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## The Artist as Criminal: Views from John Cage

## How to Stay Controversial at 67


#### Abstract

By Barry Alfonso Contributing Editor upsetter of conventions. right try to impose upon him.

\section*{Pie Tosser Abuses Everybody}


It's fair to assume that when an artist earns the respect of his peers and acquires a host of imitators, a certain staidness and conservatism falls on him like a mantle draped on his shoulders. Any creative medium you can name has its share of former firebrands who in their later years became gray eminences, figures of veneration, inevitably the Establishment. If you're-a painter who wins prizes or an author who's books are pored over in colleges, it's hard to remain a troublemaker and an

John Cage, America's foremost living avant garde composer currently at UCSD as a Regent's Lecturer, is as much an exception to this rule as he is to just about any other you

Artists are essentially criminals," he asserts. "You can't define what they do definitions are for lawyers, not artists. The moment you define an art, some artist will come along who's outside the boundaries." In conversation and through his works, Cage, still vigorous and free-spirited at 67, makes it clear that he remains an outsider, rule-breaker, in spite of the wide influence his compositional experiments have had among
musicians. He may acknowledge the role he has played in breaking down the barriers of what music can and cannot be, but he what music can and cannot be, but he
doesn't let it stop him from growing and doesn't let it stop hi
changing still further.
Since his works began to be performed in the late 1930s, Cage has become a center o public attention (and often ridicule) for his frequently outlandish forays into the extremes of musical expression. His earlies compositions explored the possibilities of percussion, utilizing new and altered instruments such as the "prepared piano," a creation that doctored the strings with bolts, creation that doctored the strings with boits,
rubber and glass to produce novel sounds. rubber and glass to produce novel sounds.
The '40s found him pioneering work with electronic music and structured noise tapes, experiments that have pointed the way for countless other composers. Cage's fascination with Eastern disciplines led to his most controversial projects, composition based on chance.
For some, he was typecast as an eccentric okester, the man who once offered an audience four minutes of silence as a recital. But for others working in various branches o the arts, Cage was a figure of daring intelligence a challenger of the norm who helped to make creative possibilities Please turn to page 6


## By Jenifer Warren

 Staff Writer Aron Kay has contempt for everyone. Howard Jive-Ass Jerky Brown. Ronald Ray Guns. All of these men, and others, received extensive oral abuse from Kay when he spoke to an audience of 12 at TLH 104 last night.Kay, well known fo throwing pies at politicians and other "celebrities," addressed numerous political issues at last night's event, sponsored by UCSD's Groucho Marx Caucus.
"We have reached a crisis. Who is Carter to assume 18 to 20 -year-olds should go out and fight for the interests of the rich low-lifes in La Jolla?' began Kay, dressed in a T. shirt depieting the rock group "The Clash," jeans and a leather hat.
"People are pissed. We aren't going to take anymore of this imperialistic crap," continued Kay, likening the Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan to the United States participation in Viet Nam.
Directly confronting the potential reinstatement of the draft, Kay called it "perpetrating slavery" on Carter's part and insisted young Americans must not be subjected to the "involuntary servitude we went through in Viet Nam and Cambodia.
"The government feels it's going broke, so that means it's

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Aron Kay told his career in pie-throwing, as well as many of the reasons he is so contemptuous of public figures, last night.

## Scripps Bust Quickly Recovered, $\$ 100$ Paid

The SIO bust of George Henry Scripps, stolen last weekend, didn't stay lost for long.
The statue was returned yesterday by an alert beachcomber who found it on the beach and claimed the $\$ 100$ reward offered by Scripps.
George Henry Scripps was the half-brother of E.W. Scripps, who founded the Scripps newspaper chain, and was cofounder of the San Diego Biological Institution, forerunner of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography.
Scripps Associate Director George G. Shor Jr, says the reward was ten times the scrap value of the bust.
"The real value lies in its historical ties with the development of the campus and the important role of the Scripps family," he said.

