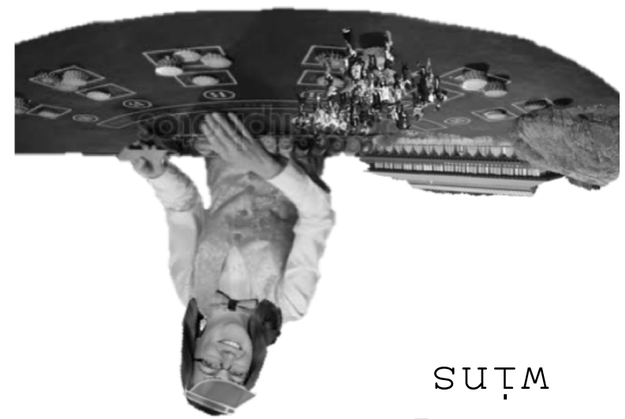
January 25-27, 2019 **TOASTER Edition:**

The Touch Tank



The HOUSE *always* wins

TOASTER Bingo

Bingo prize: ???
Blackout prize: BOTW pin
*subjective clues require approval by a peer (initialed) or photo evidence

Sleeping audience member	Matlab terminal sighted (not your own) / Working during talk	Talk results in crying	Sing-along occurs (5 or more participants)	Saw at least three deer in frame (pic req.)
Glitter whiskey makes an appearance	Self-care talk	Group activity instead of talk	Audience member knows more than presenter	Fire-starting mechismo displayed
Video doesn't work during talk	Talk being put together during other talks	Follow us on Twitter (@touchtankzine)	Uproarious laughter (5 or more participants authentically laughing)	Total eclipse of the heart, call your girlfriend, AND Thriller played at dance party (only if all three)
Unfinished talk	Shit gets real (determined by group consensus)	Video does work during talk	Group therapy held	Walked from FHL to downtown
Overheard someone ask "What's the door code again?"	Talk runs over time	Clementines served during talks	Leftover chinese pizza makes appearance	Team talk with more than one presenter, not 2nd years

Highlights: Community-building at tOASTER

Since its successful conversion from StuPOR in 1996 (see Jan. 2018 issue), tOASTER has become wildly popular amongst the graduate student body. Though not yet an official graduation requirement, Oceanography faculty have gone on the record stating they would "never, ever[sic] consider passing a student who hadn't been in attendance at least once." In fact, there is a precedent of postponing General Exams and Thesis Defenses to allow for so-called redemption trips.

Similarly, in their exit interviews, alumni frequently cite time spent at tOASTER as a formative part of their graduate experience, using words such as "community," "learning," "outdoors," and "rager." Though we don't have a clue what 90% of our graduates end up doing for work, we do know that 100% pine for just one last retreat to Friday Harbor.

So, as we convene in 2019, let us reflect on the fond memories of tOASTERs past, enjoy the debauchery of the present, make outrageous plans for the future, and be thankful the name da Unbelievable Marine-Peoples' Student Educational Retreat (dUMPSTER) didn't stick.

Dewey's Gamble: a game of skill & chance

"Do you feel lucky?" Sarah asked, cracking her knuckles over the croupier's table. In the shadows of the back room, only her visor caught the light, sparkling like an emerald.

"House rule," she explained, laying 16 cards out facedown on the green felt- no, not felt - *grass*. My eyebrows jumped as I saw tiny faces staring up at me, pleading for mercy. Slack-jawed I looked back up at the face obscured by the darkness.

"I don't - I don't know the rules," I stammered.

"Only one rule," she leered.

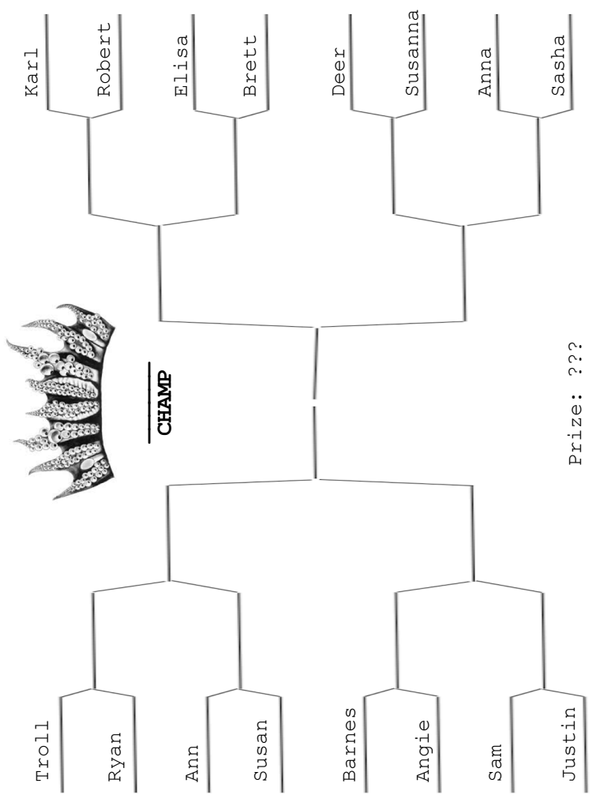
In her hand she shook the dice and carelessly cast them over the small world below her. "The house *always* wins."

