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MALICE
IN
BLUNDERLAND

OR
THE WINTERGATE AFFAIR

A play with music
by MALCOLM STILSON

CAST

IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE

MALICE - DOROTHY KANGISER =



ALICE

MALVINA - KELLI NICHOLS =



MALICE'S SISTER

PRESIDENT CANN - JOHN MOSS =



JUDGE - KING

H.R. "BOB" HALDEMAN - DICK NICHOLS =



MAD HATTER

JOHN ERLICHMAN - RON HOFFMAN =



MARCH HARE

JOHN DEAN - RICHARD BRIAN =



DORMOUSE

PAM - PAM SEARLES =



STUDENTS - JURORS

KEN - KEN CARLSON =

BILL - DARRELL SIX =



MAINTENANCE LIZARD

DITA BEARD - MABEL WHITNEY =



THE DUCHESS

CATERPILAR - LINDA KAHAN =



FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL (TAKE YOUR PICK)

AND SCOTT STILSON AS THE VOICE OF THE CHESHIRE CAT



RICHARD WHO?

VOICE OF SCOTT

THE CHESIRE CAT

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ACT 1

CEDAR TREE or EVERGREEN
WITH MAPLE LEAF
TIED ON IT

CAST

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| MALICE | Dorothy Kangiser | = Alice |
| MALVINA | Kelli Nichols | = Alice's sister |
| PRESIDENT CANN | John Moss | = White Rabbit - king - judge |
| H.R. "Bob" HALDEMAN | Dick Nichols | = The Mad Hatter |
| JOHN ERLICHMAN | Ron Hoffman | = The March Hare |
| JOHN DEAN | Richard Brian | = The Dormouse |
| DITA BEARD | Mabel Whitney | = The Duchess |
| CATERPILLAR | Linda Kahan | = Former attorney general, take your pick. |
| PAM | Pam Searles | = Student |
| KEN | ^{R STILSON} Ken Carlson | = Student |
| BILL | Sid White | = Maintenance man |
| VOICE OF THE CHESIRE CAT | ^{or} Darryl Six Scott Stilson | = Guess who? Richard Nixon |

MALICE IN BLUNDERLAND
or the Wintergate Affair

Pom-poms

ACT I

(The Wintergreen college is represented by a small rickety bench with "WINTERGREEN" stenciled on it. Beside it stands a small, half-dead tree to which is nailed a sign saying "MEDIA RESOURCE CENTER" with an arrow pointing stage left. At stage right is another sign "ENLIGHTENMENT CENTER" with an arrow pointing to stage right. In the center of the stage is a sign saying "TO PERSONAL RELIEF CENTER" beneath which has been scribbled "TO THE JOHNS". Malice enters with her sister Malvina from stage right.)

MALVINA

GEE, MALICE, THIS IS A BEAUTIFUL CAMPUS. LOOK AT THAT TREE. AT LEAST THEY LEFT ONE. I HOPE I CAN GO TO SCHOOL HERE SOME DAY.

MALICE

WHEN YOU GROW UP, MALVINA, BUT YOU MIGHT WANT TO GO TO COLLEGE SOMEWHERE ELSE. DADDY WOULD RATHER I WENT TO ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY.

MALVINA

NO, MALICE, I WANT TO GO WHERE YOU GO. (there is the honking of a car horn) OH, OH! DADDY'S GETTING IMPATIENT. I'D BETTER GO. WE'LL BE BACK LATER TO PICK YOU UP AFTER YOU REGISTER.

MALICE

DON'T HURRY, MALVINA. (she yawns) OH, I'M SO SLEEPY. I SHOULDN'T HAVE STAYED UP SO LATE LAST NIGHT WATCHING THE WATERGATE INVESTIGATION.

MALVINA

BUT IT'S SO INTERESTING. I WISH I COULD HAVE STAYED UP, TOO. (more impatient honking) I BETTER RUN. DADDY SOUNDS LIKE HE'S GETTING MAD.

MALICE

ALL RIGHT. GOODBYE. (Malvina exits stage right. Malice sits down on the bench and puts her head on her hands as John Dean enters from stage right.)

DEAN (to audience)

MEMBERS OF THE WINTERGATE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE.
I AM JOHN DEAN, AND I AM READY TO TALK. YOU MAY
HAVE BEEN WONDERING WHAT HAPPENED TO ME AFTER I
TESTIFIED BEFORE THE ERVIN COMMITTEE. SO TO BRING
YOU UP TO DATE, I AM HERE TO REVEAL TO YOU THE FULL
STORY OF MALICE AND HER MISADVENTURES IN BLUNDERLAND,
AND, INCIDENTALLY, TO REVEAL HER PART IN THE TRUE
STORY OF THE WINTERGATE AFFAIR. BE ASSURED THAT
ANY SIMILARITY YOU FIND TO PERSONS, LIVING OR DEAD,
IS STRICTLY INTENTIONAL AND, IN THE PARLANCE OF THE
TIMES, VERY RELEVANT. (sings)

MALICE,
AUDACIOUS GIRL,
WENDING YOUR WAY THROUGH BLUNDERLAND,
YOU'LL FIND IT'S A WEIRD WORLD
WHICH YOU WON'T UNDERSTAND.

MALICE,
WHEN YOU UNFURL
WHAT YOU HAVE PLANNED FOR BLUNDERLAND,
YOU'LL MAKE EVERYONE TWIRL
COPING WITH YOUR DEMANDS.

WHEN YOU WERE LITTLE THERE GREW A CURL
CENTERED UPON YOUR FOREHEAD,
WHEN IT SWUNG LEFT YOU WERE VERY GOOD,
BUT WHEN IT HUNG RIGHT YOU WERE HORRID.

MALICE,
OLD FASHIONED GIRL,
FACING THE FAULTS OF BLUNDERLAND,
YOU'LL SOON CAUSE HEADS TO WHIRL
WHEN YOU TAKE FULL,
~~WHEN YOU TAKE FULL,~~
WHEN YOU TAKE FULL COMMAND.

(he exits stage left.)

(Malice yawns and stretches as the song ends. President
Cann enters hurriedly from stage right looking at his
three minute egg timer.)

MALICE

CURIOUSER AND CURIOUSER! I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH
A WEIRD PLACE.

CANN

I'M LATE. I'M LATE, FOR A VERY IMPORTANT TRUSTEES
MEETING.

MALICE

SIR! SIR! (She runs up to him and grabs his sleeve.)

CANN

LET GO!. I'M LATE!

MALICE

BUT SIR, I'M NEW ON CAMPUS. CAN YOU TELL ME THE
WAY TO THE INTERFRATERNITY OFFICE.

CANN

THERE ISN'T ANY, MISS, NOW LET ME GO! (He tries
to break away, but Malice holds on.)

MALICE

NO FRATERNITIES? NO SORORITIES? WHAT A WEIRD COLLEGE.

EGG
TIMER

CANN

(annoyed) AND NO STUDENT GOVERNMENT, NO FOOTBALL TEAM. NO POM-POM
GIRLS. NOW LET GO, MISS, CAN'T YOU SEE I'M LATE! (he points
to his egg timer)

MALICE

NO FOOTBALL TEAM! WHAT DO YOU DO FOR AMUSEMENT?

CANN

THE STUDENTS STUDY.

MALICE

ARE YOU A STUDENT?

CANN

I LIKE TO THINK OF MYSELF AS A CO-LEARNER,
EVEN THOUGH I AM THE PRESIDENT OF THE WINTERGREEN
COLLEGE.

MALICE

WELL! I'M PLEASED TO MEET YOU, SIR. I AM MALICE.

CANN

MALICE? MALICE WHAT?

MALICE

NOT MALICE WHAT. JUST MALICE.

CANN

WHERE DID YOU GET THAT NAME?

MALICE

MY MOTHER WAS READING GETTY'S LINCOLNSBURG ADDRESS
WHEN I WAS BORN. YOU KNOW, THE PART WHERE HE SAID
"WITH MALICE TOWARD SOME."

CANN

DON'T YOU MEAN LINCOLN'S GETTYSBURG ADDRESS WHERE
HE SAID "WITH MALICE TOWARDS NONE."

MALICE

YOU ARE QUOTING FROM LINCOLN'S SECOND INAUGURAL ADDRESS.
NO, SIR. I MEAN J. PAUL GETTY'S LINCOLNSBURG,
PA., ADDRESS AND HIS FAMOUS STATEMENT. "WITH
MALICE TOWARDS SOME WHO WOULD DENY US THE OIL
DEPLETION ALLOWANCE." THAT'S WHY MY MOTHER
NAMED ME MALICE. (to his incredulous look)
WELL, AFTER ALL, SHE COULDN'T NAME ME J. PAUL
COULD SHE? GETTY WAS HER HERO, JUST AS JOHN
BIRCH IS MINE.

CANN

WHAT HATH OUR ADMISSIONS WROUGHT?

MALICE

AND THAT'S WHY I CAN'T REALLY BELIEVE IN YOUR
COLLEGE. NO SORORITIES?

CANN

NO.

MALICE

NO CHEERLEADERS?

CANN

NO.

MALICE

NO STUDENT BODY?

CANN

NO.

MALICE

AND STUDENTS WHO DO NOTHING BUT STUDY?

CANN

YES, BUT WE DO HAVE A MASCOT. THE GOEYDUC.

MALICE

THE GOEYDUC? WHAT IS THAT?

CANN

IT'S A LONG NECKED CLAM.

MALICE

A CLAM AS A MASCOT! YOU DON'T HAVE ANY TEAMS.
YOU JUST SAID...

CANN (grudgingly)

WELL, WE DO HAVE THE MUD BAY RUGGERS.

MALICE (sarcastically)

THE MUD BAY RUGGERS! WHAT ARE THEY? THE TIDDLEYWINKS
TEAM.

CANN

NO. THEY PLAY RUGBY. THEY'RE NOT VERY GOOD, BUT...

MALICE

WELL AT LEAST THAT'S A START, A TEAM AND A MASCOT.
TELL ME MORE ABOUT THAT GOEY.... GOEY....

CANN

THE GOEYDUC. (sings) IT HAS STABILITY.

MALICE

INDEED.

CANN

FLEXIBILITY.

MALICE

PROCEED.

CANN

THERE'S VERSATILITY.

MALICE

TAKE HEED.

CANN

IN THEIR CHANGEABILITY.

MALICE

ITS CREED?

CANN

THE GOEYDUC DOES NOT DIG THE DOGMA OF NOT BEING DUG.

MALICE

I CONCEDE.

CANN

OF COURSE THEY HAVE, ACCESSIBILITY, BUT IT'S
LIMITED TO LOW TIDE, AND CREDIBILITY.

MALICE

THAT I CAN'T ABIDE.

CANN

IT'S SUCH AN HONEST LOOKING BEAST. THERE'S SOMETHING NOBLE IN ITS NECK.

MALICE

I THINK I'LL HIDE. (makes as if to leave)

CANN

NO WAIT. THE TRULY LOVELY THING ABOUT THE GOEYDUC IS THAT THERE'S NO FRIGIDITY, WITH HERMAPHRODITIY.

