Finding Aid for Air Talk: The Caltech Edition Audiovideo Collection 10286-MS

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Abstract: AirTalk is the longest-running daily talk show in Southern California, aired for the first time on April, 1985. Starting in 1988, the talk show hosted by Larry Mantle, was devoted to Caltech and JPL on the third Wednesday of every month and had the title "AirTalk: The Caltech Edition". The first broadcast of "AirTalk: The Caltech Edition" took to the airwaves on January 20, 1988. The program was aired from 6 to 7 PM on KPCC, the National Public Radio affiliate of Pasadena City College and for a few years (from 1989 to 1992) was also aired on TV channel KPAS. The show included interviews with Caltech and JPL faculty, staff, students, and alumni; as well as features such as Caltech Almanac -a detailed look at some of the many interesting people, places and discoveries in Caltech's history-, Caltech Calendar -a listing of upcoming public events on campus- and Caltech in the News. Among the guests, many world-renowned scientists were interviewed: Nobel Prize winners William Fowler, David Baltimore, Rudolph Marcus and David Politzer; Crafoord Prize winner Don Anderson; and former eminent administrators Caltech President Thomas Everhart, former JPL Directors Lew Allen and Edward Stone and Caltech Trustees Shirley Hufsteadler -former U.S. Secretary of Education and former judge of the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit- and Peter Fay – judge of the Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit are also Each of the interviewee shared with the public and according to their area of specialty their cutting-edge scientific research, their view on education and the history of Caltech. The program ended in 2002.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition
The tapes were either transferred to the Archives from Public Relations or from Media Relations over the years that the program was aired.

Scope and Contents
The collection is divided according to the recording type: audio and video then ordered chronologically. Each recording includes an interview with either Caltech faculty, administrators, staff, students, alumni, JPL scientists or administrators. It also includes features such as Caltech Almanac -a detailed look at some of the many interesting people, places and discoveries in Caltech's history-, Caltech Calendar -a listing of upcoming public events on campus- and Caltech in the News. Among the guests, many world-renowned scientists were interviewed: Nobel Prize winners William Fowler, David Baltimore, Rudolph Marcus and David Politzer; Crafoord Prize winner Don Anderson; and former eminent administrators Caltech President Thomas Everhart, former JPL Directors Lew Allen and Edward Stone and Caltech Trustees Shirley Hufsteadler -former U.S. Secretary of Education and former judge of the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit- and Peter Fay – judge of the Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit are also Each of the interviewee share with the public and according to their area of specialty their cutting-edge scientific research, their view on education and the history of Caltech.

Biographical / Historical
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