Japanese Design Exhibit on Tap

By Bruce Annett

Lawrence Tech is hosting “Japanese Design Today 100,” an exhibit on Japanese design, through the auspices of the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit. Opening to the public on March 8, the show will run until the end of the month. Co-sponsored by WWJ Newsradio 950, the exhibit features 100 of the finest examples of Japanese design created between the 1990s and today, focusing on domestic products used in everyday life. Additional items of modern design are included from the early postwar years (mainly from the 1950s) to show the origin of today’s design.

The exhibition highlights Japanese contributions to today’s product designs and increases the knowledge of product trends, while at the same time giving insight into the nature of Japanese culture. Items displayed include furnishings, vehicles, electronics, cameras, culinary items, and toys.

“Japanese Design Today 100” will be on display in the UTLC Gallery, March 8-27. Tentative hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. For more information, call ext. 2206.

Chambers Appointed Chancellor, Walker Interim President

By Bruce Annett

At the University’s board of trustees meeting Jan. 26, the board appointed Lawrence Tech President Charles M. Chambers chancellor, effective Feb. 1, 2006. The action followed his announcement that he desired to conclude his tenure as president July 1. The trustees also appointed Lawrence Tech’s executive vice president and provost, Lewis N. Walker, as interim president until a permanent successor is named, following a search that will be led by the board’s executive committee. That appointment also is effective Feb. 1.

Chambers, 64, has served as Lawrence Tech president since 1993, and is one of the longest serving leaders of a Michigan private college or university. He will be the first chancellor in Lawrence Tech’s history, a position that will allow him to concentrate on external relations and fund raising.

“With the upcoming dedication of the A. Alfred Taubman Student Services Center, the University has reached a significant milestone in its comprehensive master plan of campus development, major philanthropy, technological prominence, community service, and academic excellence,” Chambers said. “While I take great pride in these achievements, I am even more proud of the tremendous team effort shown by faculty, staff, administrators, alumni, trustees, and our community partners in making all of this possible. A campaign that began with a modest $20 million goal only a few short years ago has now attained some $45 million and is still growing. As we approach Lawrence Tech’s diamond anniversary in 2007, this university is well poised for future decades of enhanced distinction and success. I am deeply honored by this unprecedented recognition as chancellor and I look forward to working with my fellow trustees to set the stage for this important transition to the next generation of leadership.”

“During the period of his leadership this University has been transformed,” said Lloyd E. Reuss, former president of General Motors Corp. and chairman of Lawrence Tech’s board of trustees. “There has been an enormous increase in student scholarships, community outreach, and the growth and expansion of applied research and academic offerings, including the launch of doctoral programs. The number of degree programs has increased by nearly a third – to over 60. Additionally, Charles oversaw the largest expansion of facilities, achieved the highest level of fund raising success in the University’s history, and spearheaded Lawrence Tech’s emergence as Michigan’s preeminent private research university.”

On July 1, Chambers will be named president emeritus and retain his professorial status in the Charles M. Chambers Distinguished Professorship in Science and Technology chair.

Campus improvements during Chambers’ tenure have been dramatic. Lawrence Tech’s $31.9 million A. Alfred Taubman Student Services Center, a “green” building constructed to meet LEED specifications, and the $3.2 million Center for Innovative Materials Research are poised to open this spring. The Campaign for Lawrence Tech will conclude in July having raised more than double its original goal. Early in his presidency, Chambers encouraged the establishment of a faculty senate and a staff council. With broad-based participation by the campus community, he led the creation of three strategic plans for the University over the past decade and

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Green Building Design Studio

By Dan Faoro

John Kennedy, PE, and president of Green Building Studio, Inc., will present a Green Studio Software Demonstration, Wed., Feb. 8, 1-5 p.m. in the Lear Auditorium. The studio is open to all faculty and students, although seats are reserved for the students in the courses ARC 4224 Sustainability Studio and ARC 4133 Passive Solar Design Strategies.