MALICE

SO THEY INTERBREED.

CANN

YES, WHICH BRINGS US TO OUR FIGHT SONG.

MALICE

YOUR FIGHT SONG? WELL GET IT OVER WITH.

CANN (sings)

GO, GOEYDUCS GO,
THROUGH THE MUD AND THE SAND LET'S GO.
SIPHON HIGH, SQUIRT IT OUT,
SWIVEL ALL ABOUT,
LET IT ALL HANG OUT.

GO GOEYDUCS GO,
STRETCH YOUR NECKS WHEN THE TIDE IS LOW,
SIPHON HIGH, SQUIRT IT OUT,
SWIVEL ALL ABOUT,
LET IT ALL HANG OUT.

MALICE

I THINK I'VE GOT IT. (she takes out pom-poms and cheerleads the song)

CANN AND MALICE

GO GOEYDUCS GO,
THROUGH THE MUD AND THE SAND LET'S GO,
SIPHON HIGH, SQUIRT IT OUT,
SWIVEL ALL ABOUT,
LET IT ALL HANG OUT.

GO GOEYDUCS GO,
STRETCH YOUR NECKS WHEN THE TIDE IS LOW,
SIPHON HIGH, SQUIRT IT OUT,
SWIVEL ALL ABOUT,
LET IT ALL HANG OUT!

MALICE

IT SOUNDS OBSCENE.

CANN

WELL TAKE A LOOK AT IT. HERE IT IS.
(he unbuttons his shirt and shows a goeyduc
T shirt. Malice, startled, sits on the bench
which collapses. Malice struggles up.)

MALICE

IT IS OBSCENE. IT'S THE MOST OBSCENE MASCOT
I'VE EVER SEEN. WHAT WILL THE SUPREME COURT SAY?

CANN

ABOUT WHAT?

MALICE

ABOUT THE GOEYDUC. IT'S RATHER, WELL, I HATE
TO SAY IT. IT'S PHALLIC. (She starts setting
up the bench to cover her embarrassment.)

CANN

I NEVER THOUGHT OF IT IN THAT WAY. I'LL TAKE IT
UP WITH THE TRUSTEES AT OUR 9:00 MEETING. NEVER
MIND THE BENCH, I'LL SEND BILL, OUR MAINTENANCE
MAN, TO FIX IT.

MALICE (looks at her watch)

IT'S 9:15 NOW, PRESIDENT CANN.

CANN

I'M LATE. I HAVE TO RUN. I HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR
STAY HERE AT WINTERGREEN. YOU MAY CHANGE YOUR
MIND ABOUT SORORITIES AND STUDENT GOVERNMENT.
GOODBYE. (he exits stage left)

MALICE

GOODBYE. THIS PLACE NEEDS ME. NOW WHERE CAN I
START REFORMING IT. I'LL FIND SOME STUDENTS AND
SEE IF WE CAN GET A STUDENT BODY ORGANIZED.
(she exits to stage left)(Haldeman and Erlichman
enter from stage right)

HALDEMAN

IT WAS CERTAINLY NICE OF YOU, JOHN, TO INVITE
ME TO VISIT YOU HERE IN WASHINGTON.

ERLICHMAN

WELL, BOB, MY NEIGHBORS MADE ME FEEL SO AT HOME IN BELLEVUE THAT I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT VACATION HERE WITH ME AND GET SOME OF THE BAD TASTE OF WATERGATE OUT OF YOUR MIND. IN ESSENCE MAKE THE WHOLE AFFAIR INOPERATIVE.

HALDEMAN

BUT, JOHN, WHY DID YOU WANT ME TO COME HERE TO THE WINTERGREEN COLLEGE CAMPUS?

ERLICHMAN

I JUST HAD TO SHOW YOU THIS WEIRD COLLEGE THAT STARTED WHILE I WAS BACK IN D.C. SERVING THE PRESIDENT.

HALDEMAN

IN WHAT WAY IS IT WEIRD, JOHN?

ERLICHMAN

WELL, BOB, IT'S GOT NO CLASSES. NO SPORTS, NO FRATERNITIES.

HALDEMAN

NO FRATERNITIES? THAT'S TERRIBLE. REMEMBER THE GOOD OLD DAYS AT UCLA AND THE I FELTA THIGH FRAT.

ERLICHMAN

YEAH, BOB, WE HAD GREAT FUN THERE. REMEMBER THE SECRET HANDSHAKE.

HALDEMAN

YEAH, IN POINT OF TIME IT SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY, OR WAS IT THE DAY BEFORE. TO THE BEST OF MY RECOLLECTION IT WENT LIKE THIS. (they use the secret handshake)

HALDEMAN AND ERLICHMAN

UGGA BUGGA BOO UGGA BOO BOO UGGA.

ERLICHMAN

WELL YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN. BUT HOW CAN THESE KIDS GET ALONG WITHOUT FRATS? (Dean enters from stage left.)

HALDEMAN

I DON'T KNOW, JOHN. SAY, LOOK OVER THERE. DOESN'T THAT LOOK LIKE JOHN DEAN.

ERLICHMAN

IT SURE DOES, EXCEPT THAT JOHN DEAN HAS BLOND HAIR.

HALDEMAN

MAYBE HE DYED IT TO KEEP HIS INCOGNITO, THE DIRTY SNITCHER.

ERLICHMAN

WHAT DO WE DO, BOB, RECOGNIZE HIM? CUT HIM? IGNORE HIM?

HALDEMAN

I'M AFRAID WE CAN'T, HE'S COMING OUR WAY.

ERLICHMAN

WELL, IF IT ISN'T OLD SPILL THE BEANS DEAN. WHAT DID YOU DO TO YOUR HAIR, JOHN?

DEAN

JOHN ERLICHMAN, BOB HALDEMAN, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? PLANNING ANOTHER WATERGATE.

HALDEMAN

VERY FUNNY. YOU KNOW THAT WE ARE INNOCENT. YOU'RE THE GUILTY PARTY TO THE COVER UP, JOHN DEAN.

ERLICHMAN

JUST WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

DEAN

IN ALL HONESTY, FELLOWS, I'VE BEEN HIRED AS A MEMBER OF THE FACULTY. I'M THEIR TOKEN LAWYER.

ERLICHMAN

YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN, JOHN.

DEAN

I DON'T LIKE THE WAY YOU SAID THAT.

HALDEMAN

NEVER MIND JOHN, JOHN. HE'S STILL BITTER OVER HAVING TO GIVE UP HIS JOB IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAN

AREN'T WE ALL? WHAT ARE YOU FELLOWS DOING HERE?

ERLICHMAN

JUST VISITING. BUT WHY DID SUCH A FAR OUT SCHOOL AS WINTERGREEN HIRE YOU?

DEAN

IN ALL HONESTY, AND I WOULDN'T WANT THIS TO GET OUT, WINTERGREEN HAD TO HIRE ME OR GET CLOSED DOWN BY THE LEGISLATURE. REPRESENTATIVE KLEENLY HAS ME KEEPING AN EYE ON THE SITUATION, AND THE FIRST TIME THE FACULTY OR STUDENTS GET OUT OF LINE, WHAM! THEY'LL MAKE THIS INTO A POLICE ACADEMY.

HALDEMAN

THEY SHOULD HAVE DONE IT LONG AGO. THAT NEW SEMINAR BUILDING WOULD MAKE A GREAT COUNTY JAIL. IT LOOKS ENOUGH LIKE ONE.

ERLICHMAN

AND JUST THINK, THEY COULD CONVERT THE LECTURE HALLS INTO FIVE COURTROOMS. (Pam, Ken and Malice enter from stage left.)

DEAN

HERE COME THE TYPICAL WINTERGREEN STUDENTS NOW. TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT THEM. IF THEY ARE AN EXAMPLE, I DON'T THINK I'LL HAVE MUCH TROUBLE IN GETTING WINTERGREEN CONVERTED TO SOMETHING PRACTICAL.

MALICE

ALL RIGHT. GATHER ROUND FELLOW STUDENTS. (she climbs unsteadily onto the bench.)

PAM

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, FELLOW STUDENTS? THAT SOUNDS CHAUVINISTIC TO ME.

MALICE

ALL RIGHT THEN, STUDENTS!

PAM

THAT'S BETTER, MALICE.

KEN

MALICE, COULDN'T YOU JUST LEAVE OUT ANY REFERENCE TO STUDENTS? CALL US, FELLOW LEARNERS.

PAM

NO, KEN, THAT'S CHAUVINISTIC AGAIN.

KEN

WELL, I WOULDN'T WANT TO BE CLASSED AS CHAUVINISTIC. HOW ABOUT LOVERS OF LEARNING?

PAM

NO. WE MUST BE HONEST. THERE ARE VERY FEW LOVERS AT THIS SCHOOL. ALL THEY DO IS STUDY.

KEN

YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN.

PAM

BUT I HAVE A COMPROMISE.

MALICE

VERY GOOD, PAM, WHAT IS IT?

PAM

SINCE WE CALL THE PROFESSORS MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY, WHY NOT CALL THE STUDENTS MEMBERS OF THE.....

KEN

PROLETARIAT.

ERLICHMAN (gasps)

DID YOU HEAR THAT, BOB?

HALDEMAN

I THINK THAT WE ARE NEEDED HERE FOR PURPOSES OF NATIONAL SECURITY.

DEAN

I TOLD YOU FELLOWS HOW THE LEGISLATURE FEELS, ESPECIALLY KLEENLY.

PAM

QUIT KIDDING, KEN, I WAS GOING TO SAY STUDENT BODY.

KEN

BUT WE DON'T HAVE A STUDENT BODY.

MALICE

AND THAT WAS WHAT I WAS ABOUT TO SUGGEST. THIS CAMPUS NEEDS A STUDENT BODY.

PAM

I'M OFFERING YOU MINE, KEN.

KEN

WHO'S KIDDING NOW. THAT'S NOT WHAT MALICE MEANS. SO WHY DO WE NEED A FELLOW-LEARNERS ORGANIZATION, MALICE, WHEN WE HAVE GOT ALONG NICELY WITHOUT ONE SO FAR.

MALICE

BECAUSE YOU NEED PROTECTION.

KEN

PROTECTION?

MALICE

YES. YOU ARE BEING EXPLOITED BY THE FACULTY, THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE STAFF, AND THE ONLY WAY TO PROTECT YOURSELF IS TO FORM AN ORGANIZATION, CALL IT WHAT YOU WILL.

PAM

I THINK SHE'S RIGHT, KEN, BUT I DON'T THINK THAT PRESIDENT CANN WILL LIKE IT.

MALICE

THEN WE WILL ORGANIZE AND FORCE HIM TO LIKE IT.

KEN (suddenly decisive)

I'M WITH YOU ALL THE WAY, MALICE.

MALICE

THANK YOU, KEN. (Ken moves over toward her)

PAM

I DON'T THINK MUCH OF THE IDEA. (she snatches Ken back)

ERLICHMAN

I'M FOR IT!

HALDEMAN

ME TOO!

DEAN

THIS MAY BE OUR CHANCE FOR CHANGE.

