Making of US history reminisced in Cronkite's appearance

BY RON DOLLETTE

To inaugurate the Lee Alvin DuBridge Distinguished Lecture Series, Caltech hosted "A Conversation with Walter Cronkite" at Beckman Auditorium on Monday, November 18. Walter Cronkite, from his humble beginnings as a part-time campus correspondent at The Houston Post, was once described as "the single most convincing and authoritative figure in television news." Eventually hired by the United Press during World War II, Cronkite also became the ultimate foreign correspondent, "always where the action was." He was present at the Battle of the Bulge as well as the German surrender and the Nuremberg trials. Cronkite has reported on virtually every major event and important person of the second half of the 20th century, including personally interviewing every American president since Herbert Hoover.

The night began when Jess Marlow, a news anchor for NBC 4 and the moderator of the evening's conversation, asked Cronkite his feelings about David Brinkley and Brinkley's remark calling President Clinton "boring" on national television during the presidential debates. Cronkite's response was, "Oh poor David." Unfortunately, Cronkite also considers President Clinton to be boring, but says that Clinton was playing smart politics: the repetition of campaign ideals.

Cronkite has much experience interviewing presidents, his first being Harry Truman. (He interviewed Hoover as a former President, but noted that Hoover was never able to communicate, and found him boring as well.) He felt closest, however, to President Lyndon Johnson, though Cronkite often challenged Johnson's views on Vietnam on the air. This would instantly draw a response from the president, who would call while Cronkite was still on the air. He continued to discuss other presidents, including John F. Kennedy, whose death he tearfully reported. Although Cronkite is not a big fan of JFK, and was even quoted as calling Kennedy a snob, "Well, he wasn't boring." He admired Kennedy's political attitudes and ideas, but was discomfited by Kennedy's arrogance.

Marlow then asked if news coverage interfered with the private life of public officials, and the response was no. Nowadays, Cronkite, the press is the only source for the public to know the background of their officials or nominees. Previously, party

Bookstore conflict resolved

TECH FOLLOWUP:

BY ERIK STREEP

Third term last year Vice President of Student Affairs Professor Gary Lorden announced that Caltech would be entering into a partnership with the College Bookstore division of Barnes and Noble to operate the Caltech Bookstore. The partnership was to be accompanied by an expansion and remodeling of the Caltech bookstore over the summer, almost doubling the floor space.

This unexpected announcement caused alarm among the Caltech community and the subsequent protest caused the imposition of a two week moratorium on the deal and the creation of a faculty committee to review the matter. Issues raised included Barnes and Noble's previous history running other college bookstores and if the economies of scale provided by a national chain would benefit a bookstore which sells many books in small quantities from small publishers. In addition, concerns were raised that bids were not solicited from other organizations, including the current bookstore management.

The bookstore management had previously won a Caltech award for being most representative of the Caltech Community.

On July 26 a memo was sent from President Thomas Everhart to the Caltech Community stating the conclusions of the Faculty-Administrative Committee with regards to the Caltech Bookstore. Bookstore oversight was transferred to the Vice President of Business Affairs from Student Affairs Office. In addition, Auxiliary and Business Services was created to consolidate Caltech's business operations and gain the advantages of economies of scale previously sought out in the Barnes and Nobles partnership. Auxiliary and Business Services is directed by Tom Manion and merges his previous duties operating the Housing Office, Day Care, and Campus Card Systems with running the Caltech Bookstore.

Panel offers alternatives to "traditional" Caltech careers

BY KERRY ETHERIDGE

The Student/Faculty/Alumni Relations Committee of the Caltech Alumni Association is sponsoring the first in an annual series of career panel discussions on Thursday, December 5, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Salvatori Room, South Mudd (north entrance). Panelists will discuss a variety of topics including: what factors to consider when contemplating a non-traditional career; what you need to know about your future employer; what your future employer needs to know about you; and how to effectively utilize informal, short-term interactions, i.e. Career Day.

