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FAVORITE THINGS by Davids Klahr and Rakison

To be sung to the tune of "A Few of My Favorite Things" from the Sound of Music!

Microgenetics and gerbils in cages
Back propagation in epochs and phases
Implicit knowledge and strategy swings
These are a few of our favorite things.

Prefrontal cortex and vision and reaching
Faculty meetings and undergrad teaching
Social support and the health that it brings
These are a few of our favorite things

When the funds go
When there's wet snow,
When we're feeling sad
We simply remember our favorite things, and then
we don't feel so bad.

Five Telsa magnets and fast laser printers
Walks across campus in cold Pittsburgh winters
Graduate students' emotional swings
These are a few of our favorite things

Striving to be at the top of the nations'
Citations, and ratings and frequent quotations,
Publishing all of our latest findings
These are a few of our favorite things

When there's confounds
When there's flaws found,
When we're feeling sad
We simply remember our favorite things, and then
we don't feel so bad.

Tenure decisions and grad core class grading
Students get younger but faculty's aging
Obsolete info that ORACLE brings
These are a few of our favorite things

Stress makes immune systems weaken and fail
Intelligent agents: the new holy grail
Holiday parties where everyone sings
These are a few of my favorite things

When the grads bite
When the staff stings
When we're feeling sad
We simply remember we're at CMU and then we
don't feel so bad.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 23, 2002, noon – 1:30 pm
Faculty Meeting, noon – 1:30 pm
Baker Hall 340A

January 30, 2002, noon
Dr. Mark Steyvers
Job Candidate, Title TBA

January 31, 2002, noon (Brownbag)
Dr. Mark Steyvers
Job Candidate, Title TBA

February 18, 2002, 4-5:20 pm BH A53
Department Colloquium – Shimon Edelman
"Probabilistic Principles in the Unsupervised
Learning of Visual Structure"

SHARPEN YOUR SKATES!



The Top Secret Social Committee anonymously
invites you to their first event!

Department Skating Outing!

Schenley Park Ice Rink
January 22, 2002, 9:30-11:30pm
Admission \$2.50 w/ college ID, Skate Rental \$2
<http://www.discover.pitt.edu/tour/tour-065.html>

ANNOUNCEMENTS OR IDEAS?

This is your chance to get the word out to the entire department! Forward announcements to Rochelle Croom (rmcroom@andrew.cmu.edu).

You can also use the soon-to-appear anonymous suggestion box in the 336B Lounge.

GOT HUNGER?

Meet in the Department Lounge to connect with fellow starving department members at noon each day!

COURSE ROSTERS

You can get your course rosters from for Spring 2002 courses you are teaching. It is also the same web site you can enter your mid-term and final grades on electronically. Point your browser to:
<https://esprit.as.cmu.edu/grades>

DEPARTMENT BIRTHDAYS

Wish your department colleagues a Happy Birthday!

Margaret Rosenblum	01
Sherri Pataki	02
Roberta Klatzky	06
Stephen Gotts, James Staszewski	14
Julie Eyer	16
Margaret Clark	18
Yulin Qin	19
Jacques Katz	22
Vladimir Cherkassky	24
Mary Macwhinney	26
Eli Silk, Myeong-Ho Sohn	28

FACULTY STRIKE IT RICH!

Three psychology professors WIN LOTTERY!!! After carefully calculating the odds, three members of our faculty, Drs. Marcel Just, Margaret Clark, and Brook Feeney, invested \$25 in cash in the PA lottery. Dr. Just was quoted as saying "I feel lucky". Several days later they were informed that they had 4 out of the 7 numbers correct resulting in an approximate doubling of their money. They immediately headed out to a fancy restaurant to celebrate by spend at least twice what they won on a celebration lunch. Dr. Sheldon Cohen, an invitee to the celebration, was heard to encourage them in future lottery investments.

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This periodical is not peer reviewed and as such, the editorial board takes absolutely no responsibility for its contents! This is an invitation to you. Submit us your stunning artwork (or doodles), your embarrassing departmental photographs, your biting satire, and your humorous stories. We'll publish them here without the benefit of review!
Submit what you wish to Rochelle Croom at rmcroom@andrew.cmu.edu or use the anonymous drop box in the 336B Lounge.

KUDOS

Join us in congratulating Jay McClelland!

Jay, along with collaborator David Rumelhart of Stanford University, has been named a winner of the 2002 University of Louisville Grawemeyer Award for Psychology. The prize recognizes Jay's work on parallel distributed processing as an outstanding contributions to the field of psychology.

MEET THE JOB CANDIDATE

Dr. Mark Steyvers will be visiting January 30th and 31st to discuss his research. Dr. Steyvers graduated with a B.A. and M.A. in Psychology from University of Amsterdam. From there, he went on to work with Dr. Rich Shiffrin at Indiana University – earning his PhD in 2000. Dr. Steyvers is currently at Stanford University pursuing research in the laboratory of Dr. Josh Tenenbaum.

Dr. Steyvers focuses his research efforts on predicting memory performance for individual words with Bayesian memory models, using semantic networks to predict effects in language acquisition and semantic memory disorders, causal learning, face recognition, and categorization and concept learning.

Dr. Steynvers will be presenting results of his research at noon on January 30th and 31st (room TBA).

You can learn more about Dr. Steyvers' research from his homepage at the following URL:
<http://www-psych.stanford.edu/~msteyver/>

NASTY REVIEW OF THE MONTH!

Everyone receives a nasty review every now and then.
Here is a chance to share your pain!
Submit the most scathing criticisms that have been directed your way – and help to ease the pain of others.