Green Building Studio, Inc., an architectural engineering and construction software company, is the industry’s leading provider of building energy analysis tools and web-based sales lead and advertising solutions.

The Green Building Studio™ (GBS) web service dramatically changes the way buildings are designed and how new products are identified, specified, and sold. GBS relieves the pain associated with early building energy design decisions and data exchange, saving architects $5,000 or more per project. GBS creates a new advertising and sales channel for manufacturers, providing very detailed pre-qualified leads and building information derived from early design stage BIM or 3D-CAD models and local energy standards. Green Building Studio, Inc., has a formal go-to-market partnership in place with Autodesk, Graphisoft, and Bentley.

Kennedy was the key designer of Green Building XML (gbXML), today’s standard for interoperability between 3D-CAD software and engineering energy analysis. Using gbXML for data exchange, GBS is one of the first engineering analysis tools to deliver true interoperability between building design teams using CAD, engineers using energy models such as DOE-2, and building product manufacturers like Trane using Trace700 for sizing and pre-sales design.

GBS web service, introduced Apr. 21, 2004, is available at no charge and is being aggressively marketed by the major CAD vendors, Autodesk, Graphisoft, and soon Bentley.

Kennedy, with degrees in mechanical engineering and sustainability, was senior...
Humans Happenings

By Betty L. Stover

As part of the Constitution Day recognition, the Department of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Communication held an essay contest challenging students to answer the question, “In light of the Wu/Connerly debate of Nov. 21, . . . does affirmative action represent the possibility of fulfilling the promise of equality represented by the 14th Amendment, or, on the other hand, does it itself represent a violation of that promise?”

First prize of $150 went to Kathryn Organ. (See her essay on this page.) Pictured here with Humanities Assistant Professor Stewart Winger are Megan McParland, the $100 second prize winner, and Sara Horn, whose essay earned her third place and $50.

Affirmative Action: Fulfilling a Promise or Deepening the Rift?

By Kathryn Organ

The following is an abridged version of the winning essay, which can be found in full on the humanities website.

A number of colleges and universities have recently been involved in lawsuits over their admittance or scholarship policies that favor students of certain races over students of other races. There is a major difference between the actions of the past and those of today. The Civil Rights movement, constitutional amendments, and affirmative action have all been in place to ensure that minorities are not discriminated against for a job or for a chance to learn. However, it is the affirmative action movement that is under fire today. While the intended purpose is honorable, affirmative action is a policy that accomplishes the opposite of its goal; it only works to put down one group of citizens in order to help another.

The question is not whether there is a violation of the 14th Amendment, but whether affirmative action promotes equality or conversely prevents true equality among American citizens.

Discrimination is defined as “treatment or consideration based on class or category rather than individual merit; partiality or prejudice,” which is in essence what happens with affirmative action.

Minorities and females are given “advantages,” either in a point system, i.e., at U of M, or as a minimum number of places for minorities to fill over whites, males, or white males. The difference between affirmative action and any other form of discrimination is that some defend affirmative action as giving an advantage, or giving an increased chance, to someone who otherwise would not have had that chance.

Another problem with affirmative action is that it inadvertently increases racism. To define something – anything – by race is inherently racism. It does not need to be a negative statement to be racist. Even though affirmative action intends to use race and gender as positive factors, it still defines a person by his or her race or gender. It also increases the division between races because as people are judged by race positively or negatively, they feel a sense of competition with, or resentment toward, people of other races. When one group is raised up or given privilege over another group, the groups are no longer and cannot be considered “equal.” If equality is the goal, affirmative action surely misses the mark.

Affirmative action should be offensive to minorities and to those it benefits. It is insulting to think that half of Americans feel that minorities or women may not be qualified enough on their own to get into a certain school or to get a certain job, without having this assistance. It implies that merit and ability are less important than the color of one’s skin or one’s gender.

No student at Lawrence Tech is given special consideration because of his or her status in life. Students exist at this school on an equal plane; we struggle equally through the same classes; and the women in the engineering program certainly are not given a percentage boost in their overall GPA for working in a “man’s field.”

