

The Kuchroo Times

Dear Kuchroo Lab Members,
Here is the fifth installment of the Kuchroo Times! I hope that everyone is enjoying this publication so far and thank you for your continued support.

Headline



Let's all take our lab coats off and give a hip hip hooray to Sheng for having his paper accepted in JEM. Let's take a step back however and trace the steps that Dr. Xiao took to get to this point. Dr. Xiao has been a geologist for many, many years and has studied precious stones extensively. For quite some time though, he has been searching for a special type of stone, a stone that comes across only once every ten years. The elusive jem is what he was after and determined he was to find it. Now this jem is not known to the general public, yet is highly regarded within the academic field as being quite an accomplishment if captured. Years of sifting through mountains of papers, processing samples day after day, and even surviving a radioactive spill down the hall couldn't stop this determined soldier from finding what he was looking for. With the help of the experienced Dr. Kuchroo and all of the lab members, he was able to spot the jem in the distance and ran his heart out until he was able to grasp the precious stone like the Gollum in the Lord of the Rings. *My precious...* he whispered to himself because at last, he had found what he was looking for. Now it is up to him to polish up his findings and be able to display his jem for the rest of the world to see. Congratulations Dr. Sheng Xiao. You did it!

Lab Improvement



Now before I entered this lab, I had been exposed to the very basic of laboratory equipment. During my first interview last summer, I was asked the question, "so what biology lab equipment have you been exposed to?", and flustered by the previous three interviewers, I answered... "I've used a scalpel, and forceps..." That interview will haunt me for the rest of my life. However, back on track, I came into this lab and really got a taste of what the big leagues of laboratories use. From the basic pipette to the ultra sonic blow your pants off centrifuge, I was amazed at all of the tools that were available for me to learn and I was excited to get my hands on everything. However, while making a trip down to the Hafler Lab to learn how to use the harvester, I came across the most beautiful thing I have ever seen in my life. If I had to describe it in one word, it would be simply...mesmerizing. This contraption caught my attention instantly, and like the sirens of Greek mythology, I was drawn towards it. This machine, the belly dancer, was one that I knew I had to get. It's graceful movements as it shook on its four legs moved in a grace that would make even angels jealous. When I finally snapped out of my gaze, I looked down and noticed that my hips had been moving to the swing of the belly dancer and it was at that point that I knew that the belly dancer and I had a special connection. I move to invest in a belly dancer in our lab for therapeutic and scientific reason. Though the belly dancer and I have a special connection, I promise that our relationship will be strictly professional. Even if we do not adopt a belly dancer into our lab however, I still have the one in the Hafler Lab. They say that distance makes the

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heart grow fonder so I think we'll be ok in the end.

Spotlight



I think that it would be most appropriate to have this week's spotlight on Dr. Sheng Xiao. The hardest thing about writing a spotlight on Sheng is where to start with him. If I were to compare him to any object on this earth, he would most definitely be the sun, but not the sun in the sky, but one of the suns that you draw in elementary school that has a thousands rays of light coming out of the yellow circle with a pair of sunglasses and a smile in the middle. That is what Sheng brings to everyone in the lab. His everlasting cheerful face and ability to brighten even the darkest of days makes him the sun of the lab. Thank you Sheng for bringing peace, love and happiness to the lab and CONGRATULATIONS!

P.S. For those of you who are still trying to get a mental picture of a sun with sunglasses, I have included one below...smooth.

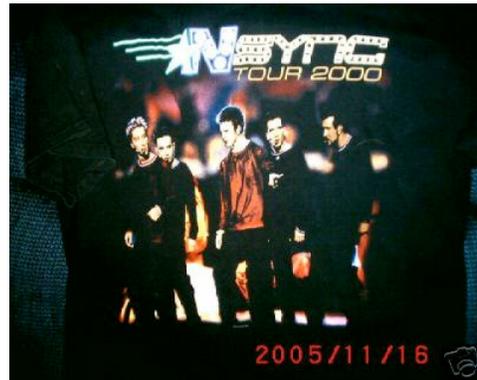


Birthdays



Let's wish Jozsef a Happy Happy Birthday today!
He is officially 21 years old!

Etcetera



The race for the best design is still on and so far there haven't been any submissions. Let this be a warning to everyone. If there is no design submitted by the deadline with is still yet to be determined, the official shirt for our lab's retreat will feature Nsync on it. I do not know of anyone other than Denise Chung that will be ecstatic about this, however for everyone else in the lab, let this be a warning to you. Submit entries to me and we will have a vote for the top design which will be featured on the lab retreat tshirt.