# REVELLATIONS

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# McElroy sheds light on work

By Margaret Clawry

Did you know that here at Revelle College we have in our midst an accomplished scientist in the form of our renown chancellor Dr. William D. McElroy? I was unaware of this fact until I recently attended his freshman seminar oh bioluminescence. Here I discovered not only what bioluminescence is, but also became intrigued with the subject, and with the accompanying research of Dr. McElroy.

Bioluminescence is the emmision of light from organisms through a chemical reaction. Bacteria, fungi and almost half of the phyla in the animal kingdom are bioluminescent, the firefly being the best-known example. The energy released by the chemical reaction incredibly efficient with only one percent released in the form of heat. Blue is the dominant color of bioluminescence. According to McElroy, the most spectacular display of bioluminescence

here in La Jolla can be seen in the waters of the ocean as billions of dinoflagellates cast their shimmering glow. Dr. McElroy was the first to discover the exact chemical formula of a lucifern—that of a firefly.

Becoming interested, in bioluminescence as a graduate student, McElroy says he was intrigued by bioluminescence because it did not follow the general rules of energy liberation. When I asked him how long he has been researching the subject, he replied with a chuckle, "all my life". This "life-long" research has led. to some success for as a professor of biology at Johns Hop-kins University, McElroy and his team of researchers were able to isolate and crystallize licifern. This enabled them to find out what made the reaction go, and use the substance in further experimentation. McElroy discontinued his research in 1969, but still follows the progress through the research of his wife, a Ph.d. in chemistry.



photo by Matthew Giedt Chancellor William McElroy

# Speaking with the Provost

By Dave Jansen

Dr. Chia-Wei-Woo, the new Revelle provost, is a man with a varied backround. A theorectical physicist, Dr. Woo comes from China and has taught and studied at Washington U., Illinois and Northwestern before coming to "University of California at La Jolla".

When one talks with Dr. Woo, the pen cannot keep up with the conversation so in a derivative of this interview I'll concentrate on the "higher-lites".

Q. What do you think about the gap between students and faculty?

A. It's a nationwide problem. But as compared to 10 years ago there is a large difference. Now it seems the professors must develop a friendship with students instead of having the student in awe. Students therefore expect more contact with professors. But professors in the U.C. system are called upon to do research, teach, and have a personal life. This tremendous load usually hurts a faculty's personal life,

so students should realize the faculty load and adapt their expectations.

The great myth that researchers are not good teachers is not corrected. The fact is that if someone is good in one area he is usually good in the other. The converse is also true. The attitude and drive determine who is a good researcher and teacher and who is not.

Q. What do you think about the "infamous" Revelle language requirement?

A. I feel strongly about the well-rounded individual which includes a command of a foreign language. In learning a foreign language one must stop and think of each word and in doing so the student slows down the thinking process. This all results in learning how one thinks and thereby learning about oneself.

This could create a new "high" that could and should replace marijuana just by learning about oneself.

Q. As the language requirement and the millions of other Revelle requirements tend to make Revells quite difficult, why doesn't Revelle have the name that Harvard, Yale, or even Berkley has?

A. UCLJ (UCSD) being so very young and the graduates are just becoming prominent, so in 10-20 years just wait, that Revelle diploma will be as revered if not more than a Harvard of Yale diploma.



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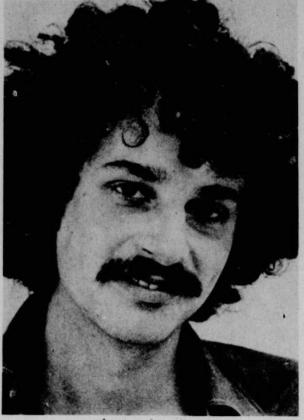


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## Who do you want for the next president of the United States?

A. Mary Dhooge, Revelle Assistant Dean

"I really don't know who I want for the next president or why. President Carter is a nice man but he doesn't have the qualities of a good president. Kennedy might make a good president but he isn't a nice man. I'm really not sure right now. . ."

A. Dr. Sandford Lakoff, Chairman Political Science Department

"Let's see, if I had my druthers who would I want to be the president. . I'd pick a politician. Senator Church is a person of fine qualities and I would vote for him.

Among active candidates I'd like to see Carter remain in office for a variety of reasons. I don't have a great deal of confidence in Senator Kennedy's judgment. I'm impressed with Carter's handling fo foreign policy. All of the other candidated have problems that disturb me; Connally's too simple-minded; I disagree with Reagan's political position; I'm not impressed with Brown's understanding on issues.

Carter is a man with real ideals and integrity. He's taken the lead on issues in the tradition of Hubert Humphrey and has interested himself in them unlike Senator Kennedy, who relies on his staff."

A. Barry Hyman, Sixth year senior and member of the New Indicator collective

"I would like to abolish the presidency, and I'd like things run more on a community organization level. The more localized the decision-making, the more people have control over their own lives. As government be-

comes more centralized there isn't enough communication between the people and the president.

The president's day is filled with a million papers to read, decisions to make, and things to do. It's impossible to know what's going on, especially at the local level. If there were better communication and transportation systems in the U.S., the community organizations could work

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and no government. I'd like to
see a world where small communities make decisions in all
facets of life. I'd also like
to see the end of corporations
running our lives. Many attitudes will have to change before
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is feasible. People tend towards
sharing, and are only taught
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## Joanne Perron visits Scotland

"Going to Scotland was one of the best decisions I've ever made." Revelle Senior Joanne Perron said. Perron went to school in Scotland last year through UCSD's Education Abroad Program.

Spending most of the academic year in St. Andrews, Scotland, Perron lived in student dorms while attending St. Andrews University. "There is no such thing as a campus,"
Perron added. "The school and town were interspersed. Here at UCSD, we are so isolated."

There is much less competitiveness in Scotland as most of the competition is earlier in high school, Perron noted adding with a grin, "I did a lot less studying." Courses are taught by many professors as opposed to the traditional use of just one prof.

"There was always a reason to take a tea break--always an excuse to socialize." she said. According to Perron, the most popular social areas are pubs. Although the Scottish students like to socialize, Perron thinks that they aren't as rowdy as Americans. In the Scottish dorms, people respect each others privacy. "Revelle dorms are so rowdy. Americans will do almost anything," she said.

Perron also adds that dorm food is universally bad. With a funny look on her face, she continued describing how everything was covered with custard. "Everyone was hooked on pototoes and custard," she said. "I wanted a salad so much:"

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