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Vaz Reappointed, Johnston Returns

By Bruce Annett

With the announcement of the chancellor and interim president changes, two other interim appointments were effective Feb. 1. Maria J. Vaz was named interim provost, and Laird E. Johnston will return as interim dean of the College of Engineering.

Vaz currently serves as associate provost, dean of graduate programs, and interim dean of engineering. She served interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences last year and shepherded the development of several new programs, including the Master of Educational Technology, Bachelor of Science in Media Communications, and Bachelor of Science in Chemical Biology. The chemical biology program is a sister program with the Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering started at the same time. These programs launch Lawrence Tech into the bio and life sciences area, which Vaz strongly advocates.

Vaz joined Lawrence Tech’s faculty in 1983 after completing her doctorate in physics at Kent State University. In 1992 she became chair of the Department of Natural Sciences and in 1994 became associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. In 1998 she became associate provost and dean of graduate programs.

Vaz led the preparation effort for the regular visit of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools in 2001 and has worked closely with Badih Jawad and the Assessment Committee. She has had a great impact on many initiatives at Lawrence Tech and will continue to play a critical role in determining the University’s future direction.

Johnston served as dean of engineering five years until his retirement last summer. He has kindly consented to return as interim dean until a successor is chosen.

Johnston’s past experience includes a variety of high tech management positions at General Motors Corp. and Electronic Data Systems, including leading support for GM’s centers for systems, energy, reliability, vehicle launch, and noise and vibration. He served as GM’s technical process manager for engineering, as manager of the EDS computer-aided engineering and test division, and manager of engineering and technical support for advanced product engineering. He has also served as the executive engineer responsible for the computer coordination of GM’s engineering analysis systems.

Johnston holds four degrees in mechanical engineering, including the doctor of science, all from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), where he was a GM Fellow. He has authored 11 patents and various technical papers on biomechanics, anti-skid brakes, vehicle design, and fuel injection controls. He served on advisory boards for the Society of Automotive Engineers, MIT, and Michigan State, Caltech, and Wayne State Universities, and is a member of several engineering honor societies. He was formerly a teaching and research assistant at MIT and earlier taught mathematics at Lawrence Tech.

Locally, he is past president of the board of New Horizons, a non-profit organization helping people with disabilities develop job skills. He also led Scout and Explorer Posts.

Commencement Enhancements

By Holly Diamond

The Commencement Committee has agreed to the following changes for Lawrence Tech’s Commencement, Sun., May 21, 2006.

• An Honors Convocation will be held the afternoon of Sat., May 20. Honors medallions will be presented to the students at the Convocation so that they can wear them at Commencement instead of honors cords.

• Honors policies are being reviewed by the college deans and the faculty senate in an effort to establish consistent honors practices across all colleges.

• Focus:HOPE students will not pause on stage. Instead, a paragraph in the commencement program will highlight the importance of our relationship with Focus:HOPE. After the associate degrees are awarded, the Focus:HOPE representatives will be acknowledged.

• A line of graduates will enter the stage from each side and exit down the middle.

• Two readers will announce graduates, alternating between the two lines.

• In lieu of a “facsimile diploma,” each graduate will receive a scroll. There will be no assigned seats, only group seating by degree.

• The first doctoral degrees will be conferred.

• The Order of March will change as follows:

  • Doctoral candidates will be escorted on stage and hooded by their dissertation advisor.

  • Master’s, bachelor’s, and associate degrees will be awarded by college.

• The commencement program will list the doctoral candidates, their previous degrees, institutions, their dissertation titles, and advisors. The commencement program also will be enhanced to include honor societies.

Other suggestions regarding Commencement or the printed program should be sent to Holly Diamond at diamond@ltu.edu.

