Mailboxes are vandalized

By Dana Sadava

Recently, Security at Caltech warned the community of attacks of vandalism and theft that have occurred in the past two months. About ten student mailboxes were vandalized. Glass in the viewing windows of the boxes were broken and a few students reported that expected mail was missing.

Chris Henderson of Mail Services said, “We replaced the glass in the windows with a heavier plastic material, so that at least glass will not shatter all over the mailboxes, should they be vandalized again.”

In April, three bicycles were stolen from racks outside of Beckman Institute, Sloan Annex and Sherman Fairfield Library. A bike tire and bike bag were also stolen.

Commenting on the increased frequency of Security Bulletins and incidents of crime, Chief of Security Operations Greg Power said, “It’s nothing out of the ordinary. A couple times a year we have reports, but it is otherwise fairly quiet during most of the year.”

Currently, the admissions office has received 185 commitments for next year’s entering class. This number excludes four students who are deferring their entrance to Caltech for a year, and also does not take into account the 39 students from which admissions has yet to receive replies. Charlene Liebau, director of admissions, said that the proportion of students who have not yet replied is not unusual, and that in general students waited longer to make a decision this year.

Of these 185, 68 are women. This equals 36.75% of the class, an insignificant rise over last year’s ratio (36% women). Since the remaining 7.5% of the class is yet unknown, the ratio could still change significantly. In reference to the recent improvement in the ratio over the last few years, Liebau explained that Caltech “was the happy recipient of high schools encouraging girls in math.”

Given the article which appeared in the April 28th issue of the Chronicle of Higher Education, which faulted Caltech for having no African-Americans in the class of 2003, the admissions committee was certainly interested in the breakdown of under-represented minorities in next year’s class. Of the current acceptances, 9.7% are from under-represented ethnic groups: 4 African-Americans, 13 Hispanic/Latinos, and 1 Hawaiian/Pacific Islander. Additionally, 25 students chose not to disclose their ethnicity.

Liebau was quick to point out that “students, even if they pass the same bar”, unlike at some universities where admissions decisions are not entirely race-blind. Additionally, she indicated that it was not Caltech’s fault that the class of 2003 lacked adequate minority representation — Caltech had accepted seven African-Americans, and they chose not to come for “much the same reason anyone does”, citing factors like curriculum and location.

This year was rather unusual for admissions. Applications were up across the country, as more students applied to colleges, and those that did applied to more colleges, but Caltech’s ranking in U.S. News and World Report may well explain why Caltech saw an abnormally large number of applicants (up 21.4% to 3514). However, Liebau did say that this variable had “little effect on the decision making once a student was accepted.”

Overall, the trend is generally the typical reasons for not matriculating: uncertainty about their commitment to science, location, and others.

As for what Caltech can expect next year? Liebau laughed, “I wish I were a soothsayer.” The information sessions and fairs which admissions representatives have been visiting have been well attended. The trend of a generally increasing applicant pool is expected to increase. Additionally, according to Liebau “Caltech’s focus is in the forefront of student interest.” While Caltech’s applicant pool may have jumped abnormally this year, the pool might never shrink again.
The bylaw provision to dis- miss representatives was designed with the intention of protect- ing the accused. The bylaw states, explicitly, that defendants can have their chair removed if they feel they would be biased. The spirit of the pro- posed amendment, and the un- fortunate Excomm ruling on the current bylaws, would be to take this decision out of the hands of the accused and put the decision into the hands of the preliminary investigators of the case. Since the defendant is already pro- tected against personal bias by the current bylaws, this amendment can only remove board members in two circumstances: representatives who have a personal bias in favor of the party that has accused them.

The representatives of the Board of Control are, predominately, House officials, elected because of their beliefs and char- acter. The fact that these three repre- sentatives of the Seven Houses is extremely important. The elections were designed to oc- cur on a campus-wide scale, but in the event that these three repre- sentatives were well-known. Naturally this will best occur at Caltech in the Houses, and the candidates will reflect the opin- ions of the Houses on the Honor Code.

