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The Squid's Ink

Notes From the Editors

We write things in *SI* that we hear from others in the department – your thoughts, your concerns, etc. What we print is not always the opinions of the editors alone, because we are both far too busy to be able to keep an eye on everything. This is why we continuously pester everyone for submissions. So if you read something in *SI* that you really agree with or really like, let us know. If you read something that you don't like, let us know about that too! And if there is something that you would like to read about, tell us about it and we will do our best to include it in the next issue.

Speaking of the next issue, in June we will be going back to our regular format of having one issue published at the beginning of the month. Please get all submissions to us by May 26th. That's about 2 weeks away, so start writing!

Condolences

We would like to offer our condolences to Millie Lucas in Payroll and her family. Millie's mother just passed away last week. On top of that, Millie has to deal with the new payroll system. So if you see her looking stressed out you'll know why. Our thoughts are with you.

WARNING!
May 30th is the next full moon. Psychological studies have linked abnormal human behavior to the time of a full moon. So if your spouse/partner/kids/pets start acting strangely around that time, don't freak out, just be patient!

MSAC Mystery, Part 2

As we previously reported, the amount of funds MSAC has been allocated by the student government has been severely cut. All clubs had their budgets cut. SABO, the most active club on campus, had \$1,000 cut from their budget. There is less money to divide between an increased number of clubs. New SG reps are voted in each semester, and there is also a new SG advisor, Nancy deBorg. They are being very conservative and doing everything exactly by the book, without considering historical pardons (including giving us the \$1,000 we need to throw Spring Splash).

As for the MSAC personal account, MSAC has bought new t-shirts which have not all been sold, so MSAC has not recovered all of the invested money. In addition, MSAC has not received the bulk of the Superstars money that is normally transferred in for the past two years because it has been donated to Girls Camp and to a scholarship fund. On top of that, MSAC must pay for the beer for TGIF out of their own account if not enough donations are raised, which is usually the case.

In other news, you may have noticed that lounge improvements have begun. Terri Slifko is looking for suggestions for the color scheme. Remember how much you hated the new blue tiles and the original paint job in the MSL hallway? Now is your chance to prevent such an interior decorating disaster. The floor in the lounge will remain pretty much the same, but it will get a tile border around the edges. The walls will be painted a new color. Email your suggestions to Terri (slifko@marine) ASAP. We will provide more info on the renovations in the next issue, so stay tuned!

Upcoming Events

May 19, no Wacky Wednesday Wunchtime in honor of "The Phantom Menace."

May 21, Waitstaff Day (did you know that the word "tips" means "To Insure Proper Service?")

May 26, Wacky Wednesday Wunchtime is open, see Jyotika to present

May 28, Anne Bronte (1820-1849), poet and novelist, died

May 31, Memorial Day observed

So Long Shel

Shel Silverstein (author, poet, folk singer) was born in Chicago, Illinois in 1932. He died on May 10, 1999. He had one daughter, and was divorced. He spent a lot of time on a houseboat in Sausalito, California. That's pretty much all he would let the public know about him; he was quoted as saying, "...I'll keep on communi-cating, but only my way. Lot of things I won't do. I won't go on television because who am I talking to?...The camera? Twenty million people I can't see? Uh-uh. And I won't give any more interviews"

He is perhaps best known for his children's books, including *The Giving Tree* (1964) and *Where the Sidewalk Ends* (1974). However, he also published numerous adult-oriented books, some which were considered shocking and almost pornographic. He also recorded several folk albums. One album contained songs entitled "Mac the Necrophiliac" and "I Love My Right Hand."

Here are two of his poems from *The Light in the Attic*:

"Anteater"

"A genuine anteater,"
The pet man told me dad.
Turned out, it was an aunt eater,
And now my uncle's mad!

"The Little Boy and the Old Man"

Said the little boy, "Sometimes I drop my spoon."

Said the old man, "I do that too."

The little boy whispered, "I wet my pants."

"I do that too," laughed the little old man.

Said the little boy, "I often cry."

The old man nodded, "So do I."

"But worst of all," said the boy, "it seems

Grown-ups don't pay attention to me." And he felt the warmth of a wrinkled old hand.

"I know what you mean," said the little old man.

Library Update

Boris Galperin would like to thank those of you who took the time to give him your input about the cancelled journal subscriptions. Unfortunately, what he found is that the biologists needed all of the biology journals, the chemists needed all of the chemical journals, etc. The library was unwilling to renew any of those cancelled subscriptions, so Peter Betzer and Bob Jolley came to the rescue. The department has donated a whopping \$12,500, which will keep those journals here for one more year. We all owe them a big thank you! However, this is not a permanent solution, and the dilemma will arise again next year. In the meantime, Boris would like all suggestions for new journal subscriptions.