Panel members include Thomas H. Buettgenbach '83, Engagement Manager, McKinsey & Company, Inc.; Debra Dison Hall '74, Partner, Deloitte & Touche; Thomas C. H. Brown '83, Engagement Manager, EY Newt, Capital Markets, Consulting; Debra Dison Hall '74, Partner, Deloitte & Touche; and Debra Dison Hall '74, Partner, Deloitte & Touche.

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Clinton did not deserve reelection

George Washington is dead. He has been dead for a long time, and he will never come back. Yet, that is not the sad part. As shown by the recent election, the national ideals that elected him president are gone as well, and may never return.

Washington was seen as an example for the people. He led the nation militarily, spiritually, and politically. The elected him president are only person to have w'm all the electoral votes, but nobody took any return. Yet, that is time, and he will be back. So-called Clinton does represent few people. From conflicts with the core. In, life, the nation is left is to think, and evaluate how we think. George Washington could people vote for a man whose stance is as ephemeral as the wind?

With so much out there to choose from, how could people vote for a man whose stance is as ephemeral as the wind?

gays in the military, national health care). Not because of a strong economy ("downsizing" has become a household word in the last 4 years). Why? People think he's done "OK," and because Dole and Perot were "no better." This is ridiculous. The President, as the Head of State, represents Americans to the world. Thus, we should elect a president that is like us morally, as well as politically. Every time the President breaks a moral or other law, it hurts the nation. Why not elect someone that acts as we act? Hillary Clinton forgave her husband, but would most wives act likewise? Probably not. Then why should the nation forgive the President? Our standards of leadership should be higher. Politically, Clinton represents few people. So-called liberals, as well as conservatives, have major differences with his actions. From gun control to welfare reform, the President has taken a firm stance on both sides of the fence. Yet, in this modern election, he was not hurt for it. Our standards of leadership have fallen so far that we elect someone, even though we know he doesn't believe in his acts.

Most notably, Clinton told Democrats that he would re-form welfare if given a Democratic congress. Yet, the bill was signed with much fanfare, and optimistic speech. In the background, though, Demo-crat leaders were deb-nouncing the bill. It's not as if liberals had no choice in the polls, though. Clinton was only one of several op-tions. Ralph Nader is a household name, supports the same issues more strongly, and yet received few votes. It's a no-brainer to vote the party line, and that is what has resulted. With so much out there to choose from, how could people vote for a man whose stance is as ephemeral as the wind?

We have no need for a bridge to the past or the future. We live in the present, and now is time to play around. Hopefully, the next four years will bring success and serenity for the nation, but if not, one in government is to blame. The people have made a choice, and we must stand by him. All that is left is to think, and evaluate how we think. George Washington may be gone, but we can still elect modern heroes: military, business, or whatever. The presidency is the pinnacle of the government, and we must choose people worthy of the office.

Neil Stevens is a student at Caltech.
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The Outside World

by Myfanwy Callahan

Isreal

In an incident reminiscent of the Rodney King beating, two Israeli officers were captured on videotape beating and kicking Palestinians near a Checkpoint outside Jerusalem. They were arrested Tuesday and have been declared unfit for the Israeli security forces.

Rwanda

Clinton has scaled back his plans to dispatch 4000 U.S. troops to Rwanda upon hearing that over half a million refugees have returned peacefully to their country. Now at most 800 troops will be sent to assist a Canadian-led operation to distribute food to the remaining refugees.

New York

Boutros-Boutros Ghali, United Nations Secretary General, was favored 14 to 1 to continue his service as Secretary General. However, the U.S. veto nullified a majority vote. Boutros-Ghali has sought and been denied a conference with President Clinton about the matter.

Washington, D.C.

The Caltech Y is sponsoring a noon concert today in the Winnett Quod. Show up to see the Pasadena band 'Snotty Scooty and the Hankies'. No, I don't know how they came up with their name, but you should at least show up to find out.

