Opening Remarks

Once again in its (relatively) short history the MSAC has undergone a major staff change. Those hardworking guys Mark and Eric decided to give up their positions as editors of this fine piece of journalism so that some fresh new writers could benefit from the truely enriching experience of running this paper...and if you believed all that, I've got some charming beachfront property in Kansas I'd like to show you. In actuality, they let me take it over as part of my therapy program.

As always, contributions from the entire Marine Science community will be gratefully accepted (and may even be actively solicited if I get really tired of writing). Any comments, news items, opinions, stories, or pictures should be placed in the RT box in the mail room. Please include your name (I will withhold same on request). Additional staff would be incredibly exciting, although I realize this sort of request suggests that threatening "C" word...COMMITEMENT, that is. So, rather than create a panic, I'll take any help I can get (part-time, sometime, once upon a time). Until then, remember the fate of your paper rests in the hands of a blonde who's been inhaling paint fumes for over two weeks...

MSAC News

The main focus of the last couple of meetings has been the Spring Party, and Steve Goodbred's valient attempts to organize people into committees to handle it. Things appear to be up in the air right now (not unlike the pool), but murmurings about a pigroast have still been heard. Come to the next meeting (it's sure to be pretty soon) and find out what's really going on [the updated, as it happens version].

Kudos

To Dave Mallinson (belatedly) for conducting a really super Geological Oce review session before the mid-term. Everybody thought you did an incredible job!

International Visitor

For anyone who's been observant or curious enough to notice, there's been a (relatively) new face in our hallways, and a trail of FREE Costa Rican stamps being given away on our bulletin boards. Are the two connected? You bet.

Our visitor is Guillermo Quiros, a physical oceanographer who hails from the Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica. His area of research there is modeling estuarine circulation, being mainly concerned with inputs due to tides and wind. Guillermo has been here since January, and will remain through June, working with Frank Muller-Karger on remote sensing techniques. He someday hopes to set up the necessary ground equipment so that his university in Costa Rica will be able to access satellite data.

When asked what he liked best about St. Pete (yes, I hit him with the standard interview question), Guillermo replied that it has an atmosphere conducive to studying (read "quiet with few distractions"), and a lot more facilities available than he is used to in Costa Rica.

Also, he made sure to point out to me (and I'm pointing it out to everybody else), that an international agreement was signed four years ago between the Florida State University system and Costa Rica. It is not used much by students, and they are always welcome. Think about it--it's only a 2½ hour flight from Miami...

SYLVIA
Nicole Hollander

I HAD ONE OF THOSE TERRIBLE DREAMS WHERE I'M BACK IN COLLEGE AND I'M LATE FOR MY FINAL EXAM AND EVERY TIME I THINK I'VE FOUND THE RIGHT ROOM AND I OPEN THE DOOR, THE GUYS FROM THE SENATE COMMITTEE POP UP AND SAY, "YOU ONLY IMAGINE YOU HAVE A FINAL EXAM, YOU'RE A FANTASIST." I SAY, "NO, I'M A MARINE BIOLOGIST," AND THEN I WAKE UP IN A COLD SWEAT.
Social Events

A rip-roaring, blow-out, hyphenate-me-baby party is going to take place next Saturday (March 28th) in celebration of Scott Prichard’s defense. The festivities will be held at Marc, Lynn, and Eric’s place on Trout Drive, Coquina Key (ask them if you need directions). John Paul is bringing the keg, and munchies will be provided, so don’t be late! The party kicks off at 8pm.

Hollywood Minute

I read in this month’s Rolling Stone that Emilio Estevez and Paula Abdul are engaged. Does this make anyone else nauseous, or is it just me?

Computer News

The big excitement at the beginning of this month was the dreaded Michaelangelo virus, which was set to go off on March 6—Michaelangelo’s birthday (clever idea). No one in the department suffered any ill effects. It seems that preventative care (in the form of a removal program, or the more basic NOT TURNING ON THE MACHINE THAT DAY) saved the day.

Trivia

Since there are some RABID Trivial Pursuit players in this department, I’ve decided to include some trivia with each issue. The topics will be varied, and clever submissions are welcome.

In the comic book Batman stories, he had his trusty sidekick Robin. What were the names of Robin’s parents and what was their occupation?

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Who ARE those girls in the pictures on the bulletin board down by the auditorium? They look like they were going to the prom or a junior modeling show or something. Who are they? Why are their pictures in our hallway? Does anybody know them?