Opening Remarks

The RT staff would like to welcome y'all back from vacation and hope you had a great New Year’s Eve. Welcome to the new spring students, Paul Bissett, Annette Centrella, Pam Melchiorre, and Jill Barre. We invite you and all students to participate in TGIF (Fridays, of course, at 4:30 in the Student Lounge) and at the Marine Science Advisory Committee meetings and events.

Keep those cards and letters coming. Seriously, we are pleading for submissions (note the big, empty box in the mailroom). It ain't easy writing this stuff.

MSAC News

The next Marine Science Advisory Committee (MSAC) was on Monday, 14 January. (Oops; we were supposed to get this thing out a week ago.) Ice cream was served. Nice to see so many new and old faces there. Hope the rest of you will be at the next one (pizza, anyone?). We need your support.

Thanks to all of those who helped out with Campus Showcase last Tuesday.

There is interest in organizing a trip to Pigeon Key for some diving and other sports soon after finals in April. See Shana for details. Plans have to be made soon.

Student Government News

For the new semester, Heather Melton and Mark Meyers are your representatives.

Cf note, SG in conjunction with the Pinellas Bar Association is sponsoring a free Legal Aid Clinic. The next one is scheduled for Wednesday, 23 January. Appointments for free legal advice from a local attorney are being taken in the SG office, DAVIS 116, ext. 9144. Please call or drop by regarding this or any other matter.

Other issues to be addressed this semester include getting a USF sign on I-275 (every other campus has one), lobbying the State legislature and Board of Regents for Poynter Library expansion (the BCR last semester put this on a back burner again), upgrading on-campus computer facilities, and discussion of on-campus day care for the children of faculty, staff and student.

Seminar

18 January (TODAY!), 4:00, MSL Conference Rm
Jonathan Rast (Marine Science, USF and All Children’s Hospital), 'Immunoglobulin Gene Arrangements in a Holoccephalan fish, Hydrolagus collici: Relations within the Chondrichthyes and to other vertebrates.'

23 January (Wednesday), Noon, MSL Conference Rm
Martin Kleinrock (Woods Hole Oceanographic Inst.), will be speaking on 'Detailed Structural Studies of the Propagator System Near 95.5°W Along the Galapagos Spreading Axis.'

31 January (Thursday), Noon (?), MSL Conference Rm.
Richard Greatbatch (Memorial Univ.), 'A Long Time Scale, Density Stratified Shelf Circulation Model.'

Kudos

We take this opportunity to extend congratulations to colleagues for notable achievements last semester. Obviously, some of these are long overdue.

To Shana Smith, Lynn Leonard, Hepsi Zoldes, Mark Meyers and Tonya Clayton, the recipients of Gulf Coast Charitable Trust (first three), Lake and Knight fellowships, respectively.

To Mark Peebles, for passing his comprehensive exams.
To Tim Leahy and Belle, Kelly, for giving us a cheerful and successful Holiday Party.

To Lynn Leonard, Eric Wright and Marc Frischer, for hosting another Christmas Party, for those who need still more cheer.

To Helen Talge, new DMS media darling, for print and television coverage of her Diver Input Study. It is an achievement to be sure to be able to communicate environmental research to the rest of the folks on the roof.

To Ann Tihansky, for giving birth to Anastasia (Dec. 25).
To Walt Conley, for watching his wife give birth to Abigail (spelling?) (Dec 20).
Oy Vey!
by Myrtle

Well, this is my second column, and I gotta say, like, I think this writing lifestyle is mega-cool. I am even updating my whole wardrobe cuz, ya know, I gotta fit the image, ya know? Totally glamorous!

But I need your help. You see, at this very moment I’m eating chocolate -- CHOCOLATE! -- because no one in this department has written to me. Myrtle (c/o MSAC RT), like I requested last time. Like, what a mondo major lack of conscience you dudes and dudettes have! Don’t you care? Hey, I’m just trying to provide, like, a service here, ya know!

Like, I’m just a student, okay! So I can’t do much with caviar tasks on an imitation krabmeat budget unless I get your help and input, okay? Like, here’s a medium for expression of your deepest gripes and complaints, your darkest thoughts, the very bare essence of your soul -- and you stay like, totally dull-o-apathetic. Get with the program, okay? I mean, OY VEY!

So, I’m to bare soul all by my glamorous self. Fine, okay? Like, I’ve got plenty to gripe about! And as long as no one knows who the hell I am, I’m gonna have a heyday, ya know. Here’s my list for this issue:

1. **Ventilation System** How many colds, flu have you caught this semester? I’m mondo sick (no pun intended) of hearing everyone hack, cough and sneeze, only to dread the inevitable moment when I start aah-chooing all over the *&^@!ing place. Like, if I have to swallow another antibiotic, I’m gonna puke. Somebody please tell the Budget Comm to buy sanitary air.

2. **Lack O’ Glamour** Like, I know we’re a school of cosmetology, but I swear no one has any fashion sense whatsoever. Except maybe Dr. Fanning. Cool shirts. And Jose Torres’ mondo tropic look. Blake definitely has style. But do you know I actually saw somebody (initialed KM) whose eyeshadow totally clashed with her lipstick. I wish some of you fellows chicks would pull-ezee attempt to paint your nails, like maybe even every once in a while. And dudes, there’s more to fashion than t-shirts and jeans. Be creative! Try, like, a kilt or MC Hammer (rad homeboy) harem pants. Platform shoes. Earring (somebody pull-ezee tell Eric Wright to get his left ear pierced). Gold chains. You macho beau-hunks probably think these things sound -- well, ya know -- gay, but not so! Take it from Myrtle, these things are totally major babe attractors!

3. **Lack of Submissions to RT** Let me put it to you totally straight. Either get involved and submit something killer to the newsletter, or I have my neighbor Vincent

Prosciutto to convince you to. All right?!

I got mega-loads more to gripe about, but I really want to hear from you. Like, so I’m glamorous; I still want to give others a chance, ya know. Together we’ll root out all of the MSL evils, change the tacky, upgrade the tawdry, and make the world -- nay, the universe -- better, like, for sure.

Say, Oy Vey,
Myrtle

[Ed.: Myrtle awaits your replies, c/o the RT. Someone tell her that antibiotics lower the effectiveness of the Pill.]

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**Thoughts on the Gulf**

We recognize that this is a complex, serious issue of great personal and national emotion. We don’t mean to trivialize it here by including some brief thoughts. In fact, we invite you to TGIF to discuss your feelings.

"I think it’s a darn shame it’s come to this. Now that it has, we should kick the *@#%* out of them." R. Darden

"Which Gulf, what war, do I have to know that?" purported thought by L. Leonard (on the eve of her comprehensives)

"George Bush won’t be re-elected. The economy is going (down)." J. Thurmond

"The US needed this. There is no reason for Iraq to be in Kuwait. The military has done a good job so far. I hope that there would be peace, but there was no choice." Ping

"It’s too complex for a one line quote" B. Byrne

"I can’t believe they preempted Doogie." E. Wright

"It’s about jobs." J. Baker

"It’s about oil." G. Bush

"The liberation of Kuwait has begun." G. Bush