The Y is reviving a strange and wonderful tradition - the Y Turkey Trot, to be held next Tuesday, Nov. 26 starting from the Winnett Quod. The Turkey Trot is a contest, of sorts - participants will view a map of the Turkey Trot course and predict how long it would take them to traverse it using some method of human-powered transportation while dressed, in some fashion or other, as a turkey. The person who comes closest to guessing the actual time wins a turkey dinner for two at the Ath. Sign up at the Y today!

Broomhall is this Saturday, Nov. 23 from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. at the Pasadena Ice Rink. We have an extra hour of ice time, so all the teams who signed up will be able to play. If you've signed up as a team and want to make sure that your fees are paid and that all of your team members' release forms have been turned in by 5 p.m. today, you can find Coach Ryan Cox on the second floor to see if you can play. The schedule (subject to revision) is as follows:

Caltech Y Broomball Pairings

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The Dirty Engineers

A SONG FROM THE 1933 LITTLE T

We are the dirty engineers
The engineers who have no fears
But after all, we're proud to be
An engineer of C.I.T.

E. to the d. sx. they shout
The Beavers in, the Bruins out
Pomona's feathers in the pill
We've got the Tiger by the tail.

The marvels of the ancient day
And Isaac Newton's juicy fruit
Has nothing on our "Instipot."

Old Noah built a mighty ark,
He laid the keel in Tournament Park.
But didn't know how to make it steer
So he had to call an engineer.

Inspiring scenery comes to view
The dormitory's muddy hue;

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Who can eat in Avery?

All are welcome, however no cash is accepted.

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Hope to see you soon at Avery House.

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Present: Dave R., Maria, Dave B., Grace, Kristie, Alexis, Emily, Kohl, Kara

Meeting starts at 9:44 a.m.

• ASCIT would like to thank President Everhart for the lovely dinner and the chance to discuss student concerns.

Officers' Reports

• Kara is busy with the UROH. She asks that the faculty include the number of people that they are willing to hire in their letters.

Emily is trying to form a schedule of the open-campus social events the individual houses are having.

Kohl declares that the ARC meeting was held Saturday at 4 p.m. They talked about the Student-Faculty Conference.

Marie says that the BoC is going to hold an open business meeting soon, so if you have any complaints, keep your eyes open for it.

Dave R. told us that the entire University of California system is supporting FUNC (Forget U.S. News Coalition). ASCIT passed a resolution supporting FUNC 8-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Yang

ASCIT Secretary

No Talking, Just Head

by Ron Dollette

Interesting is one way of putting it. No Talking, Just Head is the title of the new album from The Heads. Jerry Harrison, Tina Weymouth and Chris Frantz from the Talking Heads have ditched David Byrne and gotten together with some interesting guest vocalists (Michael Hutchence, Ed Kowalczyk, Debbie Harry, Johnette Napolitano, etc.) for a very interesting album. No Talking, Just Head is a collection of songs that range from "alternative" rock to some weird technosynth pop amalgamation. It's very different from your run-of-the-mill Talking Heads. Be warned: some of the more funky synthesized songs are repetitive to the point of utter annoyance. And that sucks. It seems like the album would stand better if it weren't for songs like "No More Lonely Nights." As the front of the shrunk-wrapped CD specifically indicates, "This is not a Talking Heads album."

The musical styles on No Talking, Just Head are so varied that the album is very difficult to categorize. All of the singers that appear on the album wrote their own lyrics. For example, Debbie Harry's "No Talking — Just Head" not only gives the album its title, but reinforces her Blondie character's stereotype. (This track also appeared on the soundtrack of the film Virtuosity, and its book was used by NBC TV as a bumper throughout the Olympics.) As a result of the vocal and lyrical tossed salad, the album, in Harrison's words, "isn't like a soundtrack album. It has the great consistency and yet great variety at the same time."

Dispelling the shadow of the Board of Control

by Matt Tiscarino

When we had open "BoC Talks" in the student Houses during third term last year, one of the most frequent suggestions/ criticisms we heard was about the secrecy that surrounds the Board of Control. Many people don't know how the BoC operates, and thus have a difficult time judging whether it is doing the right thing. This article is an attempt to remedy this situation in the eyes of the students as best we can.