Gov’t Mule’s new album shows purpose

STAFF WRITER

Gov’t Mule is proud of its gui- tar jam heritage, and it shows on their new album, Life Before In- dusty. Founded by Allman Brother Warren Haynes and Allen Woody in 1994, Gov’t Mule has already released four albums, two studio and two live., Life Before Industry attempts to con- dense their live sound into a t- niny studio album, but it is only partially successful.

Life Before Industry opens strongly. “Wanderin’ Child” is an ace slab of hard rock, with progressive timing changes and edgy blues-rock riffs. The title track follows, and is even better. The alternating niche but-edgy verses with a wily gui- tar chorus that propels the cho- ruses. But both these tracks suffer from awkward bridges and sag- ging energy. Jarring sounds fresh in concert, but the songs suffer from a lack of focus, showcasing guitar pyrotechnics but never coming to a satisfying climax.

Gov’t Mule’s new tracks up on “Bad Little Doggie”, the third track and first single. The tune strips away the excesses but also a lot of the flavor, making for an invigorating but superficial ZZ Top sound. The album picks up again with “Lay Your Burden Down”, featuring a guest perfor- mance by Darius Rucker, but now the album has established itself: Brilliant guitar riffs and Wuritzer drones keep sections of most tracks driving along at full throttle. But things break down when one considers songs as a whole.

There are other high points on the album. “Tastes Like Wine” is elegantly and world-weary lyrics work in the song that seem pompous on paper.

I think You Know What I Mean”, also has a lyrical awk- wardness that is quickly for- given. The political spin on the last verse is a forced attempt at satirical relevance, but it’s still a gimmick is clever and nasty and viciously satisfying—you’ll find yourself smirking despite your misgivings.

While Gov’t Mule is unlikely to convert many new fans with Life Before Industry, fans of gui- tar rock will do well to have at least passing familiarity with their work. If they learn to strain the song writing, they’ll be a very formidable act.

The current bylaws and our simple common sense dictate that both the chair and the sec- retary, under these circum- stances, cannot judge the case in an unbiased fashion and there- fore should not be able to change the makeup of the board whose judgement is presumed, by their very right, to be free of personal bias. Although the vot- ing members are not free of their personal views and biases, these views are why the Houses elected them. No person can be completely unbiased at any time. It would be grossly unfair to al- low the BoC secretary and chair to judge which of these imper- sonal biases are appropriate for which cases. We certainly don’t allow our court judges to pick the juries.

Furthermore, in the case of board members with a personal bias for the defendant, the board is not blocked from making a fair decision. The required quo- tum of the board, seven (7), means that not one, but two rep- resentatives would have to dis- sent from any action to block it. Thus the chance of just one member blocking any action because of personal bias is un- true; at least one other member must dissent along with the per- sonally biased member to block a decision. Since the defendant can already dismiss members for bias, and any reasonable defendant would do so if the Board was against them, the amend- ment only seeks to remove members who, from personal bias, would block convictions and the more impor- tant protections. Such a block, how- ever, does not mean the defendant is ac- quitted. The chance that personal bias could interfere with a legiti- mate inquiry is just not good enough to justify the possibility of the chair removing an elected representa- tive simply because of his views. BoC representatives must stand for something, and the case it- self should not dictate what they stand for.

The proposed amendment asks the student body to choose be- tween the current bylaws and ones which would give even more authority to the chair and secretary. This situation would be in direct conflict with the wishes and beliefs of the House members who elected their rep- resentatives. Although the cur- rent excomm ruling is far more lenient than the amendment, this is surely not the answer. The bad ruling from excomm cannot be fixed by an amendment which would essentially em- body that decision. The House could vote this amendment down and propose another one which ac- tually fixes these problems. We must protect the defendant. We must also protect the rights of the board representatives, and only in doing so can we protect the House and our ability to uphold it.

An honor code not supported by the beliefs and the ethics of the student body is next to use- less. This amendment would only further the already too- great distance between the Board of Control and the stu- dents it oversees. I urge the student body to vote NO on this amendment.

By Erik Dill

Jerusalem, Israel—Violent protests between Israelis and Palestinians early in the week calmed, and peacemaking talks between Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Yasser Arafat resumed.

