Opening Remarks

Hello again! For those patient and loyal fans (and I guess the rest of you, too) the MSAC Residence Times has returned in all its gossipmongering, rumor-generating glory. I have at last returned from my writing sabbatical (some of you may have seen my letter in the Crow's Nest...now wasn't it fun to see me bitch and complain at SOMEBODY ELSE for a change?).

For the new students who have joined our department in the absence of this bastion of news, a little history is in order. The Residence Times is the aperiodical (as in, not since last June) newsletter of the MSAC. It comes our irregularly, based on verbal harassment/complementation of the editor, the amount of newsworthy occurrances, and the number of submissions (to date, countable on one hand). There have been several editors and style changes over the years. Most recently (when water was a new discovery), Mark Meyers and Eric Wright were the co-editors. (You may have seen the "Unplugged RT" several weeks ago--a guest editorial by the old master, Mr. Wright). Then I joined the department (around when Pangaea separated to form continents), and Mark and Eric handed it off to me as part of my therapy program. Any creative endeavors you have are welcome--I'll take letters, news-bits, poetry, announcements, whatever. Let yourself be seen! Write for the RT! Uncle Sam Betzer wants you! Having made my plug, we'll be moving on now...

MSAC News

For the real news, you'll have to go to the MEETING NEXT TUESDAY, but I can give you some highlights in the meantime.

Spring Party--it's currently scheduled for May 14th and could still be held then, but only if some people haul serious butt. It may have to be postponed (to be discussed at the meeting). Either way, it is definitely not cancelled, so everybody (especially the new students) should get involved.

The Bayboro Cleanup had been scheduled for April 9th. Everybody is too swamped, so it is being moved back into the summer. Come to the meeting and tell us when you'd like to do it.

Karen Hicks, our intrepid student government rep, has found a way for MSAC to make some MONEY...all I can tell you is it involves the Dome and includes opportunities to see events for free. Say no more, say no more. Details at the meeting. (Can you tell I'm really pushing this meeting??!).

Florida Blood Service has written to MSAC asking for volunteers to do clerical, laboratory, telephone, and canteen (serving juice) work. While this will not save any lives, it is still a good cause, and provides an outlet for those needle-chickens (I'm not knocking you, I am one) who want to help but think personal death should be an issue before a needle is mentioned.

El Presidente MS wanted to extend a special thanks to everyone involved with the seminar series. He was going to write a long, emotional thank you, but I wasn't willing to wait for it. Pretend it is in the space below (he really means it!): "

...so again, thank you from the bottom of my heart. MSAC has benefited from this, and it was greatly appreciated."

Kudos

To Theresa Greely, for the successful defense of her Masters.

To Tracy Sutton, who at press time had not yet defended, but with a poster that cool, is there really any doubt of his success?

To Beth Cockey, on her engagement. (So now you are marrying Mel Gibson? What happened to the other guy?).
Shark Attack

There have been rumors about this floating around the department all week, so I finally decided to track down the whole story. Yes, there was a shark attack, and no, it wasn’t someone from the department who was injured. The incident took place on Dr. Bob Byrne’s cruise near Easter Island. During a swim call, a great white shark came straight up under a 19 year old female crew member and grabbed her legs. Two male crew members were able to pull her out of the water before the shark could take her under. The shark had bitten off one leg, and shredded part of the other. One of the men had the presence of mind to put his hand over the femoral artery of the stump and apply pressure so she would not bleed to death. Our own Renate Bernslein, who is also a nurse, took care of the girl during the 13 hour trip to Easter Island, and continued to treat her for shock during the additional 7 hours it took for the Air Force medics to arrive from Panama. (Yes, you are reading that correctly--after doing a double sampling shift, and getting all of 1 hour’s sleep, Renate rendered medical assistance for 20 hours). The girl is now in a hospital in Seattle. It is not known whether the shark (estimated at 15 feet in length) was killed by the crew or if it got away. [Ed. note: It will be a cold day in hell before I ever go swimming off a research cruise again.]

Trivia

In 1797, 2000 British sailors were lost because of faulty navigation. Parliament then offered a prize of 10,000 to 20,000 pounds for what?

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Free Unclassifieds

Snipes, where are you??!! I think I saw your face on a milk carton last week.

Mail gnomes, 12th precinct, have been convicted of lacing envelope glue strips and stamp backs with cayenne pepper. Their sentence? Two weeks of community service--playing the 7 dwarves for 3rd graders with behavioral problems.

Student Loan Nazis

Are there any students out there who haven’t