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BELL LABS DISCOVERS "SPEAKING"

By Mr. Erb '05

THE FUTURE IS NOW DEPT.

(HOLMDEL, NJ) Engineers at Bell Laboratories, the Research and Development wing of Lucent, Inc. have stumbled upon a new way to communicate with others in a clear and completely wireless way.

Graham Jenkins, the president of Bell Labs, held a press conference earlier today announcing the discovery. "This technology is absolutely amazing!" Jenkins claimed. "We call it 'speaking'. There is no need for a cell phone, laptop computer or a personal digital assistant. It works everywhere! Even the subway!" If speaking functions in underground transit as Jenkins claims, this new technology could enjoy rapid success in urban markets around the world.

The process is surprisingly simple. Engineers discovered that when they combined the use of their vocal cords with human contact, fast and easy communication was made possible. This discovery happened when two Bell Labs employees were forced to leave their computers to use the restroom. The two engineers, discovering that their hands were occupied, were forced to communicate without the aid of their cell phones or PDAs.

"It was weird at first but then we really got into it," Tyler Rolston, one of the engineers responsible for this startling technological breakthrough, said. "It's hands-free and effective. And speaking is so much clearer than a cell phone call! It's more efficient than text-messaging, too. I didn't need to use smiley faces or anything because I realized I could use my own face to show my emotions!"

Lucent, in cooperation with Arbitrary Domicile Publishing, will begin marketing speaking as a how-to book. The book will be on shelves next week under the title, "Face to Face Communication For Worthless Idiots With Low Self-Esteem." At the press conference, Jenkins *See Speaking, page 2*

TURKEY MIGRATION TO CANADA INCREASES DRAMATICALLY

By Mr. Millhauser '08

GOBBLE GOBBLE GOBBLE, EH? DEPT.

(MONTREAL, QC) A startlingly large increase in turkey migrations to Canada occurred in the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving, as many distraught Montreal residents have reported.

According to physics professor Jean-Jacques-Pierre Escargot, the influx of turkeys over the American-Canadian border is "très grand" which, by the principle of induction, ought to cause an electric current, but doesn't.

There has been wide speculation about the cause of what's being called The Great Turkey Exodus of 2004. Many of Vermont's citizens believe that the turkeys are trying to escape the "awful tyranny of President Assface." The rest of the country claims that the turkeys are hitting the road early to avoid the inevitable Thanksgiving traffic.

The disembodied spirit of Sigmund Freud, however, theorizes that the turkeys are migrating to express sexual tension. Freud's ghost also cited sexual tension as the explanation for A Capella music, cooking shows, Ultimate Frisbee, and the State Department.

Professor Escargot could not be reached for further comment because he has been institutionalized into the Montreal Asylum for the Mathematically Deranged, where he will remain for $n(A-B)^*10^{34}$ years.



This turkey expatriate had large, stubby fingers grafted on to his wings, courtesy of Canada's public healthcare system.

SADDAM HUSSEIN TO SPEAK AT HAMILTON

By Mr. Orlando '08
TOO SOON? DEPT.

(CLINTON, NY) In its continuing efforts to bring provocative speakers that will spur discussion among the Hamilton community, the Kirkland Project has announced its next speaker: none other than former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein. Hussein will be the third speaker in the Kirkland Project's "Assholes in Context" lecture series.

Many know of Hussein from the highly publicized "Gulf War One" and "Gulf War Two: Shaky Premise For A Sequel", but many do not know that he is also an accomplished swing dancer.

In light of such fascinating revelations, Hussein will be making a presentation titled, "Sure I'm a Dictator, but You Should See Me Dance" on Monday, February 28th in Wellin Hall. There will be a question and answer session following the presentation, and refreshments will be served.

The Kirkland Project has also reportedly considered hiring Hussein for a semester-long position in which he would teach a quarter-credit class on Swing Dance and co-teach a Sophomore Seminar on testicular electrocution.

The Kirkland Project's plans for next Fall include stealing and reanimating the body of Vladimir Lenin.

The director of the Kirkland Project could not be reached for comment because she has entered the Witness Protection Program.

LIBERAL & CONSERVATIVE PROFESSORS TO SEPARATE

By Mr. Mudie '05
INSTITUTIONAL DYSFUNCTION DEPT.

