

MEDIA ADVISORY

Subject: Fun in the Workplace: High-Technology Water Balloon Fight at Sun Microsystems

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What:

Wayne Rosing (president of Sun Microsystems Laboratories) has challenged Ed Zander (president of SunSoft) to a "water balloon fight, augmented with various devices designed to fling water in improbable ways."

Scott McNealy (chief executive officer) and Mike Morris (vp & general counsel) have agreed to be the referees and will be placed in a small dingy in the middle of the pond adjacent to the two buildings.

See attached electronic mail messages from General Rosing, General Zander and Chief Referee Scott McNealy for more information.

When:

Friday, July 24, 1992. Suggest you arrive at 3:30 for optimal viewing; the water "battle" begins promptly at 4:00 p.m. (and may end rather quickly).

Where:

Sun Microsystems' Buildings #8 and #29. Directions: From Hwy. 101, take San Antonio Road (North/East, towards the bay). Turn right on Casey Avenue. Go to end of street, which dead ends at Bldgs #8 and #29.

You're also invited to stay for the beer bust immediately following the battle. Please let either Lisa or Cindee know if you plan to attend.

>From rosing@doober (Wayne Rosing) Tue Jun 16 10:58:06 1992

To: sunlabs@sml

Subject: War with SunSOFT

Your management has noticed that there hasn't been enough interplanetary conflict recently - especially with the sweetest bunch of folks in the Sun universe: SunSOFT. To arrest this situation before it gets to be a policy, Ditzel, Mitchell and I crashed Zander's staff meeting yesterday, armed to the teeth with Super Soakers, dressed to the nines in business suits (so we would not be recognized walking through the building) and challenged them to a fight.

On Friday, July 24, 1992, between Bldg's 8 and 29 there will be a water balloon fight, augmented with various devices designed to fling water in improbable ways. You are *requested and required* to participate unless you bring a note from home.

The only rules are: don't hurt anyone (egos excepted,) or anything, and try if your shot misses to hit the grass or a tree, avoid hitting windows and no "latex" balloons allowed. Only pure water, no dyes or colorings. Bill Coleman's red Mercedes is "off-limits, out-of- bounds, and...?"

Choice of weapons is optional. There will be a series of prizes for best weapon, most spectacular failure, longest range, etc.

To be sure there will be no cheating, and to declare the winning planet, we have invited Scott McNealy and Mike Morris to be judges. They will be placed in a small dingy in the middle of the pond so their view of the action will be optimal.

The prize for victory was discussed. Unless Ed wishes to propose something else I think we will go with the following: The winning side may identify and sacrifice an executive of rank VP or higher. (The winning side may in addition choose the sacrificial subject from either side, or even the judges panel. Such is the prerogative of a winner.)

After the sacrifice, the obligatory party will begin and run until everyone has hypothermia, the beer keg is empty, or 6:30PM.

Be there or stay dry.

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PS: in the spirit of being ecologically correct, everyone should be aware of the following issues. We will turn down the watering system for the area between the buildings for a few weeks ahead so we can save enough water to finance the battle without overdoing net consumption. We will be sure the pond is not filled with either hostile germs or gross chemicals. (At least we will inquire and inform you if the pond is much worse than a pool or Shoreline pond from a health point of view.) *YOU* can do your part as well: Please don't shower or bathe for two weeks ahead of time as your contribution to building a water bank.

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From: edz@astrid (Edward J. Zander)

Subject: War with SunSOFT based on this unnecessary and unwanted attack, sunsoft managment has decided to declare war on sunlabs and accept their challenge for the "mother of all software battles"-please get ready-train, blow up balloons-throw darts at wayne's picture, get mean and ugly-we will beat his elitist, snob, arrogant, [slightly edited here] organization-details to follow-our generals will be contacting you shortly-MAY THE FORCE OF SOLARIS BE WITH YOU
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