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PROVENANCE

The materials comprising the Caltech Y Records were transferred to the Caltech Archives from the Y office by the director, Athena Castro, in July and October, 2002.

HISTORY OF THE CALTECH Y

The Caltech Y was founded on the Caltech campus (then the Throop College of Technology) in 1916 as a branch of the national YMCA. From the start, the students chose to de-emphasize the religious aspect of the Y in favor of social services. Originally, Bible classes were held weekly, and religious leaders have been routinely invited to the campus to speak. But the focus of the organization over time has been to provide social programs for the campus and for community outreach.

In 1924 an advisory board and a director, Charles Schweiso, Jr., were appointed. Schweiso provided individual counseling to students. Services for freshmen were instituted, notably the *little t* (a handbook for freshmen) and Freshman Camp. Students participated in the annual regional YMCA conference at Asilomar, in Pacific Grove, California.

The post-World War II era brought change to the campus. Lee A. DuBridge succeeded Robert A. Millikan as Caltech's new president, and Wesley Hershey was hired as the Y's executive secretary (director) in 1946. Under Hershey's leadership, the Y expanded its programs, bolstered by a major bequest from Millikan's estate (Millikan died in 1953). The Friends of the Y was established in 1961 to provide continuing financial and programmatic support.

The 1960s brought political and social tumult to the nation and to Caltech. The Y served as a focus for discussion and action on racial issues and the Vietnam War. The well-regarded Leaders of America program brought prominent visitors to campus to speak formally and informally to students and other members of the community.

In 1970, undergraduate women were admitted to Caltech. New social programs were instituted, some based around the idea of encounter groups. The issue of drugs on campus was widely discussed. Also during the 1970s, the Y chose to separate from the national YMCA—its members and constituencies were no longer exclusively male or even Christian.

Wesley Hershey retired in 1974. He was succeeded by Walter Meader (1974-1982), Huston Horn (1982-1987), followed by Ken McGuire and Paul Gibson. The Y's first

woman director, Lucy Guernsey, began her tenure in 1989. She was succeeded by Sue Borrego in 1992, who was followed by Athena Castro, beginning in 2000.

SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE COLLECTION

The records of the Caltech Y are organized in five series: correspondence and documents, photos, transcripts of talks, audio-visual, and oversize photos and scrapbooks.

The correspondence section is notable for inclusion of letters with prominent figures who visited the campus under the Y's auspices, for example Martin Luther King, Jr., J. Robert Oppenheimer, Margaret Mead, and Barry Goldwater.

Photographs are a large and important part of the collection. They document the Y's activities in a comprehensive fashion, beginning in the 1920s. Audio tapes, and a small number of transcripts, videos, and reel-to-reel tapes form series III-IV. The audio tapes record a wide variety of activities, from formal talks, to conferences, to musical events. The last series, oversize, accommodates scrapbooks, albums, and wide-angle photos, now rolled.

RELATED COLLECTIONS

Historical Files, Caltech Y folder
Wesley Hershey Oral History, 1979

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SERIES I: CORRESPONDENCE AND DOCUMENTS

Box 1

Correspondence

- 1.1 Brown, Harold
- 1.2 Hufstedler, Shirley M.
- 1.3 Kennedy, Edward M.
- 1.4 Kennedy, John F.
- 1.5 Kennedy, Robert F.
- 1.6 King, Martin Luther, Jr.
- 1.7 McNamara, Robert S.
- 1.8 Nixon, Richard M.
- 1.9 Pauling, Linus
- 1.10 Roosevelt, Eleanor D.
- 1.11 Truman, Harry S.
- 1.12 Warren, Earl
- 1.13 Watson, Thomas J.

Miscellaneous

- Allen, Woody
- Anderson, Jack
- Asimov, Isaac
- Baker, Howard H.
- Barth, John
- Brinegar, Claude S.
- Buckley, James L.
- Ervin, Sam J.
- Gardner, John
- Hatfield, Mark O.
- Hickel, Walter J.
- Kuhn, Thomas S.
- McLaughlin, John
- Proxmire, William
- Schwieso, Charles
- Trudeau, Garry

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Wambaugh, Joseph
White, Theodore H.
Young, Andrew