Shambhuri, Eritrea—The Ethiopian offensive against Eritrea continued, capturing this border town and claiming 25,000 killed, wounded or captured Eritreans.

Liaoning Province, China—one Worker and retired civilans protested at the Liaoyang Ferroalloy Factory, demanding back pay and pensions. Three protestors were detained by police, another de- nied when a deputy mayor promised back wages would be paid soon.

Chicago—3M Company announced that it will phase out most Scotchguard products because the component it contains, perfluorooctysulfonic acid, persists for long periods in humans and the environment. It is not particularly toxic, just unusually inert.

Washington D.C.—In a 5-4 decision, the Supreme Court struck down a Texas law requiring doctors to talk to a woman about the “possible existence” of a fetus in the first month. Only Justices O’Connor, Scalia, Rehnquist and Burger dissented. The majority opinion states that Congress does not have constitutional authority to pass such legislation, requiring such actions for individual states.

Iran—A media crackdown continued as the judiciary shut down pro-reform paper Ham Mihan. 18 newspapers and journals have been closed in the last month.

New Delhi, India—Protesters marched through the streets to oppose government reductions of food and fuel subsidies.
May 9, 2000

President & CEO: George Ayeh Bandeh Ahmadi

Meeting called to order at 10:05 pm.

Guests: Ayeh, one of the editors.

Check for her publication.

Guests have permission for putting up his dolphins, which will be up in the office every month.

Construction will be finished sometime this week. He is requesting $150.

General Meeting Eric consulted the lawyer about the requests to donate money for an ASCIT, which is a non-profit organization. The lawyer agrees that it is not a problem for the ASCIT to start fundraising operations for ASCIT.

The Beach Trip is this weekend. A few members of the ASCIT (Eric, Melinda, Jason and Dashing) will go to Malibu tomorrow to check out the beaches. We are deciding between Leo Carrillo and Zuma Beach. The main concern being whether or not barbecues are allowed. The Callas Y is currently working on setting up buses and is handling all food-related issues. Eric has emailed copies of our advertising posters to the GSC to put up around the Catalina apartments. Melinda will work on a directory stuff email to be sent out within a few days.

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Respectfully submitted,

Jason C. Cardena

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Present: BoD; Guests: Kenny Higa, Zach Medlin, Joe Cool

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Guests: Kenny and Zach request funding for KIY.R.19, a 24-hour relay run on Memorial Day weekend. The competition will be open to all undergrads and grad students, in teams of 10. They need money for a trainer (majority of the cost), food, T-shirts, and advertising. They will also request funding from the Callas Y and the GSC. Meghan suggests asking the health ads to cover the event instead of paying for a trainer. Zach says he’ll look into it.

Joe requests money for prank he’s been working on with House Mix. Ali says he can say that it involves pizza boxes—a whole lot of pizza boxes. They have received the OK from all the required authorities and are requesting a maximum of $100.

General Meeting

The BoD unanimously approves the BBC Student Faculty Committee appointments.

The Campus-wide Beach Trip was a success! And it came in under budget! Over a hundred people came to the event, the majority being graduate students, and all of them reported having a good time. The Callas Y did an awesome job with the food. Special thanks go to Elisa Chiang, Kenneth Kuo, and Helen Claudino for all their hard work. The only mishap that Saturday was a flat tire on the 10 am bus on the way to Zuma, but it made it anyway. Jason also got his very first speed ticket on the way back. The police officer was very nice though he gave several possible excuses to be for disputing the ticket. The ASCIT Movie blitz includes showing Mission Impossible (the original) on Friday night at 10 pm near the R-P Courtyard and renting out a screen at Pacific Hastings on Wednesday night at 9:45 pm for the opening of Mission Impossible 2 after the El Club’s Internet Ventures Fortunn. The movies will be free for all undergrads.

The ASCIT Formal is next Friday, May 26. Melinda reports that all 150 of the undergraduate tickets have been sold and there are 30 people on the waiting list. She is looking for a way to include everyone who would like to come. There are still a few graduate student tickets left. The money for the formal is being collected by Meghan Smith (megsmithitis, Raddock 103).

