

Central Moments of Our Lives

Announcement of “Election” Results

New President: Matthias Katzfuß

New Co-President: Michael Sonksen

The 2009 election season has now come to a close and we have selected new presidents for the Statistics Department graduate students. It was a hard-fought election but in the end Matthias Katzfuß and Michael Sonksen received all of the votes, primarily because no one else dared to run against them.

Matthias and Michael have promised to do the following, with German efficiency and American boldness:

1. CMOOL
 - a. Double the amount of issues from last year.
 - b. Volunteer the incoming students to each write a profile.
 - c. The new column “Ask the Presidents” will provide students with an opportunity to ask the highest levels of the Department Student Government any questions they might have (see next page).
2. Committees
 - a. No more committees
3. Computer Labs
 - a. As an issue dear to Matthias’ heart, we will work with the support team to solve any problems that students see in the computer lab. (Anyone out there who would like to be able to open pdf files on all computers?)
4. T-shirts
 - a. There are rumors of Statistics Department t-shirts. We will work towards bringing them back.
5. Parties (Unofficial Graduate Student Gatherings)
 - a. Tailgates
 - b. Qualifier parties
 - c. Summer Quarter Kickoff Cookout: Saturday, June 27th (See separate email for more details.)
6. Create a plaque to commemorate current and future presidents.
7. And of course uphold the values and integrity set by the previous administration.

Our new presidents would like to thank all of you for your support during the election. Your votes of confidence will not be forgotten and we will all work to make the department a better place for generations to come.

Ask the Presidents

“That is THE WORST ATTACHMENT EVER!!!!!!!!!!” - Nader

Thanks for the email Nader, when you say attachment, I take it you mean the last issue of CMOOL. Several of our readers made comments that they did not appreciate the use of a Word 2007 attachment. You will appreciate the use of pdf in this volume of CMOOL.

“Can you promise that this administration won’t be as complacent as the last?” - Candace

Yes, the problem has been removed from the ticket.

“My car insurance rates just jumped substantially. Is there any way to extend OSU health insurance to cover car accidents as well?” - D.S.

No, that goes beyond our jurisdiction. But as you might know, being an OSU student entitles you to free rides with the COTA bus system.

“Can you fix the A/C in my office?” - Everyone

We can only refer you to Paul, the Stats Department Office Manager. It seems that there has already been some progress, especially in the 304/305 office suites.

Call for Articles

Have any items you’re hoping to share with the rest of the department? We would love to add a wider variety of ads, reviews, classifieds, comics, poems, editorials, letters to the editors, etc. to our CMOOLs. Send contributions to katzfuss@stat.osu.edu or sonksen@stat.osu.edu. We have already secured one contributing editor. You can look forward to his article “Top 5 Statisticians with the Dodgiest Names” in the next issue of the CMOOL.

Profile requests will be sent out shortly. We strongly advise against refusing to write a bio.