Philosophical Cerebration

By Bob Helber

Why use big words? Some things are simply ineffable with little, easy words. Suppose that you wanted to tell someone, "You are standing on my foot." This simple sentence seems easy enough to express in small words, but don't be bamboozled. Advocates of little, easy words would have you believe that all you would have to say

is, "Get off my foot." But is that really clear? Is the full gravity of the situation expressed in that sentence? No way! For example, does the person in the temporized stance know which foot is being quashed? Moreover, how is the foot being harmed? It is much better to say, with more detail and accuracy, "Your equivocating posture has consequently eventuated in the terminal part of your lower appendage is chafing the epidermal layer and crushing the metatarsal and proximal phalanges bones in my left pied."

Another example of language that is debauched on a daily basis is the answering machine message. Presented as an explication, I leave you with the message callers receive when phoning my residence in the event of my absence (to accommodate the typical reader I have removed the acronyms): "At the nonce of contemporaneous extant we are nugatory to reposit the telephone in a condign preciosity. If you are habile to expatiate dixit, please festinate your epistolary intercourse so that our message stratagem does not wear gratuitously."

A new IMAX movie starts at MOSI in Tampa on May 29th. It's called "T-Rex; Back to the Cretaceous." Hmmm, I wonder what that's about!!!

Joke of the Issue

Submitted by Jen Boehme

Jen found this one at <http://www.myfreeoffice.com/pef/DAM.html>. It is reputedly an actual exchange of letters between the Michigan Dept. of Environmental Quality and a private landowner. Apparently, someone didn't do enough research....

December 17, 1997 CERTIFIED MAIL

To: Mr. Ryan DeVries, 2088 Dagget, Pierson. MI 49339

SUBJECT: deq File No. 97-59-0023-1 T11N, R10W, Sec. 20, Montcalm County

It has come to the attention of the Department of Environmental Quality that there has been recent unauthorized activity on the above referenced parcel of property. You have been certified as the legal landowner and/or contractor who did the following unauthorized activity: Construction and maintenance of two wood debris dams across the outlet stream of Spring Pond. A permit must be issued prior to the start of this type of activity.

A review of the Department's files show that no permits have been issued. Therefore, the Department has determined that this activity is in violation of Part 301., Inland Lakes and Streams, of the Natural Resource and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, being sections 324.30101 to 324.30113 of the Michigan Compiled Laws annotated. The Department has been informed that one or both of the dams partially failed during a recent rain event, causing debris and flooding at downstream locations.

We find that dams of this nature are inherently hazardous and cannot be permitted. The Department therefore orders you to cease and desist all unauthorized activities at this location, and to restore the stream to a free-flow condition by removing all wood and brush forming the dams from the strewn channel. All restoration work shall be completed no later than January 31, 1998. Please notify this office when the restoration has been completed so that a follow-up site inspection may be scheduled by our staff. Failure to comply with this request, or any further unauthorized activity on the site, may result in this case being referred for elevated enforcement action. We anticipate and would appreciate your full cooperation in this matter.

Please feel free to contact me at this office if you have any questions.

Sincerely, David L. Price
District Representative, Land and Water Management Division

----Reply Letter----

Dear Mr. Price:

Re: DEQ File No. 97-59-0023; T11N, R10W, Sec 20; Montcalm County

Your certified letter dated 12/17/97 has been handed to me to respond to. You sent out a great deal of carbon copies to a lot of people, but you neglected to include their addresses. You will, therefore, have to send them a copy of my response.

First of all, Mr. Ryan DeVries is not the legal landowner and/or contractor at 2088 Dagget, Pierson, Michigan - I am the legal owner. A couple of beavers are in the (State-unauthorized) process of constructing and maintaining two wood "debris" dams across the outlet stream of my Spring Pond. While I did not pay for, nor authorize, their dam project, I think they would be highly offended you call their skillful use of natural building materials "debris." I would like to challenge you to attempt to emulate their dam project any dam time and/or any dam place you choose. I believe I can safely state there is no dam way you could ever match their dam skills, their dam resourcefulness, their dam ingenuity, their dam persistence, their dam determination and/or their dam work ethic.

As to your dam request the beavers first must fill out a dam permit prior to the start of this type of dam activity, my first dam question to you is: are you trying to discriminate against my Spring Pond Beavers or do you require all dam beavers throughout this State to conform to said dam request? If you are not discriminating against these particular beavers, please send me completed copies of all those other applicable beaver dam permits. Perhaps we will see if there really is a dam violation of Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams, of the Natural Resource and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, being sections 324.30101 to 324.30113 of the Michigan Compiled Laws annotated.

