Introducing the First-Years!

Eight first-year students joined the UW MSTP this year.

Adam Bailey
Hometown: Pittsford, NY
College: Colgate University
Major: Molecular Biology, 2009
Interests: Skiing, alpine racing, foosball, intramural football, playing the bagpipes, and tutoring
Favorite 80's Song: Hungry like the Wolf – Duran
Duran...however, I am really more of a classic rock guy.
Favorite Lady Gaga Song: I hate them all equally
Favorite Beverage: New Glarus!
Best Halloween Costume: Mad Hatter
Best Memory from this Summer: Three week trip to Greece, Italy, and France.

Laura Felley
Hometown: Gaithersburg, MD
College: University of Chicago
Majors: Biology & Psychology, 2009
Interests: The Triple Helix and contradancing
Favorite 80's Song: Under Pressure - Freddie Mercury/David Bowie
Favorite Lady Gaga Song: Ale-ale-jandro Ale-ale-jandro!
Favorite Beverage: Hot tea
Best Halloween Costume: Box of popcorn
Best Memories from this Summer: Tie: Walking through the Microbial Sciences building for the first time—it’s like walking through an Escher print! & Going to the Dane County Farmer's Market.

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MSTP Retreat

The annual MSTP retreat is scheduled for September 10-11, 2010. It will be held at George Williams College, which is located on Lake Geneva. The opening dinner on Friday night is scheduled for 6:30 PM. If you have time to arrive early, you can take a stroll around a nice path that runs around the lake. The Lake Geneva Wine Festival also happens to be scheduled for September 10-11. The retreat will adjourn at noon on Saturday.

Mark your calendar!!!
Ted Griggs
Hometown: Minnetonka, MN
College: University of Minnesota – Twin Cities
Majors: Biochemistry & Microbiology, 2010
Interests: Volleyball, playing the saxophone, piano, & flute, and web design
Favorite 80’s Song: Take On Me - Aha
Favorite Lady Gaga Song: Beautiful Dirty Rich
Favorite Beverage: Bloody Mary
Best Halloween Costume: Eurovision 2010’s Moldavian Alto Sax Back-up Dancer Back-Up Dancer* (I’m still working on the dance moves, which should be ready for October) *Not a typo!
Best Memory from this Summer: University of Minnesota Commencement Ceremony

Matt Larson
Hometown: Delafield, WI
College: University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill
Major: Quantitative Biology, 2010
Interests: Scouting and biking
Favorite 80's Song: In the Air Tonight – Phil Collins
Favorite Lady Gaga Song: Poker Face
Favorite Beverage: Diet Mountain Dew
Best Halloween Costume: Buzz Lightyear
Best Memory from this Summer: Fishing in Canada

Aman Prasad
Hometown: Pocatello, ID
College: Cornell University
Major: Chemistry and Chemical Biology, 2010
Interests: Writing and tutoring
Favorite 80's Song: Where the Streets Have No Name - U2
Favorite Lady Gaga Song: Alejandro
Favorite Beverage: Coke Zero
Best Halloween Costume: Country hick
Best Memory from this Summer: All the time I got to spend with my friends and family.

Erika Starks
Hometown: Tucson, AZ
College: University of Arizona
Major: Molecular and Cellular Biology, 2009
Interests: Orchestra, dance, track and soccer
Favorite 80's Song: The Safety Dance – Met Without Hats
Favorite Lady Gaga Song: Just Dance
Favorite Beverage: Water
Best Halloween Costume: The Grinch who stole christmas
Best Memory from this Summer: Going to Santa Barbara with my Daddy

Cecilia Westbrook
Hometown: Chicago, IL
College: Carnegie Mellon University
Majors: Biology & Psychology, 2009
Interests: Writing fiction, nonfiction and newspaper articles and Zen Buddhism
Favorite 80's Song: Rock Lobster – The B-52’s
Favorite Lady Gaga Song: Telephone. No, wait: Pokerface. No no, Bad Romance. No, wait...
Favorite Beverage: Maker’s Mark, rocks (but only after sundown)
Best Halloween Costume: One time I went as a scenester kid and I hand-sewed a four-foot-long pink wig. I still have the wig.
Best Memory from this Summer: Two weeks in Slovenia, Hungary and Croatia including swimming in the Adriatic sea :)

