

Psycho? Logical? Bulletin

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Are YOU the Psychology Survivor?

Outwit, Outlast, Outplay

Ever wanted to live in the jungle with a group of strangers for weeks on end? Live on rice, coconuts, and snails? Sleep on ground covered in ants and cockroaches? No, neither have we. But, we have been watching reality TV. We thought it would be fun to set up our own little reality show, without the million dollar endorsements and bikini clad contestants, and have members of our own department complete for the prize of (drum roll) Psychology Survivor[®]. Now you can compete to vote annoying colleagues, I mean tribe members, off the 2nd and 3rd floor of Baker Hall. You can win immunity. You can win big – well, moderate at the extreme – prizes. You can enter competitions that will tax both your mind and your ego. And of course you can bring us coffee and a doughnut in the morning.

I'm sure you're wondering how will it all work. So are we. But, we have a plan. First step, you have to enter the competition. Anyone in the department is eligible to compete. Email are_you_the_psychology_survivor@hotmail.com with the heading "**I am a Survivor.**" Deadline for entry is **Monday 4th October.**

In the next issue of the PLB, and each one thereafter, we will post a challenge to be completed individually by each contestant. The challenges will not be strenuous and mostly could be completed from the comfort of your armchair, bed, or toilet seat. Some challenges, however, may require you to search the campus for clues, solutions, or answers and some may be "live". Others will require you to clean Sheldon Cohen's garage or "eliminate" squirrels from Ken Kotovsky's backyard. The contestants who do worst in the challenge will automatically be eliminated from the competition; those who do best will gain immunity. Immunity from what? Each month every contestant will have a chance to vote another contestant out of the contest: If you have immunity you cannot be voted out. The exact number of contestants who are awarded immunity and who are eliminated (from low scores in the challenge and from votes) will be decided once we know how many people are playing the game. How to vote for someone to be eliminated will be posted in the next issue, along with the first challenge.

What will you win? First, a unique CMU Psychology Survivor Trophy that you can cherish, place on your desk, or sell (approximate retail value \$1.99). Second, dinner on us up to the value of \$50. Third, the admiration and respect of your colleagues, peers, and people you hardly know. Do it for the glory. Or something like that.

We hope you sign up. We don't know how it will work. But it will be fun finding out.

Top Secret Social Committee

Dali the Psychology Department Wonder Dog



Dali, "off-roading" with her new wheels

What's faster than a pug on wheels? Not much...

Recently paralyzed "from the waist down" as a result of her back troubles, Dali the Psychology Department Wonder Dog has taken to her new wheels with much enthusiasm.

You can catch Dali tooling around Baker Hall with her pals Leonid Spektor and Pooch (a perfectly likeable fellow pup, but sadly lacking the wheels to keep up with Dali).



Vince Sha Welcomes Baby Boy



This summer, Vince Sha and wife Annie welcomed a baby boy

Gabriel Sha,
Born August 7th
8 lbs 4 oz
21 inches



News Flash! Psychology Graduate Program Drastically Cut!



CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY:

Administrators did not comment on the recent cuts that left only one Psych student and a joint Psych-SDS student officially recognized. The students were not notified and since they never leave their offices, they did not notice the change. Loss of stipend and health benefits also went unnoticed as grads mostly live by scavenging food at university receptions and free ibuprofen samples from Health Services.

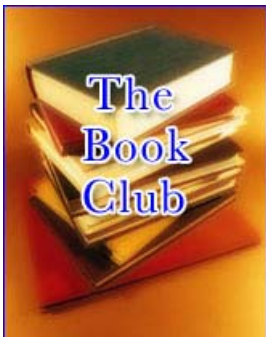
Top 10 Ways to Enlarge your Vita - Without the Use of Pills or Pneumatic Devices!

Jana Iverson (University of Pittsburgh, Department of Psychology) gave the opening talk for the 24th Annual Pitt-CMU Psychology Student Conference in late August.

In her address, she enlightened students on the Top 10 Ways to enlarge their vita -- without the use of pills or pneumatic devices!