My first concern is - aren't the dam beavers entitled to dam legal representation? The Spring Pond Beavers are financially destitute and are

unable to pay for said dam representation -- so the State will have to provide them with a dam lawyer. The Department's dam concern that either one or both of the dams failed during a recent rain event causing dam flooding is proof we should leave the dam Spring Pond Beavers alone rather than harassing them and calling their dam names.

If you want the dam stream "restored" to a dam free-flow condition, contact the dam beavers; but if you are going to arrest them (they obviously did not pay any dam attention to your dam letter -- being unable to read English), be sure you read them their dam Miranda rights first.

As for me, I am not going to cause more dam flooding or dam debris jams by interfering with these dam builders. If you want to hurt these dam beavers, be aware I am sending a copy of your dam letter and this response to PETA.

I assume your dam Department seriously finds all dams of this nature inherently hazardous and truly will not permit their existence in this dam State - I seriously hope you are not selectively enforcing this dam policy, or once again both I and the Spring Pond Beavers will scream prejudice! In my humble opinion, the Spring Pond Beavers have a right to build their dam unauthorized dams as long as the sky is blue, the grass is green and water flows downstream. They have more dam right than I to live and enjoy Spring Pond. So, as far as I and the beavers are concerned, this dam case can be referred for more dam elevated enforcement action now.

Why wait until 1/31/98? The Spring Pond Beavers may be under the dam ice then, and there will be no dam way for you or your dam staff to contact/harass them then.

In conclusion, I would like to bring to your attention a real environmental quality (and health) problem -- bears are actually defecating in our woods! I definitely believe you should be persecuting the defecating bears and leave the dam beavers alone. If you are going to investigate the beaver dam,

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watch your step! (The bears are not careful where they dump!)

Being unable to comply with your dam request, and being unable to contact you on your dam answering machine, I am sending this response to your dam office.

Sincerely, Stephen L. Tvedten

xc: PETA

Be A Movie Star!

This is a continuation of a feature we printed in the last issue. The majority of the list was compiled by Mark Hafen, Nan Schmidt and the editors, but various other people submitted their suggestions as well. This has proven to be our most popular feature yet, and we appreciated all of your comments. We haven't cast everyone yet, so keep them coming! We are also open to recasting suggestions.

This list is composed of some staff members and students, as well as some "extras" (people who are not currently in this department but who are avid readers of *SI*). Remember that actors were chosen for varied reasons, some based on looks, some based on personalities, and others based on their interests. Some may seem obvious, while others require a little bit of thought. Remember, this is all for fun!

Marine Science: The Movie, starring (in no particular order)...

Buddy Lee: Man of Action as Tracey Sutton (with Gavin McLeod [Capt. Steubing] as an alternate)

Clare Danes as Danylle Spence

Rosie O'Donnell as Heidi Crevison

Patrick Dempsey as Jason Lenes

Julia Ormond as Erin Lipp

Tea Leoni as Jennifer Pochis

Matt Dillon as Dale Griffin

Brent Spiner as Boris Wawrik

Lucy Liu (from *Ally McBeal*) as Kim Donaldson

Sherry Stringfield as Jen Boehme

Sally Field as Renee Bernstein

Joan Plowright as Joan Kennedy

Sharon Stone as Dana Williams

Gary Oldman as Stan Locker

Jane Krakowski (*Ally McBeal*) as Michele Winowitch

Steve Martin as Bob Jolley

Dame Judi Dench as Joan Hesler

Hugh Grant as Dave English

Sigourney Weaver as Chris Simoniello

Jeremy Piven as Brett Jarett

Keri Russell as Jen Patch

Ralph Fiennes as Bodie Remick

Randy Quaid as Chuck Gibson

Jennifer Aniston as Lisa Merman

Nicole Kidman as Robin Conmy

Tate Donovan as Andrew Remsen (with Michael Richards [Cosmo Kramer] as an alternate)

Antonio Banderas as Carlos del Castillo

Eric Nelson as himself

Christopher Lloyd as Bob Helber (with Beaker from *The Muppet Show* as an alternate)

Darryl Hannah as Greta Klungness

Calista Flockhart as Terri Slifko

Cameron Diaz as Jen Jarrell

Drew Barrymore as Rachel Merkt

Brad Pitt as Jay Law

John Leguizamo as Mark Hafen (with Danny DeVito as an alternate)

Nicolas Cage as Chris Catrall

Mickey Rourke as Johan Schijf

Iman as Noellie Turkson

Julia Stiles as Julie Rasure

Kyra Sedgwick as Tressa Whalen

And of course, your humble editors would naturally be played by Catherine Zeta-Jones (as Jyotika) and Julia Roberts (as Lizz)!!! ☺☺

The "Extras":

Jeri Ryan as Chris Kellogg

Matthew Perry as Dave Brodosi

Ed Harris as Bryan Black

Tim Allen as Sean Singh

Science Demystified

According to the *First Law Of Thermodynamics*, energy is neither created nor destroyed.

