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**THE PATIENCE PRAYER:**  
God grant me patience. . .  
and I want it right now!

On a more serious note...words  
from Booker T. Washington.....  
"Success is to be measured not  
so much by the position that one  
has reached in life as by the  
obstacles that one has overcome  
while trying  
to succeed."

*Submitted by Nadina Piehl*

# The Squid's Ink

## Notes From the Editors

We would like to remind everyone about the importance of donating blood. As they say, "The life you save may be your own." The next blood drive will be held on Thursday June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8am - 4pm in the DEP Circle. There will be TWO special drawings at the blood drive. One is to win a family-pack of four tickets to the July 19<sup>th</sup> Devil Rays game against Philadelphia. This special drawing is for our blood drive only, so everyone who donates has a good chance of winning! The other drawing is for roundtrip tickets for two anywhere in the continental United States. Anyone who donates blood during June, July, or August is automatically entered into this drawing. Good luck!

This month marks the start of the hurricane season, so start stocking up on bottled water, batteries, and other supplies. The predictions for the 1999 season are 14 named tropical storms (average is 9.3) and 4 intense hurricanes (average is 2.2), so it looks like another strong hurricane year. The forecast will be updated later in the year, taking into account the latest state of the Pacific, but currently we are still in La Nina conditions. More on hurricanes later on this page.

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following people for winning DMS scholarships: Audra Ames, Heidi Crevison, Michael Callahan, Ruoying He, Rob Masserini, Lisa Merman, Meg Palmstein, Kathryn Privett, Terri Slifko, Jyotika Virmani, Dana Wetzel. Congratulations also go to Angie Dukeman, who recently won the Aylesworth scholarship, and to Bill Hemme, who got a University Graduate Fellowship.

## Hurricane Happenings

The named storms for 1999 are: Arlene, Bret, Cindy, Dennis, Emily, Floyd, Gert, Harvey, Irene, Jose, Katrina, Lenny, Maria, Nate, Ophelia, Philippe, Rita, Stan, Tammy, Vince, and Wilma. It is predicted that there will be 65 named tropical storm days (average is 46.9), 9 hurricanes (average is 5.8), 40 hurricane days (average is 23.7), 10 intense hurricane days (average is 4.7), and 160% net tropical cyclone activity (average is 100%) this season.

A few Hurricane URLs of interest are:  
The National Hurricane Center -  
<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

The NOAA Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorology Laboratory, Hurricane Research Division -  
<http://www.aoml.noaa.gov/hrd/>

NOAA Aircraft Operations Center (at MacDill Air Force Base) -  
<http://www.nc.noaa.gov/aoc/>

The Air Force 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, based at Keesler AFB, MS. (They do lots of reconnaissance, and they feature a cyberflight into a hurricane.) -  
<http://www.hurricanehunters.com/>

Cool GOES satellite images -  
<http://www.osei.noaa.gov/>

More cool satellite images -  
[http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/misc/intereesting\\_images.html](http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/misc/intereesting_images.html)

See what NASA is doing -  
<http://wwwghrc.msfc.nasa.gov/camex3/>

As you might imagine, most of these sites have loads of links, so surf happy and be hurricane aware! Special thanks to Jack Parrish for all of this great information. If you have any questions, you can email him ([jparrish@marine](mailto:jparrish@marine)) or Jyotika ([jyotika@marine](mailto:jyotika@marine)), and they will try to answer them.

**Upcoming Events**

**June 2, noon, MSL conf. room**  
**Wacky Wednesday Wunchtime**  
An episode of the British comedy "Ab Fab" will be shown. WWW is open for the rest of the month, see Jyotika to present something.

**June 14, Flag Day**

**June 20, Father's Day**

**June 21, Summer begins**

**June 28, Full Moon**

## Joke of the Issue

**"The Pluperfect Virus."** Another long one, but we think it's worth it!

A new computer virus is spreading throughout the Internet, and it is far more insidious than the Chernobyl menace or the Melissa Virus. Named Strunkenwhite after the authors of a classic guide to good writing, it returns e-mail messages that have grammatical or spelling errors. It is deadly accurate in its detection abilities, unlike the dubious spell checkers that come with word processing programs.