MALICE

WE ARE TWO STUDENTS TO ONE TO FORM A STUDENT BODY GOVERNMENT. BUT WE MUST FIND OUT WHAT THE OTHER STUDENTS THINK. YOU TWO GO OUT AND TAKE A POLL AROUND THE CAMPUS, THEN REPORT BACK TO ME. SYNCHRONIZE YOUR WATCHES. WE'LL MEET AT TWO O'CLOCK.

PAM

BUT I DON'T WANT TO BE A PEERING POLLSTER, AND I DON'T HAVE A WATCH.

KEN

WELL, I HAVE. OH, COME ON, PAM. (he sings)

PAMELA, PAMELA, COME WITH ME NOW,
LET'S GO AHEAD WITH OUR POLLING,
YOU POLL HIGH AND I'LL POLL LOW,
WE'LL GET THE POLLING ROLLING.

PAM

KENNY LAD, KENNY LAD, I'LL COME WITH YOU,
TO QUESTION FOLKS WILLY-NILLY,
I'LL TAKE A POLL TO END ALL POLLS,
ALTHOUGH I THINK IT'S SILLY.

KEN

I'LL ASK THE GIRLS AND YOU ASK THE BOYS
TO FIND OUT WHAT THEY ARE THINKING,

PAM

POLLING COULD ALMOST BE FUN THAT WAY,
BUT NOT AS GOOD AS DRINKING.

KEN

PAMELA, PAMELA, COME WITH ME NOW,
WE'LL HAVE SOME FUN WHILE WE'RE POLLING.

KEN AND PAM

WE'LL TAKE A POLL TO END ALL POLLS
AND WE WILL TRY,
TO ASK THEM WHY
WE SHOULD GET GOVERNANCE ROLLING.

(they exit stage left)

(Malice sits down on the bench in thought)

HALDEMAN

EXCUSE ME MISS, BUT WE OVERHEARD YOUR EFFORTS
TO START A STUDENT GOVERNMENT HERE AND WE'D
LIKE TO HELP.

ERLICHMAN

YES, WE HAVE SOME EXPERIENCE IN GOVERNMENTAL
AFFAIRS AND IN RUNNING POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS.

DEAN

AND SINCE WE WERE ALL FRATERNITY MEN ONCE, WE
CAN GIVE YOU GOOD ADVICE.

MALICE

YOU ALL LOOK FAMILIAR. WHO ARE YOU?

HALDEMAN (sings)

I'M HALDEMAN.

ERLICHMAN

I'M ERLICHMAN.

DEAN

I'M DEAN.

ALL

WE WERE AIDES TO THE PRESIDENT,
BUT DUE TO ZEALOUS LOYALTY,

DEAN

EXCEPT FOR ME.

ALL

WE BECAME A DETRIMENT.

HALDEMAN

I'M ERLICHMAN.

ERLICHMAN

I'M HALDEMAN, NO, YOUR HALDEMAN, I'M ERLICHMAN,

HALDEMAN

FORGIVE ME. IT WAS A TEMPORARY LAPSE OF MEMORY.
I'M HALDEMAN.

ERLICHMAN

NOW YOU'VE GOT IT. I'M ERLICHMAN.

DEAN

I'M DEAN. AT LEAST I KNOW WHO I AM.

ALL

WE WERE AIDES TO THE PRESIDENT.
AND FOR IT WE WERE BANISHED,
AN UNJUST PUNISHMENT.

HALDEMAN

AS AN AD MAN I CAN TAKE A GROUP
AND PERSUADE THEM TO VOTE FOR YOU,
BY MOTIVATING STUDENTS
WE'LL MAKE YOU PRESIDENT TOO.

ERLICHMAN

I KNOW THE POLITICAL UPS AND DOWNS
OF CAMPAIGNS THROUGH AND THROUGH,
WITH A LITTLE BIT OF KNAVERY
YOU'LL HAVE YOUR LANDSLIDE TOO.

DEAN

IN MY CASE I CAN GIVE ADVICE
ON HOW NOT TO GET CAUGHT
BUT IF YOU DO WHO YOU SHOULD TELL
TO GET YOU COMPLETELY OFF.

HALDEMAN

I'M HALDEMAN.

ERLICHMAN

I'M ERLICHMAN.

DEAN

I'M DEAN.

ALL

WE WERE AIDES TO THE PRESIDENT,
BUT NOW WE'RE COMMON CITIZENS,
A STATUS WE REGRET.

HALDEMAN

I'M HALDEMAN.

ERLICHMAN

I'M ERLICHMAN.

DEAN

I'M DEAN.

ALL

WE WERE AIDES TO THE PRESIDENT
AND IF WE COULD BUT TURN TIME BACK
WE'RE SURE HE WOULD RELENT
OUR PUNISHMENT.
FOR TO WATERGATE, FOUL WATERGATE,
WE OWE BANISHMENT.

MALICE

I KNOW YOU ALL, AND I THINK I CAN USE YOU.
BUT YOU MUST FOLLOW MY INSTRUCTIONS.

DEAN

WE WILL FOLLOW YOUR ORDERS TO THE LETTER.

HALDEMAN

WE ARE EXTREMELY LOYAL.

ERLICHMAN

AND WE WOULDN'T THINK OF THINKING FOR OURSELVES AT ALL.

MALICE

GOOD. NOW WHAT WE NEED IS SOMETHING TO MAKE THE STUDENTS REALIZE HOW MUCH THEY NEED A STRONG STUDENT GOVERNMENT AND ESPECIALLY HOW MUCH THEY NEED ME TO RUN IT.

HALDEMAN

JUST LEAVE THE DIRTY TRICKS TO ME.

ERLICHMAN

AND I'LL GET YOU ELECTED.

DEAN

AND I'LL RUN ERRANDS.

MALICE

FIRST WE NEED SOME FINANCIAL HELP.

ERLICHMAN

I HAVE A FRIEND AT ITT, WHO HAS EXPERIENCE IN ARRANGING FINANCING. I'LL GO CALL DITA BEARD.
(he exits stage right)

HALDEMAN

I THINK I CAN GET SOME HELP FROM BEECZE. I'LL GO CALL THE PRESIDENT TO ASK HIM. (he exits stage right)

DEAN

I'LL VOLUNTEER MY WIFE'S PIGGY BANK. I'LL GO ASK HER. (He exits stage right as Pam and Ken enter from stage left)

MALICE

WITH THAT KIND OF HELP I CAN'T LOSE. WELL, HOW DID YOU DO?

KEN

ONE OUT OF EVERY TWO STUDENTS I ASKED WANTED A STUDENT GOVERNMENT.

MALICE

HOW MANY DID YOU ASK?

KEN

TWO

PAM

AND 100% OF THOSE I ASKED WANTED ME.

MALICE

AND HOW MANY DID YOU ASK?

PAM

TWO. KEN AND ME. YOU SEE, MALICE, WE ARE THE ONLY TWO STUDENTS, BESIDES YOURSELF, WHO ARE ON CAMPUS. THE OTHERS HAVEN'T ARRIVED YET.

MALICE

ALL THE BETTER. WE CAN FORM THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT AND MAYBE EVEN HAVE ELECTIONS BEFORE THE OTHER STUDENTS ARRIVE.

PAM

I'M NOT SURE THAT IT'S ETHICAL.

MALICE

ANYTHING IS ETHICAL IN POLITICS, PROVIDING YOU WIN.

PAM

WELL, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT. BUT WHAT DO WE DO NEXT?

MALICE

WE HAVE TO BUILD SUPPORT AMONG THOSE STUDENTS THAT HAVEN'T ARRIVED ON CAMPUS YET. ONE WAY TO DO THAT IS BY PUTTING UP POSTERS. WE HAVE TO MAKE THE STUDENTS WANT TO BE GOVERNED. PAM, YOU AND KEN TAKE THESE POSTERS AND PLASTER THE COLLEGE WITH THEM.

PAM

WHAT'S ON THE POSTERS?

MALICE

THERE'S A VARIETY OF IDEAS. LET'S SEE. *(she shows them and hands them over)* HM! WE HAVE THE SYMBOLICAL. THE PRESIDENT AS A WHITE RABBIT WITH THE CAPTION "ARE YOU GOING TO LET HIM RUN YOUR LIVES? OR THE HUMOROUS, "THE GOEYDUC WANTS YOU!" OR THE SERIOUS: "LOVERS OF LEARNING, STUDENT GOVERNMENT IS YOUR ANSWER TO ADMINISTRATIVE OVERKILL."

POSTERS

KEN

ALL RIGHT. COME ON, PAM, LET'S START PLASTERING.
(Bill enters from the rear and starts fixing the bench)

MALICE

AND NO HANKY-PANKY YOU TWO. (Pam and Ken grin at each other and exit. Malice watches the bench fixer.)

BILL

NOW, WHO SHALL I CHARGE THIS BACK TO?

MALICE

SIR?

BILL

I WARN'T SPEAKIN' TO YOU, SIS. I WAS MERELY TRYIN' TO FIGGER OUT WHO TO CHARGE MY LABOR TO. LET'S SEE, BENCH FIXIN'. THAT FALLS UNDER THE FACILITIES, I GUESS, WHICH FALLS UNDER THE VEEP FOR BUSINES. I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO CHARGE IT BACK TO US, BUT I DON'T THINK PERRY DILLINGER WILL LIKE IT.

MALICE

WHO IS PERRY DILLINGER?

BILL (looks anxiously around)

CAREFUL, SIS, THE LAWNS HAVE EARS. YOU DON'T THINK THAT SPRINKLER SYSTEM WAS INSTALLED JUST FOR WATERIN' DO YOU? PERRY DILLINGER IS THE HEAD OF FACILITIES, I THINK HIS TITLE IS DEAN OF TERLETS, THAT'S MY OWN LITTLE IN JOKE, SIS. NO, I CAN'T CHARGE IT BACK TO HIM. BUT I CAN CHARGE IT BACK TO THE LIBRARY, THEY'LL NEVER KNOW THE DIFFERENCE. BESIDES IT IS SETTIN' JUST OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY'S DOORS.

MALICE

BUT IS THAT FAIR?

BILL

SHORE, SIS, ANYTHIN' GOES AT WINTERGREEN. EVERYBODY IS ALWAYS CHARGIN' BACK ALL KINDS OF STUFF TO EVERYBODY ELSE. IT'S ALL PART OF THE WINTERGREEN SYSTEM. O.K. NOW, LET'S SEE, I'VE BEEN DECIDIN' WHO TO CHARGE IT BACK TO FOR ABOUT AN HOUR, HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO FIX IT?

MALICE

WHY ASK ME?

BILL

I'M NOT ASKIN' YOU, SIS, IT'S A RETICULAR QUESTION THAT I IS ASKIN' MYSELF, AND I ANSWERS MYSELF THAT IT WILL TAKE AT LEAST AN HOUR TO FIX THAT BENCH. SO, AS, ACCORDING TO THE CLOCK TOWER, IT IS LUNCHTIME IN ABOUT TEN MINUTES, NO USE STARTIN' SOMETHING I CAN'T FINISH.