None of these devourings can create any new energy: they just pass along energy that came from somewhere else. And where is that? If you trace back the links of any food chain far enough, you'll come to a plant, which got its energy straight from the sun. All life depends ultimately on the sun (with a few exceptions).

Until humanity came along, there were only two ways for living beings to get energy: sit in a warm place, or eat something!

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By the way, no MSAC money has gone to or will go to the improvements to the student lounge. The renovations are being funded by the university's Capital Improvement Trust Fund (CITF). They gave us a budget of \$40,000 to put in a new kitchen, ceiling, doors, and patio. The furniture will hopefully be provided by the department (Terri is working on a proposal for this) because there isn't enough money from CITF to pay for the decor.

Doug is the reason we have a smooth running network and 24 hour access to email and the internet within our department. He is known to spend all night reconfiguring seas after hackers have intruded the system so that things will be back up and running before the rest of our department arrives the next day.

We have an open position not yet filled, which has increased the workload for Doug. On top of that, he has had to recheck everything with the new network that was found to be improperly installed throughout the old building. This has been a very exhaustive effort and yet Doug has kept positive about the whole experience and even kept his sense of humor.

performances by all, the film truly feeds on a steady stream of Shakespeare in-jokes and gripping modern-day references. The wonderful cast includes Rupert Everett as Christopher Marlowe, and Dame Judi Dench, winner of the Best Supporting Actress Award for her eight minute on-screen presence as Queen Elizabeth I. Excellent direction, a beautiful score, and believable scenery and costume designs help drive this film, but it is the magnificent script that will allow *Shakespeare in Love* to take its rightful place among the classic Shakespearean spin-offs.

Score: 5 squids out of 5

April Fool

April was called *Germinal* (the time of budding) in the French Republican calendar of 1793. An April Fool (*un poisson d'avril* in French, a *gowk* [cuckoo] in Scotland) is a person befooled or tricked on April Fool's Day. Possible origins for this day are:

- *The uncertainty of the weather at this time of year fools people.
- *A mockery of the trial of Jesus.
- *March 25th used to be New Year's Day. April 1st was its octave (when the festivities culminated).
- *Relic of the Roman Cerealia, held at the beginning of April. The story says that Prosperina was gathering daffodils in the Elysian meadows when Pluto abducted her and took her to the underworld. Her mother, Ceres, heard the echo of her screams and went in search of the voice. However, her search was a fool's errand- it was "hunting the gowk" or looking for the "echo of a scream."

Virtual Ink

This column is dedicated to those of you who put off doing your taxes until the last possible minute. We know you are out there! We have seen you rush to the post office on April 15th and wait on line for hours just to make sure your taxes get out in time! Well, you only have about 2 weeks left, so we thought

we would give you some information that will hopefully make filing your taxes a little easier.

www.irs.ustreas.gov is the official homepage of the IRS. Here you can find all kinds of up-to-date information in a relatively easy to read format. This site tells you how to use *e-file*, the new way to file your taxes electronically, and also gives information about the many tax credits that are available. You can search for help centers with Saturday hours, or search a database to find a local tax professional to help you. There is also information for those people filing taxes for a business. The "What's Hot" section provides updates and corrections to forms, among many other things. Maybe most importantly, this website tells you how to file for an extension! Good luck!

Joke of the Issue

More bumper sticker slogans...

- *I just got lost in thought. It was unfamiliar territory.
- *42.7% of all statistics are made up on the spot.
- *99% of lawyers give the rest a bad name.
- *I feel like I'm diagonally parked in a parallel universe.
- *You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say will be misquoted, then used against you.

The future of this department depends on YOU!

USF was recently designated a Research 1 University. In order to maintain the high standards that have been established here, it is *vital* to have a

library adequately equipped to handle our needs.

As you probably know, several subscriptions to important marine science journals have not been renewed. Boris Galperin, the Library Committee Representative for the department, sent out an email asking for your input. The response was dismal; less than 10% of the people in this department responded. This is pathetic when you consider that you will *all* use the library here at some point of your career.

