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Happy Halloween Edition!

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Regime Change!!!

Thiessen sworn in as new editor of PLB

Promises CMU Psychology's long departmental nightmare of punctual, reasonably accurate reporting over at last

“My fellow members of the Psychology department,” Thiessen said at his swearing-in ceremony, “at long last, we have reached the end of the dark period in PLB history that will come to be known as the Holt era, four long years characterized by unprecedented goodwill and good humor in the department, a sharp decrease in stories made up out of whole cloth, and a newsletter that was occasionally distributed on a somewhat regular schedule. The time has come to put all of that behind us.”

Thiessen swore to do “everything in [his] power” to rectify the stability wrought by Holt’s long stewardship of the PLB. Some initiatives he listed include basing future stories in the PLB on shoddy reporting, gossip, and outright lies, as well as a plan to steeply reduce the levels of sobriety among PLB editors and reporters.



During the 40 minute address, Thiessen also promised to bring an end to the severe stodginess drought that has plagued the PLB under Holt, assuring readers that future editions of the PLB will be so painfully boring as to serve as an extremely powerful – while at the same time non-addictive – soporific.

Turning to the topic of finances, Thiessen vowed to undo the damage not done by Holt’s long tradition of fiscal responsibility. “For too long, the PLB has operated under budget and more or less on time. This has depressed faculty, staff, and graduate students, setting the kind of example that makes us all feel bad when we don’t live up to it.” Thiessen promised that future issues of the PLB would be published erratically, if at all, and that he would personally ensure that the PLB would immediately plunge into a budget deficit.

Asked what new expenditures would be responsible for the anticipated deficit spending, Thiessen shrugged and said, “Boondoggles, I think. Mostly boondoggles. In addition, we may need to hire some, ah ‘research assistants,’ ahem.”

The speech was met with overwhelming approval from members of the press, who have long disapproved of the PLB scooping them on big stories, such as David Rakison’s moonlight efforts as a vinegar model (see November 2004 PLB), Sheldon Cohen’s much-discussed trip to the department’s injured reserve list (February, 2005) and the infestation of Japanese-speaking steroid-enraged hamsters in the department (August 2005).

Thiessen’s closing remarks reflected his optimism about the new direction of the PLB. “For too long, we have chafed under the twin shackles of decency and competence. Today we cast them off! Also, we are no longer going to be spell-checking anything. Truly, it’s morning again in the Psychology department.”

Faculty Halloween Costumes



**The Pirates of
Cognitive Science**



Psychology Psuperheroes

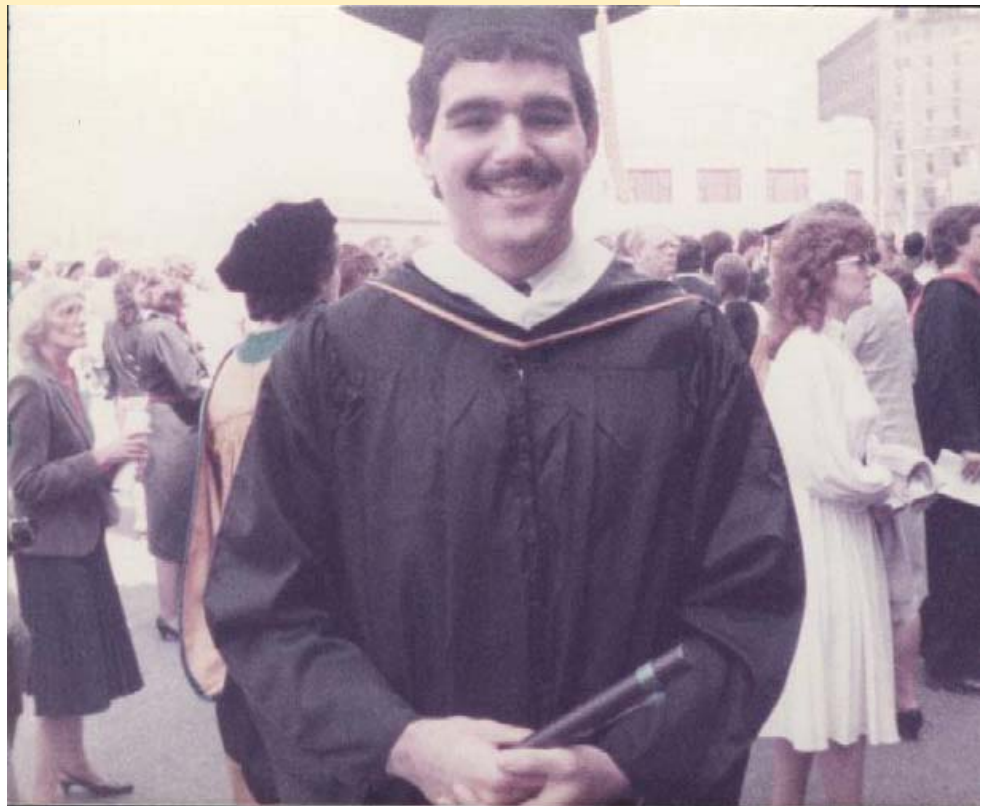
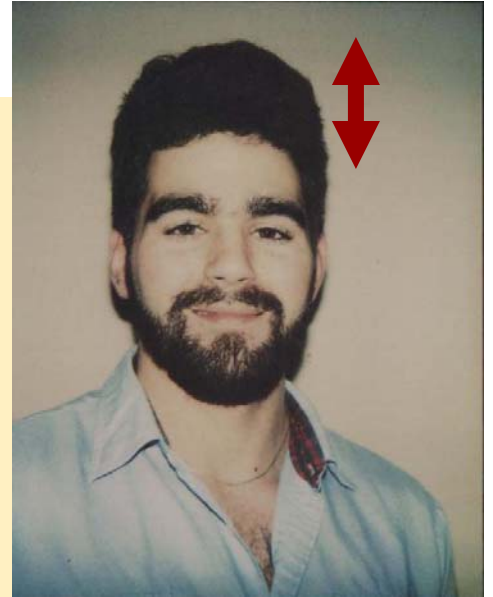
Don't forget to
stock your office
with candy for the
department
Halloween Trick-
or-Treaters...
Coming Monday
October 31!



**The Wizard of
Health & Social
Oz**

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Blast from the Past!



Celebrity Look-Alikes

Compiled from Department Tipsters





Team Cohen makes a fashion statement in honor of Sheldon Cohen's birthday.

Recent research finds 50% fewer sniffly noses when participants are dressed identically to their social cohort.