Melinda gives us a detailed report on the Pannecue, including tickets, in- vites, the menu, place settings, flowers, corsages, the band, purchases, construction, the theme, advertising, and the table arrangement. With the formal hot approaching, Melinda and her social team have everything under control.

Laura is working on the ASCIT by- law amendments. Chris has talked to Sue Friedman. There will be no more than 215 fresh next year.

The BoD talks about the recent round of house web pages. A possible solution is to have ASCIT buy a web server, or rent from a third party, to host unrestricted sites. Laura and Chris will look into this over the summer.

Emma will talk to the ASCIT about setting up student advisors for next year’s freshmen.

Next week’s meeting will be on Tuesday, May 23 at 10 pm. There will be no meeting on Thursday. At the next meeting, we will discuss publication reports. We are still waiting for the Big T’s road map and compensation schedule.

The BoD unanimously approves $500 for KELROE, plus 60 all-beef hamburger patties.

The BoD unanimously approves $135 for Joe’s prank (5-4).

Meeting adjourns at 11:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lab tech job in San Francisco. Looking for a tech to study DNA damage response in yeast, in new/fun lab at UCSE. Involves genetics and biochem. Perfect for graduating senior wanting to go to grad/med school in two years. email tcovyski@ucsc.edu

Loving couple seeks CA surrogate for healthy pregnancy with donor or possibly her own eggs. Compensation package, expenses paid. Please contact us at ambrie06@yahoo.com

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David Bustos

Fellow Rising Juniors,

If you’ve ever lived on campus, you’ve probably encountered Garrett Heffner at some time or another. Think back to the last such encounter. What do you remember about him? His nose, wasn’t it? And his walk? This is why I say, “Derek Shannon, wasn’t it?” And it wasn’t? And his nose, wasn’t it? And his walk? This is why I say, “Gert Heffner, wasn’t it? And wasn’t it? And his nose, wasn’t it?” And his walk? This is why I say, “Derek Shannon, wasn’t it?” And it wasn’t? And his nose, wasn’t it? And his walk? This is why I say, “Gert Heffner, wasn’t it? And wasn’t it? And his nose, wasn’t it?”

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I thank you for your time, now get out there and vote, David Bustos
PS: Dinkar is a tool of the Man, too.
PPS: So is that other guy.

Derek Shannon

Howdy, I’m Derek Shannon, and it’s time for all you to recognize. This junior class VP position isn’t the most demanding in the world—trust me, I can handle it. Graduation speaker, some lame interclass event that ends with “so.” Check and check. I got it covered. You give me your vote, and I’ll give you all my love. I might even forgive you for all those other elections—well, let’s not talk about them. I’m sure you’re all very sorry, and if not you soon will. I will have all this great experience. I was the intern governor of North Dakota from 1996-7, and I’ll get Britney Spears to perform at grad—trust me, she owes me a huge favor. Vote for me, goddammit, or I might start spazzing out! —Derek, dms@caltech.edu

Timothy Crosby

Really, nothing compares to the KITT car. KITT stands for Knight Industries Two Thousand—a hyper-intelligent talking Trans Am. And it has this nice flashing LED strip between its headlamps. I don’t know what it does, but it looks cool. Knight Industries sponsored the Foundation for Law and Government (FLAG), a top-notch crime fighting organization. FLAG even gave the policeman Michael Long the new name and identity as Michael Knight, KITT’s driver. And it’s a good thing that they got him, because Devon was always kind of a weenie. One could claim that James Bond has better cars—a DBS with ejector seat and missile launcher, a Lotus that can go underwater, and a BMW with a champagne compartment—but that idea ignores the fact that KITT talks. I mean, a talking car, how cool is that? And it doesn’t just tell you to put on your seat belt. Bunters. How can you not love a car fully equipped with witty reparte? But really, a driver for the car seems extraneous. I mean, the friggin’ car is smarter than Michael Hasselhoff could ever be. Heck, the prototype of KITT, KARR, didn’t need a driver. Of course, evil VCRs HAD TO BE STOPPED. But the two of them turbo-boosting over each other was classic. The only thing that KITT was ever afraid of was Goliath, the tractor-trailer truck that could be a wonderful place. Goliath is a tool of the Man. Gert Heffner is a tool of the Man. Gert Heffner is a tool of the Man. Gert Heffner is a tool of the Man. Gert Heffner is a tool of the Man.

