
Central Moments of Our Lives

BIRTHDAY SHOUT OUTS

Aliesha Keegan and Britney Spears turn the calendar on December 2
Jessica Kohlschmidt celebrates on December 6

REASONS TO CELEBRATE

Autumn Quarter 2006 is almost over!!!
The BCS arbitrarily selects OSU's opponent for the national championship!!!
The Blue Jackets have hired a coach!!!

PETER'S POETRY PLACE

Ivory

Like a concert pianist
deprived of his keys
my hands twitch at your memory,
and my fingers tremble,
remembering your quick
inhalations, staccato counter rhythms
to the hammers of my heart.

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NON-STATISTICAL WORD OF THE WEEK USED IN A STATISTICAL SETTING

li·ai·son

1. An instance or a means of communication between different groups or units of an organization, especially in the armed forces.
2. A close relationship, connection, or link.

Joe, an aspiring statistician, played "*liaison*" in Scrabble against Marian and was awarded 88 points.

OOH BABY I LOVE YOUR WAY

It's your chance to show off how cute you were as a baby. Send your baby photos to somaroy@stat.ohio-state.edu

PROFILES

The printer from Cockins Hall 341 writes...



Normally one would start an introduction with one's name, but I don't have one. I do have a model number... so, you can call me HP Laser Jet 4250. How about- "The name is Jet... HP Laser Jet."

Printing stuff is my job, and I love it. Well, most of the time I try and behave. But, how do I put in words the kicks I get out of acting up, especially when people need me the most. My foster parents (the computer support people) try hard to discipline me, but what do you know ☺

I love attention, and keep demanding it in various ways. Sometimes I flash red lights, and sometimes I flash "Perform printer maintenance" messages.

When I am not working I love to watch people struggle with their homework assignments, research projects, and browse the net.

Kate McFarland on her favorite songs



For those of wondering about the author of "I Will Find U" and the Greek alphabet word-search, I, Kate McFarland, am a first year Ph.D. student. I have always lived in central Ohio, and my undergraduate degree (in applied math, after only ten-or-so official major changes) is also from (T)OSU. Because I know you secretly care, I should mention that "I Will Find You" is not my favorite Peter Hammill song, something like "A Louse is Not a Home" or "Gog/Magog" being vastly superior.

Cheryl LeSaint talks about her future plans

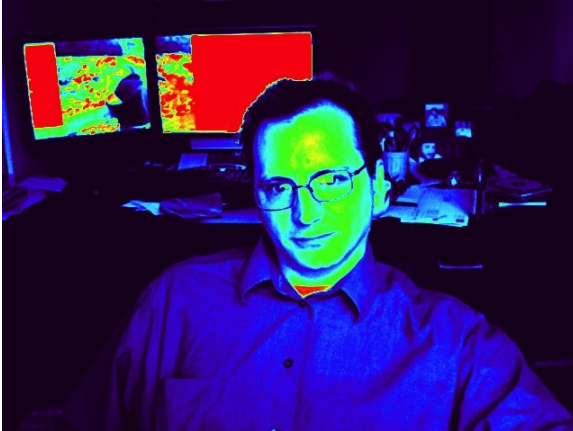


Hi everyone! My name is Cheryl LeSaint. I have been in the Stats Department for a while now and hope to be graduating soon. I received my Bachelor's degree in Mathematics from the University of Cincinnati. I moved to Columbus to get my Master's in Stats, but decided to stay for the Ph.D. Over the summer I had a fellowship at SAS in North Carolina and have accepted a full-time position there beginning in December. I am currently ABD and will finish my dissertation remotely. While I am excited about moving to North Carolina, I am also sad to be leaving all of my friends and family in Ohio. Luckily, I am taking two family members with me; my cat, Brodie (named after the movie Mallrats), and somebody else. Who was that again? Oh yeah, my husband Mark. Most of you have drunk at least three or four dozen shots of tequila with him. If you haven't yet, you should move quickly because time is running out. Mark and I are very excited about looking for a house in NC. We hope to have an extra room in case anyone comes to visit. Just let us know.

When I am not teaching Stat 135 or working on my research, I enjoy spending quality time with Mark. We like to go hiking, watch movies, play poker, and travel. This picture was taken of us in London over the summer. We've also traveled to the Turks and Caicos Islands, Italy, Scotland, and Ireland since we were married a little over 2 years ago.

I hope everyone has a great Christmas break! Hopefully I'll see you again when I come back to visit.

Eric Drake, the computer geek writes



Who is Eric Drake? Well, lets see. First of all, I am the department's Windows geek handling the Windows desktop and server administration. Surprisingly, the department hired me after I failed 427. I am relatively friendly, and have a strong desire to help. If you need help with anything, please don't hesitate to ask. But that is just what I am while here in Cockins hall. At home, I have a wonderful wife Jeannette and an even more wonderful son, Aiden.

