(Less than) Six Degrees of Separation

As we awake from the chaos that was the 2008 election season, let us not forget that we are all still one big, happy (albeit twisted) family. In particular, it seems that our Pres. Candidates and their most iconic TV arch-nemeses are more intimately related than we had thought. Take a look at these unexpected couplings, done in five degrees of separation (or less!):

First up is Bill O’Reilly, host of the infamous O’Reilly Factor on the equally infamous Fox News Network—yet he finds some redemption in that he counts amongst his favorite movies the 1977 classic Saturday Night Fever. It stars John Travolta, whose costar in the Look Who’s Talking enterprise was Olympia Dukakis, first cousin of Michael Dukakis, the 1988 Dem. Pres. candidate. Wait—who else ran for President way back in 1988? Oh, yeah: Joe Biden.

Switch gears now to Stephen Colbert, who hosts an eponymous news show of his own, but is also the author of I Am America (and So Can You), which topped the NYT best-sellers for a solid 2.5 months, a streak broken for only one week by Glenn Beck’s An Inconvenient Book, written as an answer to the film by Al Gore. In addition to his Nobel and Oscar, Al also received the 2007 U.N. Champions of the Earth Award, an honor bestowed in 2008 to Prince Albert II of Monaco—and my friend wikipedia tells me that Monaco’s Monte Carlo is where the chef Jean Giroix popularized the Baked Alaska dessert. Hmm, I know someone else who bakes in Alaska: Sarah Palin!

Speaking of people who appear on daily shows, Jon Stewart has a favorite baseball team, the New York Mets, who recently signed a marketing agreement with the Anheuser-Busch beer kingdom, founded by Jim Hensley, whose daughter is Cindy Lou Hensley McCain. That name sounds oddly familiar… She must be married to John McCain!

Hey, Jerry Falwell was old, white, and conservative, as well! Unfortunately, he was also preoccupied with attacking Tinky Winky, whose creator Andrew Davenport once worked for the crew of Mulan. Of course, Disney’s latest project Swing Vote stars Kevin Costner, a native of Orange County. It appears that Marla Jo Fisher of his hometown paper the OC Register recently took her family on a Kenyan safari. How exciting! I think somebody else’s family was also in Kenya at that time… Light bulb: Barack Obama.

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Bunny Fact: The Playboy Bunny costume was the first “service uniform” registered by the U.S. Patent Office.
Events on Campus

- Study Abroad Budget Workshop – Mon 6:00 (Fin Aid Office)
- BSA/BPLA Election Night Party – Tues 8:00 (Queen’s Head Pub)
- FAS Diversity Dialogue: Lena Williams – Thurs 11:00 (Charles Hotel)
- Freshman Parents Weekend – begins Fri
- Harvard Grad School of Design Admissions Open House - Fri
- RCS/Collegium Autumn Evensong concert – Sat 8:00 (Sanders Theatre)

Upcoming Lev Events

- Physical/Life Sciences and Engineering Advising Panel – Mon 5:30 (SCR)
- R.A.D. Class (women only) – Mon 6:00 (Old Library)
- Old Library Luncheon – Wed 12:00 (JCR)
- Mental Health First Aid – Wed 7:30 (Old Library)
- Pre-Law Committee: HLS Presentation – Thurs 5:00 (JCR)
- Sherry Hour – Thurs 5:30 (SCR)
- Conway Chamber Music Concert – Fri 6:30 (Master’s Residence)

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Games This Week

The fall playoffs are here! Note that you can only play in a playoff game if you played in at least one regular season game, but you are welcome to come and cheer!

Soccer: Mon, 11/3/08, 9 pm vs. Eliot
Ultimate Frisbee: Tues, 11/4/08, 5 pm vs. TBD
Flag Football: Wed, 11/5/08, 8 pm vs. Kirkland
*Ultimate Frisbee: Wed, 11/5/08, 9 pm vs. Kirkland
*Soccer: Thurs, 11/6/08 vs. TBD
Tennis: Sun, 11/9/08, time and opponent TBD
* = if we win the earlier match

Players of the Week (Oct. 28 – Nov. 1 2008)
Leverett only had one game in the last week, and since it was an A Volleyball game, the outcome came as no surprise. In a 2-0 win against Currier, new member Nicholas Souder proved that he is as adept at volleyball as he is at pretty much every other sport, while regular Michael Barron kept up the solid performance that he has given all season. Leverett A Volleyball will enter the playoffs undefeated, hoping to defend its title for the 4th consecutive (!) time.

Announcements

As the Fall regular season ends, the IM Reps would like to recognize the sports captains who have done a magnificent job rallying each team. Give them a pat on the back if you see them around:

A Volleyball – Phillip Mongiovi
B Volleyball – Palak Patel
Flag Football – Sam Bonsey
Tennis – Karl Harmenberg
Soccer – Kevin Verbael
Ultimate Frisbee – Saketh Bhamidipati

It's the Little Things!

Everyday Interactions that Anger, Annoy and Divide the Races

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