Welcome To the New Squid’s Ink!

Since Kristen Kusek has now officially graduated from this department, Jyotika Virmani and I (Lizz Singh) will each humbly try to fill one of her shoes. We hope to bring you an interesting and informative newsletter at least every other month, but to do that we will need your help. If you have suggestions or ideas for articles, or if you want to write your own, they will be welcomed at any time (preferably by the first of every month). Just put them in our mailboxes or email them to us (lizz@seas or jyotika@seas). Of course, everything is subject to editing by us (heh heh!).

Despite the fact that the initials of The Squid’s Ink are “SI”, there are no plans for a swimsuit edition! So read this, our first attempt, and let us know what you think. Enjoy!

SCUBA Club

Mark Hafen, Secretary

The next dive outing is planned for some time during the weekend of May 9-10. The R/V Price and the Girls Camp boat will be towed to Sarasota and go out to several ledge/hard bottom sites. Those diving from the Price (6 people) must be USF certified, but those on the camp boat (4-5 people) don’t have to be. Details coming soon.

We are also planning a trip to the Keys in August. See Michele Winowitz for details, or the next issue of SI.

Student Symposium

Another year, another successful Graduate Student Symposium. Thanks to all of those who presented on April 24, and a special thanks to those on the organizing committee: Jose Torres, Renee Bishop, Brian Donahue, Peter Howd, Chris Kellogg, Brad Penta, and Pam Sutton. Your hard work is appreciated! Thanks to MSAC for providing the food.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to those who successfully defended this semester:
Ph.D.: Carlos Del Castillo and Zhenzhang Li.

Kudos to those athletes who participated in St. Anthony’s Triathlon:

Bryan Black, Kim Donaldson, Brad Penta, Howard Rutherford, and honorary department members Joe O’Connell and Sean Singh.
Your Co-Workers Bare Their Souls!

Thanks to the few brave people who answered my questionnaire. It is not too late to get your responses in, just leave them in my mailbox.

The questions are:

1. If you had one wish for absolutely anything, what would it be?
2. What was the last book you read?
3. What helps you to relax?
4. If you could be any animal, what would it be and why?
5. What do you think is the biggest misconception people have about you?

And the answers are…..

Mark Hafen:

1. To be able to exist, in a healthy state, eating nothing but chocolate.
4. A blue whale because they’re huge (Ed. Note: isn’t that every guy’s dream???) and they get to swim around and eat.
5. Can’t think of one, most people who know me know just about all there is to know…I don’t exactly hold back!

Pam Hallock Muller:

1. An end to injustice in the world.
2. “They All Called It Tropical”, a short history of the Florida Keys and Everglades.
3. Rollerblading.
4. An Arctic tern – they are beautiful, graceful, have incredible stamina, and they travel a lot.
5. Some individuals find me intimidating, which surprises me.

Randy Russell:

1. Lots of money.
2. “The Dark Tower” by Steven King.
4. A grizzly bear so I could live in Alaska.
5. That I’m unfriendly when really I’m just quiet.

Lizz Singh:

1. A scholarship to support my graduate work!
2. “Love In the Time of Cholera” by Gabriel Garcia Marquez.
3. Reading.
4. A housecat because they sleep most of the day.
5. That I only married Sean for his money.

Wacky Wednesday Wunchtime Is Here!

Once upon a time, in a galaxy far, far away, this department used to celebrate Friday’s with TGIAF (Thank God It’s Almost Friday), followed by TGIF (Thanks God It’s Friday). Well, TGIF still lives, but TGIAF has fizzled out. Instead, we now have Wacky Wednesday Wunchtime. This is an arena in which anyone can show a video, give a demonstration, or talk about any topic of their choice, academic or not. Obviously (from the name), it has been moved to Wednesday at lunchtime. It will be held in the MSL conference room at 12 noon, so bring your lunch. If you would like to present a WWW seminar, contact Jyotika.

Some upcoming highlights include more Wallace and Grommit, “Ripping Yarns”, and Bryan Black and his Seals (those guys in cute uniforms, or is it cute guys in uniforms?!).
Oceanography Camp for Girls

*By Teresa Greely. Coordinator*

This summer Girls Camp will be offering 2 sessions: June 29-July 17 (residential) and July 20-August 7 (commuter). If you would like to participate please contact me. Levels of participation include serving as mentors, participating in field trips, and leading or assisting in research labs. For more information on the program see our website www.marine.usf.edu/girlscamp. We are looking forward to an exciting summer, and your participation is what makes it a success!

Quirky Quotes

True quotes heard around the department…

Jyotika is not as “eloquent” as she thinks she is: “What’s that word to say that you can communicate well?”

