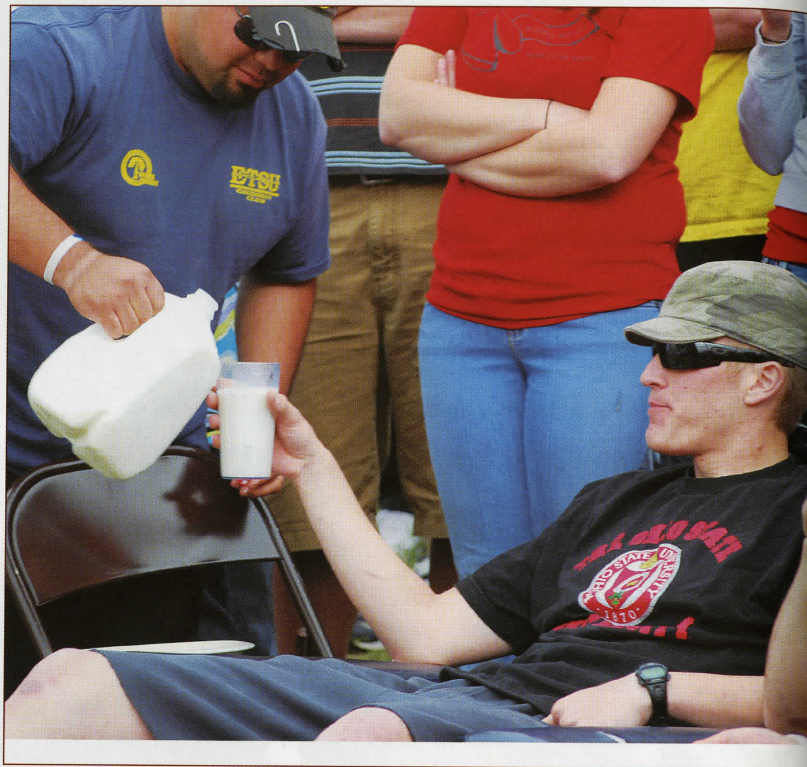


Wonderful Wok Day Marvelous Monday

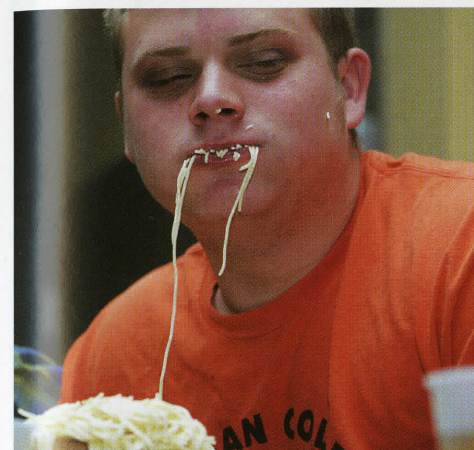
After much anticipation, trepidation, and near exasperation Wonderful Wednesday finally came! Or rather, Marvelous Monday finally arrived! April 21 dawned in disappointment for some as they saw no herald of joy slid beneath their doors. Their disappointment quickly turned to elation as they opened their doors to see the Chinese takeout box stuffed with the official announcement straight from Mark Fox - the best day of the year had arrived. The Wonderful Wednesday crew outdid themselves with decorations fitting with the theme of Wonderful Wok Day. Sutton Lobby and the Cafe were turned into an Asian spectacle with paper lanterns hanging everywhere, bamboo sprouting from the floor, and every table adorned with Chinese finger traps, Milligan specific fortune cookies, and chopsticks. All of this was entered under the spreading arch of a wooden pagoda. After a delicious brunch (which many people attempted to eat with chopsticks), students spread out across campus to indulge in the various events. Student favorites, such as the giant water slide and inflatables, returned, while new events such as the Shanghai Shiver, a competition in a pool of ice, and Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon a faculty/staff hunt were introduced. The faculty hunt was well-received as students hunted all over campus for their elusive professors. Most, but not all, were caught in the thirty minute time span. Sam Skeirik took the overall prize for the Shanghai Shiver, lasting well over ten minutes in the frigid water, while Dexter De Torres placed second. Having studied The Art of Milk Chugging in preparation for the Moo & Speu, Josh Redden brought a recliner onto the field of competition and was served by his friend Frank Hardy; his unorthodox strategy paid off, and he placed first in the contest. As always, students took great pleasure from the water slide. Mark Fox made the mistake of standing too close to festivities and found himself helped down the water slide by some of the students. The inflatables were busy all afternoon, ringed with cheering and laughing friends as students raced, played, and bounced through the giant blow-ups. Rubber burns accumulated, races were won, and records were broken. Other events throughout the day included a volleyball tournament, dodgeball, a no-hand noodle eating contest, basketball, and of course Ultimate Frisbee on Pardee Lawn. The exhausting day wound down with a delectable themed dinner on the lawn and the movie Fool's Gold at the Drive-In. The day was a much needed reprieve for students who feared for their sanity as finals loomed. For some it was a day of fun, for others a time to relax, and still others proved more studious and took the day to attend to their books. However it was spent, the day was amazing, stupendous, thrilling, marvelous, and terrific. But most of all, it was wonderful!

~Lindsey Jones and Abby Banks, photos by Lindsey Jones, Sam Skeirik, Josh Redden, Emily Arnold, and Katie Barnette
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left: Lydia Oliver readies to throw at the football toss.

below: Apparently some people, Ryan Harris, should not be left unsupervised near Chinese finger traps.



far left: Justin Westerman tried his hardest to decimate a bowl of noodles in the noodle eating contest, but he and the other contestants lost to Tyler Ross's superior noodle slurping skills.

left: Micheal Bell tries a rather unconventional approach to the water slide.

below: Giving it his all, Matt Gamble, shoots down Milligan's water slide.



Excited by the treats to come everyone is ready for a bracing brunch to keep them going through the day. L to R: Alli Sanders, Ellen Moore, Kristie Strand, Jen Sheldon.