10. Only God can make a perfect study - don't obsess!
9. Never forget the 3 most important characteristics of any publication:
Location! Location! Location!
8. Every good paper has a home, some just take longer to find theirs - never give up!
7. Not all rejection letters are created equal - read with care!
6. Publication is a process of negotiation - so negotiate!
5. A good mentor is a joy forever - find one!
4. But don't publish everything with your supervisor.
3. Never permit your publication/presentation ratio to fall < 1
2. Let no datapoint go unpublished
1. If at first you don't succeed, reanalyze the data!

Invitation to Join the Department Book Club



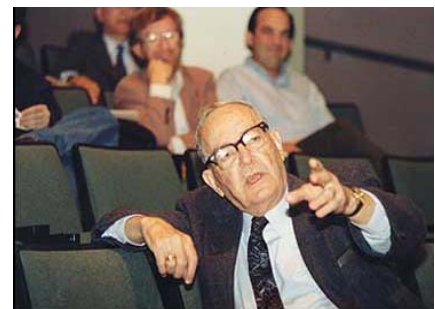
The Psychology Department Book Club has been meeting for about two years. They read mostly contemporary fiction, although occasionally the group dips into some non-fiction (a biography or a memoir). The group meets about every 6 weeks to talk about the book, books in general, and decide on the next one.

If you are interested in joining or have some questions, email Dan Mirman (dmirman@andrew.cmu.edu).

Herbert Simon Graduate Student Teaching Award

The Graduate Committee is pleased to announce a new way to recognize teaching excellence in the psychology department — The Herbert Simon Graduate Student Teaching Award.

Each year, the Herbert Simon Graduate Student Teaching Award will be given to a psychology graduate student who has made an outstanding contribution to teaching in the psychology department across a 4-5 year graduate career. Contributions to teaching include independently teaching a course, co-teaching and TAing. The award includes a cash prize. The winner will be announced at the annual Psychology Department Meeting and Reception in the Fall term.



Special Seminar in Arc Building to be Offered in the Giant Eagle Auditorium



It's often said that the Carnegie Mellon Department of Psychology is a tough place to give a colloquium...

... we've even heard it said that the question session is sink or swim for job candidates...

But, has it really come to the point where we need to issue life vests to colloquium speakers?

It appears so. This is the Giant Eagle Auditorium following
The Great Flood of 2004

Notice the water mark on the far wall. This photo was taken on Saturday, after the water had receded several feet.

Winners of the Washington Post "Alternate Meanings" Contest

1. **Coffee** (n.), a person who is coughed upon.
2. **Flabbergasted** (adj.), appalled over how much weight you have gained.
3. **Abdicate** (v.), to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
4. **Esplanade** (v.), to attempt an explanation while drunk.
5. **Willy-nilly** (adj.), impotent.
6. **Negligent** (adj.), describes a condition in which you absent-mindedly answer the door in your nightgown.
7. **Lymph** (v.), to walk with a lisp.
8. **Gargoyle** (n.), an olive-flavored mouthwash.
9. **Flatulence** (n.) the emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller.
10. **Balderdash** (n.), a rapidly receding hairline.
11. **Testicle** (n.), a humorous question on an exam.
12. **Rectitude** (n.), the formal dignified demeanor assumed by a proctologist immediately before he examines you.
13. **Oyster** (n.), a person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddish expressions.
14. **Pokemon** (n), A Jamaican proctologist.
15. **Frisbeetarianism** (n.), The belief that, when you die, your Soul goes up on the roof and gets stuck there.
16. **Circumvent** (n.), the opening in the front of boxer shorts.

What I Did on My Summer Vacation...

From Marlene Behrmann's Trip to Greece



Memorable Moment:

...seeing the Olympic stadium under construction a few weeks before the Olympics began and wondering whether it would be ready in time!

Marlene

From Bob Siegler's Trip to Verona, Italy

Romeo, Romeo...

A photograph outside the house in Verona where the real life Juliet, of Romeo and Juliet, is supposed to have lived.

The discoloration attests to the superstition that it brings good luck to rub Juliet's breast. PLB reporters were unable to contact Dr. Siegler for comment on his recent luck.



