Karabian Tells Of Prisons, Candidates

by Etaoin Schroedlulu

“Somehow the President Nixon is going to get more than 45% of the vote in 1972. Everyone who could protest was going to vote for him at all voted for him in 1968. The Democrats will win in 1972...” Do you really think that Scoop Jackson for Vice President would make a ticket more likely to win? I think that either Muskie or Humphrey could win with a vice-presidential candidate more liberal than they are, and that’s what the people want. Do the above sound like comments of a politician? Maybe not, but they are; Walter Karabian’s speech does not fit the stereotype political image. Karabian was on campus last Friday for an Olive Walk Talk on Prison Reform, and his discussion in the Caltech YMCA Lounge and on the Olive Walk covered the penal system, politics, Caltech, and other topics. (Other aspects of the single topic?)

Prisons and Other Strangers
Karabian has been very concerned about the penal system and penal reform in California, and is a member of the California Assembly’s Select Committee on Prison Reform... When I was Assistant District Attorney in L.A. County I was responsible for sending a considerable number of people into our penal system, and I wanted something for that. I had to do...” The Committee “didn’t just hold hearings in Sacramento and call in the various prison officials to hear about how much progress was being made,” but went out to the State prisons, such as Folomak, and took testimony from prisoners, medical personnel and employees; as publicity grew, various former prisoners and employees also volunteered to testify. What motivated Karabian’s concern for the prison situation? “I believe that when a court sentences a prisoner it removes away his civil liberties, but the law does not state that the prisoner is also to be submitted to insufficient medical care, a homosexual sort of environment, or forced rapes or beatings.” So the reason is humanitarian, basis for these other activities. “We past people

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Where’s YOUR Bike?

Bike Ring Smashed

by Jeff Mallory

An anonymous phone call Monday evening precipitated the demise of yet another bike theft ring on campus security. The call, received by Officer Ted Wiley, warned security that three males, two tall and one short, were headed for Tech intending to rip off some bikes. The informant also said the trio were carrying a garage full of stolen bikes. Officer Wiley, warned security that three...”

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Geophysics Ground Broken

by Peter W. Beckman

Following the “Old Caltech tradition of starting a little bit late” ground breaking ceremonies were held Tuesday for the Seeley G. Mudd Building of Geophysics and Planetary Sciences. Although the sky looked somewhat foreboding, about 200 persons attended the ceremonies which were held just west of the parking hole that formed the sole reminder of the glory that was once Culbertson.

President Brown opened the ceremony with a welcome to those who had braved the sudden cold spell to attend. This was followed by some remarks by Dr. Arnold O. Beckman, Chairman of the Board of Trustees; a short speech on the importance of “Geophysics and Planetary Science at Caltech” by Dr. Eugene M. Shoemaker, Chairman of the Division of Geology and Planetary Science; and one about seismology at Caltech entitled “Departure from Donnelly” by Dr. Clarence R. Allen, Professor of Geology and Geophysics.

Expensive Seismometers
At the end of these remarks, President Brown introduced members of the Mudd family and presented them with seismometers. He also recognized the gift of Mrs. Roland W. Lindhurst who provides funds for the Helen and Roland W. Lindhurst Laboratory of Experimental Geophysics, and the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare which gave the Institute a million dollar construction grant for the building.

Finally, everybody who was anybody got a chance to do some superficial damage to the soil with the conveniently provided gold painted shovels, and the affair gradually broke up as everyone began dotting away for lunch.

More Mudd for Your Money
The new building is intended to help consolidate some of the closely related activities of the Geology Department and are

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Dr. Arnold O. Beckman turning dirt into Mudd.
Later Drop Day?

by millikan troll

Acting on a proposal from the Undergraduate Academic Standards and Honors (UASH) Committee, the Faculty yesterday approved a petition to recommend to the faculty that Drop Day be moved back to one week after the last day of classes. The UASH proposal was presented at Monday’s Faculty Board meeting as an alternative for pushing both Drop and Add Days to the last days of classes of the term.

The Faculty Board passed an amended version of the UASH Committee’s recommendation on Drop Day, apparently deeming it easier to set Drop Day a week earlier than the UASH proposal rather than worry about dealing with the many cases of finals handed out during the last week of classes. However, they did not pass the proposal to move Add Day.