Green Building Design Studio

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developer of VisualDOE while working for Eley and Associates. He went on to develop a variety of modeling tools for RLW Analytics and formed GeoPraxis in 1998 to commercialize the IDEA Server™ concept of a web-based engineering modeling system that reviewed efficiency measure alternatives and benchmarked buildings. The IDEA Server™ concept called Emcor-Energy-Edge is still in operation. The IDEA Server™ technologies serve as the underlying architecture for the GBS web service, providing the flexibility for green building design assistance today.
Lawrence Technological University

By Valentina Tobos

The Michigan Department of Education has approved Lawrence Tech’s application to provide teachers the training they need to earn the NP (educational technology) endorsement on their teaching certificates.

The endorsement requires teachers and other professionals working in a school setting to take 18 graduate credits (6 courses) in an educational technology program approved by the state. Lawrence Tech’s courses cover subjects related to the use of technology to promote critical and creative thinking, development of classroom materials that use technology, web design for education, assistive technologies, and other topics related to instructional technologies and design.

The six courses required for the NP endorsement also form the core course work of the new Master of Educational Technology (MET) degree. Candidates who complete the six courses are not only eligible for the NP endorsement, but also have earned more than half the credits they need to earn the MET degree.

Launched last fall, the MET program requires 30 credit hours of study and is the result of the collaboration between Lawrence Tech and Marygrove College, a school of excellence for teacher preparation.

As MET program directors, Pam Lowry, VITRC director, and I are collaborating with CJ Chung, math and computer science professor, to design an extension to the NP certificate and a robotics concentration in the MET degree. Other plans include graduate certificates in autonomous robotics and in instructional technology (for professionals involved in designing and delivering local, national, and international training programs).

For more information, visit http://www.ltu.edu/arts_sciences/educational_technology/index.asp, or contact Valentina Tobos at v_tobos@ltu.edu, or Pam Lowry at lowry@ltu.edu.

NSBE Has Plans For 2006

By Ski Blanchard

Lawrence Tech’s National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) is in full swing for 2006. NSBE kicked off the new year by participating in the Freedom Walk, celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s life and legacy, held on Jan. 15. Students gathered in Southfield at Hope United Methodist Church and walked to the Southfield Civic Center Pavilion for a special program.

Southfield Mayor Brenda Lawrence and MLK Committee President Ann Dillion made remarks. A highlight of the program was the presentation of “Everyday Peace Making” by Rudy Simons, co-chair of the Michigan Coalition for Human Rights. The program also included musical performances by the Eisenhower Elementary School Ambassadors and a presentation of the MLK essay contest and service award winners.

NSBE has many other exciting events planned for its members and the Lawrence Tech community. These plans include study sessions, the Black History Month showcase in February, a 3-on-3 basketball tournament in March, and the NSBE 32nd Annual National Convention. This year’s convention takes place in Pittsburgh, PA, in late March. General body meetings also are planned throughout the semester. The next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 10 in the Lear Auditorium (T429) at 6 p.m.

NSBE’s mission is to increase the number of culturally responsible black engineers who excel academically, succeed professionally, and positively impact the community.

If you would like to become a part of this great organization, email NSBELTU@hotmail.com.

How to get LTU students outside...
Professor Joins Civil Engineering

By Karen Sanborn

Hiroshan Hettiarachchi recently joined the civil engineering faculty as an assistant professor. He received his bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from the University of Moratuwa in Sri Lanka, a master’s in geotechnical engineering from the Asian Institute of Technology in Thailand, and a PhD from the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

His specialization is geotechnical and geo-environmental engineering. Hettiarachchi’s research interests include the settlement mechanics of landfills, geotechnical aspects of solid waste management, soil mechanics, rock mechanics, and foundation engineering.

Before joining Lawrence Tech, Hettiarachchi was a geotechnical engineer with Langan Engineering and Environmental Services in New Jersey. At Langan, a civil engineering consulting firm active on the East Coast and in Nevada and Florida, he worked on geotechnical projects in the New York/New Jersey metro area.

Chancellor, President

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updated Lawrence Tech’s master plan to aid future development.

