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**CENTRAL MOMENTS OF OUR LIVES**

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**NON-STATISTICAL DEPARTMENT NEWS**

Joe Kupresanin surprisingly made the club hockey team here at OSU. Joe, who may be an outlier, is believed to be 8 or 9 years older than almost every other player on the team.

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**PETER'S POETRY PLACE**

Magorus-Lagorus  
Mr. Pythagorus  
playing with triangles  
showed what was true.  
There are some numbers with  
irrationality  
like his example the  
square root of two.

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**ALL IN A DAY'S WORK**

Overheard by Dr. Stasny while students were turning in QI exams:

Student 1: Are you going to the party tonight?

Student 2: No, I'm going to start studying for QII.

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Jacob Reidhead penned this pun:

"I knew the job market was good for stats grads, but I wasn't prepared for what I heard at Jessica's Q1/Q2 party last Saturday night. There I met Lynn, a recent graduate from the M.A.S. track, who now models for Victoria Secrets! You just can't say enough good about statistics careers."

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**STATISTICS SEMINAR SERIES**

Thursday, October 05, 2006 @ 3:30 EA 170  
Mikhail Belkin, CS&E, OSU  
[Statistical Learning & Geometry](#)

**KNOWN BIRTHDAYS**

Nader Gemayel and Jennie Williams are celebrating birthdays on October 6!!!

Kelsi Holland celebrates her birthday on October 10!!!

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**REASONS TO CELEBRATE**

Today is World Teacher's Day  
Tomorrow is the Mid Autumn Festival in China  
Oh, and QI and QII are over...for now

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

Contributed by Marian Frazier

ae-gis also e-gis  
noun

1. Protection
2. Sponsorship; patronage
3. Guidance, direction, or control
4. Greek Mythology. The goatskin shield or breastplate of Zeus or Athena. Athena's shield carried at its center the head of Medusa.

Usage: "Marian works under the aegis of Dr. Notz. His brilliance helps her hew her way through the difficulties of computer experiments."

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**BABIES BABIES BABIES**

Colin Liyuan Zhao arrived last Friday, September 29, in the Hongfei & Shang household. He arrived at 2:03 a.m., weighing 7lbs 6 ounces.

**LET'S UN-JUMBLE!**

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**FACULTY PROFILE OF THE WEEK:**

Dr. Deb Rumsey chimes:



I'm originally from Wisconsin; my family lives in LaCrosse. I got my PhD in Statistics from Ohio State in 1993. After spending seven years in Kansas, it was nice to get back to Columbus again. I enjoy my job which focuses on undergraduate statistics. As an offshoot of this, I've had a lot of fun writing four Dummies books for statistics. My husband and I have a four year-old son Clint who is a certified buckeye and a budding farmer. We have a 10 acre farm just over Hoover reservoir where I enjoy getting 'seat time' on our Kubota tractor. My

favorite movies are The Blues Brothers and Office Space; my favorite actor is Clint Eastwood; my favorite singer is Elvis, and if I could be a tree, what tree would I be? I'd be a Buckeye tree of course.

**GRAD STUDENT PROFILES**

Mike Sonksen, from the GOP, with the CLT on his arm:



Hello, My name is Michael Sonksen and I am a second year grad student in the PhD program. I did my undergraduate work at IPFW, a school in northeastern Indiana. Being from the Hoosier state, I naturally love all things associated with it, such as: the Colts, corn, and umm Dan Quayle. Before graduate school, when I actually had free time, I enjoyed reading (Ernest Hemingway and Ayn Rand are my favorite authors), watching the Colts and Cubs, and following politics. Now, the majority of my time is spent studying for those fun classes' second year students take and TAing for Stat135.

In response to Peter's comment in Vol. 1, Issue 1, I would never claim that Reagan drinking a cup of tea would cause the stock market to spike (we all know that came from the Bush tax cuts). However, I do recall reading somewhere that Reagan and Thatcher shared a cup of tea before single handedly winning the cold war. Finally, if any of you are having trouble deciding who to vote for in this upcoming election, feel free to ask me for advice. I will be sure to give you my "fair and balanced" opinion (as many of my fellow graduate students will tell you, I dispense it often).

Also, Jessica Kohlschmidt (on the right) writes:



Age sensitive material, don't read if you are a stick in the mud or my advisor ☺.

In case you already don't know who I am ( HOW COULD YOU NOT!!!), my name is Jessica Kohlschmidt. My hobbies include Rank Set Sampling, organizing all social gathering in the Stat Dept., and generally spreading sunshine wherever I go. Though my beauty in the department is heralded throughout the university, I am most famous for my cute handouts and my purple outfits.

My forte lies primarily in aiding my compatriots keeping as sense of humility. My dream is to one day marry a Texan and raise Republican babies. Unfortunately the rumors of my perfection in all areas of life are sadly untrue. I have a penchant for procrastination and tend to pester my colleagues to help me out in the eleventh hour (like Shari for this bio).

Gentlemen, my interests include horseback riding, ice skating, sports, and dating. It is a must to love Buckeye football, Astros (sorry, the Cardinals just aren't that great!!!), and the Packers. I can guarantee that you'll have a good time with this Southern Belle.

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#### **NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS PLEASE**

So what do you think? Worthwhile or waste of time? Email [joe@stat.ohio-state.edu](mailto:joe@stat.ohio-state.edu) or [somaroy@stat.ohio-state.edu](mailto:somaroy@stat.ohio-state.edu) with your comments and suggestions!!!