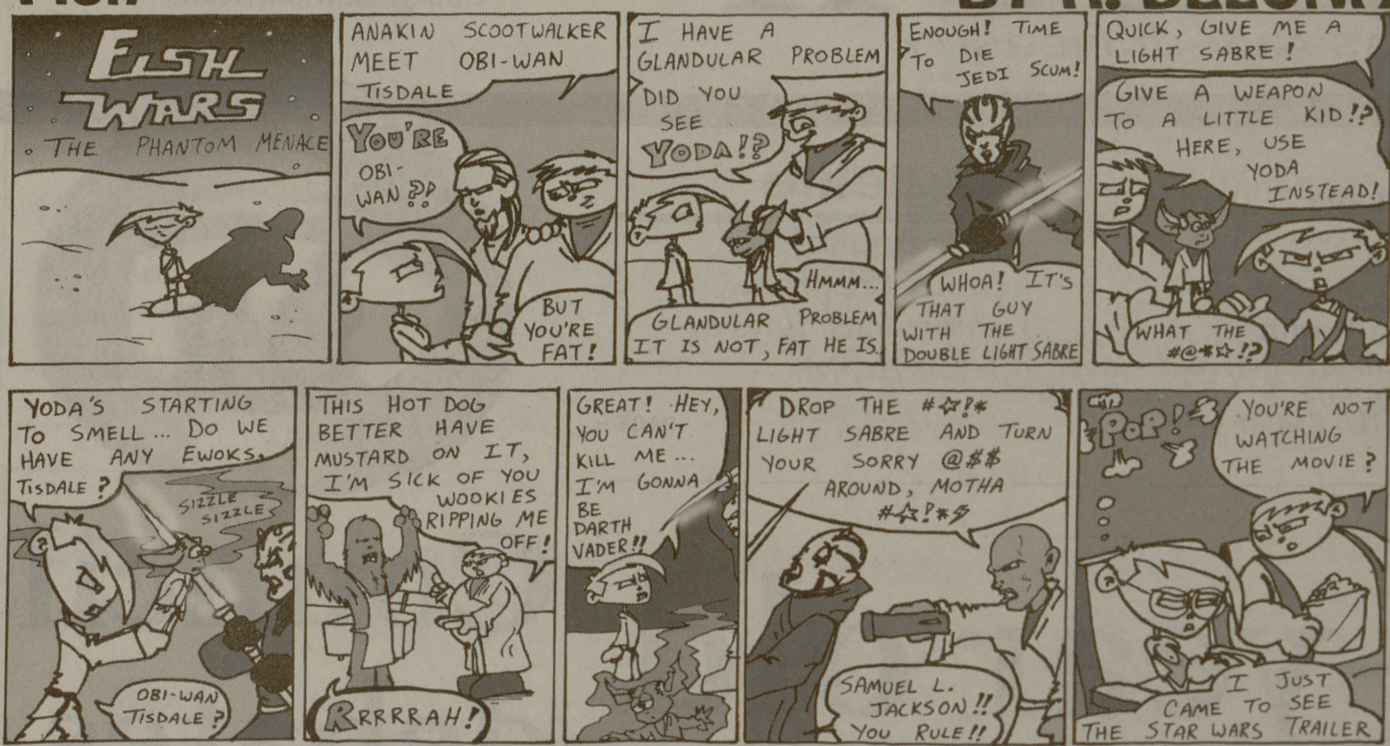


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Nobel Prize winner discusses hole in ozone above Antarctica

Lectureship of Geosciences College brings MIT speaker.

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The Nobel Laureate who discovered that the hole in the ozone layer above Antarctica is largely the result of man-made chemicals will discuss his research today at 3:30 p.m. in 100 Chemistry.

Dr. Mario Molina, atmospheric chemist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and his colleagues won the 1995 Nobel Prize for chemistry for demonstrating the link between man-made chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) in the atmosphere and damage to the ozone layer.

Dr. Renyi Zhang, associate professor in the department of meteorology said Molina's research has given people a better understanding of the ozone problem, enabling an international prohibition on the release of ozone-depleting chemicals. "His main contribution has been to save the ozone layer," Zhang said.

Dr. Robert Duce, professor of oceanography and atmospheric science, said Molina's research is of vital importance, since the ozone layer protects the Earth from damaging ultraviolet rays.

"[Molina's research] is important to the health of humankind," he said.

In 1974, Molina and his colleagues published a paper in the journal Nature that demonstrates that man-made CFCs can be transported into the upper atmosphere, where they un-

dergo a chemical process that results in the depletion of the ozone layer.

Zhang said the research has named the first major potential threat to the ozone layer by human activity.

Molina served as Clinton's Commissioner of Science and Technology.

In addition to the Nobel Prize, Molina has received the NASA Medal for Exceptional Scientific Achievement, holds honorary degrees from Yale University and the University of California.

He received his Ph.D. in 1972 from the University of California at Berkeley.

The lecture is part of the Lectureship of the Geosciences College, which is bringing speakers to campus to share their knowledge and experience.

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