**Opening Remarks**

True to form, we’ve been absent for the last 3 months. Hope ya’all missed us. It will be hard to recap all of those events now passed (meaning, we lost our notes and submissions), but we will try, making up what we can: remember (e.g., much of Spring Party). The summer has been slow, as usual. Please continue to send us your news and musings; we will get to them when we can.

**Student Government News**

Heather Melton has been persuaded to petition in as one of the College of Arts & Sciences reps. One more rep from our dept. would be nice. If you would like to participate in a dynamic group, see Heather for more info.

**Seminar**

Remember early April? The Graduate Student Symposium highlighted the research of some of our best and brightest peers. Thanks to everyone who participated, to Dr. John Compton and Dave Mallison for organizing this year’s event and reception.

Since we are in the midst of a summer breather, seminarchic, take advantage of the library’s journal or just go there and bug Deb Henry.

**Kudos**

To Rich Young, and the rest of the ADIOS crew, for their article in Biogeochemical Cycles.
To Jim Gibbaut (even though he spent most of his time in Tampa, he really is a DMS student!), for defending his Ph.D. thesis.

**Myrtle’s "Oh Vey!"**

[Ed.’s note: Myrtle is "on vacation", meaning that she’s doin the science thing and studying for her comps. The following is an unprinted column from a few months ago, an appreciation of folks and events now past.]

Spring’s here, spring’s here. Can’t ya just feel it in your hormones? The air is breezy and balmy, the sky’s clear, the wildflowers are in luscious bloom. No wonder I’m sneezin’ all the time. Anyway, spring puts me in such a good mood that I thought I’d take the opportunity to talk about people in a totally nice way, for a change. I mean, gossip is a vital form of communication, but sometimes ya just gotta, well, be nice and congratulate people for the unseedy side of their personalities. So, I’m going to do a Kudo’s
supplement and recognize some totally outstanding departmentalites.

To Marx Meyers' little girl, Marisa, who like her father has taken an interest in modelling. Fashion modelling, that is. Barely one, Marisa has won her first pages's "Best in Sporty Wear" category. Way to go, cutie.

To Lynn Leonard, for simply existing. It is enough of a reward to be able to see your bright face and hear your mellifluous, bubbly voice through the halls. What a treat!

To huggmonster Mark Peebles, whose contagious hugs spread the best festering, infectious, rare disease of all: love, happiness, and joy!

To Her Royal Blackness, Karen Moody, whose upstyle progressive look and monochrome wardrobe remind us of the netherveld. Open your horizons. Be. [Ed. note: ERB Karen is now gracing the Biology Dept; fare thee well.]

To Eric Wright, because he is Mr Right; you can't deny it. Ladies, look no further. Ask him to show you his ammonites.

To Hepsi Zsosodzskos, for all the work she did for TOS reception, sure, but especially for putting up with everyone who misspells her name.

To Rich Darden, who is truly a man and has the physical proof. Congratulations also to Lisa Darden, who had to undergo all of the suffering and pain, about which you men will never know.

To Paloma Rodriguez, for winning a besT poster award. She is a genius, a lady, and very glamorous. She also makes great paella and can bait a hook.

To Bubba Harry Thompson, now el capitano of the R/V Suncoaster. What an upstanding young man, very dashing and gentlemanly, too.

To Sunay Jiang, whose name fits her shyly bright personality. Even under high pressure (HP), this chick never falters. I want some o' her drugs.

To Walter Bowles, now Walter Bowles, B.S., M.S., D.U.I., Q.T.


And finally, to the whole Marine Science Departmental gang, the suffix "mental" applies to you all — OY VEY.

Kisses, Myrtle

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