MALICE

I'LL BET YOU CAN DO IT IN TEN MINUTES, LOOK ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS TIGHTEN THAT BOLT.

BILL

NOW LOOKY HERE, SIS, I DON'T PERTEND TO DO YOUR STUDYING FOR YOU, SO DON'T TRY TO TELL ME MY JOB.

MALICE

I JUST THOUGHT..

BILL

WELL DON'T. NOW I GOTTA TELL THE LIBRARY IF THEY WANT THEIR BENCH FIXED, THEY SHOULD FILL OUT A WORK ORDER AND REQUEST AN ESTIMATE.

MALICE

WHY NOT JUST TIGHTEN THE BOLT?

BILL

THINGS GOT TO BE DONE PROPER, SIS. BESIDES BY THE TIME THE LIBRARY GETS ITS PAPERWORK DONE, I'LL HAVE A CHANCE TO GET SOME OF THE OTHER WORK DONE AROUND HERE THAT THE STUDENTS CAUSE US. (Points off stage left) YOU SEE WHAT I MEAN. LOOKA THERE! THERE GO TWO OF 'EM NOW PLASTERIN' POSTERS. I'M GOING TO TELL THE PRESIDENT. YOU LEAVE THAT BENCH ALONE, SIS. I'LL BE BACK. (He exits stage left as Erlichman, Dean, Haldeman enter from stage right and Pam and Ken enter from stage center. They are all wet..)

MALICE

YOU ARE ALL SOPPING WET!

DEAN

THAT'S FUNNY, I DIDN'T SEE A CLOUD IN THE SKY.

HALDEMAN

I TOLD YOU WE SHOULDN'T HAVE CUT ACROSS THE GRASS.

ERLICHMAN

BUT HOW DID WE KNOW THAT THE SPRINKLERS WERE GOING TO START SPRAYING US?

HALDEMAN

THERE OUGHT TO BE A WARNING SIGN.

DEAN

I SAW ONE THAT SAID "PERSONS WALKING ACROSS THE GRASS DO SO AT THEIR OWN RISK."

HALDEMAN

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US?

DEAN

YOU WOULDN'T HAVE BELIEVED ME.

ERLICHMAN

HE'S RIGHT, YOU KNOW.

MALICE

HOW ARE YOU GOING TO GET DRY?

HALDEMAN

I KNOW HOW. SIT DOWN ALL OF YOU AND LISTEN TO ME!
I'LL SOON HAVE YOU DRY ENOUGH! (they sit in a semi-circle around him) AHM! ARE YOU ALL READY?
THIS IS THE DRIEST THING I KNOW.

THE PRESIDENT CALLED HALDEMAN
AND HALDEMAN CALLED ERLICHMAN
"WHERE IS JOHN DEAN(S MEMO
ON THE WATERGATE AFFAIR?"

THEN ERLICHMAN CALLED HALDEMAN,
WHO REPORTED TO THE PRESIDENT
THAT JOHN DEAN LOST HIS MEMO,
COULDN'T FIND IT ANYWHERE.

THE PRESIDENT SAID SULKILY
I'LL MISS MY FAVORITE FOOTBALL GAME
UNLESS I SEE THAT MEMO SOON FROM JOHN.

(Haldeman continued)

BUT HALDEMAN SAID HURRIEDLY
I'LL SEND JOHN TO CAMP DAVID WHERE
HE'LL FINISH UP HIS MEMO ALL ALONE.

THEN JOHN DEAN CALLED UP ERLICHMAN
AND ERLICHMAN CALLED HALDEMAN,
"IS THE PRESIDENT READY FOR HIS ONCE
A DAILY BRIEF"

BUT HALDEMAN SAID SULKILY
THE PRESIDENT'S AT THE BOOB TUBE,
AND WHOEVER WOULD DISTURB HIM
WILL SURELY COME TO GRIEF.

SO JOHN DEAN PLED WITH ERLICHMAN
THEN ERLICHMAN WITH HALDEMAN,
"LET'S ALL GO TO THE PRESIDENT
WITH THE NEWS OF WATERGATE"

EST

BUT HALDEMAN SAID WEARILY
WHEN THE PRESIDENT PLAYS QUARTERBACK
THERE'S NO ONE CAN GET NEAR HIM
WITH A GAME PLAN ALTERNATE.

SO IT'S DEAN, DEAN, DEAN,
YOU LOLLYGAGGING, RUSTICATING,
PROCRASTINATING LIAR, JOHNNY DEAN.
HITHERTO WITH YOUR MEMO, JOHNNY DEAN.

ALL

JOHN DEAN'S MEMO LIES A MOULDERING
IN HIS BRAIN.
JOHN DEAN'S MEMO LIES A MOULDERING
IN HIS BRAIN.
JOHN DEAN'S MEMO LIES A MOULDERING
IN HIS BRAIN,
AND WILL NEVER SEE THE LIGHT OF DAY.

HALDEMAN

THERE, NOW HOW DO YOU FEEL?

ALL

WET!

HALDEMAN

IT WAS THE DRIEST THING I COULD THINK OF.

ERLICHMAN

IT'S INOPERATIVE, BOB, I'M AS WET AS EVER.

HALDEMAN

AT THIS POINT OF TIME, IN MY CONSIDERED OPINION,
AND OWING TO A PROPENSITY FOR RISING TO THE OCCASION,
I MOVE THAT THIS MEETING BE ADJOURNED FOR THE
IMMEDIATE ADOPTION OF MORE ENERGETIC REMEDIES.

MALICE

SPEAK ENGLISH! I DON'T KNOW THE MEANING OF HALF
THOSE LONG WORDS, AND WHAT IS MORE, I DON'T BELIEVE
YOU DO EITHER.

HALDEMAN (offended)

WHAT I WAS GOING TO SAY WAS THAT THE BEST THING
TO GET US DRY WOULD BE A CAUCUS RACE.

MALICE

WHAT IS A CAUCUS RACE?

HALDEMAN

IT'S WHEN EVERYONE RUNS FOR THE PRESIDENCY,
BUT THE BEST WAY TO EXPLAIN IT IS TO DO IT.
NOW JOHN\$, YOU RUN THAT WAY, MALICE, THIS WAY,
AND I'LL RUN OVER THERE. THE ONE WHO GETS
BACK HERE FIRST WINS THE CAUCUS RACE AND GETS
TO BE PRESIDENT OF THE WINTERGREEN STUDENT BODY.
NOW, ON YOUR MARKS, GET SET, GO! (and off they
run each going out a different exit. President
Cann enters from stage left.)

PAM

I THINK THEY SHOULD HAVE LET US RUN TOO.

KEN

YES. WE'RE STUDENTS. WHAT RIGHT HAVE THOSE
NON-STUDENTS TO RUN FOR OFFICE.

PAM

OH, OH! HERE'S PRESIDENT CANN AND HE LOOKS MAD!

CANN

KEN! PAM! I JUST CAN'T HAVE YOU TWO PLASTERING SIGNS
WILLY*NILLY AROUND THE COLLEGE.

PAM

WE'RE SORRY, PRESIDENT CANN, BUT MALICE WANTS TO BE PRESIDENT OF A STUDENT BODY AND WE WERE JUST BEING HELPFUL.

KEN

YES SIR, LIKE ALL GOOD WINTERGREENERS, WE ARE SOCIALLY ORIENTED TOWARD GOOD DEEDS. WE ARE GOOD DEED DOERS.

CANN

YOU SOUND LIKE A BUNCH OF DO-GOODERS. WELL, I GUESS NOTHING HAS BEEN HURT EXCEPT FOR SOME TACK HOLES IN THE WALLS. PERRY DILLINGER ISN'T GOING TO LIKE THAT, BUT YOU TWO STICK WITH MALICE AND KEEP ME POSTED AS TO WHAT IS GOING ON.

KEN

DON'T YOU MEAN KEEP YOU PLASTERED, SIR.

CANN

GET OUT OF HERE! (Pam and Ken exit stage left)
(Dita Beard enters from stage right singing)

DITA

I, T, T, YOU AND ME,
HOW I LOVE YOU I, T, T,
WE'LL BE SUCCESSFUL AS CAN BE,
LOOK WHAT WE DID IN OLD CHIL, E.

(to Cann) WELL, HELLO THERE, BIG BOY,
WHICH WAY TO THE CONVENTION.

CANN

CONVENTION?

DITA

YES, THE CONVENTION OF THE STUDENT DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLICAN PARTY, THE SDR'S.

CANN

I DIDN'T KNOW THERE WAS ONE.

DITA

WELL, FOR A COLLEGE STUDENT YOU'RE SURE IGNORANT!

CAT
|||

CANN

I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW, MADAM, THAT I AM THE PRESIDENT OF THIS COLLEGE.

DITA

THEN YOU DUGHT TO KNOW WHAT GOES ON AROUND HERE. DON'T YOUR VICE PRESIDENTS TELL YOU ANYTHING.

CANN

SOMETIMES. I'LL SEE IF I CAN FIND OUT FOR YOU. (he exits stage left)

DITA

OH, DITA BEARD, YOU LUCKY PERSON! WHAT A GORGEOUS PLACE TO SPEND THE SUMMER.

I,T,T, YOU AND ME,
WE'LL GO PLACES WITH I,T,T,
NOW IN CHILE OUR FLAG'S UNFURLED,
TODAY CHILE, TOMORROW THE WORLD.

(Malice enters breathlessly)

MALICE

I WIN. I'M PRESIDENT.

DITA

ARE YOU THE PRESIDENT? BUT I THOUGHT HE WAS THE PRESIDENT. (Points after Cann)

MALICE

I'M PRESIDENT BECAUSE I WON THE CAUCUS RACE.

DITA

A CAUCUS RACE! I LOVE THREE RING CAUCUSES. ALL THE NOISE, THE SMOKE, THE DONKEYS, THE ELEPHANTS, AND BEST OF ALL CAUCUSES ALWAYS HAVE CLOWNS.

MALICE

CLOWNS?

DITA

SURE. THERE'S ALWAYS PLENTY OF CLOWNS AT A CAUCUS. THEY RUN AROUND BEING FUNNY AND PLAY HILARIOUS DIRTY TRICKS ON EACH OTHER, AND SOMETIMES ONE OF THE CLOWNS WINS THE PRESIDENCY JUST LIKE YOU DID.

MALICE

BUT I'M NOT A CLOWN.

DITA

OF COURSE NOT, DEARIE, YOU HAVEN'T BEEN PRESIDENT
LONG ENOUGH. HOW DO YOU LIKE MY CAT?

MALICE

DOES HE HAVE TO GRIN LIKE THAT ALL THE TIME?

DITA

HE IS A REPUBLICAN CAT. I COULDN'T CARRY AN
ELEPHANT.

MALICE

I DIDN'T KNOW THAT CATS COULD GRIN. (Haldeman and
Erlichman enter from stage right.)

DITA

ONLY REPUBLICAN FAT CATS GRIN, EXCEPT WHEN
THEY ARE OUT OF OFFICE.

HALDEMAN

THERE, I'M DRY. HOW ABOUT YOU, JOHN?

ERLICHMAN

ME TOO, BUT I SEE THAT MALICE HAS WON.