The matter now goes before the faculty, probably to be voted on at the next Faculty Board meeting in a few weeks, and possibly the next term. In any event, the policy probably will not go into effect until next academic year.

They What?

The Academic Policies Committee yesterday recommended the case for greater encouragement of student research to the Faculty Board. Some concrete proposals ranged from instituting a “research major” to allowing substitution of one graduate unit for two required courses.

Unbeknownst to many (and ahead of the announced schedule), the Registrar’s office has quit Thrupp for Dabney. They now occupy a niche on the first floor. The Alumni, Graduate, and Deans’ offices are still expected to move over term break, while there is some speculation that the Admissions office will wait until some of the dust of the admissions season has settled before moving.

Grant Talks

This year’s Haynes Foundation Lectures will be given by the famed educator and psychologist, Dr. Jerome Bruner. Dr. Bruner’s recent work in perception, learning, memory, language and problem solving in infants up to two years old has attracted national attention.

Not surprisingly, his lecture topic will be “The Nature and Uses of Symbolic Thought.”

The lectures are paid for by John Randolph and Dora Haynes Foundation, which supports research in social sciences. In the past, the Haynes Foundation has supported such luminaries as John Kenneth Galbraith, Wendell Willkie, Joseph E. Johnson, and Elting Morrisson to campus. The current set of lectures will be in Ramo Hall at 8:15 p.m. next Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Admission is free.

The Winnett Center Committee held one of its rare meetings last Tuesday, and some changes came out of it. First, Clubroom Two will be converted into a TV lounge, and the color television now in the Lounge will be shipped upstairs. Secondly, the Committee is seeking a young faculty member to act as a coordinator for the various activities in the building (as a liaison between the building users and the administration). Also, we have heard that the Big T and ASCIT will swap offices in the near future.

Some longer-range plans were discussed, including creation of a Coffeehouse, possibly in what is now the gameroom. The game-room would, under such a scheme, be consolidated with the Peregrine Coffeehouse.

Top of the Week

A plan to keep the Bookstore open late one night a week, student labor on an experimental basis in the works… Campus Security rubbered a ring of bike-steelers the other night… a paint-in to adorn the rather stark fence around the upcoming Geophysics building may materialize… early third term.

This column bids farewell to a Tech editor of two-year’s standing and a good friend, Paul Levin. He entered the Navy this coming Monday for six months of active duty, followed by grad school. However, his wishes of the entire newspaper staff were conveyed to him, along with the Perpetual Order of the Etaoin Shrdlu (with oak leaves and plum blossoms). Finally, some longer-range plans were discussed, including creation of a Coffeehouse, possibly in what is now the gameroom. The gameroom would, under such a scheme, be consolidated with the Peregrine Coffeehouse.

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ASCIT Of Hagg TV To Clubroom Two

by Jim Hugg

The BOD is on the move and so far the action has been hot and heavy. The ASCIT Coffee Hour is being resurrected. Early in third term this popular event will return as a meeting place for faculty and students, an occasion which reeling discussion, and a source of infinite donuts, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, etc.

On Tuesday afternoon the Winnett Student Center House Committee met for the first time in almost four years. Representing on this committee are Morin and Hagg. The committee heard ASCIT proposals and ruled favorably on all of them. First, the committee agreed to meet once per term, or more often if necessary. Second, the committee approved ASCIT’s plans to move the TV to clubroom 2. Meetings may still be scheduled in that clubroom during the day and until 5 p.m. The TV watchers will take over the clubroom at that time. This will permit a more active use of Winnett Lounge. Tinkham began the piano, used the record player, or just discuss without fear of invading the space of the hard core boob tube crowd.

Another ASCIT proposal which received approval is the planned move of the ASCIT office. ASCIT will trade offices with the Big T—a third of a cabinet.

The BOD will establish some reasonable open door policy for the new office which will permit you to have more direct contact with the BOD.

Perhaps the most significant decision of the Winnett Committee was to reactivate the administrative post of Coordinator of Student Affairs. The BOD will submit to Lyman Bonner three or four names of young, enthusiastic faculty members as candidates for the post of Coordinator of Student Affairs.