First, let me explain that our rules about secrecy are a protection of the defendant, who may or may not be guilty. If we bring a person before the Board, whether that person is judged guilty or innocent, it is not right for that person to be subjected to gossip as a result of his peers for a rest of his Caltech career. Though you may not do such a thing yourself, that is what would happen in the community at large if we did not protect the identities of people who appear before the BoC.

Because of this obligation (and because our bylaws forbid it), we are not able to bring actual cases that the Board has decided. However, we can give you a case which is typical of those that have come before the Board in recent years to give an idea of what the Board would do in such a case. Thus perhaps we can dispel a bit of the shroud that the BoC has accumulated.

While grading final exams in Underwater Basket Weaving II, a TA notices that two tests contain remarkable similarities which he believes, make it very unlikely that the students worked independently. He tells the professor about this, and she calls x3200 to report it to the Board of Control.

In the preliminary investigation, the Chair and Secretary interview the TA and the two students involved, Ben and Jerry. The TA then goes over the test in detail with the Chair and Secretary, pointing out the similarities in each question, and explaining why he believes they are suspicious. Ben then testifies that he took the test on Tuesday night, but realized that he had done extremely poorly on it, so he went into the room of his neighbor and good friend Jerry, while no one was around and copied the test. After hearing Ben's testimony, the Chair and Secretary decide that an Honor System violation has likely occurred, so they bring it to a full board hearing.

At the hearing, all three witnesses repeat their testimony in full board. After hearing it, the Reps (the Chair and Secretary) do not vote make three decisions. First, they decide that Jerry is guilty of an Honor System violation by copying his friend Ben's final exam. This must be decided by a three-quarters majority of the Reps present (a quorum is seven of the nine Reps being present). The second decision is the nullification of the unfair advantage. Although Jerry did take the test on his own, he never turned it in and worked the problem on his own, so the board thought that allowing that test to be submited and graded was unfair both to other students who tried to submit late work, and to the grading TA. Rather, since the submitted test was copied, the Board removed credit for their own test. While there may or may not be suspicion that Jerry chose to work the problem in the class, there was no conviction relating to the other work, so the Board gave him the benefit of the doubt.

The third decision the Board makes is the protection of the community from further violations. Both nullification and protection decisions are made on a purely pragmatic basis, fulfilling only the defined purposes, and have no element of deterrence or punishment.
I'm so sad you can't come. I guess there isn't room at the four-star hotel.

Now I know why it's called a retreat.

Great news! I've reengendered your job to make you more fulfilled!

No, it looks like the tower light doesn't turn off if you wait.

Look, you fired all the secretaries!!!

Oh lord, you fired all the secretaries!!!

Dust my credenza.

Their amazing analytical skills are squandered in this mindless task.

No, it looks like the tower light doesn't turn off if you wait.

How do you like my new smoking habit?

I never noticed this warming lamp on my cigarettes before.

I accidentally sent my terrible love letter to every person on our e-mail system.

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I've decided to start smoking. I'll be able to take more breaks that way.

I've decided to start smoking. That way you'll have frequent company-sanctioned breaks throughout the day.

And frankly, I'm hoping it will add an interesting edge to my personality and help me socially.

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If this product doesn't sell you right away, the executives of our company will drive over to your house and finish the job. We know where you live, Walter. Just you wait.

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Why does your face redden under these、 conditions? Is it also an unattractive social cue? To whom?

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Here's my first cigarette ever. I'm looking forward to the many smoking breaks I'm entitled to.

I'll probably see you three times a day, just smoking and chatting and enjoying the fresh air!

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bosses basically controlled nominations and maintained a screening process which weeded out those with potentially shady backgrounds. Currently, though, everything has been more popularized and democratized, largely because of television.

However, Cronkite pointed out that as the use of television in campaigning goes up, voter turnout goes down. Negative advertising plays such a large role in the minds of the voters, Cronkite recalled of one election in a New Jersey district where the mudslinging was so bad that he felt that neither one was qualified.

