
Central Moments of Our Lives

KNOWN BIRTHDAYS

Hugh Hefner (of no relation to Mike Salwan) turns 80 on April 9!
Mandy Moore (of no relation to David Moore) turns 22 on April 10! Happy Birthday, Mandy!!!

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

os·ten·si·ble [o-sten-suh-buhl] –adjective
1. outwardly appearing as such; professed; pretended
2. apparent, evident, or conspicuous

Usage: "Mallikarjunarao Rettiganti, Jenny Brynjarsdottir, Joseph Kupresanin (the esteemed Co-President), Shannon Markiewicz and Alana Moczydlowski recognized the ostensible truth of the Gauss-Markov Theorem."

FAKE NEWS OF THE WEEK

(since we don't have enough real news)

Britney Spears, in a recent interview said that she doesn't trust Fed-Ex anymore. DHL is better!!!



BREAKING NEWS

Soma (the esteemed Co-President) won a Certificate of Award signed by the former Beatles and a bookmark, for her outstanding research abilities. The award ceremony was held in Cockins Hall 428. Dr. Bill Notz and Shari Modur presented the award. Soma thanked her dog (imaginary) for all his support through all these years.

IN MEMORY OF

Approximately one year ago, the squirrel known as R.A. Fisher (pictured below) entered Brown Hall through an open ground-floor window. Eventually, R.A. was trapped in a second floor abandoned / condemned office. Neither police nor building services could open the door in time to let R.A. run free. This week, we remember our brief time with our former friend.



OOH BABY!

Dongmei Li's son, Matthew made an entry into the world on April 1, at 8.54 p.m., weighing 7lbs 15.6 oz.

GRADUATE STUDENT PROFILES:

Clint Roberts, the master of get-up's, from sunny California writes...



I grew up in California, and graduated from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo in 2003.

My hobbies are diverse. I love to be active outside with tennis, volleyball, softball, fishing, skiing, but also keep myself entertaining inside cooking, reading, and playing piano.

I am in my fourth year, now working on my dissertation research. I changed offices this quarter. In my new office there is no Soma, Jie Ding, or Danel to keep me entertained. There is no window either, so I went out and bought two posters to hang on my wall. The picture of the ocean reminds me to "breathe" and the picture of the pine sprout teaches me "determination."

Recently I qualified for a very important job. I participated in a taste testing experiment at Wendy's Research and Development tasting onion rings. I had to answer a series of questions to qualify, and think I almost didn't pass. One question was "Do you like onion rings?" and I hesitated before deciding to answer "yes". But I am sure glad I did. I was lucky to get the job because spots fill up very quickly to meet the quota for my age range. There were about 15 subjects in my tasting group and I was the last to leave because I wanted to put a lot of thought into my responses, as I took my job very seriously. Also, I was trying to get invited back to taste hamburgers or chicken. If I did my job well, then you might be seeing onion rings at Wendy's very soon.

Candace Berrett's profile as written by Michael "Sonky" Sonksen



This is a picture of me, my three sisters (L to R: Taylor, MeChel, Tenille), and our family dog (Maggie). That's me holding the dog. I also have one brother (Preston, not pictured).

(Candace contd.)

**Due to my lack of creativity, Michael Sonksen (the unofficial profiler of the department) wrote my profile. I have added italicized comments for clarification.*

Hello Everyone, my name is Candace and I am a 2nd year PhD student. If you don't recognize me from the picture above, you may know me from my socks. I rarely wear two that match. *I'm too busy to care about my socks.*

Since I graduated from BYU and lived most of my life in Utah, you might guess that I am a very trustworthy person. You could not be any further from the truth! I go back on my word all of the time, so keep that on your mind when hearing me make a promise to do something with or for you. *A recently acquired hobby of mine is telling Sonky that I will not go to the bars with him—it's not my fault he interprets this as "I promise I will be there."*

My favorite thing to do during breaks from school, long weekends, or a

week before finals is to travel. *True, I took a spontaneous road trip to Virginia Beach last spring near finals. I enjoyed the warm weather and the beach while Ohio enjoyed the cold weather and rain. Questionable choice? I think not.* I've visited Arizona, Texas, Utah, New York, and Virginia all in the past year. This may lead you to think that I don't like Ohio very much, which is incorrect. I love OSU and really love our department and classes. On occasion I get so excited during lecture that I have to excuse myself, especially when Berliner tells one of his hilarious jokes. *Whoever said that statisticians have no sense of humor?*

A couple of other notable things about me are that: I have a window office (it's even clean, if I clean it), I'm in the facebook group "Adding Insult to Injury—Tall Girls in Tall Shoes", and I consider Michael Sonksen my mentor and hero *not true.* *Other random facts: I also enjoy running, playing the drums, singing, playing sports, and eating cereal and ice cream.*

SEPARATED AT BIRTH? C. Roberts and Lt. Dangle?



Coming attractions: Stay tuned for Deedra Nicolet and John Draper's profiles in next week's issue.