On my own time, I am trying to start a business making and selling honey wine which is more properly known as mead. I'm also very involved with the world of mead independent of the business. I have been teaching people how to make it for about four years through seminars at beekeeping conventions, and am the judging committee chair for the International Mead Festival in Colorado.

I know no celebrities, but am one in my own rite. I am the kind of person that gets a wild idea and runs with it, and the only justification I really need is that it might be fun. This attitude has manifested itself in several forms like my Halloween costume that was pictured in the department newsletter a few years ago (Eight-foot-tall mastodon-demon-skeleton-like thing), my writing material for stand up comedy, and my pursuit of body-painting as an art-form. All my crazy goings-on have earned me notoriety in the small portion of this world I grant relevance to, so therefore I am a star!

Has Marian ever looked so happy?

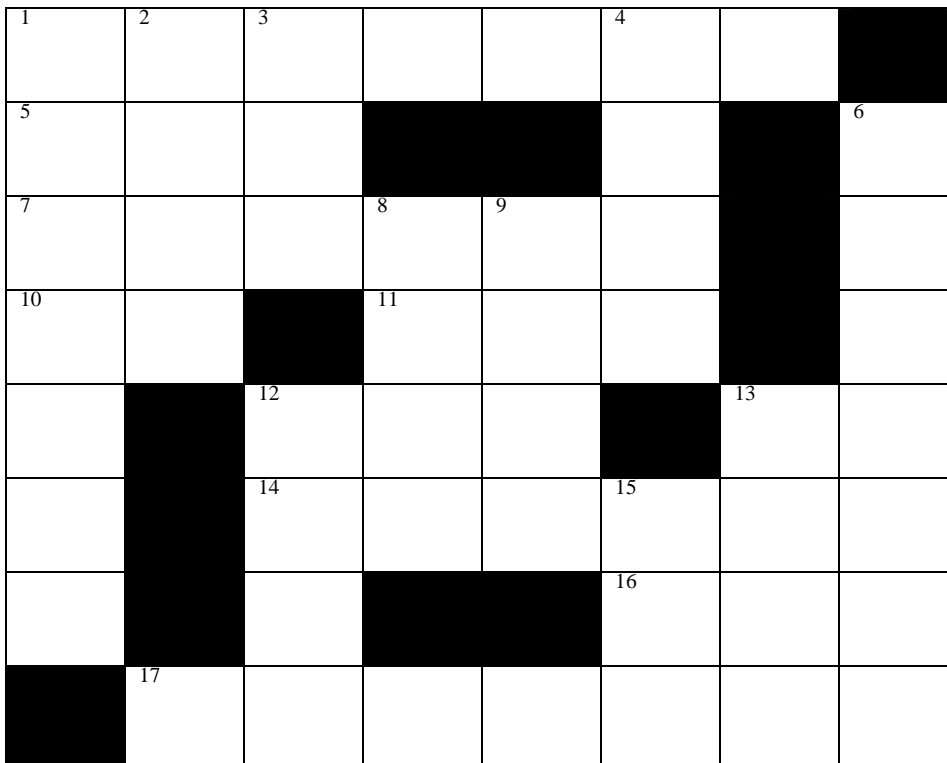


Sexy White Female, 26, currently in romantic relationship, seeking statistically significant friendship. Me: fun loving, 5'6", auburn hair, blue eyes; You: taller than me, prompt, easily distracted, cocky swagger a plus.

I enjoy having loud, innuendo filled conversations with Peter and Shari, ice skating, and taking random samples from a Cauchy distribution.

To contact me, check the 3rd-floor hallway, where I can be found in my office, Shari's office, or the lab. Or stop and listen for a few seconds, and follow the sound of my voice. I can sometimes be found annoying the crew in Brown (they're EXTREMELY territorial over there) or chatting with Dr. Notz about everything except Statistics. Occasionally, you will find me pounding on the lab door, screaming obscenities.

Applicants must be willing to tolerate mood swings, random bouts of intense mumbling and pacing, and hour length conversations about R. Knowledge of the Central Limit Theorem is a must. Michigan, USC, and Miami fans need not apply. Wisconsin and Iowa fans will be considered on a case-by-case basis.



Across:

1. Coauthor of the 620 series book
5. Cheer
7. Lori Hoffman's sign
10. Code for architecture building
11. Business, in U.K.
12. Water body
13. Tison's initials reversed
14. What Danel and Peter are, compared to the rest of us
16. Greek letter
17. Shmool's place in our lives

Down:

1. Home of Statistics at OSU
2. Dr. Wolfe's middle name
3. Member of U.S. Congress
4. Before Brown there was _____
6. _____ Moments of Our Lives
8. Form of Cleopatra
9. & others
12. Part of an algorithm
13. Commonly used for vector of parameters
15. Emily Kang's Chinese name

Be the first one to send in a correct entry, and win an *attractive mystery prize!!!*