HALDEMAN

THEN SHE HAS TO GIVE US OUR PRIZES.

ERLICHMAN

YES. I'D LIKE TO BE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

HALDEMAN

AND FOR ME. LET'S SEE, IF YOU'RE GOING TO
HANDLE THE MONEY, I'D BETTER BE THE ATTORNEY
GENERAL.

ERLICHMAN

DON'T YOU TRUST ME, BOB?

HALDEMAN

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN YOU WERE TREASURER OF OUR FRATERNITY?

ERLICHMAN

I AM NOT SURE WHETHER I WAS OR NOT, I MAY VERY WELL HAVE BEEN, BUT AT THAT POINT IN TIME I WAS A DIFFERENT PERSON. WELL, MAYBE I SHOULD BE SECRETARY OF STATE.

MALICE

WHY DO YOU GET PRIZES?

HALDEMAN

BECAUSE, MALICE, WE LET YOU WIN THE PRESIDENCY. OH, HELLO, DITA, DID YOU BRING THE MONEY.

DITA

THERE WASN'T ANY AVAILABLE. IT'S ALL BEING USED FOR DEFENSE FUNDS.

HALDEMAN

OH!

DITA

HOWEVER, I BROUGHT HIM. (indicates the cat)

ERLICHMAN

YOU BROUGHT RICHARD?

DITA

SURE, HOW BETTER TO WIN AN ELECTION THAN BRING A LUCKY CAT? LOOK HOW MALICE WON.

MALICE

BUT WHAT DOES HE DO BESIDES PURR?

DITA

HE GIVES ADVICE WHEN YOU NEED IT.

MALICE

BUT CATS DON'T TALK. (Pam and Ken enter from stage left)
FOLLOWED BY DEAN.

DITA

WAIT AND SEE, MY DEAR, WAIT AND SEE.

KEN

WE'RE READY FOR THE ELECTION, MALICE.

PAM

YES, WE HAVE FORMED A TWO STUDENT STUDENT BODY.

MALICE

BUT I HAVE ALREADY WON THE CAUCUS RACE.
I'M ELECTED.

PAM

WELL! WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT!

KEN

YOU CAN'T BE PRESIDENT UNLESS ALL THE STUDENTS VOTE,
AND WE HAVEN'T VOTED.

MALICE

BUT I AM PRESIDENT, AND I'D LIKE TO APPOINT YOU,
PAM, AS DEAN OF MEN, AND YOU, KEN, AS DEAN OF
WOMEN.

PAM

DEAN OF MEN! WELL, THAT WOULD BE INTERESTING. YOU
HAVE MY VOTE, MALICE.

KEN

DEAN OF WOMEN! HM! IT SOUNDS GOOD. IN THAT CASE,
MS PRESIDENT, WE ELECT YOU OFFICIALLY.

DEAN (aside)

IT'S WONDERFUL WHAT A LITTLE CORRUPTION WILL DO.

MALICE

GOOD. NOW IF EVERYONE IS SATISFIED, I ACCEPT
THE NOMINATION AND THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION,
WHICH, BEING A LANDSLIDE, GIVES ME A MANDATE FOR
CHANGE. STUDENTS! OR SHOULD I SAY CO-LEARNERS?

KEN AND PAM

YAY! MALICE!

MALICE

FRIENDS! I HAVE GATHERED YOU HERE IN THE INTERESTS
OF UNITY TO BRING THIS COLLEGE TOGETHER.

ALL

HURRAH FOR MALICE! (general clapping)

DEAN

HEAR! HEAR! (he is squelched by Erlichman and Haldeman)

MALICE

WE HAVE MADE LIARS OUT OF THE POLLS, WHICH WERE
TWO TO ONE AGAINST US!

PAM

HOLD ON, THEY WERE TWO TO ONE FOR YOU!

MALICE

A MINOR DETAIL, BUT NOW IT IS TIME TO GET TO WORK!

ALL

NO!

MALICE (firmly)

TO GET TO WORK TO ACCOMPLISH THE AIMS OF OUR
GLORIOUS REVOLUTION AND BRING BACK SANITY TO
THE WINTERGREEN CAMPUS. IN MY RACE FOR OFFICE,
I PROMISED YOU FRATERNITIES.

KEN, HALDEMAN, ERLICHMAN

YAY! FRATERNITIES!

MALICE

I PROMISED YOU SORORITIES.

PAM AND DITA

YAY! SORORITIES.

MALICE

I PROMISED YOU BIG LEAGUE FOOTBALL TEAMS.

ALL

HURRAH FOR FOOTBALL!

MALICE

AND TO ATTAIN THESE GOALS, I AM ESTABLISHING MY OFFICE NEXT TO THAT OF PRESIDENT CANN, WHERE I WILL CONDUCT MY PRESIDENCY AND ALSO KEEP AN EYE ON ASHFORD CANN.

ALL

HURRAH FOR ASH CANN!

DEAN

IT WAS CANN, CANN, CANN,
WHO WAS THE MIGHTY MAN
MADE A COLLEGE FROM A WILDERNESS...

HALDEMAN

SHUT UP, DEAN!

MALICE

AND TO AID ME IN MY WORK, I AM APPOINTING H.R. BOB HALDEMAN AS MY CHIEF OF STAFF, JOHN ERLICHMAN AS MY COLLEGE AFFAIRS ADVISOR, AND JOHN DEAN AS MY LEGAL COUNSEL.

ALL

HURRAH FOR HALDEMAN, ERLICHMAN AND DEAN!

MALICE

SO THAT ANY TIME THAT ANY ONE OF YOU WANT TO SEE ME, PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH ONE OF THEM.

PAM

BUT WHAT ABOUT US, YOU KNOW, DEAN OF MEN?

MALICE

YOU, TOO, WILL HAVE TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO SEE ME.

PAM

OH!

MALICE

AND MAY I SAY TO YOU, MY LOYAL FRIENDS, THAT I THANK YOU, THANK YOU AGAIN AND AGAIN FOR GIVING ME YOUR HELP. AND I PROMISE YOU WILL NEVER REGRET HAVING ELECTED ME. FROM NOW ON YOUR LIVES AND MINE WILL BE MORE MEANINGFUL AND RELEVANT.

ALL

HURRAH FOR MALICE! GOOD OLD MALICE!
FOR SHE'S A JOLLY GOOD MALICE,
FOR SHE'S A JOLLY GOOD MALICE,
FOR SHE'S A JOLLY GOOD MALICE,
AS NOBODY CAN DENY.

MALICE

AND NOW, DEAR FRIENDS, LET US GO TO CELEBRATE OUR
VICTORY OVER COFFEE AND DONUTS. COME, FOLLOW ME.
(she exits stage left followed by the crowd except
for Pam and Ken.)

PAM

I DON'T LIKE THIS, KEN. I'M AFRAID SHE'S UP TO NO
GOOD. SHE REALLY RAILROADED THAT ELECTION THROUGH.

KEN

YOU'RE TOO SUSPICIOUS, PAM. MALICE WILL BE GOOD FOR
WINTERGREEN. COME ON THAT HUNGRY CROWD WILL EAT UP
ALL THE DONUTS BEFORE WE GET THERE. (he exits stage
left)

PAM

MAYBE SO, BUT I'LL KEEP AN EYE ON HER. ANYWAY. AND
IF MALICE GETS OUT OF LINE, I'LL START A COUNTER-
REVOLUTION AND THROW HER OUT. BUT IN THE MEANTIME,
TAKE A TEN MINUTE BREAK, FRIENDS. (she exits stage left)

ACT II

CHESHIRE CAT

(Pam and Ken enter slowly from stage left.)

PAM

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT, KEN. I CAN'T GET AN APPOINTMENT TO SEE THE PRESIDENT.

ACT 2
TO THE
TORTUELOTTES

KEN

MALICE IS ALWAYS TOO BUSY TO SEE ME TOO, PAM.

PAM

HERE I AM DEAN OF MEN, HEAD OF THE INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL, AND MEN'S PHYSICAL FITNESS COACH...

KEN

BABY, YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY.

PAM

AND I CAN'T GET PAST DEAN TO SEE ERLICHMAN TO SEE HALDEMAN TO SEE MALICE.

KEN

THEY WON'T LET ME SEE HER EITHER. I WONDER WHAT SHE'S DOING WITH HER TIME. IT MUST BE IMPORTANT.

PAM

DEAN SAYS THAT SHE IS INVOLVED IN AFFAIRS OF STATE. SHE JUST NEGOTIATED AN INTERREGIONAL BASKETBALL CONTRACT WITH ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY.

KEN

AND ERLICHMAN TOLD ME SHE IS FLYING TO DALLAS TO GET THE COWBOY'S SCOUTS TO COME AND SEE REGAN HUMPHREY IN ACTION AGAINST SOUTHERN CAL NEXT SATURDAY.

PAM

I HEAR THAT OUR FOOTBALL TEAM IS NOW NUMBER ONE IN THE AP POLL.

KEN

IT SURE IS. HALDEMAN TOLD ME, AND THIS IS IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE, THAT MALICE IS SENDING HENRY K. TO MOSCOW TO LINE UP A CONTEST BETWEEN OUR GYMNASTIC TEAMS.

PAM

SO, YOU'RE ONE OF THE LEAKS IN THE ADMINISTRATION,
KEN. BUT IF HENRY K CAN DO THAT HE IS THE DIPLOMAT
SUPREME. WE BEAT THEM SO BADLY IN RUSSIA LAST YEAR.

KEN (gloomily)

MALICE SURE DIDN'T OUTSMART THEM ON THAT GRAIN
DEAL FROM OUR ORGANIC FARM.

PAM

NO, AND RUMOR HAS IT THAT'S WHY THE CAFETERIA IS
RUNNING OUT OF FOOD AND HAS TO SEGREGATE THE BOARD
STUDENTS FROM THE FREE LOADERS. THERE'S NOTHING LIKE
A BUNCH OF HUNGRY STUDENTS TO BRING ON A REVOLT.

KEN

LET'S GET DOWN THERE. MAYBE WE CAN STIR UP SOME
ACTION AND BRING MALICE DOWN TO REALITY TO DEAL
WITH OUR LOCAL PROBLEMS.

PAM

GOOD! LET'S GO. (they exit stage right)

(the caterpillar enters and carefully sets its
hookah up on the bench, then climbs on and begins
blowing soap bubbles. Malice enters)

CATERPILLAR

WHO ARE YOU?

MALICE

I DON'T REALLY KNOW. I'M PRESIDENT NOW BUT
NOT LONG AGO I WAS A STUDENT AND I'M NOT SURE
WHICH IS THE REAL ME.

C ATERPILLAR

EXPLAIN YOURSELF.

MALICE

I CAN'T EXPLAIN MYSELF, BECAUSE I'M NOT MYSELF,
YOU KNOW.

CATERPILLAR

NO I DON'T KNOW.