In recent years, Lawrence Tech became Michigan’s first wireless laptop campus and began providing high-end laptop computers to all undergrads, and was recently recognized by Intel Corporation as one of the 50 most “unwired” universities in the nation. It added a $20 million Technology and Learning Center. The $12 million Student Housing Center-North boosted on-campus residential capacity to 600 students. Massive improvements to the campus quadrangle also are being realized while millions of dollars more have been invested in upgrading all other facilities on Lawrence Tech’s 125-acre campus. The University is the only independent institution anchoring a Michigan Smart-Zone, and has established learning centers and higher education partnerships throughout Michigan, in Canada, Germany, Mexico, and throughout Asia.

Lewis N. Walker, Lawrence Tech’s interim president, was named executive vice president and provost in 2003, serving as chief academic officer and also overseeing student services and business activities. He had served as provost since 1994.

Walker holds three degrees from the University of Missouri-Columbia, including the PhD in electrical engineering. A registered professional engineer, he was involved as principal investigator or investigator in over $1.5 million of research contracts and has organized and presented numerous short courses and seminars on power system protection and power system dispatch operation.

Walker joined the University of Hartford as dean of engineering and professor of electrical engineering in 1982 and later also served as special assistant to the president.

For more information, see the full news release at www.ltu.edu/news.

Sculpture Competition Narrowed to Four Finalists

By Karen Sanborn

Some 54 students submitted entries in the Sculpture Competition to win the opportunity to display their original artwork in the Clifford and Carmela Cole Lavers Sculpture Garden between the Buell Management Building library and the A. Alfred Taubman Student Services Center.

Tom Regenbogen and Steve Rost, architecture faculty, were the advisors to the jury, which included Joe Veryser, associate dean of architecture and design; Glen LeRoy, dean of architecture and design; Melinda Weinstein, humanities assistant professor; Kimberly Lapinski, architecture alumni board member; and Dale Gyure, architecture assistant professor.

The jury met Jan. 18 and reviewed all of the entries. The field was narrowed to 10, then eight, then six and then four. The four finalists are Todd Dудzinski, Dan Swiontoniowski, Jonathan Krumpe, and James Petras.

“It was clear that nearly everyone gave considerable thought and effort into the submittals,” said Veryser. “There were four entries that the jury felt were exceptional and warranted further development.” Those four entrants will receive $100 toward materials to construct a 3D model of their design by the end of February. At that time a grand prize winner will be chosen to receive a $1,000 scholarship for next semester.

The grand prize winner’s model will then be presented to the naming donors, Clifford and Carmela Cole Lavers, for possible fabrication for the garden.

The Sculpture Competition jurors review project submissions and narrow the entries to four finalists.

Culinary Committee Is Cooking

By Jerry Webster

The Dining Services Committee was formed to serve as a conduit for feedback and recommendations related to the operation of dining services on campus. In addition to me and Brent Bishop, director of dining services, the committee includes student government representative Fadi Abro; Janiele Ostrowski, director of residence life; Michael Thornton, admissions counselor; Bruce Annett, executive director of marketing and public affairs; Diana Richards, coordinator of conference services and disability services; Lisa Yarbrough, budget analyst in business services; and Tracy Kash Thomas, arts and sciences administrative assistant, representing student senate. The committee still has an opening for a faculty representative.

Faculty and staff are encouraged to share their feedback with representatives on the Dining Services Committee in order to facilitate continual improvement and new, innovative dining and food service options. The committee will address menu choices, service, dining vendor relations, and general food services operations. Ideas gleaned from visits to other campuses also will be reviewed by the committee.

Each committee member has committed to attend and participate at the committee meetings, help promote new options or special services and events, gather and report feedback from campus diners, help administer surveys about dining services, and on occasion sample new menu offerings and provide feedback.

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The Beginning of the New Tech News

By Fadi Abro

Many members of the student body may have noticed that one name appears at the top of nearly every article in the Tech News. Who is Karen Sanborn and why is her name the byline for so many articles? After some investigation it has been found that Sanborn is in fact just one person and she works in the University’s Office of Marketing and Public Affairs.

