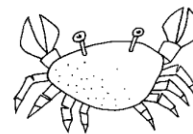


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(Jeremy is indisposed)

Lecture Week 12:

Dr Helen Johnston

"Eyes on the Universe"

**Tuesday 19 October
12pm**

Tutorial Rm 320

Free cake!

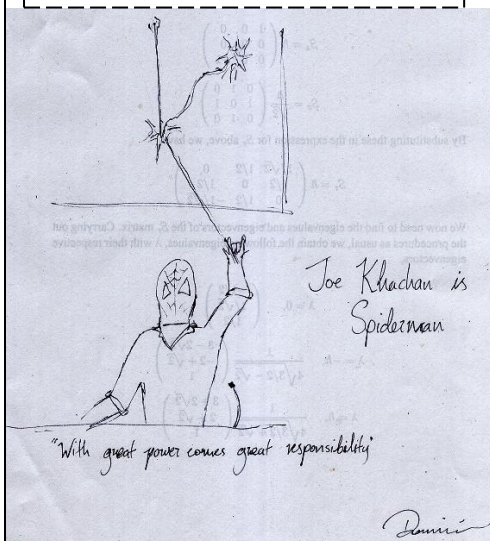
Message from the President Jess Bloom...

from the quantum (soap)box...maybe

With the end of semester approaching (well...as the middle of semester ends, if, like the fine people in university administration, you seem to share my deep appreciation of basic arithmetic), it can sometimes feel as though we don't really know what we are doing, that maybe things aren't going quite the way we might have planned, that perhaps we should have majored in Gender Studies. Fortunately, the Large Hadron Collider is around to make us feel better about ourselves (in the words of Tom Stoppard: "the roads are impassable tonight, the country is rising, and the cry goes up from hill to hill...WHERE IS HIGGS?") Actually, this is not quite fair – recently, CERN's pricey model train set managed to smash protons together and produce what may (or may not) be a sort of free quark soup (om nom nom), similar to conditions immediately after the Big Bang. Which isn't too bad, for an operation that makes the Delhi Commonwealth Games look clean, efficient, and smoothly run.

In other news, collective socks have been rocked by both Bucky Ball and Science Revue. In the latter, Physoc t-shirts were featured in an even more than usually smashing song and dance routine (speaking of which, you have only a few weeks left to buy one before the design changes for next year!) If you had fun at either of these events, or if you missed them and would like to repair your nerd karma before the holidays, we are holding the PHYSOC AGM on October 15. It will be a cards night with FREE PIZZA (and possibly some semi-legal Physics building hide-and-seek), and you can either vote or put yourself forward in the election of next year's exec team. What's that? Free food? Sexy Physoc people? A prize for the winner of the poker? Oh yes, oh yes indeed! On a side note, this will be my last random rant as President. Who will the Anointed One be? I, however, will be running for Secretary, so if anyone wants to come and vote for me, that would rock.

Stuff you can't Google...



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I don't know about everyone else, but I have had a very...instructive year. Turns out there really is such a thing as a "photino" and a "wino", beyond the worlds of Italian sports cars and Hermann's on a Tuesday afternoon (respectively, unless the poncier college kids are out in unusual force in the latter). Also, bras are harder to use than might have been imagined (blame Dirac for that one), and Joe Khachan is unnervingly gifted at interpretive dance. In fact dances, both Safety and Gaga-inspired, have been a recurring motif, proving that a certain, more than usually disreputable group of 3rd year students should *never* have been permitted to learn the room codes for the entire Physics building.

As the days get warmer, shorts get shorter and days procrastinating in Manning morph seamlessly into days procrastinating on the Oval, my mind turns to the Radiative Transfer Equation. Then it turns quickly away again because, let's face it, that sort of thing can wait until Stuvac. No more token science in this column, just love and kisses before we have to start concentrating *really hard* to pretend exams aren't going to happen to us soon. Instead, I would like to put a question to all of you (one that is particularly close to my heart):

Have you heard of...*Mossbauer*?

Kthnxbai ☺

For more information, check us out at:
<http://www.physics.usyd.edu.au/pysoc/>

UPCOMING

PHYSOC AGM: Friday 15 Oct! free pizza, cards,
fun, elections (without hustlers): 7pm in the Tea Room

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PHYSOC LECTURE: Tuesday 19 Oct! Dr
HELEN JOHNSTON, *EYES ON THE UNIVERSE*, FREE CAKE ☺ 12pm in Tutorial
Room 320

COSSOC STEAMPUNK PARTY:

Thursday 21 Oct! Get your schmexy on! 8pm at Hermann's

PHYSOC BBQ: Friday 22 Oct! freefood freefood
freefood freefood freefood freefood: 12-2pm on the roof

HAPPY DAYS!