Spring Party

The 13th (?) Annual Marine Science Spring Party (this year hosted in conjunction with Student Government and now recognized as the 1st Annual Campus Spring Party), was a GREAT SUCCESS! Despite threats of rain early in the day, the skies cleared by early evening -- just in time for a delicious surf and turf dinner (smoked mullet, BBQ chicken, hot dogs, burgers, salads, and desserts), wet and wild aqueous volleyball (Joe, you volleyball stud!), and plenty of poolside dancing. Drs. Gust and Compton set fine examples of the proper way for marine scientists to "get down" and "hang loose." Music was supplied by our own Dr. "Boom-Boom" Brooks and his band, The Briar Hill Band. Thanks, guys!

Ticket sales and records from the door indicate a record attendance of at least 218 people (!!!) who managed to drink, swallow, swill, or quaff nine (yes, NINE) kegs of beer between the hours of 12:30 pm and 12 midnight. A profit of approximately $50 was made from ticket sales, and this money was returned to Student Government. Student Government allocated about $1500 to MSAC from A&S fees to throw this year's party for the campus and has "unofficially" stated that additional money will be earmarked in SG's internal budgets for next year's event (let's keep our fingers crossed that this miracle actually takes place...)

Thanks to all who attended THE BASH of the semester and to everyone who volunteered his time. Very special thanks again to: Kelly Boomer-Donnelly (Master Chef), Steve Kinsey (Set-up/Clean-up King), Rich Darden (Beer Czar), Ann Tihansky (Empress of Entertainment), Hollie Dickins (Decorations Duchess) and Carl H. (of Student Activities). Last, but not least, thanks to SUDSY and CLIFF (also of Student Activities) for all their help with party logistics, paperwork, and advice.

(Lynn Leonard)

Volunteers Needed

To work at the first water station of the Bay to Bay Run. Time: 7 am until about 8 am. Date: Sunday, May 28. What is in it for you? Glad you asked. All volunteers receive a free T-shirt and MSAC receives $50. A sign-up sheet is on the lounge door. Please see Lynn Leonard if you have any questions.

(Lynn Leonard)

If you see Rob Erdman in the hall, shake his hand and give him a pat on the back ... he's up to his elbows in comps these days.
CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our fellow students who recently successfully defended their theses: Linda Bingler, John Stanley, Mike Mitchell, and Nina Triffleman. Also, congratulations to Mark Evars for his successful defense of his dissertation...WAY TO GO, GANG!

STUDENT SEMINAR SERIES

Last week, Mike Harris, after some delay, presented "Fashion - Plate Tectonics," a humorous look at the latest fads in cruise ware. Although not everyone fully appreciated Mike's, ah... shall we say ..."unique" sense of humor, Mike assures us that he meant no harm. Anyway, he showed us enough goofy pictures of himself to prove his good faith.

Overall, the TGIAF student seminar series has been a great success thanks to all participants. We're going to try to continue through the summer on an irregular basis, so if anyone would like to present something, please see Marc Frischer, Lab #223G (Microbiology), x3338

(Marc Frischer)

DIVE! DIVE! DIVE!

Bayboro Underwater Club is organizing a dive for Saturday, May 20. We'll be going out in the Gulf with the folks at Scuba Services. If you're into limestone ledges, see Karen Smith or Mark Peebles for more information.

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STUDENT OPINIONS COUNT

Hepsi Zsoldos (VP of MSAC) has recently received formal permission to attend the faculty meetings as our STUDENT REP, so if you have any information that should be passed along to the faculty, please see Hepsi. Along the same lines, the faculty is interested in the students' opinions of the faculty candidates interviewed so far. If any of you out there has anything to say (good or bad) about the candidates that you have met, please let Hepsi know before Thursday, May 12. (The faculty wants our input by the time of their meeting on Thursday).

(Lynn Leonard)

FIRST ANNUAL SUNCOAST PICNIC
(American Geophysical Union)

Sunday, May 7 was the kick-off date for the first of a long series-to-be of AGU Annual Suncoast Picnics.

The weather was perfect — bright and sunny, relatively cool, and not even humid. The food was All-American Picnic Classic, complete with grilled burgers and hot dogs, and super-chocolate brownies.

The agenda was educational and enjoyable: Al Hine led a beach geology walk for the morning crew, and Larry Doyle led a similar outing to a nearby island for the afternoon gang.

The mini-boat show was also a hit, as everyone oohed and aahed over Eckerd College's new R/V and Bob Byrne's trusty kayak.

And, best of all, the company was good. Special thanks to Bill Sackett and Jabe Breland and all others who worked to make the day a nice one.