

Investigation of foot odor reveals sock subculture

Since it took less than one month to become bored with cable TV, I now have returned to my first love — the collection of useless information.

Hours each day that could be spent pursuing a better lifestyle for my fellow man is instead squandered prone on my couch as the mind wanders. Today's topic: How do the so-called "odor-eating socks work? I hope that you are as interested in the answer as I am.

Man has been troubled since the beginning of time with stinky feet. Either our own, or worse, someone nearby. My father has a pair that could be used to quell prison riots. Fortunately, the scientific community has spent vast amounts of time and energy in recent years developing the odor-eating sock." I decided to explore the burning questions — how and why?

There is a product called the Bioguard Sock. In primitive socks, the sweat collects next to the providing a veritable maternity ward for bacteria, (therefore, stinkiness).

The Bioguard sock, however, the nonabsorbent layer conveys moisture to the absorbent outer via capillary action, so the feet remain dry.

In addition, the socks are treated with a potent microbial agent containing a polymer known as one quaternary amine (sounds like an expensive order at Pietros). This mercilessly annihilates the drive of the offending bacteria and keeps them from giving birth to those stinky newborn micros.

...inating, huh?

An interesting side note to this chemical soap opera is the fact that the company that manufactures the stink compound used to sell napalm. I'll have to remember to ask my vet friends about their boots.

Now that we know how foot odor can be controlled, ask ourselves — why?

...contend that foot odor is as individual as fingerprints and DNA. Why not put it to good use? ...agine cashing a personal check at the neighborhood ...even using your own "special scent" as the ID.



Sometimes He's Funny

by John Howell

Police would welcome a break from the tedious routine of comparing mug shots. Think of how sensual it would be to trade socks with phone numbers at your area singles bar.

Of course, until society realizes the potential value of stinky feet, we will continue to waste this untapped

PeopleCare campaign reaches its halfway point

With the 1988 PeopleCare campaign at its halfway point, contributions from customers of Consumers Power Company have reached \$132,070.

Officials of Consumers Power and the Salvation Army, which co-sponsor the annual fund raising campaign for the needy, said they were pleased with the results to date, but urged customers of the utility who have not yet paid their January bills to make a contribution.

The utility company's 2 million residential customers were asked to pledge \$3 to PeopleCare by checking a box on their January bill. The \$3 is then added to the February bills of those who respond. Customers can also contribute by check to "The Salvation Army/PeopleCare" when they pay their Consumers Power bill.

Through the end of January, customer pledges totaled more than \$80,783 and contributions totaled approximately \$51,287. Pledges and contributions are expected to continue into early March.

PeopleCare is now in its sixth year of providing assistance to Michigan residents who face difficult economic circumstances. Through 1987, some \$1.3 million had been raised through the program, including \$148,000 last year.

Funds are turned over to the Salvation Army and are used to provide many kinds of assistance, including

resource. The Bioguard socks will sell to millions and my father will still wonder why nobody visits in the winter.

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purchases of food and clothing, assistance with housing and help with medical needs. In addition, Consumers Power bill credits are helping needy residential customers of the company who are unable to pay their energy bills and are ineligible for other assistance.

Deadline established for new dog licenses

A deadline of March 1 has been set for purchasing new or renewed 1988 Kent County dog licenses.

Licenses are currently being sold at the Kent County Animal Shelter, the County Treasurer's office, and all city and township halls.

The cost for a license is \$5 for neutered dogs and \$10 for others. Special half price rates apply to pet owners who are senior citizens.

The Animal Shelter is promoting the dog license deadline with the theme "A license is your lost dog's ticket home."

Those interested in more information can call the Animal Shelter at 774-3948.



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