Commentary

We the stalwart staff hope that everyone had a fulfilling Thanksgiving. And speaking of thanks, we do appreciate the submission of items for inclusion in this newsletter. Still, we are a bit disappointed that no one has yet to respond to our plea for HEL? on this staff. Maybe it's because you don't know who's doing this or why? Neither do we.

Meetings

The Marine Science Advisory Committee (MSAC) is having another stupendous meeting. Rumor has it that Pres. Karen is buying ice cream for all who attend. From past attendance records, she probably won't go broke. CHANGE THIS TREND. Be in the Marine Science Student Lounge on Monday (Dec 3), 1:00 pm. We need your support.

Profiles in Science

This week the editorial board decided to interview a couple of our international students...  

Qiao Lin

Background: Lin hails from Nanching, China. He received his B.S. and M.S. from Zhongshan Univ. in Canton, specializing in fluid mechanics and hydrodynamics. Currently, he is working with Dr. Bob Weisberg on equatorial currents in the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. His wife, Huining, has joined him here in the U.S.

Why USF: Found us listed in Peterson's guide to U.S. Universities. Favorable replies from Dr.s Van Vleet and Weisberg lured him here.

Interests: soccer, basketball and badminton.

Las: Book Read: Dictionary of Biological Jargon.

Quote: Bing pijiou.

Zhen Li

Background: Zhen hails from Tsingtao, a name known well to the editors. Her alma mater is Ocean Univ. of Tsingtao, where she majored in marine acoustics. She also is working with Dr. Weisberg.

Why USF: She, too, found us through Peterson's.

Interests: Aerobics and dancing. Attention MSAC Social Chairman, she is looking for more opportunities to dance.

Miscellany: She drinks her coffee black. If she won the Florida Lottery, she would travel around the world.

Quote: Shui xin shuo yu.

Seminar

Our own Dr. Al Hinz will be speaking on 'Tectonic control on the development of carbonate platforms: Nicaraguan Rise,' next Wed., Dec. 5 at noon in the MSL Conference Room.

(Another) Party

The fish on Trout Drive, #4257, invite ya'll to a Christmas Party on Dec. 15, 8:00 pm.

We three housemates of Trout Drive are having a party with Compton and Naar.

We want you to be there with holiday cheer because we need some help imbibing our beer.
The many moons of Jupiter collice with the rings of Saturn this November. Find your major professor and read what the stars have in store for you.

Pete "Diamond Jim" Better -- you will experience the urge to withdraw to pursue careers in politics and/or law.

Blake -- your appetites will increase when Scorpio enters your gullet. The resulting sensation will make you feel evolutionarily superior. Bon Appetit!

Doyle -- Blake's moon will enter your biosphere, and you will find yourself on ToG's Floor.

Byrne -- when the harvest moon rises, you will be subject to eternal iterations.

Guest -- You will learn to describe your thesis problem in dyn cm², regardless of your topic.

Hine -- adventures await Corky's crew as you set sail for the land of Hooters. Pajamas will bring extra luck.

Paul -- your microbial flora will thrive, but your thesis will be in jeopardy when the white smoke rises once again.

Cy Vey!
by Myrtle

Ya know, I've been a student here for a little while, and while I know it's an awesome program an' all, like, there are some things that, like, really get on my nerves. I see these things every day and I think to myself, "Cy!" every time I see them. So, after seeing the totally def movie, Pump Up the Volume, I decided to voice my concerns in an underground column. Hey, okay, so I'm just a grad student. I know I can't go and change the world or anything. But it never hurts to point out life's injustices, ya' know? Here's my list for this issue:

1. Vending machines. Oy vey! Can't they offer anything except five flavors of chips, chocolate bars, and twinkies (what are lite twinkies, anyway?)? Come on, those of us who are trying to watch our complexions are really cheated here. Like, the cafeteria's a whole eighth of a mile away and sometimes it's a total pain to trudge all the way over there. MSL deserves a restaurant! And it should have, like, sushi.

2. Bulletin boards. They're totally crammed up with junk from last year. Hey I saw this flyer for a totally awesome seminar, "How to get your Ph.D. in two years while reading Glamour, eating whatever you want and losing weight in three easy steps," and I thought, "Psyche!" So I took out my pen to write down the particulars only to realize that the date read May 7, 1986. LIKE, somebody PLEASE get a clue.

3. TGIF. Like, what happened to the social event of the week? Where are all the students? Come on, kids, Friday evenings are not for watching Barney Miller reruns, ya know? Get hip! Like, we'll be redecorating the lounge in just a few weeks to make it more appealing. I suggest mauve and teal hues. Totally sophisticated.

4. Attitudes. Okay, I'm like sick of passing people in the hallways and waving and smiling and getting maybe a grimace in return. Sometimes I see a physical oceanographer pass a biological oceanographer and it's like the two never see each other. They look straight ahead and pretend like they're deep in thought or something. Get real, dudes and dudettes. Like, just cuz we don't always understand each other doesn't mean we can't be friendly, ya know.

5. Seminars. So like sure sometimes I'd rather go out to Cha Cha's than listen to some dude from the Univ. of Toledo talk about computer modeling of mazo balls. But, hey, some of the stuff is interesting, ya know. Like, I think some of those flyers should be poster-size so that everyone can see them through the mess on those awful bulletin boards.

6. Blue Nova behind lounge. Like, where'd that piece of junk come from? Even the ole Suburban is a Cadillac compared to that hunk o' metal. Make an artificial reef out of it.

So, come on, hip stud's and faculty; don't just sit 'round, hacked by injustice. Say you won't stand for it anymore, say you're mad as hell, say, "OY VEY!"

[Ed.: Myrtle awaits your replies, c/o the RT. Let her have it.]

Trivia for Trivial Minds

What two states are nicknamed the "sunshine state"? Sorry, no partial credit on this one.

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