Brittany Young
Hometown: Rowland Heights, CA
College: University of California – San Diego
Majors: Human Biology & Linguistics, 2010
Interests: Tutoring and Esperanto language
Favorite 80's Song: I’m Gonna Be (500 Miles) - The Proclaimers (due to its role in an episode of How I Met Your Mother)
Favorite Lady Gaga Song: I don’t really have one, but I do think her songs are catchy. I also respect the fact that she has actual classical training as a musician :)
Favorite Beverage: Tea (and various tea-based concoctions) and carbonated water.
Best Halloween Costume: There is apparently photographic evidence of my parents dressing me as (and in) a pumpkin.
Best Memory from this Summer: Spending lots of time with family.
New MSTP Website

MSTP Website Featured on the UW SMPH Home Page - A new MSTP website was published this summer. Special thanks goes out to Eric Klister, the UW SMPH web editor, for his work on the new site. Check it out online!

Photos

Anna Mirer and Jonah Cash Mirer, who was born on July 15, 2010.

Massih Hamidi’s son Jonas.

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UBRFEST – The first in a series of notable WI license plates captured by the MSTPost

**Photos**

Eric and Mebbie Landsness recently spent two weeks biking around Ireland. This picture was taken at the Giant’s Causeway in Northern Ireland.

Three things they learned in Ireland:
1) Street signs are few and far between
2) Hedges make excellent wind blocks
3) Yes, it really does rain that much, but it is worth it.

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CC: R. hand lesions.

**HPI:** Mr. P* discovered that monkey bars are not designed for 23-year-old MD/PhD students. Fortunately he was at the beach with medical students.

**Tx:** Emergency surgery was performed with a pocketknife as shown above. Surprisingly, Mr. P fully recovered without complications.

Note: A primary literature search for “lesion caused by monkey bar” suggested that this case report is the first of its kind. Notably, the first result in this search was a paper titled “A selective impairment of motion perception following lesions of the middle temporal visual area (MT),” which may have been involved.

*Mr. P gave the MSTPost consent to disclose the above information for educational purposes.
**Gossip Alerts**

1. **Andrew Wentland** may have a celebrity crush on **Britney Spears**. In a message to the MSTPost, he stated that, “I’m officially sick of Britney Spears, as my 17-month-old son demands hearing “…Baby One More Time” about a dozen times a day.” However, the MSTPost questions how his 17-month-old son developed such affection for Britney’s famous lullaby. Further investigation is underway.

2. From Chloe: **Travelle** is engaged!

**New MSTP Publications**

Three papers from **Andrew Wentland**:


Three papers from **Byram Ozer**:


A paper from **Clinton Morgan**:


A paper from **Eric Landsness**:

A Paper from Keith Hanson


Two papers from Lisa Maurer:


Four papers from Massih Hamidi:

Hamidi, M.; Johnson, J. S.; Feredoes, E.; Postle, B. R. Does high-frequency repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation produce residual and/or cumulative effects within an experimental session? Brain Topography 2010 [Epub ahead of print – July 10]


Two papers from Michael Hoffman


Three papers from Sarah Wernimont:


A paper from Stacy Valkenaar:


Cook’s Corner

What you always wanted to know about Paul, but were afraid to ask until now.

Favorite 80’s Song: Higher Love – Stevie Winwood
Favorite Lady Gaga Song: Is she the one singing children’s songs??
Favorite Beverage: Really, you have to ask? Capitol Amber is my house beverage.
Best Halloween Costume: Got to be my devil’s outfit.
Best Memory from this Summer: killing four mosquitoes with one slap.

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