
Central Moments of Our Lives

-Striving to make the world a cmooler place

KNOWN BIRTHDAYS

Josh Svenson and Joe Pesci (of "*Lethal Weapon*" fame) celebrate tomorrow, February 9.

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

chary \CHAIR-ee\, *adjective*:

1. Wary; cautious.

Shari was chary about her 755 exam today.

PUZZLES OF THE WEEK

The Aquarius Problem

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You have to measure exactly 4 liters of water, but you only have a 3-liter bottle and a 5-liter bottle. How do you do it?

Boolean Enlightenment

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The path to enlightenment lies behind one of two doors. In front of each door stands a guard who knows which door leads to enlightenment, but one of the guards always lies and the other one always tells the truth. In your search for enlightenment, you are allowed to ask one guard only one question that can be answered "yes" or "no", but unfortunately, you do not know which guard is the liar. You will be banished to the dungeon of logical illiteracy if you fail in your quest. What question should you ask to find the path to enlightenment?

Answers:

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The Aquarius Problem

1. Fill the 3-liter bottle and pour it into the empty 5-liter bottle.
2. Fill the 3-liter bottle again, and pour enough to fill 5-liter bottle. This leaves exactly 1 liter in the 3-liter bottle.

3. Empty the 5-liter bottle; pour the remaining 1 liter from the 3-liter bottle into the 5-liter bottle.

4. Fill the 3-liter bottle and pour it into the 5-liter bottle. The 5-liter bottle now has exactly 4 liters.

Boolean Enlightenment

"Would the other guard say that you are guarding the path to enlightenment?"

FACULTY PROFILE

A meet and greet with Dr. Kaizar



I apparently keep a much lower profile than some of the faculty, but I have shaken the hands of three famous people (in no apparent order): 1. Muhammad Ali 2. Conan O'Brien 3. Mr. Rogers. When not accosting the famous, I like to spend time outside - although not when it is so very cold. As my coordination is not particularly refined (I've broken my arms four times - once with both broken at the same time!), my outdoor activities are mostly limited to those for which my feet stay on the ground, such as hiking and backpacking. Since our move in August, we have been spending more time at home settling in than out and about, but we have gotten down to see the beautiful Hocking Hills. Our dog Sammy wishes we would get out more!

I also like watching TV crime dramas and cheesy romantic comedy movies, doing crossword puzzles, eating good food, and I absolutely love playing board games. Did you know that Columbus is home to the world's largest board gaming convention (originsgames.com)? If you've ever got a hankering for a game, stop by to see me down on the second floor.

And, don't worry about pronouncing my name correctly. Although the last three generations of my family have lived in Pennsylvania (go Steelers!), my last name comes from my husband's family, whose heritage is Czech. It is pronounced K-czar (like the Russian king), with the emphasis on the first syllable.



SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

According to www.osu.edu, school closure should be considered at -20° to -60°F , as exposed skin can freeze within 1 minute.

STUDENT PROFILE

“It can only be Jared” 🎵



Hello, statisticians... I'm Jared Schuetter (pronounced “Shooter”), a 2nd year grad student. Lots of people seem to remember my name because of (a) the other guy named Jared in Subway commercials, or (b) Shooter McGavin from Happy Gilmore. I'm the guy in the top left with the beard, although I shaved that off over winter break. The sexy woman next to me is my wife, Michelle, and our two cats below are Bean (on the left) and Sprout (on the right). I'm originally from Louisville, KY. Most people from Louisville pronounce it Loo-uh-vul like they have marbles in their mouth, but for some reason I don't. Now I live in Granville, OH (45-60 minutes east of OSU).

As for my interests, I'm split between doing things that make me a more knowledgeable person and doing things that generally waste time. Examples of knowledgeable stuff I do: reading *Scientific American* and the *Atlantic*, reading trivia books, watching movies that make you think, listening to NPR, and doing oodles of homework. Examples of things I do to generally waste time: reading horror and science fiction books, playing video games, watching TV shows (*Conan O'Brien*, *Medium*, *House*, *My Name is Earl* and *The Office*), watching crappy movies, and avoiding my oodles of homework. I'm also a vegan, which means I don't eat meat, dairy, and eggs. It's really fun trying to do that living in Ohio. Seriously.