



Team California celebrates after taking third place overall in the U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon competition on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., Friday, Oct. 16, 2009.

not the answer I expected, exactly, but informative.

Preet also mentioned that he liked physics because it teaches you how to attack problems, even big problems. He wants to continue doing “green-tech” work after he graduates—certainly there are big problems, and solutions needed there. Allison wants to move

into the science policy domain—that’s exciting! I am thoroughly encouraged about the future of physics and society after meeting Allison and Preet.

The California Team finished third overall, and they won the Communications event. After watching these physicists in action, it’s no wonder they did well. I came to appreciate better the reasons why students opt for engineering physics as a discipline.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Thank you for the elegant stories of “A Survey of Big Bang Cosmology” and “The History of Cosmology as I Have Lived Through It,” the latter by Victor S. Alpher, Ralph Alpher’s son.

I am aware that Rosalind Franklin had her data stolen and given to Crick and Watson, and thus she was denied recognition of her crucial part in the unraveling of the structure of DNA, which would have warranted a Nobel Prize had she lived. I also know that Lise Meitner was cheated out of a Nobel Prize for her recognition of nuclear fission. It is gratifying to me

that *Radiations* has substantiated the work of Ralph Alpher and his colleagues with regard to their fundamental original work on the Big Bang Theory of the Universe, work which had been ignored until recent times, and which was certainly of Nobel quality.

Enclosed is a donation in recognition of the outstanding work with respect to the publication of *Radiations*. It is one of my favorite physics publications.

Sincerely,
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