16 enter a fight to the death, their odds of survival dependent on their skills and grit (and a dice roll). Build your bracket and follow along as TouchTank asks: who among us will survive to the end of Dewey's Gamble?

RESULTS OF EACH ROUND WILL BE POSTED ON OUR TWITTER (@touchtankzine) AND IN ANALOG

Brawler Stat Sheet

Fremont Troll (Dice Roll Multiplier = 1.35)
Big, Concrete, Eats Cars
Ryan Groussman (D.R.M. = 1.77)
Scrappy, Mentally & Spiritually Impervious
Robert Levine (D.R.M. = 1.53)
Licensed to Operate Heavy Machinery, Fish Serial Killer
Ann Stanbrough (D.R.M. = 1.95)
No License but Operates Heavy Machinery, Anything is a Weapon
Susan Burke (D.R.M. = 1.53)
Fold Origami Quickly, Napping Skillz, Cat-Friend
R.V. Barnes (D.R.M. = 1.56)
Nothing Left to Lose, Scrap(metal)y
Angie Boysen (D.R.M. = 1.45)
Endurance, Endurance, Endurance, Wingspan
Sam Brenner (D.R.M. = 1.6)
Controls your carpool home
Justin Penn (D.R.M. = 1.4)
Sand in Shirt for Surprise Defense
Karl Banse (D.R.M. = 1.5)
Probably Seen it All, Friends w/ Mermaids
Elisa Bonin (D.R.M. = 1.81)
Trained in Akido, Punny
Brett Morris (D.R.M. = 1.7)
Knowledge of the World
FHL Deer (D.R.M. = 1.2)
Afraid of Nothing, Afraid of Everything
Susanna Michael (D.R.M. = 1.35)
Knowledge about Animal Reproduction
Anna McLaskey (D.R.M. = 1.63)
Unpredictable, Never Backs Down
Sasha Seroy (D.R.M. = 1.6)
Can Transform into an Invertebrate



Bathroom of the Week (BOTW)

The woods of Friday Harbor can do things to one's mind. Was that shadow just an ax murderer, or a more sinister flock of murderous FHL deer? What is that vaguely inhuman face against the windows, watching the backlit revelry? Did Moby Dick just make a noise, all alone in the lecture hall at night?

Then the most disturbing thought of all - am I crazy, or do I hear ghostly flushing from the void where the C-dorm bathroom *should* be?

Well, I'll let you in on a secret for this BotW. You're not crazy. The fabled Chamberpot of C-Dorm exists, but not in its original location. After a series of scatalogical mysteries in the 1950s involving a snake, self-healing foil from New Mexico, and well-traveled string, the Administration had a tough choice to make about the toilet: shut down FHL's best pooping spot, or risk more student deaths?

So the Chamberpot got relocated, but some say it still wanders the island, just wanting to be pooped into. On tOAStER weekend, you can hear sinks running in anguish - and maybe if you're lucky, you can find it. Oh - bring your own toilet paper.

THE DEEP END

RAVE: San Juan Island is a beautiful place to be and I love any opportunity to come here

RANT: Where can I find the secret food spots of Friday Harbor?! Where's my $3 Banh Mi? :/

RAVE: The pun-levels of the Toaster emails were at an all time high this year. Good job, second year cohort!

RANT: Is it just me or is One Bus Away getting much worse?

RANT: Isa's talk is called "Nerd Rant: 3D Printers Are Cool". If she thinks they're so cool, it sounds more like a "Nerd *Rave*".

RANT: Aw, no cottages this year :(

RAVE: There was a new L pod orca born in the Puget Sound this month! They named it Lucky and it "looks healthy". Survival rates are 50-50 for orca babies, but I'm hoping for the best.

RAVE: We're gaining four minutes of daylight per day right now. Isn't that straight dope?!

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