Cronkite, however, feels that television and other media are very powerful tools and should be used constructively so that people can reconnect with politics. He suggests a system in which the three major networks, as well as other minor cable networks, would give air time to the state of television, even though, though, everything goes up, voter turnout goes down.

The nominees would then be given time to prepare their statements and rebuttals and so on, and the viewers would be given a chance to see how their nominees work and defends a point of view.

Generally, though, Cronkite is not happy with the state of television, even TV news. Not only are news stations competing for a viewership, he feels that neither one was qualified.

BoC: Why the policy of secrecy?

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whenever. The Board spoke with Jerry about his violation, gauging his attitudes toward it and the likelihood of his committing another violation in the future. The Board also considered the severity of the offense and the fact that it was his first violation. Protection decisions are made on a case-by-case basis, so I can't say an abstract what decision would have been made. It is possible that the Board would conclude that Jerry can be trusted to return to the Caltech community right away, perhaps prescribing one or more personal "BoC Talks" to ensure that he adequately understands what the Honor System is about. Or it is possible that the Board would conclude that Jerry suffers from an experience problem from his classes at Caltech, which eventually motivated him to cheat, and needs to be given some time off to dispel some of that pressure. A leave of one or two terms might be recommended. Other courses of action are also possible (protection decisions can be quite unpredictable), but these are the most likely, given the facts of the case.

A day or two after the hearing, Jerry met with the Dean, who spoke with him about the case, and ultimately upheld the Board's decisions.

The Board of Control will be holding an open business meeting to discuss its procedures and other issues of relevance to the Honor System. We welcome you to attend, especially if you have proposals for us, or would like to comment on proposals that are brought up by other people, or by the Board itself. The meeting is tentatively planned for Monday, December 3, at 4 p.m. Specifics will be announced shortly.

Questions? Contact Maria Satterwhite (marth@ecce, x6200), Matt Tiscareno (tisco@ecce, x6236), or your local BoC Rep.
Tech urinary habits misdirected

by Luke Weisman

There are many problems with the current art and technology of male urination. One would hope that our civilization which we celebrate so vehemently would have come up with solutions for the problems which men face in the bathroom; at the very minimum one would expect that certain, simply deduced, rules of conduct would have entered into the common mind. Woefully, we have neither rules nor solutions, and we will never will have them due to a fixation on a small, occasionally useful, bit of flesh.

Men have an unhealthy love for the penis, and this is the root of most problems with urination. A penis has many uses, and for some of them it works fairly well. However, there are some things which it can not do well, and one of these things is aiding the urination process. As I see it, the male insistence on using the penis as an aid for long-distance urination is very damaging to the common bathroom.

The act of standing while urinating into a toilet is a filthy act. Pressurized liquid e thing a hole scatters, atomizes, forms a mist. In the bathroom this mist settles on nearby surfaces such as the walls and floor, the ubiquitous rug wrapped around the toilet to warm the feet, and the seat of the toilet itself (assuming the seat is down). This is bad. To make the error worse, the celebrated ability to aim in all walks of life from throwing rocks at windows to hitting a baseball—the very ability often waved over the female sex as some strange proof of male superiority—does not seem to reach the bathroom.

This mist, or in some cases this misguided stream, is disgusting. The whole process is disgusting and one would hope that it would be disgusting in a small area such as the toilet bowl. No, however, it can not be for the act of being a man, urinating like a man, with the legs slightly apart, and perhaps a hand resting on the rump, with the pelvis thrust forward and a look towards the picture hanging over the toilet, is too precious to give up. If not often cleaned, bath-

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rooms subject to standard male usage collect urine residue which ultimately grows stale and gives off a horrid smell. I hail from two households, one without any men most of the time, and one with. The former household does not clean its bathroom very often, and no one would notice. The latter, cleaned at least twice a week, always has the stench of stale urine. Of course none of the men living in that house say they are responsible for it, when pressed they blame it on the guests.

