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## Central Moments of Our Lives

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### KNOWN BIRTHDAYS:

**10/09:** John Lennon is going to strawberry fields on his birthday.

**10/12:** Whitney Ogren turns one year older (and wiser too!)

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### A RANDOM SAMPLE OF UPCOMING HOLIDAYS:

**10/09:** Leif Erikson Day (Iceland & US)—Leifr Eriksson was the first European to land in North America (around 1020 AD).

**10/12** (traditional—celebrated this year 10/08): Columbus Day (US)—Columbus sailed the ocean blue in fourteen hundred ninety-two.

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### NON-STATISTICAL WORD OF THE WEEK USED IN A STATISTICAL CONTEXT:

supervene \soo-pur-VEEN\, intransitive verb:

1. To take place or occur as something additional, extraneous, or unexpected (sometimes followed by 'on' or 'upon').
2. To follow immediately after; to ensue.

Usage: "Perhaps it was inevitable that, after the stress of Qualifying exams, a feeling of release should supervene."

### STATISTICS JOKES:

#### Joke 1:

As a biologist, a physicist, and a statistician are driving a car through Ohio, they pass a herd of cows, one of which is completely white. "Oh look, there are white cows in Ohio," says the biologist. "You mean," says the physicist with an air of superiority, "there is at least one white cow in Ohio." "No," says the statistician, "there is at least one cow in Ohio that's white on at least one side!"

#### Joke 2 (from an intro stat student):

Exam Question: Discuss the differences between type I error and type II error.

Answer 1: Type I error means you messed up once and type II error means you messed up twice, that sucks.

Answer 2: Type I error means errors caused by people and type II error means errors caused by machine.

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### STATISTICS RIDDLES (answers in the next CMOOL):

**Riddle 1:** Why are the mean, median, and mode like a valuable piece of real estate?

**Riddle 2:** Why did the statistician do such a horrid job of laying tile on his bathroom floor?

New student Stephen Bammattre writes:



Greetings, fellow students! I am a first year student (I'll call myself a grad student when I pass some tests), so for those of you that haven't met me, I'm Stephen Bammattre (or, Steve, Steven, Shtjefen, ...). I can usually be found transferring stimulants from Cockins 413 into Cockins 420, drawing on academic life to form obscure geopolitical analogies (e.g. Chalk versus Whiteboard as a metaphor for Huntington's Clash of Civilizations), and occasionally studying.

I graduated with a degree in (Pure) Mathematics from Cal Poly (Shout out to the rest of the cadre: Aaron, Beau, Clint) which is located on the Central Coast of California (roughly midpoint between San Francisco and Los Angeles).

I am really enjoying the friendly environment of the department as well as unique traditions of Ohio State. I'm not quite completely cured of my morbid

fascination with the Trojans, but there is always room for improvement...

In perhaps a futile effort to maintain a balanced life, I maintain a diverse reading regimen, with a particular interest in literary fiction and historical works (especially from the Balkans and the Middle East). To get a sense of the breadth of my interests, here are the last books I finished (all highly recommended):

"Collected Stories" - Saul Bellow  
 "The Concert" - Ismail Kadare  
 "The Feast of the Goat" - Mario Vargas Llosa  
 "On the Sociology of Islam" - Ali Shariati  
 "Asad: The Struggle for the Middle East" - Patrick Seale  
 "A Concise History of Mathematics" - Dirk Struik  
 (Let's include something statistically significant lest the faculty cringe):  
 "Envisioning Information" - Edward Tufte

