The King and Queen of Keg and Mead $^{14}$C Science Hit UOttawa!

OTTAWA, ONTARIO — The residents of Ottawa thought they had it all – ice skating on the Rideau Canal, breathtaking exhibits at dozens of superb museums, its stellar reputation as Canada’s capital, and more vegetarian cafes than you can shake a carrot at. Their ordinary lives were turned upside down when Brett and Jen Walker moved in, with their cat. The news that Brett, the world’s expert at measuring organic matter in the ocean (and ODV and excel), and Jen, the world’s expert at most everything involving carbon isotopes in the world, were coming to UOttawa, sent the town into a state of utter glee! Professor Matt McCarthy of the Department of Oceanography at UCSC, exclaimed “We are so proud that Brett and Jen are setting up labs with their own magic touches.” Professor Druffel explained, “Watch these junior scientists, they will define the future of carbon cycling research.” A tear came to her eye as she uttered her words.

Reported by Ms. X. Pert Baker

Publisher’s note:
The publication of this volume was delayed due to extreme sadness following the move of Brett and Jen. The editor and staff had to rehabilitate in Mexico for months, to get lots of sunshine and eat copious amounts of juniper berry products. We are glad to announce that they are on the mend and looking forward to visits with Brett and Jen.

Dateline 20190401:
Wears monster tool belt aboard ship…
Widest eye roll ever…
Propensity to tear up when laughing…
Greets lab colleagues warmly…
Hundreds of DOC oxidations……
Countless beautiful dos…..
One hair cut….
Camp for flame sealing Zn tubes…
Scrupulous lab books…
Always a ready smile……
Thousands of DIC acidifications….
Wicked awesome home brews….
Flannel shirt club membership….
Master baker….
Master punster…
CO$_2$ gas Mutilator® co-inventor…

For these reasons and many, many more Brett and Jen are sincerely missed!!

Reported by Daily Gymrat (AKA Dograt)

Pictures of Brett and Jen’s Important Work at the Keck CCAMS and Druffel/Xu Groups (cont on pages 2-3)

Flaming edible samples with great flare.

Dr. Walker contemplating data with Dr. Fahrni.

Brett and Steve demonstrating their glass blowing skills. February 2017.

Pics: XX, SG and AC, ESS Photographers
It was a good week for students touring the $^{14}$C lab:

Researchers at UC Irvine demonstrate that Cheetos® are more delicious at $-195^\circ$C. Researcher Brett Walker shows undergrads how to consume “yellow death” by first freezing them in liquid nitrogen, putting them in their mouth, and puff out smoke rings. His method is meticulous and highly envied by fellow Green Lab colleagues. Enthused students affirm, “they just taste so much better when frozen in liquid nitrogen! I sent a picture to my mom, and she thought I was smoking!” Always a good and meaningful example. Nice!  

*AP Source: The Secondsie Secretariat*

Weekly weather update:

10 March 2019: Despite the usual cold low pressure fronts that are typical in the dead of winter in Canada, Ottawans suddenly experienced their second week record of sunshine! Residents report that since Monday, they feel somehow happier, and laughter can be heard all around the city. Meteorologists observed a similar phenomena in Zurich, Switzerland when the endless fog, cold, snow, sleet and rain unexpectedly opened up to reveal sunny skies for an entire week! Local Swiss residents also began laughing and enjoying life. Experts and residents in Canada are hopeful that the nice weather will persist in Ottawa, so residents can pack up their Canadian tuxedos for the winter and start wearing southern California surf wear!  

*Reported by Yearning for Yogurtland*

A Tale of New Creatures

A fiercely, friendly pair of new faces appear in the Ottawa-n wilderness. The native moose, elk, bison, and wolves wonder at the cleverly adapted pair of banana-slugs turned anteaters that have turned up in their realm. After presenting this community of diverse creatures with a beautiful rhubarb pie, they are accepted into the community without hesitation. Soon, as is their nature, they begin to analyze the isotopic composition of the organic matter surrounding them. They find a fallen leg-hair from one of their new friends, Billy bison. They know immediately that this hair is slightly heavier than it should be! They say, “Hey Billy Bison, you must cut down on your C3 grass intake. You’re getting too heavy.”  

“What are you getting on about?” replies Billy Bison. “You’re enriched!” the new couple proclaims. The Billy bison squints his eye for a minute before opening them wide and says “I’m rich! I’m getting the next flight to the tropics!” and gallops off into the forest never to be seen again.  

(No animals were harmed in the making of this tale)  

*Reported by C.L. Surfer*
**WC14 “The Hottest Station in the Nation”: News**

With the departure of DJ colleague Airwave-walker “Funky Brett”, WC14 listeners have been experiencing a decrease in their normal required intake of 90s grunge rock music, hip hop, and Richard Cheese’s smooth jazzy covers of songs that would usually scare away their in-laws. Coming into replace him at the 7:30 AM slot: Barry Manilow’s Greatest Hits on Repeat, and a daily segment at 8:00 AM called “What is this? some kind of tube?”

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**Secondizes are on the rise in ESS:**

For years, sandwiches, cakes and basically anything edible left out by the ESS office had vanished in minutes. Morgan Sibley notes “I became so used to the disappearing act of left-over food that we would usually scare away their in-laws. Coming into replace him at the 7:30 AM slot: Barry Manilow’s Greatest Hits on Repeat, and a daily segment at 8:00 AM called “What is this? some kind of tube?”

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**Herzog and Attenborough talk life, pebbles, baited breath**

—Trondheim, Norway

A short walk from the waterfront, down cobblestone alleys and around piles of bicycles, leads you to 11 Taraldsgårdsveita, the site of Trondheim’s legendary Fiskhallen. This is where OCWeekly sat down for some late-night matpakke and a very brief discussion of the legendary documentarians’ upcoming collaboration, “The Forgotten Motes of King Olaf”.

**OC Weekly:** Hei!

**Herzog:** The corridors of Fiskhallen are repulsive. It is as if they want my attention, but cannot express themselves with emotional maturity. At other times, they seem carefree in their abandonment.

**Attenborough:** But, they are not alone.

**OC Weekly:**...Ok, then. Ha det bra!

**Dr. D.O.C.**

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**Horoscope: Deep cleansing breath!**

Come midweek, you might start to feel a bit overwhelmed. Before you dive into a panic attack by the paparazzi, interview requests for your accepted *Nature* and *Science* papers as well as the Gin and Tonics on party nights, pause for an attitude adjustment that will ground you and put you back in command. Put in time for kayaking, yoga and hiking. Take a sailing class after work. Expect an immediate change of tranquility.

Throughout the day, schedule a few mini breaks to peel back the layers of your onion and remember how much you’ve achieved and all the good friends you met along the way. With the ending of Mercury in befuddling retrograde motion in your sign, the visionary Jupiter has caused you to shine bright like a diamond, so make sure you wear your shades and embrace all the good flowing your way!

**A.C. Spot**

**Appearing in July 2019**

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**Eyes on Genetic Science:**

We report revised results of SMG’s genetic testing:

41% Dog-Rat, 40% German, 15% Irish, 4% Neanderthal. (Samples available for confirmation, contact the editor).

**D.N.A. Mama**

**Aka Rosanne Roseanna Dana**

1 April 2018.

If you detect an error in the reporting of this volume, please contact the editing department at takeyourerrorandshoveit@dailybucket.org

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**Jen and Xiaomei in their lab.**

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