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The urinator's reluctance to touch a toilet after he has used it is another problem with the 'stand and pose' style of urination. We see this reluctance in the toilet seats being either sticky or up. The former problem I will not even discuss. For the latter, I suggest, as an experiment: go into a bathroom, put the toilet seat up, and consider it. Then put the seat down and look at the new picture. There is a remarkable change; seat up equals unsightly, crass. Seat down equals an inoffensive toilet. It is understandable why someone would not want to touch a toilet seat after urinating all over it, but it is really not considerate considering the next person who may have to paw at it so they can use the toilet as God intended.

The solution to all the above problems is simple: sit on the toilet. Very clean, very straightforward. One can take a brief break in the day, and perhaps think of England. I can think of no disadvantages, except for the public rest rooms where you have to sit on a seat which all the previous men have been urinating on. Luckily in public rest rooms there are urinals.

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URINE: Clearing up phallacies
Be clean! Point it in the potty!

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Often one will spy
someone urinating in
some perfected stance,
be it a steadily rotat­
ing leg, a hand braced against
the wall, or a sneer
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Would make him "pee like a woman." I could smell the
fear of castration on him. Men cling to their privilege
of urinating 'like a man' be­
cause they feel standing is the
final proof being a man. The
good man, the real man, ap­
parently thinks, "Ah,
here I am with my penis. I can pee
with my penis while stand­
ing. I can hold my penis and
pee with it, directing the
stream anywhere, it's like a
fire hose, my penis is, and

boy isn't it cool. I love my
penis. Those women don't
have a penis, they can't pee
standing up, I'm a man; I
have a penis. That's why I'm
better, me and my pe­
nis." I was in a store
and I saw a game where
you put little boats in
the toilet and then uri-
nate on them. This
sums it up for me. I like
my penis as much as the
next guy, and I worry
over its size and shape
too, but I have never re-
ally attached much im-
portance to it in connec-
tion with urination. What is
the point?
The answer is clear. Sit. It is not hard. A quick re-
view: when approaching a
toilet turn, drop your pants,
and settle down. Wiggle
your toes and relax a bit.
Take comfort in how clean
you are, and how little impact
you caused in the, presum­
ably shared, bathroom.
When you get up, you will
still have a penis, you will
still be a man.

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Dean's Corner

Petrified by Pink Slips?
Frozen in fear of finals?
Talk to the Deans.

by Jean-Paul Revel

The Frosh have had their baptism by fire. They have taken their first midterms and seen their first pink slips. For the rest of you this is so routine by now, you don't notice (at your own peril) but for the frosh this is a really scary event. Many Frosh are measuring themselves against their peers and upperclassmen and are afraid of failure.

I remember hoping before exams that I would break a leg, no, better yet, an arm, the right arm of course, so that I would not be able to write and thereby avoid the exam. What a relief that would have been . . . .

I would daydream about enjoying an evening with my short wave radio, surfing the waves instead of the Web (the expression did not exist, nor did the Web). I never thought of the fact that I needed fine manual coordination for selecting the signal I wanted to listen to, and so breaking the right arm would not have done me much good.

Of course I never did break break my arm or leg just before my exams. Even if I had it would just have postponed the agony. I would have had to take the exam sometime later (in many cases the next year), and I would just have had more time to worry about it. That did not deter me from the wishful thinking.

All that was really a mode of procrastination. Yes it is true that one can postpone things. But postponing does not mean allowing one to escape without having to do whatever it was we had to. It only means that the thought of it stays with us, weighs on our minds, prevents us from dealing with other things efficiently, increases the pressure. Since what has not been done today will have to be done tomorrow or the day after or later yet, along with all the other things that will have accumulated, the situation can only get worse.

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A Long, Long Time Ago...

by Vidya Bhalodia

Guarding Tech

Ahh, Security. What can we say about Security...Our good old friends in blue or tan...Well anyway, regardless of what we will or can say about Security, the interesting question is: What does Security have to say about us?

Well, depending on who you ask and when, the answers range from a non committal “it is a great place to work” to “@#$%,& grumble, mutter”. Mr. George Macarena (Do you think I would make this up, even if I could?), tric carts to snail drops to the Pumpkin Drop (his description not mine) as the students, and the security guard was that one and only Richard Feynman.

