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CAMPUS POETS

There are many ways to handle stress, but two of our noble MECC employees resorted to poetry this week.

Carolyn Reynolds, Dean of Arts and Sciences, was reminded of a Tennyson poem as she takes on WEAVE, the college's new Annual Planning software.

The Lady of Shalott

There she *weaves* by night and day
A magic web with colors gay.
She has heard a whisper say,
A curse is on her if she stay
To look down to Camelot.
She knows not what the curse may be,
And so she *weaveth* steadily,
And little other care hath she,
The Lady of Shalott.

And then Jeff Burselson, Instructional Technologist, gave us his original rendering.

Be Careful Making Plans

There once was a plan in Richmond
A plan so strikingly bold
To deploy Blackboard 7
Fall 07 is what we were told.

As you know plans often will change
Not here you sarcastically cry
Well keeping in line with sarcasm
Please listen to my reply.

It seems through the grapevine it traveled
Blackboard 7 will have to wait
Sit back and relax a little bit longer
We upgrade in Spring 08

Now remember to count your blessings
They come in massive array
If for some reason I misinterpreted the message
You can read it below today.

FRIDAY THE 13TH

The fear of Friday the 13th is called paraskavedekatriaphobia or paraskevidekatriaphobia, a specialized form of triskaidekaphobia, a fear of the number thirteen.

The modern basis for the aura that surrounds Friday the 13th stems from Friday October the 13th, 1307. On this date, the Pope of the church in Rome in Conjunction with the King of France, carried out a secret death warrant Against "the Knights Templar." The Templars were terminated as heretics, never again to hold the power that they had held for so long. Their Grand Master, Jacques DeMolay, was arrested, tortured and crucified.

From a religious standpoint, Muslims tout Friday as the day Allah created Adam, legend has it that Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit on a Friday, and later died on a Friday, and Christians consider Friday as the day on which Christ was crucified by the Romans.

The Scandinavian belief that the number 13 signified bad luck sprang from their mythological 12 demigods, who were joined by a 13th demigod, Loki, an evil cruel one, who brought upon humans great misfortune.

The number 13, in the Christian faith, is the number of parties at the Last Supper, with the 13th guest at the table being the traitor, Judas.

(Notice that this issue of the LINK is the 13th issue and for Friday the 13th.)

Information found on line.

FASTips



A weekly feature by the Office of
Financial and Administrative Services

Please notify Human Resources immediately of any address change.

RED FOX GRILL BUFFET MENU



Monday, April 16

Cavatini
Salad
Roll
Dessert

Tuesday, April 17

Chicken Parmesan
Baby Whole Potatoes
California Medley
Roll
Dessert

Wednesday, April 18

Country Fried Steak w/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Roll
Dessert

Thursday, April 19

Close at 10:00 am for Spring Fling

Friday, April 20

Fried Fish
Taco Salad
Macaroni & Cheese
Okra
Broccoli
Roll
Dessert

Menu subject to change.

*Superstition,
idolatry, and
hypocrisy have
ample wages, but
truth goes a-begging.*

Martin Luther
BrainyQuote.com

SAFETY AT WORK

Hazards in the Workplace Your Right to Know

The Hazard Communication Standard affects every organization that uses chemicals



Chemical manufacturers have the first job in Hazard Communication (Hazcom). They have to determine the physical and health hazards of each product they make. Then users must be told about those hazards via container labels and Material Safety Data Sheets.



Employers must develop a written hazard communication program. They must:

- Tell employees about the Hazard Communication Standard
- Explain how it's being put into effect in their workplace
- Provide information and training on hazardous chemicals. This includes how to:
 - Recognize, understand and use labels and Material Safety Data Sheets: and,
 - Use safe procedures when working with hazardous substances.

