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LOOK! We have new officers!

During the summer Mr. Christopher J. "Vinnie" Ionta resigned his elected post as Secretary of the ACS. In an executive conference with the esteemed ACS advisor Dr. Frank J. "Emil Fischer" Dinan, the President and Vice-President came to the conclusion that Brian P. "Sweet-Talkin' Guy" Santora was best to fill the vacated position. Input was received from the Treasurer and the burdens of office were then bestowed on Mr. Santora in a private ceremony. The 1993-1994 American Chemical Society, Student Affiliate at Canisius College, Buffalo, NY Elected Board of Officers (i.e. the "E-Board") is as follows:

Valerie A. Frydrychowski,
President

Ed Clinch,
Vice-President

Mary Elisabeth Sands,
Treasurer

Brian P. Santora,
Secretary

The Writing Was on the Wall (in crayon)

In the upper reaches of the Science Building I knew there was something clandestine going on. Some secretive, underground plot was being formed by Dr. Mariusz "the Polish Boy Wonder" Kozik. I knew he and his happy little band of summer-employed research chemists were up to something. After careful inspection of their laboratory and the colorful compounds they were creating I knew the truth. They were under a secret contract with the Crayola Crayon Company to develop colors for the new 6.022×10^{23} color crayon box (also called the "Mole Pack"). After questioning the scientists they admitted that, while developing new colors was the primary goal, they were also working on a new additive for the wax so that the crayons would not melt into heaters in classrooms and living rooms across America. This investigative reporter got a sneak preview of the new colors that should be coming out sometime next spring. They include Ippolito Yellow, Gilbert Green, Sczcepankiewicz Hazel, Frydrychowski Red (just the color of the shorts Val wore all summer), Santora Orange, Kozik Cream, Dow Blue, Schaber Chartreuse, and Clinch Grey (which is a very unique color that gets more depressed looking as the day goes by).



Those who can't write, write newsletters.





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You can lead a horse to water, but if you can
 get him to float on his back, you've really
 got something.



Hey! Pay Those Dues!!

It's that time again. If you want to be
 considered an ACS member and have
 all the perks that come with it, you've
 got to pay up. Local membership will
 cost you a mere \$5.00 and National
 membership (with the much sought
 after subscription to *Chemical and
 Engineering News*) will cost \$9.00.
 Membership transactions should be
 conducted through Mary Beth Sands.
 All checks can be made payable to
 her. Due date for dues is Sept. 24,
 1993.



It is impossible to make anything fool proof
 because fools are so ingenious.

Nothing is faster than the speed of light - try
 opening your refrigerator door before the
 light comes on.



Clubroom News...

The ACS room has a fresh coat of paint and
 whether you like the color or not, it looks
 better than it did before (for the interior
 design majors the color is "gosling") The
 executive branch of the club spent the
 summer cleaning, painting and organizing.
 This means that the club room looks great
 and we want to keep it this way. We are,
 however, looking for a few little things to
 improve it more. Anyone wishing to let us
 borrow a microwave would be worshipped
 as a deity. Before the dart board goes back
 up we need a sheet of ply-wood to hang
 behind it. Pillows and a couch cover would
 be much appreciated also. Rumors are that a
 new couch is coming, someday. Anyone
 wishing to donate to the *ACS Improvement
 Fund* please see Ed Clinch as soon as you
 can. Sorry, the gift is not tax deductible but
 can be reclaimed when you transfer or
 graduate.

NEW CLUB ROOM USAGE LAWS

- Keep the clubroom clean.
- No dirty dishes - wash them out, return
 them to the caf., or throw them out!
- Books may be left, but keep them neat.
 (we do have bookshelves.)
- If you keep food in the fridge DON'T leave
 it to get fuzzy and moldy. Eat it or throw
 it out!
- If you spill food *Anywhere*, especially in
 the fridge, clean it up.
- We'll be collecting cans again, but please
 rinse them out - we finally solved the ant
 problem and we don't want them back.
- No pets.
- Any clothes left in the room for more than
 a week will be donated to the ACS
 clothing drive.
- Please keep the room clean!

**the officers reserve the right to
 revoke room use privileges!
 i.e. you abuse it, you lose it!**



Committees Committees Committees!

