them. Brosnan and the leading lady (Izabella Scorupco) spent a total of 4 hours on site and 4 minutes acting. They had to run along the rim road for 50 yards (see first photo on previous page) until they located an opening to slide down the dish. This is where the dummies were supposed to take over. The tough director of the first filming unit was satisfied that he had gotten what he wanted after 9 takes. A very tired Bond hurried back to his air-conditioned motor home for the ride back to San Juan.

It is all over now and what remains are some memories, several new friends, and a donation by EON to pay for part of the cost of the elevator that goes into our new visitor center. I wonder if this elevator should go between floors “006” and “007”? You will be able to see the results of all this by December when *Goldeneye* is supposed to be released.

Comings and Goings

An Astronomer is Born

Carmen Pantoja, who had been an Oklahoma University graduate student, resident at the Arecibo Observatory since 1992, has just received her Ph.D. Carmen first became interested in an astronomy career while a student at the University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras, where one of her physics professors was Daniel Altschuler, the current director of AO and her thesis advisor. She has accepted a post-doctoral position with John Huchra at the Center for Astrophysics of Harvard University, where she will continue her research in the Zone of Avoidance and embark on new projects.

We congratulate Carmen and wish her the best of luck as she departs for Massachusetts. However, we are sad to see our friend (and Editorial Assistant) go—her mastery of FrameMaker will be especially missed by us, the hapless Editors.

Photo by Tony Acevedo.

Edith Alvarez serves up some cake for Carmen Pantoja at her post-defense party.

Bob Thomas Departs

Arun Venkataraman

It is not quite six years since Bob Thomas joined the AO Computer Department as a Senior Software Specialist. His departure in May leaves a sizable void in our small staff. Bob took on the not-always-pleasant tasks of network administration with characteristic vigor and dedication, and will be especially missed by the summer students this year. We wish Bob all the best in his future travels, and trust he will not forget his (Puerto Rican) Spanish.

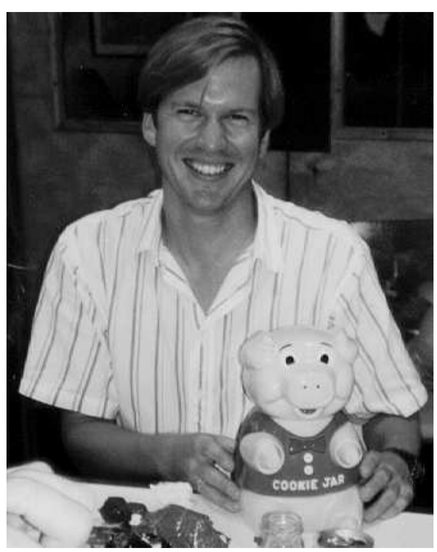

Photo by Susan Nossal.

Bob Thomas and his alter ego.

Swiss Students Visit

Susan Nossal

Approximately 30 Swiss physics students visited the Arecibo Observatory on March 10, 1995 as part of a class trip to Puerto Rico. These students are advanced undergraduate students at the Swiss Polytechnic Institute at Lausanne. The trip was led by Prof. Christian Grüber. While at the observatory, the students toured the facilities and attended presentations concerning astronomical and atmospheric research at the observatory.

Mini-Workshop on Pulsar Sciences with the Upgraded Arecibo Telescope

Kiriaki Xilouris

The Arecibo upgrade project is now well advanced, and first light is expected late in the first half of 1996. It has been almost a decade (October 1986) since the last workshop on science with the upgraded telescope. We have organized a small workshop at the observatory this fall (8-10 September), focused on the current trends in pulsar research, the science to be pursued with the upgraded telescope in this field, and the instrumentation needed to exploit the upgraded telescope to the full extent.

We are bringing together at Arecibo a limited number (20) of potential telescope users in the field of pulsar research for a two-day mini-workshop aimed at delineating the needs arising from pulsar research as perceived nine years after the first upgrade science meeting. The following topics will be discussed:

- Current trends in pulsar research and the implications for Observatory facilities.