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## Central Moments of Our Lives

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**KNOWN BIRTHDAYS**

David Letterman turns 60 today!  
 Sarah “Buffy” Michelle Geller celebrates on April 14. (Rude to report a vampire slayer’s age.)

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

rancor -noun  
 bitter, rankling resentment or ill will; hatred; malice.

Usage: "She felt great rancor towards uniformly most powerful testing."

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**MORE SQUIRREL NEWS**

We had yet another incident of an unidentified squirrel entering the Statistics building –this time, Cockins Hall. Investigation is under way as to why squirrels keep sneaking into the department. This reporter eye witnessed the squirrel being escorted out of the building, so people in the building may rest assured that they are now safe.



*A photograph of the squirrel, suspected to be J. Neyman.*

**TELL ME WHY**

*\*\*Readers are welcome to ask any questions they have.\*\**

Question: Why is it important to write ever-so-thick textbooks?

Dr. Angela Dean, the proud author of our much loved “Design and Analysis of Experiments” book writes:

**Two Textbook Uses**

This is why it is important to write thick textbooks.

1. In 2000, I received an email from someone who was taking a course at American University and thanked me for writing a book on experimental design: Apparently, he groaned when he first saw the size of the text book for the class, but he later became extremely glad that he carried it everywhere he went. He had been walking home in a snowstorm in Washington D.C. and slipped on some ice. However, the Dean and Voss text broke his fall slightly. His email says "According to my physician, your text may have prevented my left arm from being broken, although it was bruised (my arm, that is; the text fractured its back, though). Bottom line: thank you for your extremely detailed, and thick, text! :)"

2. There was also a faculty member from this department who once suggested that it would be easy to find the thief who was then stealing text books from offices, because it would be the person with a hernia!

(Editor’s note: These textbooks may prove to be very useful weapons for self-defense.)

## GRADUATE STUDENT PROFILES

John Draper Gone Wild!!!



Hello all. My name is John Draper. I am a fourth year PhD student in the department. I am from Dayton, OH, but had the distinct honor of graduating from Florida State University with degrees in mathematics and statistics before return to the great state of Ohio for my graduate work.

For those of you who haven't seen me around the department much over the past quarters, this is because I'm a very active member of the Marching and Athletic Bands here at Ohio State. In fact, I would venture a guess that many of you saw more of me on television than you have in person in the past few weeks. I love collegiate sports (especially football and basketball) and am a diehard Buckeye and Seminole fan. I was lucky enough to go to both national championship games this year as part of the band which was an awesome experience (although it did reinforce my hatred of the Gators of Florida). Next year will be my fifth and final year in TBDBITL (the marching band here at OSU) in which I will serve as F row head squad leader. For those of you who enjoyed the OSU/Michigan football game last year, I was also given the privilege of assisting with the drill writing (marching moves) for our halftime show which was acclaimed as one of the finest in the bands history--something I hope to duplicate this year.

In the department, I'm beginning my research in pattern recognition and image analysis. I hope to work in a face recognition field as my research develops. As I finish my degree, I really have no clue of where I will be going next so any advice is welcome. Now that band has cooled off a little in the spring, I can be found around Cockins doing research, working on homework, working on consulting projects, or chasing squirrels with umbrellas. Feel free to stop by any time to chat about sports, the band, or any other topic that sparks your fancy.

(Author's Note: This was written quickly and under duress so I apologize for anything that isn't complete. The threat of facing the wrath of our esteemed presidents if this wasn't in on time had to be avoided at all costs.)

**(Grad Student Profiles contd.)**

Deedra Nicolet's profile penned by Nader Gemayel,



*Deedra (L) and Lori (R)- say cheese*

Deedra Nicolet is originally from Eau Claire, WI, and was an undergrad at the University of Minnesota. She is a very familiar face around Cockins hall because she has been taking classes in the department for three years now. She is the oldest of three sisters, and is extremely proud of her nephews Connor and Tylor. (Would you like to see a picture? Just ask her!)

Deedra has very good taste in movies, and is particularly fond of *Gone with the Wind*. She owns a fairly large collection of Vivien Leigh memorabilia. Deedra also likes country music and watching numerous soap operas on TV. She is grateful for the blessing of TIVO. However, Deedra is no fan of online chatting (despite Katie Droll's best efforts to get her hooked, about two years ago), and she still doesn't have profiles on MySpace or Facebook.

A well-known sports fanatic, Deedra can't get enough of the Badgers and Packers. Every football Saturday, she is up bright and early for tailgating. Deedra is also an accomplished cook and can put together delicious meals, including her signature desserts. Deedra is extremely picky about how her food is prepared, cooked, and served, and has left many a traumatized waiter in her wake.

Deedra is a very reliable and trustworthy friend, and has been known to go out of her way for her friends. In particular, she misses her friends Allison and Katie who graduated last summer.