The 2005-06 Student Government decided that this would be the year that the students took back the newspaper. However, the one thing the Student Government didn’t realize is that no one wanted it back. After several attempts to assemble a group of people willing to write about things happening on campus and around the world, we found a few members of the student body who were willing to help. We assigned jobs and articles, and it soon became clear why Sanborn did all the work: because no one else would. But why should our school’s events, which are planned and executed by students, be covered by a staff member? So this is a plea to the student body to make your voice heard in some way. Whether you would like to join so that you can complain, or whether you would like to keep people informed about your college, department, or special interest group, we want you to be involved.

This is the beginning of a student-run newspaper at Lawrence Tech. There are many areas of the Tech News that can be changed so it is enjoyed by the student body. We are working on splitting the newspaper into different sections. Among these sections are news, editorial, entertainment, athletics, and entertainment. These sections will have editors and the newspaper will have an editor-in-chief. All these positions are important to running the newspaper and making it the best it can possibly be. If you are interested in helping in any way, please email stugov@ltu.edu.

Movie Reviews

By Alex Bienkowski

Munich: This is a very interesting story based on the true events of the Munich Olympic Games in 1972. In short, a terrorist force called Black September took many Israeli athletes hostage and murdered them because their demands were not met. The movie, however, concentrates on the aftermath of these events. Directed by Steven Spielberg, Munich documents the lives of four men who were called in as unknowns to track down and kill the men who planned and executed the terrorist attack in Munich. Each of the men had a specialty, but was inexperienced in war and especially in assassination. There is much drama and some action in the movie, but the main focus is the emotional and moral implications of murder and revenge. People who like political thrillers will love this movie. Even action-movie goers should enjoy it, though they may find some of it drawn out and boring. The movie is about 2 hours and 45 minutes long, and is rated R for violence, nudity, and sexual situations. I thought it was very well done and give it 4 explosions out of 5.

Syriana: This was a great film depicting the oil industry and how governments can impede peace. Syriana weaves a tale involving an intelligence agent, an energy advisor and his family, a Saudi Arabian king and his two sons, and a Washington lawyer. Their lives at first appear unrelated, but eventually their interconnections are revealed in a string of lies, deceit, business, politics, and death. Director Stephen Gaghan does a brilliant job of showing how business and politics combine to create some of the most evil jobs on the planet and how an oil company works with politicians to ensure that the “good son” of the Saudi king succeeds into office. This latter act ensures that the country will be open to American business and that the American company makes profits and provides jobs. I enjoyed this movie very much, but it is for fans of politics and drama. There is relatively little action, though many action fans should like the movie. Rated R for violence and language, the movie is very confusing at the beginning, and it’s hard to keep track of who’s who, and where each person is, because the plot shifts around quite a bit. Despite that, I still give the movie a 4 confusing plot twists out of 5.

Hostel: An interesting movie start to finish, Hostel is not for the light of heart. It features a lot of nudity and extreme gore in a story of three guys who end up in the wrong hostel after backpacking across Europe looking for a good time. While Hostel uses many of Hollywood’s standard clichés, it still manages to entertain enough to be worth viewing by horror fans. I wouldn’t recommend this film to those not fond of horror, but it’s decent enough to see once. I give the movie 3 bloody limbs out of 5.

Underworld Revolution: A pretty good movie considering it’s a sequel to a relatively unknown film. Underworld Revolution picks up exactly where Underworld left off. This film dives into the past history of the vampire and the werewolf races and details the origins of both. It also introduces some new characters and brings back some old favorites. Kate Beckinsale and Scott Speedman are back and on the run. This movie gets 4 bites out of 5.