I thank you for your time, now get out there and vote, Timothy Crosby

Victoria Sturgeon

The junior class president does three things. First, she writes a whole bunch of letters and makes phone calls, trying to get some one cool to come talk at commencement. Second, she organizes a formal-smore event early in the year. Then she sits around and looks cool for the rest of the time in office. I think I’d do this job really well. I have a lot of experience organizing social events. I was on Blacker’s social committee for a year and so I’ve been in charge of all formal house events. I’m also really good at looking cool; I can even make those flourescent glasses for ME 71 look great. If I’m elected, I’ll do a good job.
Senior Class Officers

Kristin D. Commer
When I was in high school I came to visit Caltech. The students here seemed happy, though they warned me about the heavy workload. I listened to that warning, but I didn’t comprehend it. Now, after studying astronomy here for three years, I understand! I understand how amazing it will be to say that I graduated from Caltech. I hope that come commencement next year all the members of the Class of 2001 will share this feeling of accomplishment. I would be honored to represent you in making all the necessary arrangements for this occasion, and would appreciate your vote for senior class president.

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Jenny Ives
Why do I want to be Senior Class President? Why would anyone want to be Senior Class President? Money? Power? Fame? Women? Wait, nevermind. I was talking to other members of our class and we were resolving to be a cool class, to have the most awesome ditch day ever, and to have a commencement speaker that would make other colleges drool with envy. However, we then decided that we were too lazy to actually move off of the couch and do anything about it. I decided that I would. I WILL OVERCOME APATHY! I will run for this office, and if you elect me, I will make sure that WE ARE THE COOLEST SENIORS EVER. We will have an awesome speaker, and we will have a great day for ditch day. (Who ever heard of ditch day on a Friday?) So, overcome your own apathy and remember to vote Wednesday. And while you’re at it, make sure that you vote for me.

Dan Daly
Hi, my name is Dan Daly and I am running for Senior Class VP. As your Junior Class VP, with the class’s help, the Junior Class President and I worked to give the Public Relations Office an idea of who the class of 2001 would want as commencement speaker. As Senior Class VP, I’d like to continue working to make sure that the final say on who is our commencement speaker is made by the upcoming senior class. As Junior Class VP, I really enjoyed bringing the class together, and as senior year rolls around, class activities may become more important as we prepare for the real world. As your Senior Class VP, I would want to coordinate senior class activities, and open a forum for discussion about commencement, the class gift and ditch day.

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Like many of you, I have had my tough times here. But on that sunny morning in June when I’m dressed in a black robe with my parents watching, I would like to look at my life ahead with renewed optimism and happiness. The things we say and do as a class will inevitably have a big impact on our state of mind as we prepare to leave Caltech. For instance, the enthusiasm with which we plan and carry out Dixie Day, the level of attention we give the speaker of our choice will all make a difference in how we look back on our final few months here.

This will have to be a collective effort involving our entire class, but as always, leadership in articulating our priorities and coordinating everything will be key. I feel that I can provide this leadership and I would be honored to do so. My confidence comes largely from my experience this past year, I have served as Junior Class President.

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July 28, 2000

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OH HAD STORIES about ME?

HE THOUGHT THEY WERE URBAN LEGENDS.

ALICE, MAYBE WE SHOULDN'T DATE.

I'M A VP and YOU'RE AN ENGINEER IN MY DIVISION.

SHEESH, GET OVER YOURSELF. I'M JUST USING you TO DRIVE MY BOSS MADS.

YOUR INDULGENCE ARROUGES me! I WILL MAKE you PAY!

PAP, IS IT OK IF I EAT THE LAST POWERED DONUT?

SURE.

POISON EMERGENCY NUMBER? OLIMPIC PYRENEES BLOG?

I GAVE you PERMISSION to EAT me. IT WAS A FULL BAG I HAD to EAT the OTHERS to FIND out WHICH one.

