

# ☹ APATHY!!

## Students: ~110

## Votes: 42



Sound the alarm, Santa Claus is coming to town!!!! Candace Berrett and Jingyuan Yang have taken the 2007 election. Congratulations and best regards!!!

**AN ENTIRELY FICTICIOUS ARTICLE  
COMPOSED BY PETER “DOUBLE-  
LAME-DUCK” SPRANGERS**

In the past few weeks, we, the editors of CMOOL, have received numerous emails demanding more information about the lovely Sharada Modur. We contacted Shari with this request, but all our requests have been hitherto fruitless. As such, we decided to do a little research of our own and dredge up some facts about this oft mysterious personality. We discovered just the thing, an unprinted interview given by Shari to The Columbus Dispatch three months after matriculating to OSU.

**Dispatch:** Thanks for taking the time to speak with us, Sharada.

**Modur:** No problem, Jerry, I'm glad to get the opportunity to set the record straight.

**Dispatch:** I'm going to be honest with you, Sharada; we had a lot of readers who were quite upset by your editorial in last Thursday's issue.

**Modur:** First of all, I would like to deeply apologize to anyone who found my article offensive. I was in no way trying to belittle the suffering of the children involved in the horrible incident with the Bengal tigers and the petting zoo. My statements on the incident were cursory and altogether unrelated to my thesis.

**Dispatch:** Before we delve too far into that, why don't you tell our readers a little something about yourself. I think it may help if people can put your statements in the context of your personal experience.

**Modur:** Sure, Jerry. Quite simply, I love what I love and I hate what I hate.

**Dispatch:** What do you mean by that?

**Modur:** I'm a very passionate person. I don't deign to hide my feelings about people or things that upset me.

**Dispatch:** So what was it that prompted you to write, and I quote, "...and the State of Ohio would be foolish not to endorse my Stray Chow program, which would both eliminate those pesky cats and dogs wandering the city and provide subsidized foodstuffs for the less fortunate?"

**Modur:** Well, Jerry, the idea came to me when a stray lab decided to camp by my apartment and howl until four o'clock in the morning. I wanted

to kill that [expletive deleted] dog. But why just kill? Why not also help out those who may need a hot meal? In a time when our animal shelters are full to the brim, yet people pay thousands of dollars to purchase an inbred, papered, pampered miniature poodle that will develop immobilizing arthritis at the age of 2, we must act accordingly.

**Dispatch:** Some letters we received called your plan a "firm step in the direction of lunacy" whereas others have claimed this to be a "modest proposal." What do you have to say to opponents of your ideas?

**Modur:** My husband. He's H-O-T hot.

**Dispatch:** I'm sorry, what?

**Modur:** Ashwin, my husband, is absolutely gorgeous.

**Dispatch:** We were talking about your editorial, Sharada.

**Modur:** And I hate Columbus drivers. Stupid [expletive deleted] from [expletive deleted]. I mean how hard is it to use a [expletive deleted] blinker?!?

**Dispatch:** I think we're digressing a bit, Sharada. May we talk some more about your article?

**Modur:** You just wait until we get a decent democrat in the White House. Then no homeless person will go unfed, no stray cat will make our fair city inhospitable, and we'll finally formalize a defense strategy against the imminent Zombie Invasion.

**Dispatch:** ...

**Modur:** Sure, you look at me that way now, but I'll gladly accept your apology and gratitude when the Golden Squadron slays the living dead with their laser swords and ultrasonic blasters. And I know what your thinking, "What if the GS decides to stage a military coup?" Luckily we will have planted microminiature thermonuclear bombs in their brainstems and when they go rogue we'll—

**Dispatch:** Thanks for coming in Sharada, that's all the time we have for now.

**Modur:** Tell your friends, Jerry. Tell your friends.

## LAME-DUCK PRESIDENT PROFILES

Joe Kupresanin gives us a glimpse into his world...



I'd like to thank a few people for making my time in the OSU Statistics department worthwhile. First, thanks to Dr. Nagaraja and Dr. Wolfe—your lectures were crystal clear and enjoyable, but I wish you could have sat next to me during the exams to point me in the right direction...Second, thanks to Josh Svenson for always keeping me entertained in Brown Hall. Third, thanks to Jackie Miller for her unending supply of dark chocolate, Jolly Ranchers, and career guidance. I'd rather be a jolly teacher than anything else. Finally, thanks to Soma Roy for doing the bulk of the work this year for CMOOL.

On the right, is a chart that illustrates why I came back to school to get my graduate degree.