Today’s agenda (4 p.m. Winnett):

1. Bookstore. The BOD will appoint a committee to work with the Director of Financial Services to set up student jobs and establish more reasonable hours for the bookkeeper. The committee will also submit proposals for long range improvements of the bookkeeper, including a study of the feasibility of a co-op system with student controls.

2. Co-op Housing. Dave Smith is the invited guest and will report to the BOD on his recent investigations into the feasibility of establishing co-op housing near the campus. A committee will be appointed to work with him on this plan.

3. Coffee Hour. Director of Student Life, Jim Price, will report on the details of the coffee hour, which will be coming.

4. Faculty Board Report. Joe Morin and Sharon Spivak will report on the vote of the faculty board concerning drop/add days.

The Winnett Student Center Housing Committee report. Joe Morin & Jim Hugg will report on the details of the changes which occurred at Monday’s meeting of the committee. The BOD will set a date for moving its offices and nominating four new faculty members for the post of Coordinator of Student Affairs.

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Throop Beat

Dear Editors:

The Tech’s letters column has recently been embroiled with a discussion of public obscenity. To my mind the object of that discussion was less important than another example of public obscenity on campus.

I am referring to the current exhibition of the Baxter Art Gallery. I have seldom seen such a revolting display of “art” as is down there now. To my mind the best thing that could happen to the exhibits would be to have them burned.

I have always been under the impression that Caltech stores its own students of whom it did. I can not believe that the contents of the gallery are excellent, let alone tolerable. If nothing better can be found for the gallery I strongly suggest that it be left empty or given to some group that needs the space such as Campus Security or the telephone room.

Sincerely,

Paul A. Levin

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Volleyball Championship: Fleming, Ruddock Fight

Fleming House will try to complete its perfect season in volleyball against Ruddock this afternoon, in the final Interhouse contest.

Discobolus

Fleming ended Peck's streak at twelve successful defenses of the Discobolus trophy, sweeping 4-0 in badminton. Page leads by 26 points in the year's competition.

Tennis Squad Breaks Even

The loss of Dave Beatty due to injury was a big factor as La Verne edged the Caltech tennis team 5-4, last Saturday.

The key match was the fourth singles, where Dave Dummit, Beatty's erstwhile doubles partner, lost 7-5 in the third set. Dummit led earlier in the set 4-1, and at one point was in position to force the tie breaker.

Defeat Pasadena

Two days earlier, the Beavers breezed past Pasadena College 6-3. Jeff Shellan, Ma Nakatsui, Pat McCra and Bruce Eisenhart were victorious in singles play, and the teams of Ken Pinchel and Andy Chow, and Dummit and Bruce Jacobson won their doubles matches.

Two annual tennis tournaments will start at the beginning of third term. The Scott Tournament is open to all experienced undergraduates. The Novice Tournament will accept entries from non-lettermen and non-peaterhouse tennis team members only.

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Tech Team Takes Putnam Contest

The team of Michael Yoder, Bruce Renzick, and David J. Smith placed first in this year's Putnam Mathematics Competition. They beat 1500 students from 300 colleges in the six-hour exam designed to test originality and competence in problem solving.

In individual competition Yoder won $250 for placing among the top six, Renzick won $100 for placing ninth, while David J. Smith placed 28th. In addition the Caltech Mathematics Department will receive $500 for entering the winning team, and each of the three will receive $100 for being on the winning team.

This is the fourth time that Caltech has won the team competition. Last year the Institute placed fifth.

ASCIT Offices

Nominations are officially open for ASCIT appointive offices and committees. The following positions are open: Executive Committee, Election Committee, Student's Day Committee, Educational Policies Committee, Game Room Chairman, Darkroom Chairman, Business Manager for California Tech, Editor for Big T, Business Manager for Big T. Editor, little t. Business Manager for little t. Editor for Totem, Business Manager for Totem.

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Lear

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How soon will steam cars be commercially producible? Given two or three more years, 50 to 50 more megabucks, Lear said, and it will be possible. He stressed the importance of continuing to improve conventional engines, however, since even if all new cars are steam cars, that will still leave 100 million internal combustion engines on the road.

Coming next from Bill Lear: a supersonic airplane.

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