



Opening Remarks

The Oceanography Society Meeting Epilogue

From all anecdotal evidence, the second biennial meeting of TOS was a resounding success. The broad interdisciplinary topics raised much food for thought, as well as the combative nature of modelers and marine geochemists. Who will forget the "Phantom of the Mahaffey" (aka W. Broecker) warning from the rafters of the dangers of anthropogenic iron deposition in the ocean? Certainly, the grandeur of the surroundings was matched by that of the gathered participants. And it was clear that St. Petersburg shined in this showcase event.

Many people deserve mention for their efforts in organizing this meeting. As the local host, Peter Betzer was instrumental in obtaining local support and making sure of a smooth logistical operation. The Department's reception, under the supervision of Beth Holmes and Hepsi Zsoldos, was a tremendous hit. Hepsi and Beth Vesley also did a great job collating our student restaurant guide. Thanks to Shana for help and for music. David Williams and Stacie Little provided superb graphic arts support. Bob Jolley and Linda Anderson coordinated the flow of information and operations for the events and the masses of humanity. Also deserving thanks are the many students who helped the TOS staff at the Hilton and who helped at the reception. As much as anyone else, it was the energetic participation of the Marine Science students that will leave an indelible, favorable impression of the Department in the minds of the visiting scientists and program managers.

MSAC News



SPRING PARTY '91 is set for April 20, 3:00 pm til midnight at the USF Pool. Live music provided by the Briar Hill Band. Barbecue dinner. Tickets go on sale April 1 (\$3 students, \$6 non-students, \$2 children under 12).

Hey, don't miss the gossip, don't be out of the loop. Drop in at **Thank G-d It's Friday (TGIF)**, Friday afternoons, 4:30-7:30 in the Student Lounge.

Student Government News

SG Elections were held earlier this month; Marine Science currently is not represented in SG, although rumor has it that Heather Melton will petition for another term.

We should have at least one more rep, however, so think about it and get a petition from the SG office.

Club budget requests are due by 5:00p, April 2 in the SG Office. A&S Budget deliberations for the next fiscal year, July, 1991 - June, 1992, are under way.

Seminar



Graduate Student Symposium This year's gala is next Friday, 5 April.

29 March (TODAY), 4:30p, MSL Conf. Room -- TGIAF

Dave Mallinson

3 April, Noon, MSL Conference Room

James C. Larsen, NOAA Pacific Marine Environmental Lab., "Transport and Heat Flux of the Florida Current."

10 April, Noon, MSL Conference Room

David L. Stein, NOAA-NURP, "National Underwater Research Program: Organization and National Priorities."

Kudos



To Walt Bowles, for successful defending his Masters Thesis.

To Marc Frischer, for passing his comprehensive exams.

To Richard and Lisa Darden, on the birth of little Richard

Fitness

Soccer (Tues, Thurs, 5:30p) on the grass strip ("Magnetic Field") at the 7th Ave entrance to the campus.

Bowling (Tropicana Lanes, 1101 62 Ave So.) Any interest here in a semi-regular event?

Aerobics (uncertain, CAC). There is a fee of \$10 per 12 sessions. If you want it, let Student Activities know

Fit & Flexible (MWF, 12:05-12:50 pm, CAC) Tone up to the sounds of light rock, doing floor exercises and stretching. All skill levels are welcome; that means you, too, beginners! With our own Marva Gurley.

Karate Class (with a professional instructor). Tues., Thurs., 12:10-1:00 pm, CAC. \$20 per month, but the first class is free. *Try it once before you pay.*

Myrtle's "Oh Vey!"

Word around the department is that there's like, a claim that I am insensitive to male issues. Well, the object of this week's column is to set the record straight. Ya see, not only is Myrtle (that's moi) sensitive to men; I'm a bona-fide expert on men! This is true! Yea, guys, I know all the little secrets which you think you harbor so well. Hell, I've been in this man-watching business for a few years now, especially with workin' on boats with the likes of Bubba and Harry. In fact, yours truly just got off of another cruise during which I was virtually *surrounded* by men all of the time! Tall, squat, redheaded, blonde, brunette, bearded, non-bearded, multi-ethnic, red-blooded, genuine men.

First thing I wanna say is a basic fact: all men are the same. Oh, some are a little suaver or cruder or sweeter or meaner than others, but deep down every man is an animal with one driving force fueling his existence: other men. Hey, don't get me wrong here! I don't mean other men as in *other men*, necessarily. What I do mean is that men need other men just like birds need telephone wires. They need something stable to sit on, something secure to count on, a lifeline of support. The specialists call it "male bonding." I call it an excuse. Like, get a bunch o' males together and they start guffawing and slapping each other around and talking about women and infidelity and overeating and overdrinking and all the while they're laughing as though every sin they'd ever concocted or actually done is absolutely fine and acceptable. I mean, OY VEY!! No wonder us poor women, the seed-bearers, have furrows between our eyes by the time we're thirty-five.



Women are driven by guilt. That's why we live longer than men. We're constantly amending for atrocities that aren't really atrocities at all, like eating chocolate or overcooking dinner or -- OMIGOD! -- spitting in a stiff wind. Men can do all of these things -- and then some -- and have a good sloppy laugh about it all at the same time.

Like, I totally know what you're thinking. You think I'm a mega man-basher, and I want ya to know right now that's not the case. Fact of the matter is that I *love men*. They're kinda cute, in their own little way. And it's nice to have someone around to move furniture and all. Oh don't let me fool ya; I'm totally able to carry my own furniture. But men -- they're so willing! So quick to show their bulging, masculine muscles! And besides, what's wrong with looking at bulging, masculine muscles? Myrtle isn't foolish, ya know.

Girlfriends, take it from an expert (me): let men do all their male stuff. Bat your eyes and say "oh my you're so strong!" Men love it. They go on back to their male buddies and brag about it for hours. If ya build 'em up

enough, then they'll never have to start making excuses about you, which are always reinforced heartily by their male bondees. That means no complaining about the toilet seat, even after you've splashed into the head for the fifteenth time. But don't take any s---, either. No play-acting or femme-fataleing unless ya know you're in control. Remember, all men are the same.

All men, that is, except my father.

Don't just stand there; say "OY VEY!"

Kisses, Myrtle

News from the Committees

The Library Committee would like to point out that Deb Henry, Poynter's Science Librarian, once again is generously bring over the current issues of *Marine Science* related journals for display on the shelves near the second floor "coffee corner." Included is the Physical Sciences Current Contents and all four sections of the *Journal of Geophysical Research*. Several new subscriptions are soon to join the collection.

The Curriculum Committee is re-instituted a long-standing requirement for student progress reports. Beginning in January, 1992, all students will be required to file annual progress reports with the Curriculum Committee. Copies of these will be placed in the students' permanent files.

The Computer Committee has announced that new statistical software for the microVAX and two new Macintoshes, a IIsi and an LC, as well as networking hardware and software are all on order.

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