Ben Flower is really a lot older than he looks! “I did my Ph.D. on the mid-Miocene, about 14 million years ago.”

Submit any you may have heard.

Joke of the Week

OK, so it’s not exactly joke of the week, more like joke of the issue, but that just didn’t sound as good. If you think you have a great joke that’s fit for (this) publication, give it to Lizz or Jyotika. OK, here goes….

A seal goes into a bar and asks for a drink.

The bartender says, “What’ll ya have?”

The seal replies, “Anything but a Canadian Club!”

A Brief History of This Newsletter

Jan. 1989, department newsletter is born as “MSAC Newsletter” (real catchy title!)

Oct. 1989, name is changed to “The Residence Times”, one headline reads, “!!SEE-Larry Doyle in skin-tight spandex pants and a revealing tank top!” (I am not making this up!)

Nov. 1990, newsletter is again resurrected as “The MSAC Residence Times”

June 1992, the main story was about Brian Bendis’ stag party, at which “Brian’s belt buckle was harder to figure out than a Rubik’s cube”, and women tried to kidnap him and wrote on his butt with a permanent marker. Why doesn’t anyone have parties like that anymore???(A. Ed. Note: If I remember rightly Lizz, your bachelorette party was quite amusing, as was Brad Penta’s 30th!)

Feb. 1997, after a long lag, newsletter resurrected by Kristen as “The Squid’s Ink”.

May 1998, Jyotika and Lizz try to keep “The Squid’s Ink” afloat. Wish us luck!
The More Things Change, the More They Stay the Same…

(highlights from previous newsletters)

Feb. 1989, TGIAF seminar series begins, people desperately needed to participate

Feb. 1991, TGIF was burglarized, editors were begging for contributions to The Residence Times (RT)

July 1991, begging for people to attend MSAC meetings

Apr. 1992, begging for help with Spring Party

Sept. 1992, begging for people to attend MSAC meetings

Jan. 1993, lounge renovations being planned, including new furniture, painting, etc.; editors begging for contributions to RT

I could go on and on, but I won’t. You get the picture. I will however, say the following:

*lounge renovations plans are “in the works”

*TGIAF has now been changed to “Wacky Wednesday Wunchtime”, and we need participants

*MSAC desperately needs people to attend meetings

*Spring Party is coming up, and we will be begging for your help

*Any contributions to SI will be greatly appreciated! WE WILL BEG IF WE HAVE TO!

APATHY (as if you didn’t know): a lack of interest in things, indifference.

Notes From MSAC

Elections for new officers will be held at the beginning of the fall semester. It’s never too early to start thinking about it. It’s a great way to have some fun and help out the department.

The first fundraiser at the Devil Rays game (April 25) was a big success. We manned a concession booth and had a great time. There are 2 more games coming up (June 6 and 7). MSAC and the SCUBA Club will need several volunteers for each game to help cook food and serve drinks. You might even be able to watch part of the game. Just stay away from those hot dogs, right Bryan?!? Sign up sheets are on the MSL lounge door.

TGIF will continue through the summer, so stop by the MSL lounge on Friday afternoons to cool off after a long hard week at work. As always, we have beverages and munchies.

Blow Bubbles With Brad!

Our very own Brad Penta will once again be teaching SCUBA class for beginners this summer. Participants in this class will become fully certified NAUI divers. Contact Brad at penta@marine for more details.

Movie Mania

By Sherryl Gilbert & Jason Lenes

Hollywood’s fascination with love, religion, and chastity has not lost its fervor. In City of Angels Seth (Nicolas Cage) is a spiritual guide who has come to lead a patient of Dr. Maggie Rice (Meg Ryan) to heaven. Maggie’s grief at the loss of her patient touches Seth, drawing him closer into her personal world in an attempt to comfort her despair. Seth’s captivation with Maggie opens the door for contemplation of his spiritual freedom and the alluring sensations of daily life.

As a patient of Maggie’s, Nathaniel (Dennis Franz) is a fallen angel who introduces the consequences of the choice Seth must make. During a conversation with Maggie, Nathaniel expresses Seth’s willingness to give up life as he knows it for her, but emphasizes the magnitude of his choice and the responsibility that comes with it.

Both Cage and Ryan provide moving performances complemented by the comic relief of Franz. Director Brad Silberling combines a kickin’ soundtrack with creative cinematography to draw viewers in and magnify Cage and Ryan’s chemistry. Another notable performance is given by Andre Braugher, who aides Cage in his soul searching.

Score: 3 ¼ squids out of 5

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