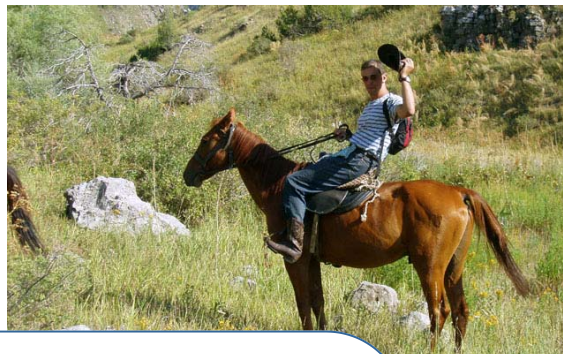
John Kowalski Looked for Signs of Intelligent Life Outside the Psychology Department



John visited the radio telescope in Arecibo, Puerto Rico this summer. If you look very closely you can see Jodie Foster & Carl Sagan the far background.

Just kidding...

Gary Lupyan was a Kazakhstani Cowboy



Gary traveled to Aksu-Dzhabagly, a nature preserve in Southwestern Kazakhstan.

He arrived got there entirely accidentally... (Don't we all?)

His friend's cousin, who lives in Moscow, organized the trip so Gary tagged along. He was there for 2 weeks, mostly in the mountains, but with glimpses of local life and cuisine.

Gary reports that the food was interesting, to say the least.

Gary's best travel meal:

Kuerdiek (a transliteration of the Russian spelling of the Kazakh word) -- lamb organs cooked in a kazan (a huge wok) on open flame. Includes heart, lungs, kidney, stomach, liver, and even bits of actual meat.

Siegler & Staszewski Take to the Greens of St. Andrew's in Scotland

**No Wonder It's So Challenging...
There are Sand Traps Bigger than Stasz!**





Kelly Sacco Visited the New Sculpture Park in Chicago, IL

Chicago's Millenium Park
Under the Cloud Gate Sculpture
AKA — “The Bean”

Lynne Reder & John Anderson Toured Italy on Bikes



After biking through Tuscany, Lynne and John visited the Italian Dolomites. Here, John proudly sports a “souvenir” of Italy’s medical system on his left arm.

“The Bobs”, Bobby Klatzky and husband Bob Traveled in Austria



Southern Lake Area

Most disturbing food:
organ meats that Bob loved

Most terrifying travel moment:
In Villach, seeing the only memorial to the Holocaust outside of Vienna, which had just been defaced by vandals

Best moments: Operetta under the stars in Vienna



They sampled Austrian fashion...

Most adventurous moment:
Watching the para-sailers near Klagenfurt



a very Austrian man in Lienz

Best travel tip: Go to Austria!

Ken Kotovsky Miraculously Times Caribbean Vacation Between Hurricanes



Ken and wife Avis spent some time relaxing on Anguilla in the Caribbean this summer at a place named the CuisinArt resort.

It was a beautiful (architecture, landscaping, location) resort on a quiet island with amazing sandy beaches (and had free sailboats and windsurfers for the asking!).

The resort is owned by the company that makes the food processors and features dining and cooking. Aspiring gourmets can take lessons in which you prepare your own meal, watch cooking demonstrations, tour their very interesting hydroponic farm where they raise their vegetables, etc.



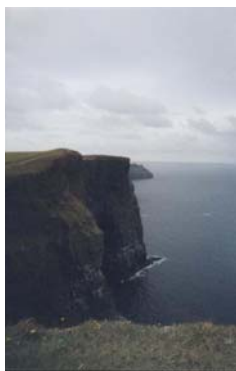
An Entertaining Moment:

“One interesting thing that happened was one time while walking through the lobby we took a look at the kitchen (thru a large glass window designed for that purpose) and saw a souz chef preparing food at a counter with three large Cuisinart food processors on it. He was cutting up sizable quantities of onions, and other vegetables.....and was doing it right in front of the machines (and the observation window) using great technique with a sharp chef’s knife! Not a great ad for Cuisinart!! It was a beautiful place and the food was terrific (and well cut)! On top of that, it was a totally squirrel free environment!

Tony Kelly Tours Europe: Ireland, France and Italy



Ireland—
Misty Landscapes...
& Guinness!



Sarah Novak Hits the Slots!



David Klahr, June Lei Li & Families Traveled to China