In the strive to remain an outstanding chapter and to ensure that the ACS does stuff that is of interest to its members, committees are being formed. In order for a committee to work, it needs people willing to help out and serve on it. The complete list of committees is available from Ed or MaryBeth. We know you want to be on a committee, everyone is doing it. It's the cool thing to do. We won't be your friends if you are not on a committee. Everyone who is anyone is on a committee.

**BE YOUNG
HAVE FUN
BE ON A COMMITTEE!**

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You will always find something in the last place you look.

Time flies like an arrow,
fruit flies like a banana.

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You know it's a bad day when...

10. Lou needs uppers. (i.e. the bookstore is out of Mountain Dew.)
9. You have an intelligent conversation with a Physical Education Major.
8. You entertain yourself with the ACS chalkboard.
7. You end the day by missing the flagpole. (refer to last year's Alchemist)
6. It's a good thing to find Colin in the ACS room.
5. Dr. Kozik is the easiest person to understand.
4. The Public Safety Blotter is about you.
3. You look forward to P. Chem as the fun class of the day.
2. Even Mary's in a bad mood.
1. Ed can cheer you up.

Val's Corner

a message from our beloved President

Welcome back!!! (Or just plain welcome to all of the freshmen.) We (meaning the other officers and myself) are pretty optimistic about this year for ACS. This committee idea is not supposed to create a bureaucratic mess. It is intended to get more members actively involved in the planning process for this year's activities. Because face it, Ed and I just aren't exciting enough to plan lots of fun things to do all by ourselves. We're also hoping for more cooperation with keeping the ACS room livable (that's just an expression, not an invitation). Right now, we have our official ACS mess...the rest of the paperwork that we haven't filed yet. But we're allowed to leave this mess because we make up the rules! We are hoping that everyone will do their share to straighten up in there. I think I've wasted enough space to make Ed happy, so I must now say farewell, happy trails, and auf Wiedersehen (note the Oktoberfest theme)...

Kommen Sie to Oktoberfest!

On Saturday, October 16, 1993 the ACS is embarking on an international extravaganza! 15 Tickets are on sale now (first come, first served) to the Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest! (Canada's largest Bavarian Festival!) We have secured a van that will leave Canisius in the late afternoon on Saturday and return in the wee hours Sunday morning. Everyone who is going must ride in the van. We have a designated driver and a navigator who will remain stone-cold sober to escort you safely there and back. You must be at least 19 years old by Oct. 16th. to go. A non-refundable down payment of \$5 may be made with Mary Dow in the Chemistry Office. The total cost of admission and van will be \$20. This does not include drinks once we get there. If you have any questions see Val or Ed.

Scary's Spot ●

a few words from our favorite secretary
(sorry, Brian, she beat you hands down)

Definitions...

The Dean:

Leaps Tall Buildings in a single bound,
is more powerful than a locomotive,
is faster than a speeding bullet,
walks on water,
gives policy to God.

The Department Head:

Leaps short buildings in a single bound,
is more powerful than a switch engine,
is just as fast as a speeding bullet,
walks on water when the sea is calm,
talks with God.

Professor:

Leaps short building with a running start
and a favorable wind,
is almost as powerful as a switch engine,
is a speeding bullet,
walks on water in an indoor swimming
pool,
talks with God if special request is
approved.

Associate Professor:

Barely clears a Quonset hut,
loses tug of war with switch engine
can fire a speeding bullet,
swims well,
is occasionally addressed by God.

Assistant Professor:

Makes high marks on the walls while
trying to leap buildings,
is run over by locomotives,
can sometimes handle a gun without
inflicting self injury,
doggy paddles,
talks to animals,

Graduate Student:

Runs into buildings,
recognizes locomotives two out of three
times,
is not issued ammunition,
can stay afloat with a life jacket,
talks to walls.

Undergraduate:

Falls over doorstep when trying to enter
buildings,
says "look at the choo-choo,"
wets himself with a water pistol,
plays in mud puddles,
mumbles to himself.

Department Secretary:

Lifts tall buildings and walks under them,
kicks locomotives off the tracks,
catches speeding bullets in her teeth and
eats them,
freezes water with a single glance,
is God.



Never underestimate the power of human
stupidity.

First law of Socio-Genetics -
Celibacy is not hereditary.



Amazing, but true, fact of the Semester. . .

there is so much sand
in Northern Africa that,
if it is spread out,
it would completely cover
the Sahara Desert.