We hope this will make it easier for you to respond. Please take a few minutes to review this list. Jot down some notes – what journals are most important to you, which ones are of no use to you, are there any journals that the library currently does not receive that would be helpful to you, etc.? Then, simply tear this page off ASAP and put it in Boris' mailbox or e-mail him at boris@nektion.marine.usf.edu.

The following list of journal titles have not been renewed for 1999.

AIAA Journal
 American Journal of Science
 American Mineralogist
 Geology
 Geophysical Research Letters
 Global Environmental Change Report
 Geological Society of America Bulletin
 International Journal of Remote Sensing
 International Journal of Water Resources and Development
 Journal of Coastal Research
 Journal of Geophysical Research (all sections)
 Journal of the Atmospheric Sciences
 Powder Diffraction

The following list of titles have been supported by USGS funds and have been renewed for 1999.

Boundary Layer Meteorology
 Journal of Computational Physics
 Journal of Fluid Mechanics
 Physical Review Letters
 Environmental Career Opportunities

The journals listed here are either currently received by Poynter Library or available electronically through the USF Virtual Library.

AAPG Bulletin
 Ambio

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American Fisheries Society
 Transactions (AFS)
 American Scientist
 Applied and Environmental
 Microbiology
 Aquaculture
 Aquatic Botany

Biogeochemistry
 Biological Bulletin
 Boundary Layer Meteorology
 Bulletin of Marine Science
 Bulletin of the American
 Meteorological Society

Canadian Journal of Fisheries and
 Aquatic Sciences
 Chemical Geology
 Continental Shelf Research
 Coral Reefs
 Deep Sea Research
 Dynamics of Atmospheres and Oceans

Earth and Planetary Science Letters
 Earth Science Reviews
 Ecological Monographs
 Ecology
 Estuaries
 Estuarine Coastal and Shelf Science
 Experiments in Fluids
 Fisheries (AFS)
 Fisheries Oceanography
 Fishery Bulletin

Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta
 Geological Society of America Bulletin
 Journal of Aquatic Animal Health
 (AFS)
 Journal of Climate
 Journal of Computational Physics
 Journal of Experimental Marine
 Biology and Ecology
 Journal of Fluid Mechanics
 Journal of Geology
 Journal of Hydraulic Research
 Journal of Marine Research
 Journal of Marine Systems
 Journal of Physical Oceanography
 Journal of Plankton Research
 Journal of Sea Research
 Journal of Shellfish Research

Limnology and Oceanography
 Marine & Freshwater Research
 Marine & Petroleum Geology
 Marine Biological Association of the
 U.K., Journal of the
 Marine Biology
 Marine Chemistry
 Marine Environmental Research

Marine Geology
 Marine Geophysical Researches
 Marine Georesources & Geotechnology
 Marine Micropaleontology
 Marine Pollution Bulletin
 Molecular Marine Biology and
 Biotechnology

North American Journal of Fisheries
 Management (AFS)
 Oceanic Abstracts
 Oceanologica Acta
 Ophelia
 Paleooceanography
 Physical Review Letters
 Polar Biology
 Progress in Oceanography
 Progressive Fish-Culturist (AFS)

Quarterly Review of Biology
 Remote Sensing of Environment
 Reviews of Geophysics
 Sarsia
 Sea Grant Abstracts
 Tectonics
 Tectonophysics
 Tellus, pt A and B
 Water Resources Research

- * There are 3 billion women who don't look like super models and only eight who do.
- * Marilyn Monroe wore a size 14-16.
- * If Barbie was a real woman, she'd have to walk on all fours due to her proportions.
- * The average American woman weighs 144 lbs. and wears between a size 12 and 14.
- * One out of every four college aged women has an eating disorder.
- * The models in the magazines are airbrushed-they're not perfect!!
- * A psychological study in 1995 found that three minutes spent looking at models in a fashion magazine caused 70% of women to feel depressed, guilty, and shameful.
- * Twenty years ago, models weighed 8% less than the average woman. Today they weigh 23% less.

Dear Boris:

The following journals are very important to me: _____

Please don't cancel the following subscriptions: _____

Other comments: _____

Did you know ...



the text box shading to improve the print quality. Can that be done?

A: Yes. To change the shading or color of a text box, select it and double click its borders to open the Format Text Box dialog box. Click the Colors and Lines tab and then choose the new color from the Color drop-down list in the Fill section.

Q: What's the best way to print this newsletter?

A: Print page 2 on the back of page 1. Fold in half and mail with or without an envelope. For best results, use a medium to heavyweight paper. If you're mailing without an envelope, seal with a label.

Q: I would like to use my own clip

Q: I would like to change some of