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-schmane.”

--“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!"