were selected by the World too.
- Elisabeth Pähtz, 14. Is ranked eighth in the World Championship of youngsters and is a member of the female German National Chess Team.

The youth of the team leaders was designed to promote the game among kids and teenagers, which was a fabulous initiation, but the idea of the World having leaders created some setbacks. During the four months, the leaders decided on their choice of the best move, then their picks, which were usually identical, were posted on the site where the voting occurs, and almost always the final vote was for a move recommended by the leaders. This process turned the game into a droning clicking – every 48 hours I had to go to the web site, see what the suggested moves were, and choose one of them because they were the best ones. Thus, the play, instead of being a game of chess, became an experience of learning from the analysis of the leaders, which was unexpected but great too.

The World was not the only side that was helped. Kasparov, in making his moves, was aided by two computer programs – Hiarcs and Fritz. His friend grandmaster Boris Alterman, who used the best chess program in the world - Deep Junior, also assisted him with analyzing the positions.

I was disappointed that I was not playing against Kasparov, in the sense that my recommendation on a move was worth almost nothing, and Kasparov was not playing against the World with his mind only but with the help of computers too. But this displeasure made me realize that the real grandiosity of the game was that the thousands of people who had the chance to play against Kasparov, became an unexpectedly great power.

“In my wildest dreams I couldn’t imagine that this game could take so much of my energy and time,” said Kasparov, “...at one point sometime in July I got a bit scared because the game was definitely out of my control and I could not anticipate many continuations.”

AROUND THE NHL

Despite the need for a power forward, the Rangers seem ready to pass on acquiring C Keith Primeau from Carolina, where he’s embroiled in a bitter contract dispute. Apparently the going price on the big center is too much even for the Rangers.....Toronto, in the midst of a strong opening to their season, got even stronger by obtaining RW Dmitri Kriss ich from Boston. Khristich, who was released by the Bruins when GM Harry Sinden refused to accept a salary arbitration decision in Khristich’s favor, paid immediate dividends. In his first game for Toronto, he contributed a goal and an assist in a 4-0 Leafs victory over last year’s Stanley Cup champion Dallas Stars.....New Jersey Devils D

The prevailing hypothesis, advocated by Theo Fleury and coach John Muckler, is that the team isn’t close yet as a group, and that the individual talents on the team need time to gel on the ice. Fleury, in fact, went an extra step and said that the team needs to get close off the ice as well.

This may be right, or it may be just highbrow excuse-making. Either way, if the Rangers don’t figure out what ails them, and quickly, they’ll find themselves in a precarious position with regard to the playoffs.

It seemed unimaginable at the beginning of the season that this group of talent could possibly stumble their way out of the postseason. But as the losses mount and the goal totals remain constant, it remains to be seen whether this currently clueless bunch will be able to right the ship and sail on to a playoff berth.

One thing’s for sure—everyone’s job is at risk now. There are almost $60 million tied up in player salaries, and if that investment doesn’t produce results soon, someone’s going to have to take the fall.

Our guess is that John Muckler will be the first sacrifice if things don’t turn around soon. Next to go would probably be some players in a trade or two, and last would probably be GM Neil Smith. If things get so bad that Smith is fired, it will truly mark a low point in Ranger history.
Although, many of the moves were predefined by the leaders, it was not always so, and some of most genius and unexpected ones were the World’s only. Here is Kasparov’s reaction to one of them: “Sicilian Defense, World variation: 10...Qe6!? NOVELTY! Congratulations for a new move! The world is making valuable contribution for the opening theory! That is completely refuting the notion about low quality of the moves selected on the majority basis! … Whatever happens, chess is going to be enriched by the exciting game!”

In this regard, this game was of a higher excellence than the Kasparov vs. Deep Blue. The game against Deep Blue according to Kasparov was “run in secresy and even after 2.5 years we don’t have a clear understanding of what happened.” Its quality was high and the computer, which won 3.5 to 2.5, made moves so deep that they seemed ludicrous. The contest with the World was much more interactive and open to the world. It created emotions, disagreements and brilliant discoveries – it was great for the game of chess. The game also showed the promotional and developmental role that the Internet will play for the growth of chess.

With more than 3 million unique visitors from 75 countries, the game was such a unique experience even for Kasparov that according to him a rematch is highly likely.