Company	Philip Morris USA	Cecil College
Job	Cigarette Salesman	Math / Stat Instructor
Monday	14 Hour Day	Off
Tuesday	14 Hour Day	Teach 3 Classes
Wednesday	14 Hour Day	Teach 1 Class
Thursday	14 Hour Day	Off
Friday	14 Hour Day	Teach 2 Classes
Saturday	Off	Off
Sunday	14 Hour Day	Off

In closing, my results from an online death test told me I have 17,501 days left on the earth. At first, I couldn't have been happier, since this sounds like such a long time. But then to learn that my life is 38% over got me to thinking. What would I have differently with the first 38% of my life? Regrets? I've had a few. But then again, too few to mention. Serving this department, The Ohio State University Department of Statistics, as Co-President has been one of the memories I will take with me now that I'm moving on. I'll close out my term by stating that I have met many wonderful people here in Columbus. Should my political work, the professional poker tour, or my fledgling band that is still just part of my vivid imagination ever bring me back to this part of the country, I hope we can meet up and share stories. Should your travels ever take you to northeastern Maryland, look me up and we'll take a road trip to Atlantic City. I'd be happy to give you a few lessons at the poker table.

I leave you with three of my role models on the following page.

You can bet your spaceship that if my band ever makes it big, we'll cover Rocket Man first.

The original rocket man



The little-known rocket man



The 21<sup>st</sup> century rocket man



Here comes Soma!!!



Contrary to belief, some Indians have really short names and I am living proof of that. Just “Soma Roy”- not even a middle name. People ask me if I was named after the drug *soma* from Huxley’s “Brave New World.” And, I say ‘no.’ I was born on a Monday- the day of the moon. And thus, my grandfather named me after the moon. Depending on the context, *Soma* can mean moonlit, moonlight, intoxicating, or simply the moon. Cool, right?

I was born in Jamshedpur, a city in eastern India. I went to college in New Delhi, the capital of India. In summer, both Delhi and Jamshedpur see temperatures that go up to about 47-49° C, so about 116-120° F. We just put our food outside and it gets cooked. Thus, we are able to save a lot of money. And, you know, money saved is money earned. OK! While I am at it, here are some things I’d like to clarify for everyone’s benefit:

1. The movie-film “*Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom*” is entirely based on facts. We, the people of India, love to eat monkey brains

and eyeball soup. If you ever doubted this, well \*shrug\* now you know.

2. We don't have cars in India. Our main modes of transportation are flying carpets and elephants.

3. And, as the great Carlos Mencia says, the dot that we sometimes wear on the forehead is actually a hidden camera.

*For more information about India, call I-Wan-ToNo-More.*

I am a Bengali, India's national language is Hindi and English is taught in schools. Thus, like most Indians, I speak at least 3 languages and understand a couple of others. I know a little Spanish, too- *un poco*. I have been in the U.S. for almost four years, and it has been a good time. Though I don't speak the best English, and get made fun of all the time because of my accent, I manage.

Some of the things, without which life wouldn't be as much fun, are- the company of my friends,

music, books, movies, and Chipotle's chicken fajita! Speaking of movies, I love to watch most kinds, but my favorites are the romantic ones- comedies and tragedies. If you ever need someone to watch a movie with, you know where I live. But, I must warn you, sad movies always make me cry. I love British humor. Thus, most of my favorite authors and books are of British origin. And, I totally agree with Shakespeare "...music be the food of love..." Other favorite activities- googling, imdbing, phdcomicing, and making new words ☺.

When choosing my undergrad major, I had to decide between Journalism and Statistics. Being on CMOOL's editorial board has made my inner journalist very happy. But, it remains to be seen if I chose wisely. When not editing CMOOL, I try to get some research done. I work on computer experiments with Dr. Notz (great advisor!), and if you ever see me wandering around the Stats building, it's probably because my code is running.

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## A HANDY LIST TO KEEP YOU ON TRACK OVER THE SUMMER

- **Keep a regular schedule.**  
Keeping a regular schedule will keep your body and mind on track. Prevent sleeping all day and don't waste the day that you have at hand.
- **Read regularly.**  
Reading is a great habit to have. Ask someone who knows you to recommend a book, or stop by your local library and browse the sections that you find most interesting.
- **Don't stay up too late.**  
Staying up late can wear you out for the day ahead. If you stay up late every day during the summer up until the day before school starts, your body will be so tired that you will be worn out for the year ahead.
- **Take a class on something that interests you.**  
Don't have time for the stuff you long to do during the school year? Do what you love to do during the summer. Take a class to learn more about what you love to do. Learn something new or something that has always interested you.
- **Eat healthy.**  
You might be tempted to sit at home all summer and eat junk food. You, however, want to look your best when the new school year starts. Resist the temptation to indulge, and instead of eating junk food, eat apples.
- **Review old material before school starts.**  
Don't go back to school forgetting all that you learned the previous year. Nobody likes studying during the summer, but nobody likes relearning everything either.
- **Don't watch too much television.**  
It will turn your brain to mush much quicker than exploring outside or even simply sitting around.
- **Write in a journal.**  
Keeping a journal will keep your handwriting and reading skills from going down the drain over the summer. It is also a good way to keep memories for when you grow older or want to share with your friends about the summer activities you enjoyed.
- **Exercise regularly.**  
Keeping in shape for the new school year is a great way to feel good and prepare for your physical education class. Call a friend you haven't seen all summer and take a walk. Swim a couple of laps. Take your pets for a short, daily jog. Anything is better than sitting and watching the television for an entire day.