Electric carts, car chases, and other cool stuff!

Every security guard had to learn to drive the electric carts for which they are responsible. Usually it is not a terrible process, and all goes well. However, for the inexperienced there is always potential for trouble. Mr. Bent learned the hard way, when he caught himself stuck on the walkway north of the Physical Plant. After many attempts to back up, he finally succeeded, only to find that the engine had become “somewhat warm”!

Students as well have taken advantage of several opportunities to drive the carts. One day, near the end of their third term, someone found an unattended electric cart and had cut donuts in the newly planted grass on the Court of Man. Best of all, it was just before commencement! Needless to say, more than several people were somewhat annoyed.

Another occasional that came to mind was a good old fashioned car chase through campus - in slow motion (imagine cars going at 90 mph along the olive walk). One afternoon, the security office got a few complaints that there was a car driving through the campus. Well, basically, security went after him (well what did you expect), and after a little bit of a chase, the car got stuck on the stairs near North Mudd, and the police caught him. It turned out to be nothing more than a random but very lost and confused person (or so they say).

This is the last car story of the term. Mr. Bent also recalls the somewhat better known incident of when a student’s car miraculously appeared on the top of Physical Plant. As a car is not the easiest thing to smuggle onto the rooftop of an academic building, I at least wonder how the students managed to get it past Security or Physical Plant. Mr Bent finally clued me in on the secret. I’ll tell you if you promise not to tell anyone. Security and Physical Plant keep all about it, and even helped.

Houses

One of the problems Mr. Bent encountered as a security guard was that student in the houses would often organize strange and entirely acceptable events (alley challenges etc.) One of the RA’s in the house (Despite repeated requests he did not identify either the house, the RA or the year) was almost as “wack” (his description not mine) as the students, and organized alley challenges such as a snail-drop off Millikan (and you thought the Pumpkin Drop was bad). Mr. Bent finally clued me in on the secret. I’ll tell you if you promise not to tell anyone. Mr. Bent was able to put an end to the problem, using the most reliable resource available.

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Walter Cronkite is considered the authority on this country's space program and was extremely interested in the high point in American history in the 20th century. He feels that the basic sciences need more support, like the applied sciences are getting.

However, he knows that government support will only help us to a certain extent. The Northern Lights, and its effects on missile launching, is considered the most important development of the day.

Cronkite also states that all of our problems in this world stem from two things: over-population and education. However, he states that science and technology are our salvation, as long as we develop a studious political and economic program that can keep up with the science of the day.
The Prowl is currently seeking nominations for the Richard F. Feynman Prize in Teaching from faculty, staff, students, and alumni before December 1st. The Feynman Prize is awarded annually to a professor who demonstrates, in the broadest sense, unusual ability, creativity, and innovation in undergraduate and graduate classroom and laboratory teaching. A letter of nomination and any supporting material should be directed to the Office of the Provost, Mail Code 206-31.

**Events**

This week’s ASCIT movie will be *Citizen Kane*, showing at 7:30pm and 10pm at Baxter Lecture Hall. Admission is $2 for members, $2.50 for non-members.

There will be a free concert by the Beckman Auditorium. This free concert will feature the Caltech-Occidental Concert Band (this Friday, November 22nd, at 8pm in Beckman Auditorium). This free concert will feature the Caltech-Occidental Concert Band, directed by William Bing. Also conducting on the program will be Paul Asinow, a graduate student in Geology. The soloist for the evening will be tuba player Brad Doolery, a graduate student in Aeronautics at Caltech. The program will include Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake" Ballet, Gershwin's "Prelude," Stravinsky's "Jazz Suite No. 2," and Sousa's "SUITE." Refreshments will follow the concert.

The Reduced Shakespeare Company will present *The Bible: The Complete Word of God (Abridged)* on Saturday, November 23rd, at 8pm in Beckman Auditorium. Tickets start at $19; student price is $5, Caltech/IPC personnel $16.