Kasparov’s End of Game Chat Transcript:

Garry Kasparov’s web page:
http://www.clubkasparov.ru/

The World vs. Kasparov web page:
http://www.zone.com/Kasparov/

The Deep Blue vs. Kasparov web page:
http://www.research.ibm.com/deepblue/

Play Chess on those java-based chess servers:
Yahoo listing: http://dir.yahoo.com/Recreation/Games/Board_Games/Chess/Chess_Servers/Java/
MS Gaming Zone: http://www.zone.com/chess/

More chess links at Yahoo!
http://dir.yahoo.com/Recreation/Games/Board_Games/Chess/

Attention all Bowlers. Bowling Intramural started with the first meet on October 27th. The season continues every Wednesday, November 3, 10, 17 and 24 at Mark Lanes, 88 Street and 4 Avenue in Brooklyn. Contact Ms. Maureen Braziel at 718-637-5900.

Upcoming Events:
The Intramural season is coming to a close for the Fall Semester 1999 with 2 exciting events. The first is the Fitness Competition, which consists of various events including push-ups, sit-ups, pull-ups, squat thrusts, bench press, shoulder press, leg press and broad jump. Total number of points will determine the overall winners. This event will be held in the Sears Fitness Center on Wednesday November 10th at 12:00 noon.

The final event is the Flag Football Competition with the playoffs happening at Commodore Barry Park on November 17th. The finalists will compete at the annual “Turkey Bowl” on November 24th.

REMEMBER! Applications must be submitted before 10:00am of the day of the event to Ms. La’Len Dingle, Coordinator, Wunsch Center, Room 116 or you will not qualify to participate. All teams are to meet at the Wunsch Student Center, Room 106 at 12:00 noon. All events start promptly at 12:10pm.
Midnight Madness At Poly

The first annual “Midnight Madness” was held on Friday, October 15th, at the Farmingdale gym. This event gave the Polytechnic students a chance to meet and greet the 1999-2000 Blue Jay Varsity basketball team.

The night’s activities started with a foul shooting competition. Then head basketball Coach, Laddy Baldwin, introduced this year’s Blue Jay varsity team as well as his assistant coaches, including first year assistant, Michael Williams. The Blue Jays executed a few warm-up drills followed by a scrimmage between the members of the Varsity team.

The night’s activities did not end there! Games and contests were held; T-shirts and prizes were given to the winners.

The featured activity for the students was the “Shot Around Contest.” Twelve lucky students won a chance to compete for a prize of $2,500. All the students had to do was make a number of baskets including 3-point goal and a half-court goal in 25 seconds. Of the 12 contestants, no one won but a few came close!

All contest winners received prizes, including basketballs and replica jerseys, purchased by the Midnight Madness student committee. There were refreshments and a dance after the athletic activities.

Midnight Madness At Poly Varsity Basketball Begins

With the successful completion of “Midnight Madness,” the Blue Jays are now getting ready for the 1999-2000 season, which includes trips to MIT in Boston and Villa Julie College in Baltimore. Let’s not forget the annual “Night at the Meadowlands,” on Thursday, December 2nd. The Blue Jays will play Coach Cazzie Russell’s Scad Bees of Savannah College of Art and Design at 4:30pm followed by the World Champion, San Antonio Spurs vs. The New Jersey Nets. Tickets are $30.00 and can be purchased at Room 107, Wunsch Center. For more information, contact Ms. Maureen Braziel, Director of Athletics at 718-637-5900.

In the next issue of the Reporter, there will be a preview of the upcoming Blue Jay basketball season. So look for it.

Women’s Sports At Poly

Attention all female athletes at Polytechnic. The Department of Athletics is expanding the Women’s Program to include Varsity Basketball, Softball, Volleyball, Judo and Tennis. For the Varsity Basketball team, contact Dragutin(Getz) Knezic, Women’s Basketball Coach at 260-3477. For Tennis contact Steven Wen, Coach, at (212) 640-6653 or Email him at swen@iso.com. For Volleyball contact James Zeng, Volleyball Coach, Beeper #917) 826-4294. For Judo contact Ms. Maureen Braziel, Director of Athletics and Judo Coach at 718-637-5900.