The virus is causing something akin to panic throughout corporate America, which has become used to the typos, misspellings, missing words, and mangled syntax so acceptable in cyberspace. The CEO of LoseItAll.com, an Internet startup, said the virus has rendered him helpless. "Each time I tried to send one particular e-mail this morning, I got back this error message: 'Your dependent clause preceding your independent clause must be set off by commas, but one must not precede the conjunction.' I threw my laptop across the room."

A top executive at a telecommunications and long-distance company, 10-10-10-10-10-10-123, said: "This morning, the same damned e-mail kept coming back to me with a pesky notation claiming I needed to use a pronoun's possessive case before a gerund. With the number of e-mails I crank out each day, who has time for proper grammar? Whoever created this

virus should have their programming fingers broken."

A broker at Begg, Barow and Steel said he couldn't wait to return to the "bad, old" days when he had to send paper memos in proper English. He speculated that the hacker who created Strunkenwhite was a "disgruntled English major who couldn't make it on a trading floor. When you're buying and selling on margin, I don't think it's anybody's business if I write that 'I meetinged through the morning, then cinched the deal on the cel phone while bareling down the xway.'"

Strunkenwhite makes e-mailing impossible, it could mean the end to a communication revolution once hailed as a significant timesaver. A study of 1,254 office workers in Leonia, N.J., found that e-mail increased employees' productivity by 1.8 hours a day because they took less time to formulate their thoughts. (The same study also found that they lost 2.2 hours of productivity because they were e-mailing so many jokes to their spouses, parents and stockbrokers.)

Strunkenwhite is particularly difficult to detect because it doesn't come as an e-mail attachment (which requires the recipient to open it before it becomes active). Instead, it is disguised within the text of an e-mail entitled "Congratulations on your pay raise." The message asks the recipient to "click here to find out about how your raise effects your pension." The use of "effects" rather than the grammatically correct "affects" appears to be an inside joke from Strunkenwhite's mischievous creator.

The virus also has left government e-mail systems in disarray. Officials at the Office of Management and Budget can no longer transmit electronic versions of federal regulations because their highly technical language seems to run afoul of Strunkenwhite's dictum that "vigorous writing is concise." The White House speechwriting office reported that it had received the same message, along with a caution to avoid phrases such as "the truth is..." and "in fact...."

Home computer users also are reporting snafus, although an e-mailer who used the word "snafu" said she had come to regret it.

The virus can have an even more devastating impact if it infects an entire network. A cable news operation was forced to shut down its computer system for several hours when it discovered that Strunkenwhite had somehow infiltrated its TelePrompTer software, delaying newscasts and leaving news anchors nearly tongue-tied as they wrestled with proper sentence structure.

There is concern among law enforcement officials that Strunkenwhite is a harbinger of the increasingly sophisticated methods hackers are using to exploit the vulnerability of business's reliance on computers. "This is one of the most complex and invasive examples of computer code we have ever encountered. We just can't imagine what kind of devious mind would want to tamper with e-mails to create this burden on communications," said an FBI agent who insisted on speaking via the telephone out of concern that trying to e-mail his comments could leave him tied up for hours.

Meanwhile, bookstores and online booksellers reported a surge in orders for Strunk & White's "The Elements of Style."

## Spring Splash

Well folks, the biggest, most fun party of the year is rapidly approaching. Yes, it's Spring Splash, time to celebrate the end of the academic year and the start of summer. This year it will be held on June 19<sup>th</sup> at the USF pool. MSAC needs volunteers to do things like chop veggies, sell tickets at the door, and man the beer truck. Sign up sheets will be on the lounge door. It's \$5 to enter, and volunteers get in for free. Food will be served at 5pm, and Orchestra Matata will be playing from 7-10 pm.

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## Be A Movie Star!

A continuation of our most popular feature...

(Apologies to Nolie Turkson for spelling her name wrong in the last issue!)

Julia Louis Dreyfuss as Sherryl Gilbert

Gillian Anderson as Christina Holland

Arnold Schwarzenegger as Rick Cole

Geoffrey Rush as David English (recast)

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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 25<sup>th</sup> used to be New Year's Day. April 1<sup>st</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please don't cancel the following subscriptions: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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*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