Leaders of America Series

- 1.15 Bunche, Ralph J. 1956
- 1.16 Douglas, William O. 1956
- 1.17 Oppenheimer, J. Robert 1957
- 1.18 King, Martin Luther, Jr. 1958
- 1.19 Cousins, Norman 1960
- 1.20 Rogers, Carl 1960
- 1.21 Mead, Margaret 1961
- 1.22 Goldwater, Barry 1962
- 1.23 Ramo, Simon 1965
- 1.24 Sorensen, Ted 1965
- 1.25 Robert A. Millikan, Curtis Board Tribute 1954
- 1.26 50TH Anniversary Program and Clippings 1966
- 1.27 Awards
- 1.28 Pamphlets, historical
- 1.29 Program announcements 1950-59
- 1.30 Reports and programs, miscellaneous
- 1.31 Tech Handbook 1922-23, 1923-24, 1924-25, 1925-26
- 1.32 Clippings, miscellaneous
- 1.33 Ad hoc committee (administrative) on Leaders of America Program
1967

SERIES II: PHOTOS

Box 2

Caltech Y Staff

- 2.1 Hershey, Wesley, Director
- 2.2 Student Cabinet and Officers; staff 1939-1983
- 2.3 Y Board of Directors

Leaders of America Series

- 2.4 Bunche, Ralph
- 2.5 Douglas, William O.
- 2.6 Foss, Lucas

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2.7	Galston, Art
2.8	Goldwater, Barry M.
2.9	Hoffman, Paul
2.10	King, Martin Luther, Jr.
2.11	Oppenheimer, J. Robert
2.12	Percy, Charles
2.13	Pike, James
2.14	Radhakrishnan, S.
2.15	Radhakrishnan, S. and DuBridge, L.
2.16	Wilkins, Roy
2.17	Miscellaneous
	Chiardi, John
	Kaplan, Abraham
	MacLeish, Archibald
	Ramo, Simon
	Rieseman, David
	Rogers, Carl L.
	Sorensen, Theodore
	Teller, Edward
	Speakers, Off-Campus
2.18	Bradbury, Ray
2.19	Bradley, Tom
2.20	Brown, Edmund
2.21	Brown, Jerry
	Giannini, Giancarlo
	See: Wertmüller, Lina
2.22	Hufstedler, Shirley
2.23	Kuchel, Thomas
2.24	Rowell, Galen
2.25	Tuck, Dick
2.26	Udall, Morris
2.27	Wertmüller, Lina

- 2.28 Miscellaneous
 Andelin, John
 Beilenson, Anthony
 Brown, Jimmy
 Buckley, William
 Cranston, Alan
 Farmer, James
 Gaylin, Willard
 Gregory, Dick
 McCarthy, Eugene
 Nixon, Richard
 Taylor, Theodore
- Tunney, John
 Unruh, Jesse
 Yogi, M. M.
 Yorty, Sam
- Speakers, On-Campus
- 2.29 Brown, Harold
2.30 Clark, Kent
2.31 Feynman, Richard
2.32 Goldberg, Mildred
2.33 Huttenback, Robert
2.34 Munger, Ned
2.35 Oliver, Robert
2.36 Pauling, Linus

- 2.37 Miscellaneous
 Baker, John
 Benton, John
 Brown, Harrison
 DuBridge, Lee
 Davidson, Norman
 Dean, Richard
 Delbruck, Max
 Dervan, Peter
 Elliot, David
 Greenstein, Jesse
 Haagen Smit, Arie
 Hammond, George
 Kousser, Morgan
 Langston, Beach
 Lees, Lester
 Murray, Bruce
 Sands, Matthew
 Shair, Fred
 Silver, Lee
 Sinsheimer, Robert
 Tombrello, Tom
 Veysey, Victor
 Wood, David
 Woods, William

Box 3

- Conferences
- 3.1-2 Asilomar Conferences (2 folders)
3.3 Freshmen and Freshman Camp
3.4 Scripps- Caltech Conferences
- Programs
- 3.5 Athenaeum Lunch Forum 1952
3.6 China and the World Today
3.7 Creative Process
3.8 Drama Workshop
3.9 Ghetto and City 1967-68
3.10 Medical Ethics 1974

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- 3.11 Nutrition
 - 3.12 Personal Exploration Groups
 - 3.13 Political Military Exercise 1968
 - 3.14 Programa Amigos Fundraiser 1985
 - 3.15 Tutors Program 1967
 - 3.16 Miscellaneous
 - Avalon Community Center Service Project
 - Career Counseling Seminar “Academia vs. Industry”
 - Color Coordination and Moods 1974
 - Debate 1967
 - Leadership Luncheon 1986
 - Mammoth Ski Trip
 - Millikan Stamp Ceremony 1982
 - Sensitivity Training 1968-69
 - Wine Tasting
 - Women’s Day Seminar 1974
- Entertainment
- 3.17 China Night 1971
 - 3.18 Jazz Concert 1967
 - 3.19 Noon Concerts
 - 3.20 Miscellaneous
 - Alsop, Peter 1974-75
 - Caltech Jazz Band
 - Feeny, Ray
 - Folklorico Dance Group
 - Hinton, Sam
 - Ivers, Don
 - Oliver, Robert with W. Whaling, E. Hutchings, and R. Owen
 - Robinson, Haywood
 - 3.21 Miscellaneous Photos 1949-1976
 - 3.22 Miscellaneous Photos, historical