The Caltech Ice Hockey team will be hosting UC San Diego on Sunday, November 24th, at 11pm at the Pasadena Ice Center (across from the Pasadena Convention Center Complex). Admission is free.

Mike Davis, author of *City of Quartz and Ecology of Fear: An Account of Los Angeles' Recent Trails by Riot, Earthquakes, Flood, and Fire* (forthcoming) and a scholar at the Getty Research Institute, will be giving the next Science, Ethics, and Public Policy Seminar entitled "Diabetes of Ordinary Disaster" on Thursday, December 5th, at 4pm in the Judy Library.

Looking for a safe and supportive place to discuss issues such as coming out, being out, dealing with family, coping with a homophobic culture, and being GLB at Caltech? Want somewhere just for people who are interested in careers in the engineering, or environmental discipline with a minimum of 3.0 in their major. Applications must be submitted by March 31, 1997. Eligible students are graduate or permanent residents who are engaged in full-time graduate study or post-doctorate study and are willing to apply for either their last year as an undergraduate or for one of their last two years as a graduate student. Eligible applications are accepted throughout the year and are reviewed by the Financial Aid Office.

**Fellowships and Scholarships**

From the Fellowships Advising and Resources Office, extension 2150, e-mail lauren_stolper@starbase.caltech.edu:

The American Association of University Women offers a number of fellowships to women who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents, including one year post-doctoral fellowships and special dissertation fellowships. The international fellowship is awarded to women who are not citizens of the U.S. or permanent residents who are engaged in full-time graduate study or post-doctorate study in the U.S. A poster with a tear-off card that allows you to send for an application is posted on our main bulletin board.

Applications for the Whitaker Foundation Graduate Fellowships will be accepted from seniors and first year graduate students who plan or are studying for a Ph.D. in biomedical engineering or other engineering discipline with a concentration in biomedical engineering. Applications must be submitted by December 15th. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. The application is available on the Internet as a text file and as a portable document file (.pdf) at the foundations Web site: http://www.ccny.cuny.edu/whitaker.

The Department of Defense National Defense Student Education Grants are now available to all seniors and first year graduate students. The Fellowships Advising and Resources office will receive applications by next week. The application will also be available from the Web within the next week or so at http://www.batelle.org/dsedg/ index.html. The NSDSEG supports work in all fields of science and engineering. The NSDSEG provides students with three years of support for graduate study. No military service or sponsorship of the Department of Defense is required of applicants. This year's application deadline is January 15th.

The Lady Davis Graduate and Post-doctoral fellowships and visiting professorships are tenable at Hebrew University of Jerusalem or the Technion Institute of Technology in Haifa for the 1997-98 academic year. Fellows are open to candidates of any race, creed, sex, or nationality. Fellowships are tenable for up to 9 to 12 months for graduate students and post-doctorates and for one semester to one academic year for visiting professorships. The application submission deadline is November 30th. Applications are available in the Fellowships Advising and Resources Office.

From the Financial Aid Office, 515 S. Wilson, second floor:

The College Women’s Club of Pasadena Scholarship Foundation is beginning its scholarship selection for the 1997-98 academic year. To be eligible you must be a woman who is a U.S. Citizen, a sophomore or higher, and have a minimum 3.0 GPA. Applications are available from the Financial Aid Office, and must be returned to the Financial Aid Office by February 7th, 1998.

The Chinese-American Educational Foundation announces its scholarship program for students of Chinese descent. Eligible students are undergraduates who are juniors or seniors, and who will be enrolled full-time in Fall or 1997. Eligible students must also be U.S. Citizens or permanent residents. There are two $1500 scholarships available for undergraduate students and seven $1000 scholarships available for undergraduate students. The deadline to submit applications is March 31, 1997.

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**Mints**

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thing about a person's sexual orientation—only that he or she is willing to be supportive in this setting. The group usually discusses a particular relevant topic and then moves on to the general discussion. Refreshments are served. If you would like more information, please call x8351.

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