MALICE

WELL, AS PRESIDENT, I TAKE THE THOUGHTS AND ADVICE OF OTHERS AND TRANSLATE THEM INTO ACTION. IT MAY NOT BE AN ACTION I APPROVE OF IF I WERE BEING MYSELF, BUT AS THE CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE OF MY CONSTITUENTS, I AM FORCED INTO ACTIONS BEYOND MY CONTROL, AND FOR WHICH I MUST TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY, BUT WHICH, IF I WERE MYSELF, I WOULD NEVER DO.

CATERPILLAR

THAT'S VERY CONFUSING.

MALICE

FURTHERMORE, I MUST ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT AS PRESIDENT, AND IN PARTICULAR, AS FIRST PRESIDENT OF WINTERGREEN'S STUDENT BODY, EVERYTHING I DO IS OF HISTORICAL INTEREST.

CATERPILLAR

AND WHAT IS IT THAT MAKES YOU HYSTERICAL?

MALICE

WHATEVER I DO TODAY WILL BECOME HISTORY TOMORROW, SO THOUGH I AM PRESIDENT TODAY, WHEN I BECOME A STUDENT AGAIN TOMORROW, I WILL NEVER ESCAPE HAVING BEEN PRESIDENT TODAY AND WILL HAVE TO SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES. IT IS A LITTLE HYSTERICAL.

CATERPILLAR

NO IT ISN'T.

MALICE

YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN PRESIDENT.

CATERPILLAR

I WAS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ONCE. BUT I WAS FATTER THEN.

MALICE

THAT'S ONLY AN APPOINTIVE POSITION.

CATERPILLAR

BUT IT IS TO THE POINT, INDEED, FOR IN BEING THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL I LEARNED A GREAT DEAL AND CAN NOW GIVE ADVICE.

MALICE

LIKE WHAT?

CATERPILLAR

LIKE HOW TO LIE IN A RELAXED STATE BEFORE COMMITTEES.
BUT BEFORE I GIVE YOU ANY MORE FREE ADVICE, WHO ARE
YOU?

MALICE

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO I WAS. I AM THE PRESIDENT NOW,
BESIDES, YOU SHOULD INTRODUCE YOURSELF FIRST.

CATERPILLAR

WHY?

MALICE

SO THAT I CAN ADDRESS THE FORMER ATTORNEY-GENERAL
PROPERLY.

CATERPILLAR

WELL SAID! WE MUST BE PROPER. MY NAME IS, OR RATHER
WAS, JOHN.

MALICE

THERE SEEM TO BE SO MANY JOHNS IN MY LIFE LATELY.
BUT WHAT IS YOUR SURNAME?

CATERPILLAR

DON'T BE INSULTING!

MALICE

I MEAN JOHN WHAT?

CATERPILLAR

OR JOHN WHO, OR JOHN WHY, OR JOHN WHEREFORE.
JUST PLAIN JOHN WILL DO. BUT YOU SAY YOU HAVE
CHANGED.

MALICE

YES, JOHN, I HAVE. I USED TO BE ABLE TO REMEMBER
THINGS, BUT I CAN'T ANYMORE.

CATERPILLAR

SUCH AS?

MALICE

I HAVE TRIED TO SAY "HOW DOTH THE BUSY LITTLE
BUGGER" BUT IT ALL CAME OUT DIFFERENTLY.

CATERPILLAR

HOW DO YOU DO ON GETTY'S LINCOLNSBURG ADDRESS?

MALICE

I'LL TRY. LET ME SEE. HOW DOES IT GO? OH, YES.
FORE SQUARE AND SEVERAL YEARS AGO...
(The picture of the Cheshire cat appears on the wall)

CATERPILLAR (hurriedly)

THAT'S ENOUGH, I NOW UNDERSTAND YOUR PROBLEM. YOU
MUST GET YOUR ADVICE FROM HIM. (points with the
mouthpiece of the hookah toward the Cheshire cat)
HE KNOWS ALL.

MALICE

HE LOOKS LIKE...

CATERPILLAR

HE IS, AND WAS, MY BEST FRIEND. (the caterpillar
exits in state to stage right as Malice turns to
the cat)

MALICE

MR PRESIDENT? (the cat prins) HE'S PLEASANT SO FAR.
(reverently) MR PRESIDENT, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU
WHETHER I SHOULD FOLLOW THE GAME PLAN LAID DOWN BY
YOUR FORMER AIDES, HALDEMAN, ERLICHMAN AND DEAN,
OR ACT AS PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT BODY IN MY OWN
RIGHT AND QUARTERBACK MY OWN TEAM? WHICH WAY SHOULD
I GO?

CAT

LET ME STATE CATEGORICALLY THAT IT DEPENDS
UNCATEGORICALLY ON THE POSSIBILITY THAT YOU WANT
TO GO ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. ~~PULL ON THE TABS. MAKE~~
~~SURE YOU CUT OUT ALL THE NO DETERMINING FACTS~~
~~FACTS!~~

MALICE

I WANT TO ACHIEVE GREAT GOALS AT WINTERGREEN, TO
BRING POWER TO THE CAMPUS, PRESTIGE TO THE STUDENT
BODY, AND TO BE LOOKED UP TO AS THE FIRST PRESIDENT
OF THE WINTERGREEN STUDENTS, THE MOTHER OF HER STUDENT BODY.
AS IT WERE.

CAT

COULD YOU BE MORE SPECIFIC?

MALICE

I DOUBT IT.

STEEL BALLS

CAT

YOU ARE SURE TO ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS IF YOU ONLY
BUG PEOPLE HARD ENOUGH. I PROVED IT WITH THE STRAWBERRIES

MALICE

BUT I NEED HELP, MR PRESIDENT. WHO CAN I TURN TO
FOR HELP?

CAT

IN THAT APPROXIMATE LEFTIST DIRECTION LIVES HALDY
THE MAD HATTER, AND IN THE RIGHTIST DIRECTION LIVES
OILY THE MARCH HARE. BETWEEN THEM LIES, AND I DO MEAN
LIES, DORMENT THE DEAN OF THE DORMICE. HALDY HATTER
AND OILY HARE ARE MY EX-TRUSTED ADVISORS, WHILE
DORMENT SPILLED THE DEANS, I MEAN BEANS. TAKE ADVICE
FROM WHICHEVER YOU LIKE, AND GOOD LUCK! THEY ARE
ALL MAD.

MALICE

BUT I HATE WORKING WITH MAD PEOPLE.

MY FOLLOW
MALICE

CAT

WELL, MALICE, YOU CAN'T HELP THAT. WE'RE ALL
SOMEWHAT MAD HERE. I'M MAD. YOU'RE MAD. WHY DO
YOU REALIZE THAT YOU ARE TALKING TO A CAT UNDER
THE IMPRESSION THAT HE IS RICHARD THE FIRST.

MALICE

HOW DOES THAT MAKE ME MAD?

CAT

YOU HAVE TO BE MAD TO HAVE COME TO WINTERGREEN
IN THE FIRST PLACE.

MALICE

THEN WHAT MAKES YOU MAD?

CAT

YOU DON'T MAKE ME MAD BECAUSE I DON'T RESPECT YOU.
LET ME BE MORE SPECIFIC.

MALICE

DO YOU HAVE TO BE?

IT'S QUESTIONS CAT LIKE THAT THAT MAKE ME MAD!

~~YOU DON'T MAKE ME MAD BECAUSE I DON'T RESPECT YOU.~~
~~IT'S QUESTIONS LIKE THAT THAT MAKE ME MAD.~~ IF YOU
DON'T LIKE MY ADVICE, DON'T TAKE IT.

MALICE

IT ISN'T VERY USEFUL.

CAT

ALL RIGHT! I'VE HAD IT! YOU WON'T HAVE OLD CHESHIRE
TO KICK AROUND ANY MORE! (disappears)

MALICE

GOOD RIDDANCE!

(Haldeman and Erlichman enter from stage right helping
Dean between them. Dean is drunk. They manuver him
over to the bench and sit down with Dean between them.
Dean slumps forward asleep, while Haldeman and
Erlichman lean upon his back.)

HALDEMAN

TOO BAD OLD DORMOUSE HERE CAN'T HOLD HIS BEER.

ERLICHMAN

HE SURE LOOKED FUNNY DANCING ON TOP OF THAT TABLE.
(Malice comes over to them.)

HALDEMAN

NO ROOM! NO ROOM ON THE BENCH!

MALICE

I CAN SEE THAT. WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH HIM?

ERLICHMAN

HE OVERCELEBRATED YOUR BASKETBALL PACT WITH ORAL
ROBERTS UNIVERSITY. HAVE SOME BEER.

MALICE

BE SENSIBLE. THERE'S NO BEER HERE. ARE YOU FELLOWS
KEEPING SOMETHING FROM ME?

HALDEMAN

US? WHY NO, MALICE, WE'RE COMPLETELY LOYAL TO YOU.

DEAN

JUST LIKE WE WERE TO PRESIDENT.....

MALICE

THAT'S WHAT WORRIES ME. (she sings)

FOR IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT ~~YOU DO~~ OR HOW YOU DO IT,
JUST AS LONG AS YOU DON'T TELL IT TO A SOUL,
IF YOU'RE FOLLOWING A GAME PLAN YOU WON'T RUE IT,
FOR KEEPING QUIET SHOWS YOUR SELF CONTROL.

THE NAME OF THE GAME IS LOYALTY,

HALDEMAN, ERLICHMAN AND DEAN

LOYALTY?

MALICE

YES, LOYALTY. THE NAME OF THE GAME IS LOYALTY,
WHICH YOU SHOULD ~~DO~~ TO ME.
GIVE

HALDEMAN, ERLICHMAN AND DEAN

THE NAME OF THE GAME IS LOYALTY?

MALICE (firmly)

LOYALTY.

HALDEMAN, ERLICHMAN AND DEAN

eh, LOYALTY.
THE NAME OF THE GAME IS LOYALTY,
WHICH WE SHOULD GIVE TO YOU?

MALICE

YES.

HALDEMAN

YOU CAN MURDER, LIE OR STEAL, WE SHOULDN'T TELL?
(Malice shakes her head, ~~yes~~)

ERLICHMAN

WE SHOULD FOLLOW YOU ^{RIGHT TO THE GATES} ~~INTO THE DOORS~~ OF HELL?
(Malice shakes her head, yes)

DEAN

~~WE'RE TO FOLLOW UP YOUR GAME PLAN~~ ^{IS GOOD NO MATTER WHERE IT LEADS} ~~WHEREVER IT MAY LEAD?~~
~~AND COVER UP YOUR TRACKS NO MATTER WHAT THE DIRTY DEEDS~~
~~WERE TO~~ ^{WITH}

MALICE

YES. FOR ALL I ASK OF YOU IS LOYALTY.

HALDEMAN, ERLICHMAN AND DEAN

LOYALTY?

MALICE

YES, LOYALTY.
FOR ALL I ASK OF YOU IS LOYALTY,
WHICH YOU SHOULD GIVE TO ME.

HALDEMAN, ERLICHMAN AND DEAN

Now ALL WE FEEL FOR YOU IS LOYALTY.

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MALICE (cooly)

LOYALTY?

HALDEMAN, ERLICHMAN AND DEAN

YES, LOYALTY.

