

THE NAKED SINGULARITY

Welcome back folks!

When was the last time you had a donut? I know I missed them. I'm not sure they even count anymore if they're not Carol Lee. The extra challenge of getting there before all the good ones are gone makes them taste even better. I hope you all are settling back into a good semester of approximations, derivations, and general physicsy stuff; here's some fun stuff to take you mind off of it for a while.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER

If you write, read, draw, or do anything else that will fit on a page of paper and want to be a part of SPS chronicled history let me know. We can come up with something to get your talent out of the shadows and into the glitzy spotlight of departmental newsletters. This stuff goes on the internet you know.

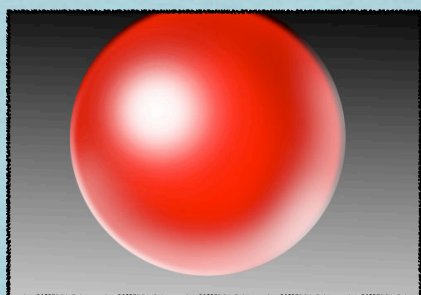
-Sam Rosenkrantz



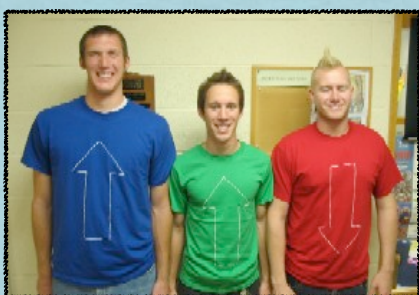
Dept. Chair Iowa Bound

From everyone in SPS, we'd like to wish Dr. Beate Schmittmann the best of luck in her new position as Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Iowa State University. She has been in Blacksburg since 1991 and the department chair since 2006, leaving a definite mark on

everything Physics related here at Tech. Under her direction the number of undergrad majors in the department grew by around 90 students, so 90 of us wouldn't be here without her. We hope you enjoy your last few Fridays mingling in our little room on the second floor of Robeson and remember us fondly.



THE BALL GOT DEFLATED! This is the ball if we assumed it was a perfect sphere. It obviously isn't anymore. Anyone have an air pump? It's our duty to help make the SPS lounge more "ideal."



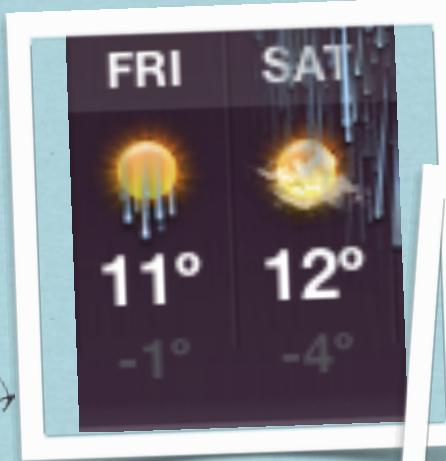
TSHIRTS ARE HERE: A lot of you said you wanted them, less of you have picked them up. Don't miss out on the best fashion statement you can make for the long runway like halls of Robeson



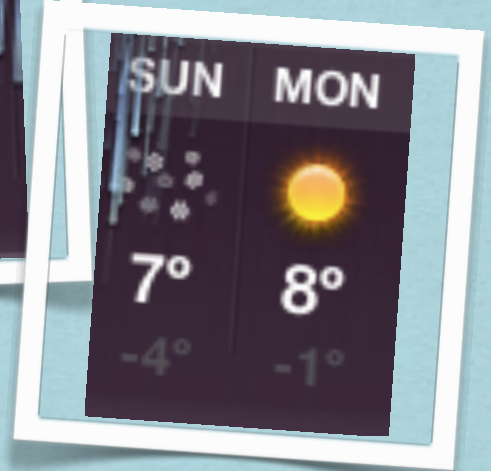
BRAIN TEASER: I used that picture in an older issue of the NS. Which issue was it, and for bonus points why is it Physics related? That may be a great hint... or it may not.



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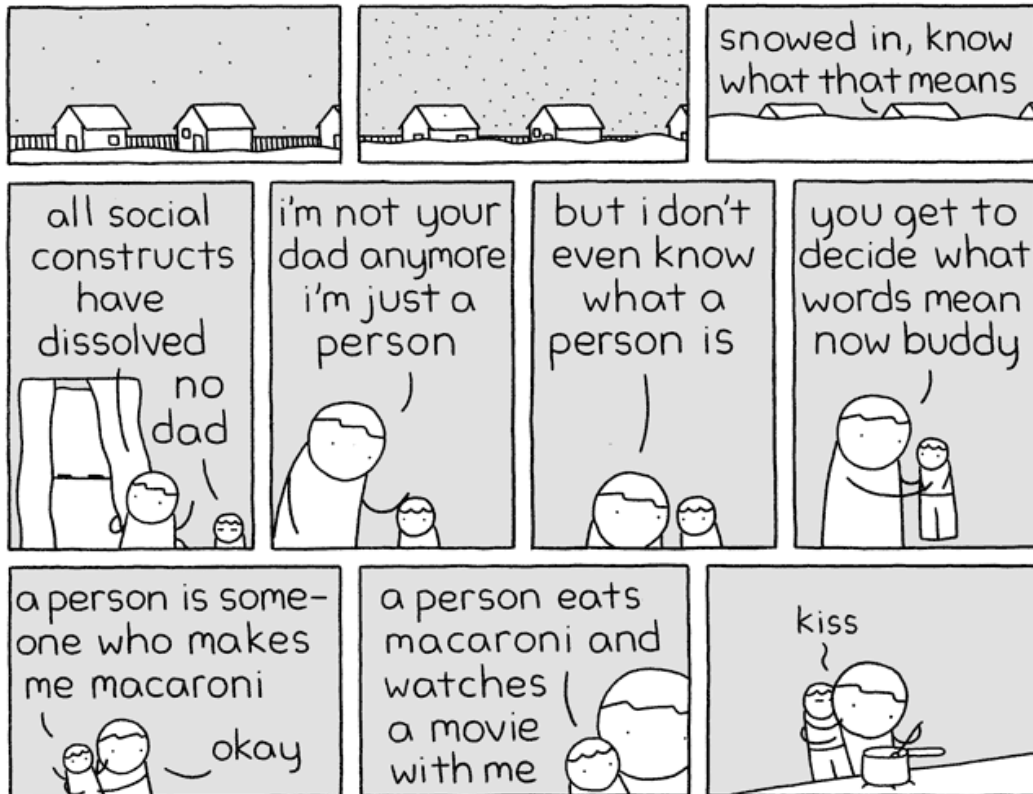


* I've come to the conclusion someone has built a giant wall around the outskirts of Blacksburg. Nothing else could explain the absence of the infamous January arctic wind.



Despite the warm temperatures there are places with snow nearby. Any athletic people out there down for a ski trip? Any lazy people down for tubing? Discuss!

SHAMELESSLY STOLEN



Thanks to Pictures for Sad Children, still waiting for winter.