## Farm Mechanization Studies 'Despicable'

## By Carolyn Friday

Sacramento Correspondent
Calling tax funded grants fully argued that the shield of for agricultural mechanization academic freedom is research that displaces, uncorrupted by the influence farmworkers "despicable," Assemblyman Art Torres ( D . Los Angeles), yesterday joined farm labor activists and the UC Student Lobby in denouncing UC's commitment to research projects that benefit narrow special interest groups.
"I am not opposed to progress," Torres told a press conference in Sacramento yesterday. "But the tax base for federally funded research is broad and should be used to benefit all groups of people."
Ralph Abascal, an attorney for the California Rural Legal Assistance, said the leverage of the handful of dollars is a key aspect of the CRLA agricultural mechanization case against UC presently pending in the Alameda County Superior Court.
The CRLA has identified 69 mechanization projects presently being researched at the university. How much of the overall $\$ 72$ million research budget that actually goes to these projects is not yet known, however.
CRLA said there are four scientists who have collected more than $\$ 250,000$ in royalties for the mechanized machine they invented.
Don Villarejo, from the California Agrarian Action Project, told reporters, "The university attorney unsuccess-
of private corporations.'
At the same press conference, Co-director for the UC Student Lobby Paul Rogers announced that the Student Body Presidents Council has written a letter to Counci has written a letter to
the Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland.
The letter supports Bergland's recent statemen reiterating the intention to cut off federal funding of labor displacing agricultura research conducted by land grant colleges.

Most of this research in California is conducted by the UC Agriculture Experimenta tion and the Cooperative Extension Service.
"We believe that your policy reaffirms the purpose to which the Hatch Act fund was originally intended - that is, to benefit the rural community and not to put family farmers and not to put family farmen
and farm labor out of jobs and and farm labor out of jobs and
force them out of the rural community," reads the letter.

## Election Orients Iran's Future Course


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| Kuwait News Says Hostages Free Soon <br> IRAN - A Kuwait newspaper reported from Tehran yesterday that the release of the Americans held hostage US Embassy for more than three months is "imminent." The weekly newspaper Al Khadaf said the number of young Iranian militants occupying the embassy has been reduced from 400 to 50 , and final arrangements for the release of the "following the election of Abolhassan Bani Sadr as Iran's new president." <br> The paper did not give the source of its information, and there other quarters, although Carter administration officials have recent days. "Bani Sadr has set the settlement of the hostage crisis and the ending of the duality of authority being exercised in Iran as the Al Khadaf said UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim is trying to persuade Bani Sadr to "pressure the students to leave the embassy and have them replaced by regular Iranian troops." <br> The Kuwaiti press is highly competitive, and the reliability of good contacts in Iran because of the proximity of the two <br> countries. There is also a relatively large Iranian community Kuwait. Bani Sadr made plain Wednesday that he was determined to trim the power of the embassy militants. He castigated them for who have created a government within the government," and gave the cold shoulder to a US delegation invited to Iran by them. <br> Immigration authorities detained the 49 -member US group for four hours Wednesday night at Tehran airport because they <br> had no entry visas, then sent them to a Tehran hotel. The Foreign Ministry issued the group four-day visas today at <br> the request of the embassy captors, although the delegation |
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Cage Keeps Escaping

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## Count Basie Brings Different Styles Together

## Finesse, Polish

## Ooze From Music

Continued from page 6 full and powerful sound, yet attenuating his bass drums accordingly with brushes during a quiet solo segment. In fact, about the only thing Jackson did not play on the set was the throne he was seated on. Upright bassist John Clayton turned in the most consistently astounding performance, being one of the rare string bass players I have seen who, whether sliding up and down the neck or skipping from one position to another with rapidity, is able to maintain perfect, and yes, I said perfect intonation especially impressive since he was all over that sucker.
The middle of the second set brought vocalist Dennis Rowland onstage, performing the classic, "I've Got It Bad and That Ain't Good," which spotlighted a Dale Carly
trumpet solo mimicking the phrasing of early blues guitarists.
Gowland especially shined on Basie's swing rendition of the Doobie Brothers', "Minute by Minute." The trombones cleverly filled in the missing background vocal chorus, and an old standard "The Work an old standard, "The Work interspersed an excellent scat vocal, ended with a vocal testimonial of "Motherless Child." His voice has none of the rough edge or choppiness of many blues singers, but possesses a soothing texture and an a lexcell rang text which he works very well indeed.

I would have mentioned the crowd response, except that I was too preoccupied joining in with the two standing ovations Basie's orchestra received


Count Basie at the piano
Guardian photo by Matthew Giedt

## Around Town <br> Shakespeare, Poets Set

Twelfth Night, Shakespeare's comic tale of Local poets Richard Sisk, Dawn Kolakithas confusion and romance, will be presented Feb. 7 and Bruce MacDonald will read selections from to 10 and 13 to 17 by the Department of Drama. their works Monday, Feb. 11 at 7:30 pm at D.G. Performances begin at 8 pm in the UCSD Wills Bookstore and Coffeeshop. All three theatre on Warren campus. General admission is poets are undergraduates at UCSD or SDSU, $\$ 4.50$ and student tickets cost $\$ 3.25$. Tickets and write in three distinct, original styles. D.G. can be purchased at the UCSD Theatre Ticket Wills Bookstore and Coffeeshop is located at Office, 452-4574. 7527 La Jolla Blvd., near Pearl Street


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