(CLINTON, NY) In a joint statement issued today, liberal and conservative Hamilton College professors announced that they would undergo a separation.

Conservative professors will continue teaching for Hamilton College on the north side of campus, while liberal professors plan to teach for Kirkland College on the south side. Students will be allowed to take classes at either campus, but only on alternating weeks.

Although both sides are trying to make the split seem as amicable as possible, reports indicate that Hamilton and Kirkland are in the midst of a fierce custody battle over Beinecke.

The joint statement issued by both sides assured
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CAMPUS SAFETY SIGNS LAWRENCE TAYLOR TO BOLSTER RUN DEFENSE

By Mr. Butler '06
BAD BOYS BAD BOYS WHATCHA GONNA DO DEPT.
(CLINTON, NY) In a surprise move, Hall of Fame line-backer Lawrence "LT" Taylor has come out of retirement to sign a three year deal with Campus Safety. Taylor, who led the NFL in tackles for twenty-seven consecutive seasons, will join a young campus safety squad that was among the worst in the nation last season at stopping the run.

Taylor's impact has already been seen in many areas. Last weekend alone he made seven tackles, which was the most by any Campus Safety officer in the NESCAC during that period. His hard-hitting style and intimidating presence has already caused four broken ribs and fourteen dislocated beers.

Mary Ann Cavanaugh, the director of Campus Safety, commented that Taylor has shown "incredible leadership abilities". She added, "LT has brought new, *See Defense, page 3*

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announced, "This new book will allow people to put away their electronic devices and use this amazing new technology which the boys down in the labs like to call 'speaking'." He added, "The only drawback we've seen so far is a limited range of about one hundred yards. Also, we're still doing research on 'speaking', because we've seen some side effects, with the most prominent being social anxiety and making friends."

Alexander Graham Bell, the pioneer of communication technology who invented the telephone, could not be reached for comment because he's been dead since 1922.

R.I.P. Alexander Graham Bell, dead and skeletal at the tender age of 157

BLUTO ACCUSES POPEYE OF STEROID USE

OLIVE OYL FAINTS

By Mr. Clark '06

DESTROYING YOUR INNER CHILD DEPT.

(SWEETWATER) The nautical world was in shock yesterday as Popeye (the Sailor Man) was accused of steroid use by his longtime rival, Bluto.

Bluto's new tell-all autobiography, *Bluto: Not Just A Goon*, hit store shelves today. The book has been panned by critics for being overly repetitive, containing 173 separate descriptions of Bluto's attempted kidnapping of Olive Oyl, Popeye's longtime romantic interest.

Despite the criticism, the book has sold over 40,000 copies in the first day alone because of its accusations that Popeye used performance-enhancing greens.

In the book, Bluto claims that Popeye's strength-enhancing cans of "spinach" actually contained arugula soaked in pure testosterone. The mix, which Popeye's personal trainer called "The Green," gave Popeye greatly increased muscle mass and strength in his



Popeye, undergoing one of his infamous "spinach rages." His forearms are as big as his head.

forearms.

According to the book, "The Green" would send Popeye into violent rages which ended with Bluto being severely "boffed an' whammed." Bluto also accused Popeye of injecting a mix of collard greens and Human Growth Hormone into his buttocks and chin.

In response to the allegations, Popeye held a press conference this morning. "I yam what I yam and that's all I yam," Popeye said, tears welling in his eyes. "And I yam not juiced."

I'm strong to the finich, and it's just spinach! I yam not a dirty no-good cheatin' palooka! It's not right, him sayin' them things. What will Swee' Pea think? This has been a tryin' time for Olive and me. Why, she's fainted almost twenty-three times today!"

He later sang, "Bluto's a damn liar, I've hired a lawyer, I'm Popeye the Sailor Man!"

The United States Senate has subpoenaed Popeye, Bluto, Olive Oyl, the Sea Hag, the Jolly Green Giant, and baseball star Sammy Sosa to testify at a special hearing regarding performance-enhancing leafy vegetables.

In explaining the reasoning behind the hearing, Senate Interference in Trivial Matters Committee chairman Warren G. Blowhard (R-MO) has called canned spinach "a threat to American family values." He then added that spinach is "totally icky."

