Philly: Chilly. Earth: Still warming up.

Physical Sciences Division dean David Oxtoby gave a Harper Lecture to the Philadelphia alumni club on global warming.



Victoria Farmer, AB'83, Philadelphia club president

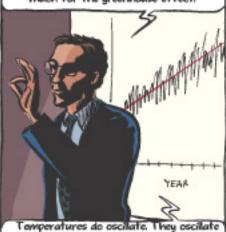
I developed our happy hour into "Chicago Chats," which is happy hour with a twist. We invite local alums to speak to the club. (ve been doing that three years, and this is a small club. It just became my turn to be club president for a year.



The alumni club gives you a place to show up when you move to a new city. You start to meet people, you know you will be welcome. You know there will always be conversation. Sometimes too much, but...

Oxtobu's style was clear and Friendly, imparting information without panic. L For one, appreciated that.

If we have a cold winter, you hear a lot of people saying, essentially, "Well, so much for the greenhouse effect."



on an II-year cycle having to do with El Niño; they oscillate based on solar forcing

But the greenhouse effect is linear.

ments in carefully controlled situations. But we have only one earth. We are doing an experiment on it, but we can't repeat the experiment to test the results on some other planet. There is no "control" planet.

Science proves theory by repeating experi-



I've given lectures to alumni a number of times. I enjoy it. Sometimes I run into my old students. And (ve been at Chicago long enough that some of them really ARE old.



younger every year.

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