Now YES, ALL WE FEEL FOR YOU IS LOYALTY

~~THEREFORE FOR WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR US~~
~~MALICE: THOUGH ~~THE~~ ETHICS MIGHT BE DUBIOUS,~~
LOYALTY, ^{TRUST} IS

ALL : WE SAY LOYALTY,
LOYALTY IS THE NAME OF THE GAME.

HALDEMAN

WELL, IN THAT CASE, SINCE YOU ARE HERE, YOU MIGHT
AS WELL KNOW THAT I AM PRESIDING AT THIS MEETING
OF THE COMBINED LAKE QUININE CURRICULUM REPORT.

MALICE

WHAT LAKE QUININE REPORT?

ERLICHMAN

PRESIDENT CANN ASKED US TO FORM A DISINTEGRATING
TASK FORCE....

DEAN

THAT'S A DISAPPOINT^{my} ~~ed~~ TESKE FORCE.

ERLICHMAN

GO TO SLEEP, DEANY BOY! ..TO FORM A COMMITTEE TO
RECOMMEND THE GOALS OF WINTERGREEN FOR THE NEXT
FOUR YEARS. SO WE MET AT LAKE QUININE...

DEAN

A BITTER DISAPPOINTMENT.

HALDEMAN

SHUT UP AND LET JOHN FINISH.

ERLICHMAN

WE MET IN THE WINTERGATE LODGE AND DREW UP A FOUR YEAR PLAN. THAT'S ALL THERE WAS TO IT. NOW WE ARE MEETING TO PUT THE PLAN INTO REALITY.

MALICE

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME ABOUT IT? (Bill enters from stage left puttering.)

HALDEMAN

YOU WERE TOO BUSY WITH AFFAIRS OF STATE. WE DIDN'T WANT TO BOTHER YOU WITH DETAILS. IN POINT OF FACT, I THINK YOU WERE IN RUSSIA SETTING UP THAT SALE OF OUR ORGANIC FARM PRODUCE.

MALICE

DON'T MENTION THAT. WHAT BOTHERS ME IS THE WAY YOU SET THE COMMITTEE UP IN SECRET. THERE WAS NO ADVANCE NOTICE, NOTHING. HERE YOU ARE DETERMINING THE FUTURE OF WINTERGREEN AND YOU DIDN'T INVITE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE STAFF OR THE STUDENTS.

HALDEMAN

ERLICHMAN AND I REPRESENT THE PUBLIC, AND NOW THAT YOU HAVE FOUND OUT ABOUT IT, YOU CAN REPRESENT THE STUDENTS. DEAN REPRESENTS THE FACULTY. SO, EXCEPT FOR THE STAFF, ALL FACTIONS ARE HERE.

DEAN

HEAR! HEAR!

HALDEMAN

GO BACK TO SLEEP! (sees Bill) AND WE CAN USE BILL AS THE STAFF REPRESENTATIVE. HEY, BILL, COME OVER AND JOIN US AS REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE STAFF.

BILL

I DON'T MIND IF I DO. I ALWAYS WONDERED WHAT YOU COLLEGE PEOPLE DID WITH YOUR TIME.

ERLICHMAN

ON WITH THE AGENDA.

DEAN

ON, ON, ON.

HALDEMAN

ALL RIGHT. FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS. DOES EVERYONE ACCEPT THE LAKE QUININE REPORT THAT THE COLLEGE RETURN TO NORMAL CLASSES, CREDITS AND PROPER GRADUATION CEREMONIES.

BILL
ERLICHMAN

HOW ABOUT HAVING PASSING BELLS. I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHEN THEM HORDES OF STUDENTS ARE ABOUT TO SWARM SO I CAN CLEAN UP AFTER THEM.

HALDEMAN

THE STAFF REQUESTS PASSING BELLS. EVERYONE AGREE?
(There is a general nodding of heads)

MALICE

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY NORMAL CREDITS, BOB?

ERLICHMAN

I CAN ANSWER THAT. WE MEAN THAT CREDITS ARE OBTAINED FOR WORK COMPLETED.

BILL

DOES THAT MEAN I CAN GET CREDIT FOR FIXIN' THAT BENCH.

ERLICHMAN

CERTAINLY, BUT YOU MUST FIX IT IN THE PRESCRIBED MANNER.

BILL

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY PRESCRIBED?

DEAN: BENCH MARK

MALICE

THAT IS WHAT I DON'T LIKE ABOUT YOUR LAKE QUININE REPORT. WHY SHOULD THE CURRICULUM BE PRESCRIBED? THAT IS A NEGATION OF THE WINTERGREEN IDEAL. WE STUDENTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO SET UP AND MODIFY THE CLASSES AS WE SEE FIT.

HALDEMAN

NOW HOLD ON, MALICE. HOW COME YOU ARE SPEAKING IN SUCH A FAR OUT WINTERGREEN WAY?

MALICE

IN THIS CASE I REPRESENT THE STUDENTS, SO I MUST SPEAK FOR THEM. IT'S NOT REALLY ME.

HALDEMAN

THEN, SINCE IT'S NOT REALLY YOU SPEAKING, YOU ARE OUT OF ORDER! NOW, MY INTERPRETATION OF THE LAKE QUININE REPORT WAS THAT A STUDENT RECEIVES ONE UNIT FOR EVERY MONTH OF WORK COMPLETED WHICH BEFORE WOULD HAVE BEEN EQUAL TO FIFTEEN QUARTER CREDITS OR ONE THIRD OF THE TOTAL QUARTER UNITS NEEDED TO GRADUATE BEFORE WE CHANGED THE EQUIVALENCY TO FOUR CREDITS FOR EVERY ONE UNIT COMPLETED WHICH RESULTS IN AN INCREASE TO....

DEAN

THAT MEANS, FELLOWS, THAT ALL OUR STUDENTS HAVE ALREADY GRADUATED BEFORE THEY EVEN ARRIVE.

ERLICHMAN

SHUT UP, DEAN, YOUR COMPUTER IS OFF.

MALICE

I VOTE FOR THE LAKE QUININE REPORT. I HATE LONG INVOLVED ARGUMENTS THAT GO NOWHERE.

HALDEMAN

IN THAT CASE WE WILL CONSIDER THE LAKE QUININE REPORT ACCEPTED. ANY OBJECTIONS? NONE. THEN WE CAN MOVE ON TO DITA BEARD'S REPORT ON THE WINTERGATE BUGGING INCIDENT. COME IN, DITA BEARD! (Dita enters from stage left to the ITT music.)

DITA

WELL HERE I AM TO MAKE MY REPORT.

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MALICE

WHAT REPORT?

DITA

MY PLUMBERS UNION REPORT. I'M THE HEAD OF THE COUNTERLEAK SECTION. YOU APPOINTED ME.

MALICE

I DID NOT!

HALDEMAN

I APPOINTED HER IN YOUR NAME, MALICE. WHAT DID YOU FIND OUT, DITA?

DITA (sings)

AT WINTERGATE WE SET UP OUR EQUIPMENT,
AT WINTERGATE THE PLUMBING IS SO BAD,

HALDEMAN

GET BACK TO THE POINT.

DITA

WE SET UP ALL OUR BUGGING STUFF,
JUST WHERE WE WERE TOLD
AND WHEN IT DIDN'T WORK, BOY, WERE WE MAD.

FOR IT SEEMS WINTERGATE, WAS TO BE THE PLACE THAT FATE,
IN THE FORM OF A NIGHT WATCHMAN
WHO JUST HAPPENED TO WORK LATE,
CAME ALONG JUST AS WE
STARTED CLEANING UP DEBRIS,
AND WE FOUND, WE WERE BOUND,
FOR A TRIAL OVER WINTERGATE.

HALDEMAN

YOUR STORY MOVES ME, BUT NOT MUCH.

AT WINTERGATE YOU REALLY FULLED A BONER,
SINCE WINTERGATE THE LEGISLATURE'S MAD,
BUT IF THEY CLOSE THE COLLEGE DOWN BECAUSE OF WHAT
YOU'VE DONE,
THE END RESULT MAY NOT BE ALL SO BAD.

WITH YOU HERE, DITA BEARD, I CAN TELL YOU I HAVE HEARD,
THAT YOUR FRIENDS AT ITT THINK THAT YOU'RE JUST A LITTLE WEIRD,
AND I FEAR I AGREE, AFTER WHAT YOU JUST TOLD ME,
SO CONFESS ALL YOU KNOW AND YOU'LL GO FREE FROM WINTERGATE.

DITA

IF I TELL ALL I KNOW, I'M AFRAID THE FACTS WILL GROW,
AND ENGULF ENTIRE GOVERNMENTS IN SCANDALS BRINGING WOE.

HALDEMAN

IF YOU'RE RIGHT, DITA BEARD, AND YOUR FACTS ARE TO BE FEARED,
WE WILL FIND WE'VE A MIND TO BE BLIND THEN TO WINTERGATE,

DITA AND HALDEMAN

FOUL WINTERGATE, FOUL WINTERGATE.

MALICE

SO YOU BUGGED THE WINTERGATE LODGE. WHY?

HALDEMAN

IT SEEMED LIKE THE RIGHT THING TO DO IN POINT OF TIME.
WE KNEW THE LEGISLATURE WAS MEETING IN SESSION AND
THAT THE LEGISLATORS LIKED TO HANG OUT THERE. WE THOUGHT *LIME GOEDUCKS*
WE MIGHT GET HOLD OF SOME INTERESTING AND REWARDING
INFORMATION.

MALICE

BUT YOU GOT CAUGHT INSTEAD.

ERLICHMAN

WE DIDN'T GET CAUGHT, SHE DID.

MALICE

WHO ARRANGED THE BUGGING?

HALDEMAN

WHY GOOD OLD JOHNNY DEAN.

DEAN

IT WAS DEAN, DEAN, DEAN, YOU LOLLYGAGGING SON OF A
CAMEL DRIVER, JOHNNY DEAN.

ERLICHMAN

SHUT UP! (they push him back down) (Pam and Ken enter stage right)

DITA

BUT I TOLD THE LEGISLATORS THAT I WAS AN WINTERGREEN
STUDENT, AND NOW THEY ARE READY TO HANG ALL WINTERGREENERS.

MALICE

WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO TURN IT TO OUR ADVANTAGE. ALL WE NEED TO DO IS TO CONVINCE THE LEGISLATORS TO FIRE PRESIDENT CANN AND TURN THIS INTO A COMPLETELY TRADITIONAL SCHOOL. COME ON, WE HAVE SOME LOBBYING TO DO.

HALDEMAN

COME ON, DEAN. (they lift him up and exit stage right except for Bill who starts puttering again.)

PAM

DID YOU HEAR THAT? THEY ARE GOING TO GET PRESIDENT CANN FIRED.

KEN

WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT. PAM, RUN AND GET HIM. TELL HIM TO MEET US HERE. HIS OFFICE MAY BE BUGGED.

PAM

O.K. (she exits stage right)(Ken sits down on the bench and Bill comes over.)

BILL

DON'T SIT ON THAT BENCH. I AIN'T FIXED IT YET.