FoxTrot by Bill Amend

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**Tomorrow’s Dean**

**Dean’s Corner**

**Is tomorrow today?**

by Jean-Paul Revel

If today should by any chance be tomorrow, enjoy! But having a ball presupposes that each and every one of you does or her level best to be safe. The seniors have exercised all of their ingenuity to give you all a great time but it is up to you, the participants, to use judgement in carrying out their directives, or else you might not be around to set up your own stack one, two or three years from now.

“Come on Dean,” I hear you mutter, “that’s a real bore, you are telling us this kind of thing over and over. We are not little persons to ruin this fun day and rectify, or accident, the consequences of suffering with for the rest of your stack one, two or three.

Experience has unfortunately taught me that things can unexpectedly get out of control. It takes so very little to change a wonderful occasion into an accident, the consequences of which someone could have to suffer with for the rest of their lives. So please, as Harry Truman used to say, “show me”.

Speaking of accidents I presume all of you know about what has been and is still going on in Los Alamos, and I don’t mean the adventures of Feynman while he was cracking safe and spareng with administrators. No, I mean the more immediate problem of an intentionally set cleanup fire which ended up consuming more than 44,323 acres and is still burning as I write. 25,000 people had to be evacuated from the town and surrounding communities. Luckily the labs in Los Alamos itself have been mostly spared. That was a fire under control by people who believed they knew how, by “professionals”, and so apparently was a less generally advertised fire on the North Rim of the Grand Canyon.

Other recent and spectacular accidents which occurred in a “professional” setting was the fireworks explosion in Enschede (Netherlands), which started in such an apparently innocent and non threatening way that townpeople had, “set their chairs up in a row to watch the fireworks.” And then a huge explosion, compared by some to an atomic fireball, killed 20 and injured 601. Another fireworks explosion has now occurred in Spain, leaving 4 dead. I don’t have to continue this gruesome listing, and I dare hope that nothing like these statistics will befal us, whenever tomorrow is. Oh! I know, it can’t happen here, we know what we are doing...watch out, it can. No one, not even Techers are immune to catastrophes. Fire still captivates us today as it fascinated our predecessors from very early days, long before the emergence of Homo Sapiens. Then as now, fire is a warm companion and a powerful tool. Yes, animals, not just humans, use tools: sticks to shake down bananas, or to gather those delectable termite and other such yummies. But this knowledge remains local, and ephemeral. Only man remembers long enough to make an invention last and be improved upon generation after generation. And only man has managed to use fire as a tool. Animals fear fire, something which, it is presumed, did not escape the attention of our hominid ancestors, who may well have used fire to lessen their chances of becoming lion.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Additional ISS Course Announcement for Fall Term 2000-01: Lit 129 Austen, Bronte, Woolf, and Ishiguro. More than any previous year, the most important English writers of the nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries. Understanding these novelists as a tradition, we will pay particular attention to formal developments in the Novel from the marriage plot through modernist narratives by Charlotte and Emily Bronte, and Virginia Woolf's major works-including but not limited to Emma, Persuasion, Jane Eyre, Wuthering Heights, Mrs. Dalloway, To the Lighthouse. Instructor: King; TTH 1-2:30

Asian pacific heritage week presented by APSU, Caltech's CCSA, Hawaiian Club, KSA, and OASIS, Monday, May 22nd to Thursday, May 25th. Asian Pacific Heritage Week is a weeklong series of events that provides a forum for Caltech community to various aspects of Asian Pacific culture. Food, performances, movies, and other activities will be available for the enjoyment of all members of Caltech.

RELATION: Effective Monday, May 8, 2000, the Bursar's Office will relocate from the first floor of Keith Spalding Building (Business Services). Rooms 201 and 202 will be vacated, Hill Street and occupy the first floor of the main Hill House. The New Mail Code for the Bursar's Office will be 3-7. The telephone fax numbers for The Bursar's Office will remain the same. Please note that the Disbursement Audit Office, located on the ground floor in the garage structure in the back of the Hill House. Additionally, a new Satellite Cashier Office will be operational for Personal Accounts only in the garage structure of 363 So. Hill Street. The Satellite Cashier's Mail Code will be 4-7 and the telephone number will be 626/395-2942. Only a minimum disruption in services on Friday, May 5, 2000 is anticipated.