SERIES III: TRANSCRIPTS OF TALKS

Box 4

- 4.1 Andelin, John “My Life as a Hired Gun” 10/24/77
- 4.2 Brown, Edmund G. [Caltech Y Lecture and Panel Discussion]
11/15/77

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- 4.3 Davidson, Norman [DNA Lecture] 5/23/77
- 4.4 Gaylin, Willard, Leroy Hood, and Karen Lebacqz “Impact of Modern Biology Research on the Ethics of Society” 4/20/74
- 4.5 Hufstedler, Shirley M. “Courtship and Other Legal Arts” 4/26/73 (no tape)
- 4.6 Hufstedler, Shirley M. “In the Name of Justice” 3/18/77
- 4.7 Jaynes, Julian “The Bicameral Mind” 11/28/78
- 4.8 Kaplan, Abraham [interview] 5/1967
- 4.9 “The Lives of Laureate Wives” 11/8/76
- 4.10 MacCready, Paul “The Gossamer Condor” 10/3/77
- 4.11 Rhodes, Joseph “Political Activism in an Age of Indifference” 2/10/76 (no tape)
- 4.12 Richard, Ivor [Caltech Y Lecture] 2/13/78
- 4.13 Stone, Edward “Voyager: Its Scientific Mission” 10/6/77
- 4.14 Udall, Morris and Marlow, Jess, interview 1/17/77
- 4.15 Winnett Lounge Lectures 11/30/76
- 4.16-17 Unidentified Transcripts (2 folders)

SERIES IV: AUDIO-VISUAL

Box 5

Audio Cassettes—Individual Speakers

- Andelin, John “My Life as a Hired Gun” 10/24/77
- Anderson, Jack [Caltech Y Lecture] 12/6/77 (two tapes)
- Azbel, Mark [Caltech Y Lecture] 12/14/77 (two tapes)
- Begouen, Count Robert “Taverns of the Volp Caverns: Prehistoric Cave Art” 10/30/90
- Blum, Arlene [Leadership Talk] 9/19/88
- Branscomb, Lewis “Science, Technology, and the Prospects for Mankind” 5/22/78
- Brown, Edmund [Caltech Y Lecture and Panel Discussion] 11/15/77
- Brown, Harold “The Strategic Defense Initiative: ABM Revisited” 11/7/84
- Brown, Willie [Caltech Y Luncheon] 5/28/75
- Callahan, Dan “Technology: The Possibilities and Limitations” no date

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Commoner, Barry [Caltech Y Lecture] 5/16/88 (two tapes)
Coulombe, Joe [no title] 11/27/80
Davidson, Norman "DNA Lecture" 5/23/77 (two tapes)
De Haan, Dale "Refugees: A World-Wide Problem" 10/2/80
Ellison, Harlan "Live and Very Annoying" no date
Ellison, Harlan [Caltech Y Lecture] 2/12/79 (two tapes)
Eneelhardt, Tristram "Values in the Concepts of Health and
Disease" 7/1/74
Erhard, Werner [Caltech Y Lecture] 5/25/76
Faber, Carl "The Experience of Love and Guilt" no date
Faber, Carl "Loneliness and Isolation" no date
Feiffer, Jules [Winnett Lounge Discussion] 3/31/77
Fletcher, Joseph "Health Care Delivery" 7/1/74
Garwin, Richard "Star Wars: Shield or Threat?" 10/29/84 (two
tapes)
Goldberger, Marvin [Caltech Y Noon Discussion] 10/3/78
Goldberger, Marvin [Friends of the Y Dinner] 5/8/90
Goodstein, Judy and David "The Scientific Method" 4/10/90
Gorovitz, Samuel "Rawl's Theory of Justice" 7/1/77
Gorovitz, Samuel "Competing Theories of Justice" 7/2/77
Hufstedler, Shirley "In the Name of Justice" 3/18/77
Jarvis, Howard and Warren Olney [Caltech Y Lecture] 5/15/78
Jaynes, Julian "The Bicameral Mind" 11/28/78 (tape two)
Jaynes, Julian "Interdisciplinary Panel Discussion" 11/28/78
Jaynes, Julian "Open Discussion with Panelists" 11/28/78
Kaplan, Abraham [Caltech Y Lecture] 3/2/78 (two tapes)
Lilly, John C. "Conversations with a Scientist" 5/22/75 (two
tapes)
Lilly, John C. "The 'I' of the Cyclone" 10/1975
Lilly, John C. [Caltech Y Lecture] 1/21/76
MacCready, Paul "The Gossamer Condor" 10/3/77
MacCready, Paul "The Gossamer Albatross" 12/5/78
MacKay, Donald "The Bogey of Determinism" no date
Macklin, Ruth "The Right, the Good, and the Intrinsically
Worthwhile" 6/30/77
Memorial Service for Peter Lindstrom in Dabney Lounge
10/10/88
Moss, Thelma "The Probability of the Impossible" 1/11/78
Murray, Bruce "Jupiter and the Mind of Man" 3/28/79
Murray, Bruce and Carl Sagan [Caltech Y Lecture] 10/12/76
Ramsey, Paul "Fetal Experimentation" no date