KEN

IT LOOKS OK TO ME. (President Cann enters from stage right with Pam who is leading a sullen Malice followed by Haldeman, Erlichman, Dean, and Dita Beard.)

BILL

WELL IT AIN'T. THE MORE I FIX IT, THE MORE CREDIT I GET. PRETTY SOON I'LL GRADUATE. JUST IMAGINE, ME WITH A BBF, A BACHELORS DEGREE IN BENCH FIXIN'. WHOOSH! WHAT'S THIS CROWD? I CAN'T WORK BEFORE AN AUDIENCE. (he starts to leave.)

CANN

HOLD ON BILL, WE NEED YOU AS A JUROR. WE'RE GOING TO TRY THIS YOUNG LADY.

BILL

WHAT DID SHE DO?

CANN

THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO FIND OUT.

STUDENTS

IMPEACH HER! IMPEACH HER!

CANN

NO. WE'LL DO THIS LEGALLY AND FIND HER GUILTY AS SPECIFIED. JURY LINE UP OVER HERE. (the students and Bill line up stage right) WITNESSES LINE UP OVER HERE. (Haldeman, Erlichman, Dean and Dita Beard line up on stage left) ACCUSED STAND HERE. (Malice goes defiantly to the center.) NOW SILENCE IN THE COURT!

MALICE

WHO'S BEING NOISY?

CANN

YOU ARE. HERALD, READ THE ACCUSATION.

KEN

MY NAME'S KEN, NOT HERALD. (takes out a scroll)
TO WIT, TO WOO,
TO WIT, TO WOO,
INASMUCH AS MALICE HAS USURPED...

CANN

I BEG YOUR PARDON.

KEN

HAS USURPED THE POWERS OF THE PRESIDENCY; HAS BUGGED UNCOUNTABLE UNNAMED PERSONS...

PAM

I CAN COUNT ONE OR TWO. (she giggles)

KEN

HAS BUGGED, I SAY, WITH ILLEGAL, ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT PROVIDED BY MEDIA LOAN....

CANN

AREN'T YOU FINISHED YET?

KEN

NO, YOUR HONOR, MAY I CONTINUE.?

DEAN

WELL, YOUR HONOR, IT ALL BEGAN WHEN MALICE SUBORNED
ME TO COMMIT PERJURY. *RIGHT IN FRONT OF ALL
THESE PEOPLE*

MALICE

I OBJECT. I NEVER SUBORNED ANYBODY. (to Pam)
WHAT DOES IT MEAN, PAM.

PAM

IT MEANS ACCORDING TO WEBSTER, THAT YOU GOT HIM TO
TELL THE BIG LIE.

MALICE

IT WASN'T ME.

CANN

SILENCE IN THE COURT. LET THE WITNESS SPEAK.

DEAN

AND, HAVING BEEN SUBORNED, I KEPT ON LYING
UNTIL NOW, YOUR HONOR, WHEN, I ASSURE YOU, I AM
TELLING THE TRUTH.

BILL

WHAT IS TRUTH BUT A SUBJECTIVE MANIFESTATION OF A
VERBAL RESPONSE TO A QUESTION.

CANN

SAY, THIS COLLEGE IS DOING YOU GOOD, BILL. YOU SHOULD
BE ON THE FACULTY HERE.

BILL

I AM ON THE MAINTENANCE STAFF, SIR.

CANN

GOOD. THEN WE CAN DEMOTE YOU TO THE FACULTY WITH
NO TROUBLE AT ALL.

BILL

I'D RATHER STAY IN MAINTENANCE, PRESIDENT CANN.
PERRY DILLINGER IS SO KIND AND THOUGHTFUL. I
WOULD HATE TO ANGER HIM BY BECOMING PART OF THE FACULTY.

CANN

SAY, WHO RUNS THIS COLLEGE ANYWAY?

BILL

I'D RATHER NOT ANSWER THAT, SIR, ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT MIGHT INCRIMINATE ME.

CANN

HAVE IT YOUR OWN WAY. NEXT WITNESS.

MALICE

BUT I WANT TO CROSS EXAMINE THIS WITNESS.

CANN

NO TIME. NO TIME. NEXT WITNESS. JUST BRING THEM BOTH IN AND LET'S GET THIS OVER. (Dean stands to one side while Haldeman and Erlichman step forward)
ARE YOU READY TO TELL THE TRUTH?

ERLICHMAN

IN POINT OF FACT, TRUTH CAN BE RELEVANT.

CANN

GOOD. GIVE YOUR EVIDENCE.

HALDEMAN

IT ALL BEGAN WHEN HE INVITED ME TO VISIT HIM.

CANN

DON'T START AT THE BEGINNING, GET TO THE MEAT OF YOUR EVIDENCE.

HALDEMAN

JOHN ERLICHMAN SAID.

ERLICHMAN

I DIDN'T.

HALDEMAN

YOU DID.

ERLICHMAN

I DENY IT.

CANN (to jury)

HE DENIES IT. LEAVE OUT THAT PART.

JURY

AYE, AYE, JUDGE. (they scratch it off)

HALDEMAN

WELL, AT ANY RATE JOHN DEAN SAID...(he looks over at Dean who is asleep) AND AFTER THAT I DISTINCTLY REMEMBER...

JURY

BUT WHAT DID JOHN DEAN SAY.

HALDEMAN

TO THE BEST OF MY RECOLLECTION, I CAN'T REMEMBER.

CANN

THEN STAND DOWN.

HALDEMAN

NO, NOW I REMEMBER. JOHN DEAN TOLD ME THAT HE GOT IT FROM THE HIGHEST LEVELS IN THE WHITE HOUSE.
THE ONLY OFFICE ITSELF SAID: (sings)

LET ME SAY THIS ABOUT THAT,
NOW LET ME SAY THIS ABOUT THAT,
CRIME IS INCREASING AT A DECREASING RATE,
SO LET'S GET TO BUSINESS AND DROP WATERGATE,
OUR BALANCE OF TRADE BRINGS IN DOUGH,
BUT OUR SHORTAGES CONSTANTLY GROW, SO,

LET ME SAY THIS ABOUT THAT,
NOW LET ME SAY THIS ABOUT THAT,
THE PRICES ARE RISING, BUT THE INCREASE HAS SLOWED,
AND CONGRESS IS KEEPING ME CONSTANTLY SNOWED
WITH RUMORS IT'S WORKING THIS YEAR,
BUT THOSE RUMORS WILL ALL DISAPPEAR.

OUR WHEAT HAS GONE TO RUSSIA, BEEF STEAKS ARE RARE,
BUT WE'RE STILL EATING BETTER THAN PEOPLE ANYWHERE, SO,

LET ME SAY THIS ABOUT THAT,
NOW LET ME SAY THIS ABOUT THAT,
STATISTICS CAN PROVE THAT WE ARE IN THE PINK,
BUT ALL OUR STATISTICS ARE MADE WITH RED INK,
THERE'S TALK OF IMPEACHMENT I HEAR,
WHEN I SAY THIS I'M REALLY SINCERE,
THAT IMPEACHMENT'S THE LAST THING I FEAR, FOR,
LET ME MAKE THIS PERFECTLY CLEAR,
THINGS REALLY LOOK BETTER NEXT YEAR.

CANN

STEP DOWN. CALL MALICE.

MALICE

I'M ALREADY HERE.

CANN

WHAT DO YOU SAY FOR YOURSELF BEFORE I SENTENCE YOU FOR THE WINTERGATE CAPER.

BILL

HOW DO YOU SPELL WINTERGATE? WITH ONE T OR TWO?

CANN

IT DEPENDS ON WHETHER YOU WANT T FOR TWO.

HALDEMAN

I'LL HAVE SOME. PASS THE BREAD AND BUTTER PLEASE.

ERLICHMAN

YOU HAVE IT.

HALDEMAN

I DON'T.

ERLICHMAN

YOU DO.

DEAN

BUTTER, BUTTER, BUTTER,
BUTTER UP YOUR MUTTER WITH AN OLD BREAD KNIFE
AND CRY, CRY, CRY.

CANN

ORDER IN THE COURT!

HALDEMAN

YOUR COURT IS INOPERATIVE.

MALICE

YOU'RE ALL INSANE.

CANN

ARE YOU TRYING TO TELL US OUR BUSINESS? YOU,
A WALKING NIGHTMARE.

JURY

IMPEACH HER! IMPEACH HER! THROW HER OUT!

MALICE

ALL RIGHT! ALL RIGHT! I CONFESS. I DID IT!
THE WINTERGATE AFFAIR IS ALL MY FAULT, BUT JOHN
ERLICHMAN AND BOB HALDEMAN ARE INNOCENT OF THE
COVER UP, BESIDES BEING TWO OF THE FINEST PUBLIC
SERVANTS I KNOW. BUT I RESIGN. YOU CAN TAKE YOUR
WEIRD GOEYDUCS AND YOUR FAR OUT WINTERGREEN
COLLEGE, BUT AS FOR ME I'M GOING TO AN HONEST
SCHOOL. I HAVE BEEN RECRUITED BY ORAL ROBERTS
UNIVERSITY AS THEIR HEAD CHEERLEADER.

BILL

O.R.U?

MALICE

YES, AND I'M LEAVING RIGHT NOW. (she sinks to the bench
and puts her head in her hands.)

MALVINA (from off stage)

MALICE! MALICE! (All characters on stage freeze
except for malice who begins stretching and yawning.
Malvina enters from stage right.) MALICE! DADDY'S
WAITING! COME ON!

MALICE

YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE THE STRANGE DREAM I JUST HAD.
I DON'T THINK I WANT TO GO TO SCHOOL HERE AFTER ALL.
THERE'S A BUNCH OF NIGHTMARE CHARACTERS RUNNING
AROUND LOOSE.

MALVINA.

I'M SORRY. I THOUGHT YOU LIKED IT HERE.

MALICE

I THOUGHT SO TOO, BUT I THINK I'LL ACCEPT THAT
SCHOLARSHIP TO ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY INSTEAD.

MALVINA

FINE, AND I'LL GO THERE TOO. BUT LET'S GO.
DADDY'S WAITING.

MALICE

ALL RIGHT. BUT IT WAS SUCH A STRANGE DREAM.
GOODBYE WINTERGREEN. (They exit stage right)
(The characters all unfreeze)

CANN

THANK GOODNESS WE GOT RID OF THAT LITTLE NIGHTMARE.
SHE COULD HAVE RUINED OUR IMAGE.

PAM AND KEN

HURRAH! THE GOEYDUCS WIN AGAIN. WINTERGREEN IS
SAVED. LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE GOEYDUCS!
(and as the signs are changed back to their
original form, the entire cast sings)

GO GOEYDUCS GO,
THROUGH THE MUD AND THE SAND LET'S GO,
SIPHON HIGH,
SQUIRT IT OUT,
SWIVEL ALL ABOUT,
LET IT ALL HANG OUT.

GO GOEYDUCS GO,
STRETCH YOUR NECKS WHEN THE TIDE IS LOW,
SIPHON HIGH,
SQUIRT IT OUT,
SWIVEL ALL ABOUT,
LET IT ALL HANG OUT.

THE END