Senator Blowhard and a group of his fellow legislators successfully had spinach removed from the Congressional cafeteria, replacing it on the menu with "Equality Kale."

J. Wellington Wimpy, the ghost-writer of Bluto's autobiography, can be reached for comment Tuesday for a hamburger today.

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unconventional methods of law enforcement to our campus. Noise complaints are down forty percent, and we haven't had to chase anyone through the Glen for a while. And he's so enthusiastic about his job! Especially confiscating drugs. Although sometimes they don't make it back to our evidence locker. He's a bit careless."

Taylor has decided that he will not wear the standard Campus Safety uniform, opting instead to wear his old New York Giants uniform, complete with pads and helmet.

R.I.P. Any Chance Of Escaping In Root Glen, dead at the age of 154

BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT DISCOVERS “BEER PLANT”

Mr. Orlando ‘08

LINNAEAN DEPT.

(CLINTON, NY) Researchers from the Hamilton College Biology Department have discovered a new species of perennial flora that lives on a peculiar schedule.

These plants, dubbed by student researchers as the “Beast Bush” or the “U.C. Tree,” blooms weekly for two days (generally Friday and Saturday). In addition to this, the plant seems to bloom only at night. By the following Tuesday, all residual buds have died and fallen off.

The plant flowers into a brilliant array of blue and silver aluminum cans, and already researchers are seeing that there are many different varieties of the plant’s flower. The most popular with focus groups have been the “Bud” or the “Stone”, but scientists promise more varieties are on the way. The plant has been seen blooming outside the Martin’s Way Bridge, under bushes near KJ, and also in the hedges near CJ. Pollen from the plant has a tendency to make surrounding plants less inhibited and more likely to release their pollen in order to mate.

While a practical use for this new discovery has yet to be determined, a bidding war has already begun between representatives from Amsterdam and Ireland for the few live samples that have been found.

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tearful students that they were not the reason why the professors had been fighting.

“Of course this isn’t your fault,” the statement read. “It’s just that, sometimes professors can get along and sometimes they can’t. Unfortunately, we’ve tried everything, but we are just too different to ever get along. We’ve decided that we’re going to go our separate ways. You have to trust us that this will be the best in the long run.”

Upon reading this, many students began to weep. The statement then continued, “We want you to know that this has absolutely nothing to do with you; this is only about us. Both the liberal and the conservative professors still want to teach you all very much and we want you to know that.”

Though the statement was intended to console the students, many remained unconvinced.

4 “Sure, they’re going to say that it’s not the students’

SECURITY COUNCIL TO NORTH KOREA: “WTF :(”

United Nations unveils e-Sanctions

By Mr. Clark ‘06

SEED OF CREATIVE DIPLOMACY DEPT.

(NEW YORK, NY) In an effort to streamline the sanction process, the United Nations Security Council has decided to deliver notification of sanctions over the internet.

The idea for electronic sanctions, or e-Sanctions, came about when UN Secretary General Kofi Annan disowned his son Kojo during an AOL Instant Messenger conversation.

Kim Jong Il, the North Korean dictator with ambitions of a nuclear arsenal, was the first to receive one of the new e-Sanctions. Kim was reportedly discussing the artistic merits of the new film *Christmas with the Kranks* with fellow dictator Gen. Than Shwe of Burma when he received the e-Sanction of his country.

The Security Council hopes the e-Sanction will allow the UN to quickly and clearly censure reclusive and stubborn leaders such as Kim.

Kim Jong-Il could not be reached for comment because he was too busy writing about the e-Sanction in his LiveJournal.

The Duel Observer was able to attain a transcript of the historic first e-Sanction:

UNSC33: WTF Kim Jong Il y do u want nukes?

SoRonery2: cuz u suck real bad

UNSC33: y r u such a jerk :(

UNSC33: u r so sanctioned lol <3 The UN

UNSC33: The United Nations Security Council hereby resolves to impose a general embargo on the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea. :P :P

UNSC33: haha sux 4 u :)

SoRonery2: OMG! WTF UN

SoRonery2: ur not invited to my party

fault, but I know they’re just trying to make me feel better.” Taylor Robinson ‘06 remarked.

Fists clenched in frustration, he added, “I just wish I had done all my reading last semester. Then everything would be alright.”

Alexander Hamilton could not be reached for comment because this reporter can’t find his ouija board.