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Reuben Mettler Luncheon 4/14/86
Richard, Ivor [Caltech Y Lecture] 2/13/78 (two tapes)
Roberts, Jack, Jim Morgan, David Goodstein, and Andy
Gellman “A Status Report: Faculty-Student Conference
Recommendations” 4/10/80
Rossiter, Margaret [no title] 3/2/89
Sakharov, Vladimir [no title] 4/17/91
Schorr, Daniel [Caltech Y Lecture] 5/19/77 (two tapes)
Scudder, Thayer [no title] 12/7/76
Smith, David “Euthanasia” 7/6/74
Steuer, Guyford [Caltech Y Lecture] 11/25/75

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Stone, Edward “Voyager: Its Scientific Mission” 10/6/77
Taylor, Theodore “Nuclear Proliferation, Terrorism, and
Blackmail: Risks and Safeguards” 1/21/76
Teller, Edward [Winnett Lounge Discussion] 1/27/77
Teller, Edward [no title] 1/27/77
Turner, Stanfield “Protecting Secrets” 3/29/79
Udall, Morris and Jess Marlow [interview] 1/17/77
Veatch, Robert “Principles of Medical Ethics” no date
Veatch, Robert “What Do You Tell the Patient: Truth-Telling”
no date
Wambaugh, Joseph and Harry Gray [Caltech Y Dinner]
4/30/75
Wambaugh, Gray, Wasserburg, and Gell-Mann [Caltech Y
Lecture] 11/30/76 (two tapes)
Wertmüller, Lina [Caltech Y Panel Discussion] 1/23/78
Wes Hershey Retirement 5/20/76
Wilcox [Caltech Y Lecture] 4/20/78 (two tapes)
Yonas, Gerold “The Strategic Defense Initiative” 10/15/84
(two tapes)

Audio Cassettes—Subjects

Ad Hoc Core Report Summary Statements, Recommendations
Administration Responsive Comments
Admissions Health Discussions
Caltech Community meeting on the War in the Persian Gulf
1/25/91 (two tapes)
Core Curriculum Presentations, no date (two tapes)
Financial Aid “Integrated Perspectives” no date

Impact on Modern Biological Research on the Ethics of Society
4/20/74

Kerygma “William Sloan Coffin-His Trip to Iran” 12/1979

Lives of Laureate Wives 11/8/76

Noon Discussion at Caltech 5/25/76

Ravel Sonata/Bartok Contrasts—Viklarbo Ensemble

Star Wars, no date

The Y Slide Show

Audio Cassettes—Unidentified

Music—date unknown

Music—date unknown

Video Cassettes

Archbishop Desmond Tutu at Caltech 5/22/90

Y Concerts

Y Slide Show

Reel-to-Reel

Water Reclamation Conference 3/27-3/28/68 (3 reels)

Unidentified “Film 1967”

SERIES V: OVERSIZE PHOTOS AND SCRAPBOOKS

Box 7

Oversize Photos

Bunche, Ralph

Douglas, William O.

Hoffman, Paul

Joshua Tree Monument Camping Trip 1986

King, Martin Luther, Jr.

MacLeish, Archibald

Oppenheimer, J. Robert

Pike, Bishop James

Radhakrishnan, S.

Randall, Clarence

Wilkins, Roy

Unidentified Photographs

Caltech Y Scrapbook 1955-56

Box 8

Scrapbooks
1924-31
1938-42

Box 9

Edward Teller Poster 1977
Photo Album 1988-89

Box 10

Photo Albums
1989
1989-90

Box 11

Oversize Rolled Photographs
Class of 1922
Class of 1932
Freshman Class of 1930 in Idyllwild
YWCA-YMCA Student-Faculty Conference, Asilomar, CA
1935-36
1936-37
1937-38
1938-39
1949-50
1950-51
unknown date