

Pikisms – And you thought Prof. Rice was funny. Look what you've been missing by not taking Chem103 02:

Pike – On Mathematics

--“I don't think improper fractions should be taught to children.”

--“ Three squared – it's going to be nine, I hope.”

--“It's not just infinity, it's infinity squared. That's a lot.”

--“There is no such thing as $n = 0$.”

On Linguistics and Languages:

-- “What a goofy language.”

--“Middle vowels are such a problem - ‘vers-UH-tile’- you never know what letter is in the middle. We need a special vowel for the middle of words – the ‘uh’ vowel.”

--“I love Italian. All the words end in vowels. It must be so easy to be a poet in that language, everything rhymes! Dante-schmante.”

--“If you ever get an equation of theory named after you, go to court first and change your name to something pronounceable and spell able – we don't like to fool with these names.”

--“Clapeyron – sounds like the Clap-on Clap-off thing – ‘The Clapeyron!’”

--“I don't know Bronsted's first name.. let's make it a woman – Sylvia Bronsted.”

--“It always took me the longest time to spell protein – another of those stupid i before e things.”

--“Let my brain roll around – I'll think of an example.”

--“It's plummeting like a rock – rocket – eh, make up your own simile.”

--“So close to lunch and I can't remember the word ‘chips.’”

--“Other questions I can talk around?”

On Sports:

-- "Imagine if you were playing pool with balls of jello."

-- "Yankees keep losing! Good news for all right-thinking citizens."

On Chemistry!:

-- "This stuff is about 95% ammonium, so this would be the Mr. Clean from Hell."

Chemical reactions -- "Four pieces of colored chalk -- that should be enough for a mess."
<The concoction keeps overflowing> "Ok.... Stop now... - I think I put too much chalk in here."

-- "The more stuff there is, the faster the reaction goes."

-- "Is it an exothermic reaction to burn a squirrel?"

On Redox Reaction Rules -- "Are you guys ok with this so far? Good, let's finish these rules then maybe it'll become less clear."

-- "Those of you who are hopelessly bored-...eh, just don't talk."

On Charles' Law -- "If this law isn't part of your everyday conversation, you're cheating yourself and your friends."

-- "Hopelessly lost but making good progress."

-- "There is no way we should be able to freeze a gas unless there is some inherent stickiness to it."

-- "Sounds like one of these reality shows -- like Cops. We could put it on UPN -- 'Extreme Real Gases.'"

On liquids -- "It's a bastard phase -- the phase nobody loves."

On gas particles -- "They're like manic people on some sort of crazy upper drug."

-- "CO₂ is a pesky product."

-- "Now that we've experienced the joy of the Periodic Table in regards to electron filling..."

--“One atom is so electromagnetic it gets all the toys.”

--“How boring must my life be if it’s fun to use orange chalk?”

--“This is a big moment for me – going to use the third board.”

--“The data are not the most useful data in the world.”

--“Helps to write notes on your hands if you’re particularly clueless, like yours truly.”

--“There’s no way we should be able to freeze a gas unless there is some inherent stickiness to it.”

--“It’s amazing how much pressure you and I live under everyday.”

On resonance examples - “A mule is a combo of a horse and donkey. If it were an example of equilibrium, it would be a shape shifting mutant – horse-donkey-horse...”

--“They do exist, but for the purposes of this class, they don’t.”

--“Each Helium has four electrons around it. – I mean two! Sometimes it’s just Monday.”

--“If I said boiling point is the same as freezing point, then you know I’m in some strange neverland.”

--“Was the wicked witch of the east *really* melting? No. Dorothy poured water over her – she was dissolving. But we can forgive her for that mistake in her dying moment.”

On Fall Break – “You can do chemistry at home! – keep you off the streets.”

On pickle frying -- “It’s like the Texas penal code - I’m calling George W. Bush now to get a stay of execution for this pickle. ...But no...”

“It’s a big problem, it’ll really give us a chance to stretch... to stretch.. –whatever it is that we’re stretching.”

--“Silly Putty wins the Viscosity Challenge.”

--“Mercury is not a Newtonian liquid.”

--“...As you become a Jedi Master in working equilibrium problems.”

--“Dimer means two things that are the same stuck together.”

--"The stronger the base, the greedier it is."

On 19th century chemists-"It's amazing they figured these things out with their slide rules and other black magic instruments."

--"Here's something you don't want to drink straight – Pine Sol!"

--"Hairspray is an amazing fuel – it's a wonderful thing to combust."

--"A theory is a cartoon; it's a bold strokes sketch of reality."

--"It's chemistry class – we love moles!"