

Marv and me

37 years

# The Beginning

- Vic arrives at UMD 9/70
- Marv arrives on 1/71
- First two CS PhDs in the CS Dept.
- Worked together and separately
- Collaborated on grants and papers
  - Marv is easy to work with

Marv arrives at Maryland in 1971,  
but *slightly* better dressed than this!



# Trying to figure how to get summer support when we started





And trying to get summer support as  
the years went by



And finally deciding to forget  
summer support and retire





We are an unlikely pair  
Marv's tall, I'm short



# An unlikely pair

- Marv's a pessimist, I'm an optimist
- He'd say he's a realistic and I am a dreamer
- Note: he has been president of the Skeptics Society. But I'd call him a cynic
- He is certainly pragmatic
- Marv is high tech and has all the gadgets
- I'm low tech and use a fountain pen

# Marv's Big, I'm little



# An unlikely pair

- I like clothes, Marv wears clothes
- We're both from New York but he is from queens and I am from Brooklyn – if you know NY, you know the difference
- He was raised Jewish, I was raised Catholic
- He is a Democrat, I am a Republican



Marv's career

He spent 37 years minus 4  
months at UMD

# Research and Teaching at Maryland

This was high tech at the time



# Working at NIST

How did he get from NIST to Mont Blanc?

Possibly doing undercover work for the government?





# Being rewarded for the NASA SEL IEEE SEI Process Achievement Award



# Chairing conferences

Boy, is he having a good time!





# Co-Director at Fraunhofer

## With thoughts of sailing to Portugal from Saint Michaels





# Marv's travels

We traveled the world together  
with him mostly in charge

# Working like a dog in Tokyo



# And partying at work



# And partying after work





But the conference is only a ruse for  
two CIA spies



Vic distracting the crowd while Marv finds the secret papers in the suitcase





And heading home after a  
successful trip



# Marv gives a castle tour in Germany



# Making a fashion statement with a friend in Australia





# Being kind to animals in Nara



# Reaching new heights in Rio



# Making new friends in Kyoto





# Posing with the ex-Marylanders in Rome



# Holding center stage in Tokyo



# Providing ancient wisdom in Oslo





# Working as part of the losing team Fraunhofer Retreat in Bethany Beach



# Enjoying the warm summer sun in Ireland





# Looking for Nessie in Scotland





# Looking for UFOs in Sydney



# Ready to sail back to St. Michael's from Lisbon





With thanks to our neglected wives  
Cindy





With thanks to our neglected wives  
Pat



# And our neglected and children: Aaron and Elena





# And our neglected children: Brian, Ted, and Alex





# Marvin V. Zelkowitz

## Professor Emeritus



# On to the next 37 years

- We have aged, changed, and grown together
- He is honest, moral, and kind
- He is brilliant, hard working, and reliable
- He is a straight shooter, often blunt, sometimes quick to anger, but never mean
- I have been lucky to have him as a colleague and friend.
- I cannot imagine my career without him