Running Scans on Your Laptop: A Fact of Life

By Adam Farmer

Has your school laptop been running a little slow lately? Well, it’s quite possible that it may be in need of a little “spring cleaning.” Running an anti-spyware program can help speed it up and return it to an almost-new condition. Your school laptop already includes Microsoft anti-spyware, which is scheduled to run at 2 a.m. daily. If you leave your laptop on 24/7, then your spyware scan is automatically launched. However, if you prefer not to leave your laptop on, follow these steps to manually scan:

• Open your start menu and select the “All Programs” option.
• Locate the menu item “Microsoft Anti-Spyware” and select the program from the menu.
• Once the program opens, select “Run Quick Scan Now.”
• Let the scan run and wait for the results. Once the scan summary is displayed, click the close button.
• If your computer is spyware free, then you are done; otherwise continue to the next step.
• There will be a drop-down menu by every object the program finds; select “Remove” and then select the button to finish.

Wait until the scan is completed. If your laptop has been experiencing a slow down, following these steps will more than likely improve its performance. However, you can always defragment your computer by going to Start > Programs > Accessories > System Tools > Disk Defragmenter. If you have a serious problem, take your laptop to the help desk.
Why I Hate Facebook

By Brian Obot

I’m sure by now you’ve heard about Facebook. According to Wikipedia.com Facebook, formerly known as thefacebook, is an online directory that connects high school, college, and university communities, primarily in English-speaking countries. The site has some similarities to MySpace, but differs in account availability, user control of display content, real-world identity, and overall neatness of appearance. As of December 2005, it had the largest number of registered users among college-focused sites (over six million U.S. college student accounts created).

Initially, the description of Facebook is innocent enough, but that’s only on the surface. Online, people reveal real-world content and identity information about their friends, social networks, schools, colleges, and universities. I take issue with each of these things individually, so naturally when they’re put together in one place the result is a mess.

I overheard a comment that sums up the whole situation with Facebook: “The internet is a funny place… you take all the worst things about people that everyone hates, put it online, and people love it.” Let me illuminate this with a humorous example.

Facebook gives every user a “wall” where your friends can post messages viewable to whomever is in your social network. This seems like a neat, friendly thing, right? Well eight times out of 10 it is, but you always have those random outliers who take things to the extreme. Here’s an excerpt from one such random message posted on my wall:

“Hey!!!! I found the answer to that question you asked me about the other day. I think that it’s chlamydia you’ve got instead of syphilis. I know you told me that you were having problems with an infectious discharge, which is a common symptom of syphilis, but I think that the constant pain in your lower stomach and burning sensation when you pee are more characteristic of chlamydia. I know how you didn’t want to talk to your rents about it so I didn’t mind calling around to find out what is wrong with you. Just being a good friend and letting ya know.

P.S. I heard Walgreens has that cream that you needed for that oral herpes too. And don’t worry, it doesn’t have any alcohol so it won’t burn like the last cream you tried. Get well soon!!”

Now what kind of effect do you think this type of “friendly” message is supposed to have within a person’s social network?

Facebook is also an inefficient waste of time. A high percentage of students waste many class hours looking up high school friends they never really liked. So if you are one of these people, think about how much money you waste looking at Facebook.

Some may argue that I’m making problems where none exist, but let’s just consider how much personal information is in people’s profiles. Facebook is literally a stalker’s, telemarketer’s, or otherwise-annoying-person’s dream come true.

Gosh, wish I had access to Facebook back when I tried my hand at network marketing, I could have spammed my whole school. Actually, I’ve already begun to receive such messages as “Are you looking for a great opportunity?”

Top Ten Commuter Habits
10 Pay cash at the lunch line
9 Use up most of the outlets in the atrium
8 Claim one table to one person in the café
7 Avoid human contact
6 Don’t gain the freshman 15
5 Use their car as a locker
4 Complain about traffic
3 Don’t think S.P.A.M. is food
2 Constant headphone usage
1 Sleep in their cars between classes

Top Ten Resident Habits
10 Squat parking spots for weeks
9 Up til 4 a.m. daily
8 Have a use for ID cards
7 Ramen = God
6 Have no idea why there is a TV in the atrium
5 Donuts are a night time hobby
4 Think walking across campus is a nightmare
3 Too dependent on meal plans
2 Wear PJs to class
1 Live two minutes away, but always late

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