
Central Moments of Our Lives

KNOWN BIRTHDAYS

Snoop Dog turns 34 on October 20!!!!
Joe Kupresanin turns 29 on October 23!!!!
Bonnie Shook celebrates on October 24!!!!
Send in your birthdays today!

REASONS TO CELEBRATE

Saturday is Fake Holiday Sweetest Day
Sunday is Mother-in-Law Day

PETER'S POETRY PLACE

In a Station of the Metro

The apparition of these faces in the crowd;
Petals on a wet, black bough.

-Ezra Pound

CLASSIC STAT JOKE OF THE WEEK

Submitted by Mary Hickey, passed down by generations of statisticians

Three statisticians went hunting and they came across a deer. Dr. Fligner pulled the trigger, but his shot was 10 feet off to the left. Then, Dr. Stasny shot, but she missed 10 feet to the right. Dr. MacEachern exclaimed, "We got 'em, we got 'em!!!"

SALWAN'S STUMPER OF THE WEEK

If we define the coldest U.S. state to be the state that has the lowest record high temperature, what are the two coldest states?

SEMINARS

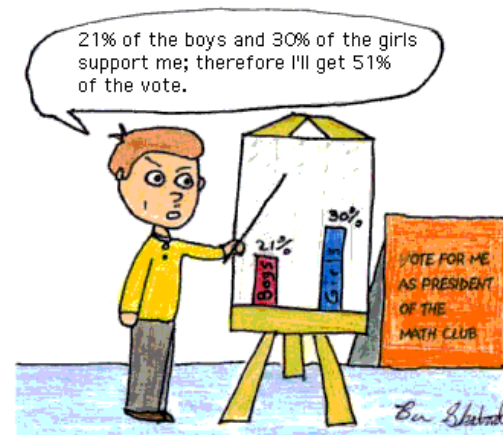
3:30PM Thursday, October 26, 2006, Room 170
East Eighteenth Avenue Bldg. (EA 170)
Ram C. Tiwari, Mathematical Statistician and
Program Director, National Cancer Institute,
NIH
*Prediction of U.S. Mortality Counts Using Semi
parametric Bayesian Techniques*

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

scha-den-freu-de -noun
Pronunciation[shahd-n-froi-duh]

satisfaction or pleasure felt at someone else's
misfortune.

Usage: "The reason Dr. Wolfe looks so happy
all the time is because he feels an overwhelming
sense of schadenfreude at the misery of all the
graduate students."



Joe & Soma's Fuzzy Math, from Ben Shabad

IF MUSIC BE THE FOOD OF LOVE, PLAY ON...

I WILL FIND U

by Kate McFarland

Trapped by your habit when you must compare,
Two-sample t-tests that blind you...
I have a better way; each observation pair,
I'll assess, greater/less; I will find U.

(For) independent samples X and Y,
Mann-Whitney's test, I'll remind you,
Is so simple--add a half for every tie,
Else just sum, naughts and ones, and you'll find U.

Far away in a normal test
You'll find you don't have so much freedom;
Don't run away to a normal test.

Don't be afraid should it be unknown
What distribution's before you.
Don't be afraid (with) continuity alone,
Lose no more, (than) point-one-four, if you find U.

Far away in a normal test
Things cannot be much more efficient;
Don't run away to a normal test...

Based on "I Will Find You" by Peter Hammill
(Fie Records, 1991)

Lyrics:

[http://www.sofasound.com/phcds/firelyrics.htm#](http://www.sofasound.com/phcds/firelyrics.htm#1)

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GRAD STUDENT PROFILE

Lauren Hoffmann pens...



I know you've all been wondering, "Who is Lauren Hoffmann?" Well, first off, contrary to popular belief, I am not Lori Hoffman. I do get a lot of her mail in my mailbox, but we are, in fact, two different people. I, Lauren Anne Hoffmann, am a second year MAS student...I am also the token grad student who came from a liberal arts background. Even though Michael Sonksen likes to make fun of me for it, I think it's pretty sweet that I never took a college math class until grad school.

I am currently a TA for Stat 135, as I have been for the past year. I also am the Problem Solving lecturer for the evening 135 classes. When I'm not teaching Stat 135 or having panic attacks about Stat 610, I enjoy reading, painting, cooking Italian food, eating super spicy Indian food, watching movies such as *Battle Royale* and *Irreversible*, listening to techno and electro-clash, and hanging out with a really cool reference librarian. I also enjoy checking the Stat 135 drop box for fun and proving complex theorems. Not really. Anyone who knows me is well aware that proofs are the bane of my existence.

P.S. Joe, you should bring me a French Vanilla to Stat 601 next week. That is all.

GRAD STUDENT PROFILE

While Lori Hoffman writes,



Hi everyone. I'm Lori Hoffman, a third year PhD student. I am originally from northern Wisconsin where we speak using the correct pronunciation of the words "root," "about," and "bag." I received my undergrad degree in math from the University of Wisconsin River Falls, which is close to Minneapolis.

I enjoy watching baseball, hockey, and college basketball. Although I have been at OSU for almost three years, I will always be a Badgers fan...sorry Buckeyes. In addition to watching sports, I frequently swim and play tennis. When I have the time I love to read, especially works by Kurt Vonnegut, J.D. Salinger, and Joseph Heller. I love winter and am looking forward to the cold, and hopefully very snowy, weather.

FACULTY PROFILE

Dr. Faculty Chaperone Chris Hans contributes...



When Joe asked me if I would be featured this week, I of course jumped at the opportunity to have my picture in Central Moments two weeks in a row (which, I believe, ties the record)! When I'm not busy chaperoning graduate student outings, you might find me pacing near my office on the third floor. If I'm not there, I might be trying to read through my backlog of New Yorker magazines in the Starbucks near my apartment in the Arena District. And if you've been looking, one place you probably haven't been able find me since I've moved to Columbus is on the golf course – if anyone wants to play, let me know! One thing I do miss about living in North Carolina (besides shrimp and grits and ACC basketball) is the fact that it's not entirely unreasonable to play golf in December. Finally - - to answer your two questions -- YES, I'm kissing Drew Barrymore in the picture and NO, I don't usually wear a wig.