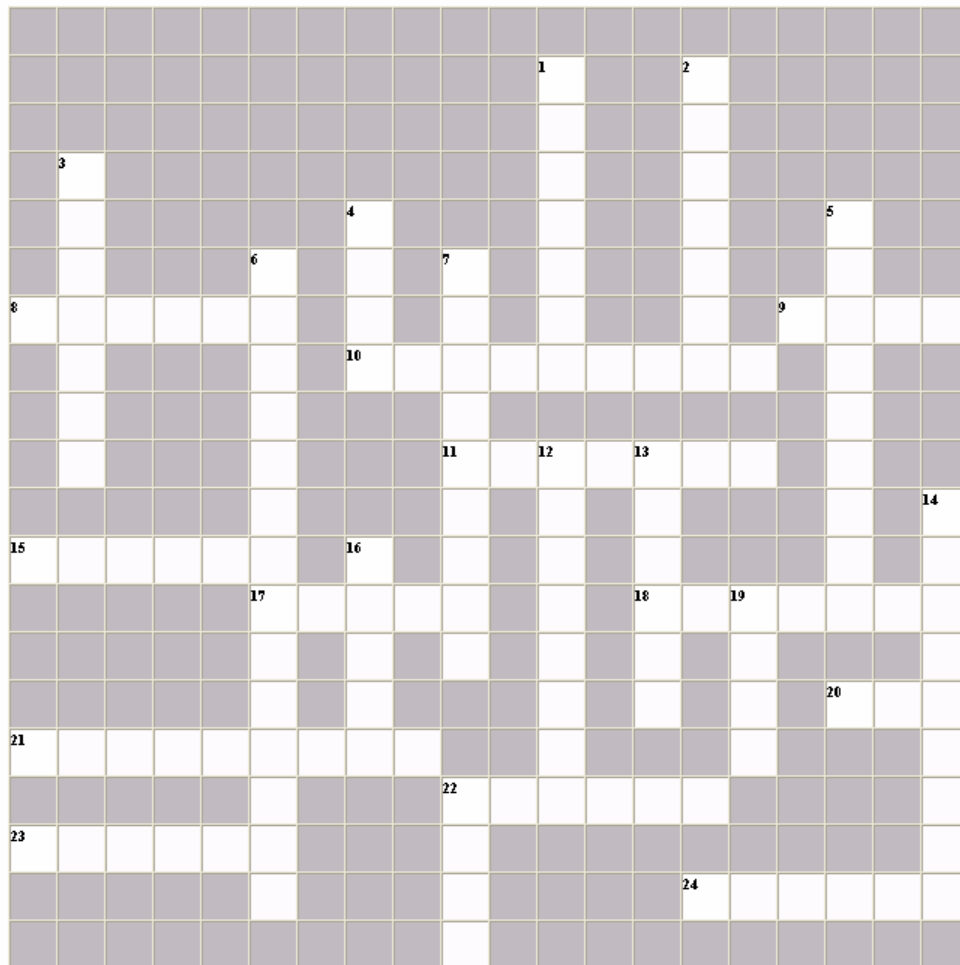
Other activities I enjoy include badgering international students for details about their culture(s) and observations about America, lathering myself with marker ink on Tuesdays and Thursdays, listening to more programming from NPR/PBS/BBC World Service than anyone of my political inclinations ought, and strolling down High Street. I also enjoy traveling: my last overseas trip was to Turkey (Istanbul and Izmir) and Israel/Palestine.

Can't think of anything else, but I will leave you with a pointless point: In an auspicious event, I was born on Pi Day!

## Statistics Department Profiles Crossword

by Jeremy Christman

Go ahead and cheat by using those old CMOOL profiles. It's not as easy as you think!!



### Down

1. Bring on the snow
2. Part of Tennis duo
3. Facebook junkie
4. I have been known to wear a wig
5. Beach Bayes
6. Hsu-ed away
7. Whiskers for a wedding
12. Statistics, a random choice
13. Purple, need I say more
14. Blink
16. Enjoys a diet coke while bird-watching
19. Took a Knap for class
22. Ginkgo not Geico

### Across

8. Would you be my neighbor?
9. Survived an encounter with Hannibal
10. Sometimes I wear neither jeans nor shorts
11. I wear the CLT on my arm
15. A co-president's favorite season
17. Phrase your answer in the form of a question
18. Tarzan as a youngster
20. Part of Tennis duo
21. Happy's opponent
22. A cross between a Buckeye and a Seminole
23. I like salsa without the chips
24. GIST go-to