
Central Moments of Our Lives

BREAKING NEWS I

Hot off the presses!!! **DO NOT REPLY TO ALL!!!!!!** If you are interested in an intramural sport or other social activity brought to you by this administration, be thoughtful in your emailing.

BREAKING NEWS II (Tongue in cheek)

Jeremy is interested in playing volleyball.

REASONS TO CELEBRATE

Today is Confucius' Birthday.

Saturday, QII & QI tests are over.

Sunday is the Stone Fishing Ceremony in French Polynesia.

PETER'S POETRY PLACE

Asymptopia
By Peter Sprangers
Inspired by Candace

Come with me and we shall go
a place that only n has known
a kingdom distant and sublime
whose ruler is the greatest prime
a land where infinite sums can rest
and dr. wolfe shall give no test
a place where every child you see
writes poems about the C.L.T.
where cdf's converge to one
and every day is filled with sun
where we can jump time's famous hurdle
and watch Achilles beat the turtle
and every stat plucked from a tree
is, without proof, U.M.V.U.E.
where joy o'erflows the cornucopia
in this, the land of Asymptopia.

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TASTEFUL STAT JOKE OF THE WEEK

Joe: Hey Soma, I went to the graveyard yesterday and saw that there were a lot of unused spaces on the ground.

Soma: Yeah, those are the residual plots.

STATISTICS SEMINARS

3:30PM Thursday, September 28, 2006
Bldg. (EA 170)
Christopher H. Holloman, Associate Director,
Statistical Consulting Service, OSU

Title: Parameter Estimation Algorithms for
Computationally Intensive Spatial Problems

<http://www.stat.ohio-state.edu/~seminar/holloman.html>

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

Contributed by Marian Frazier

hew [hyoo or, often, yoo] verb
hewed, hewed or hewn, hew-ing.

—verb (used with object)

1. to strike forcibly with an ax, sword, or other cutting instrument;
chop; hack.

—verb (used without object)

2. to strike with cutting blows; cut: He hewed more vigorously each time.

Statistical Usage: "In longitudinal analysis, it is imperative to be able to hew one's way through messy data."

FACULTY PROFILE

Dr. Doug Wolfe reveals his adventurous side:



“Unlike Peter Sprangers (who has a good voice), everyone in the Department is extremely fortunate that I cannot be either seen or heard skipping and singing down the halls. (I also have no bunny ears...) Although I must confess that there are days when I simply can't get John Jacob Jingleheimer Smith, You Better Watch Out, or It's a Small World out of my mind and I can be caught occasionally humming one of them early in the mornings. Teaching and research are the good parts of academia—administering is tolerated so that I have the opportunity to teach and do research with bright young graduate students. I enjoy classical music and rock and roll, but NO DANCING! I like the natural combination of Diet Coke and candy and doing crossword puzzles and Sudoku (in pen). I also enjoy sports—from when I played basketball and baseball myself (in the last century), to when I coached basketball and soccer (until I finally learned the rules) with my own kids, and baseball for many years with my own kids and then with other people's kids, to watching college basketball and football and St. Louis Cardinals baseball, and now to watching my seven grandchildren have fun playing soccer, softball, and baseball. I like the outdoors, from hiking to canoeing to just watching a beautiful sunset over the Arizona desert or the Colorado mountains—also very much enjoyed bungee jumping with my daughter and granddaughter and parasailing—but

once was probably enough for both! I think I am allergic to everything that grows in Ohio, especially those flowers that I have in my own gardens, but what the hey, growing your own allergens is a lot better than having to put up with second hand pollen! Did I mention that I like Diet Coke?”

GRAD STUDENT PROFILE

Jingyuan Yang, a.k.a. Summer, writes:



“Hello guys, my name is Jingyuan Yang, I am your TA. I am a second year PhD student in the Department of Statistics. I am from China, so English is not my native language. If you are not clear about what I am saying, please stop me and ask about that. This was my self-introduction at the beginning of the first 133 recitation. My personality is as plain as my self-introduction. When I try to summarize my features, I find the word "normal" is minimal sufficient. Usually I am around Brown Hall RM61. If you're curious about how normal I am, please stop by!”

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