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**Hey, it's not binding, but let's see  
which comes out number one:**

**Which place on campus would you most like to  
see open 24 hours a day?**

- (a) C+D**
- (b) The PAC**
- (c) Davis Library**
- (d) MathSoc**
- (e) The *math*NEWS office**

**Submit your ballot in the BLACK BOX**

## mastHEAD

### *Pay No Attention To That Man At The Computer*

Today's food-related topic is the new bread at Subway, which we all went over to try during our break on Production Night. If ever a marketing-gimmick was had, this would be it. Aside from the notches sliced across the top of each loaf, no difference could be found. We tried to think of the next marketing-gimmick that Subway would come out with. I'm thinking dipping sauces.

Well, I'm off to work on the next issue, which will hopefully be something really neat. I'll see you next time.

Here's tonight's crew, along with their answer to the question *What's the best thing about the new bread at Subway?* Kev Wan Min Kee (Bread is not pink, like a certain sculpture, and is not served with pansy-ass daffodils), Geoff Dinnes (Even with it's new sleek design and snazzy notches it still tastes like the bread of old), Bradley T. Smith (25% less employee urine), Kyla Hawrelluk (New would imply that it bore no resemblance to the old bread. I'm not fooled by the notches), and Michael Thorsley (Grooves make it easier to put a spin on the sandwich for more accurate throwing).

CAS (The way it reminds us of the shitty bread we used to get)

## lookAHEAD

### **mathNEWS**

June 2 Issue #2 performs without a net

June 12 Issue #3 production night

6:30pm, MathSoc (MC 3038)

June 16 Issue #3 splashes down

### **Math Faculty**

June 23 Course Withdrawal Deadline

### **MathSoc**

June 9 Pub Night

### **MGC**

June 7 Group Photo

June 17 Convocation 2000

### **MEF**

June 23 Funding Council nomination forms due

June 23 Proposal submissions due

### **Miscellaneous**

June 2 New Moon

June 12 Queen's Birthday (Australia)

June 14 Flag Day (USA)

June 18 Father's Day

June 24 St. Jean Baptiste Day (Quebec)

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Microserf: CAS

## Prez Sez

Hello to one and all!

After much delaying, we have a MathSoc executive for the summer. I would like to introduce you to:

Duncan McGregor, President

Anusha Shanmugarajah, VP, Activities & Services

Anton Fedorenko, VP, Academics

Cecilia Henderson, VP, Financial

You may congratulate us, or call us schmucks, whichever you feel is most appropriate.

We have several events that we are running on a regular basis. There is a Barbecue every Tuesday and Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the courtyard just outside MC, at the corner nearest the CS sculpture. MGC Pizza Days continue to be run in the hallway outside the C&D every Wednesday from 11:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., or whenever we run out.

Other events that we have planned include Cotton Candy Days, a Snow Cone Day, and a Pub Night (coming on June 9th — watch for details!). Also, we are looking for people to help run events at Canada Day. If you are interested, contact Anusha at [VPAS@mathsoc](mailto:VPAS@mathsoc) for more info. We will be updating the whiteboard across from the C&D regularly with details about all of these, so keep an eye peeled.

Also, congratulations go out to the Math team that competed in the EngScunt last weekend, where they brought home second place. Way to go, Math!

— Duncan McGregor  
MathSoc President, Spring '00

## Lost Koosh Mentioned In Math Student Paper

There was a Koosh ball lost in the DC foyer somewhere on the second or first floor. If anyone happens to find the AWOL Koosh ball, there is a cookie or two in reward for its safe return.

Koosh me, Kev



A Student Chapter of the ACM

## CSC Flash

Not much solid to say yet, but look for talks on HTML, CSS, JavaScript, JAVA and more this term. Also look out for a Dance Dance Revolution! competition. To keep posted, look for posters on our bulletin board or check out the newsgroup [uw.csc](mailto:uw.csc). Or come by the office (MC3036) and ask some of the friendly people that hang out there.

There will be a general meeting, where all these things and more will be discussed, on Monday, June 5th, at 15h30 in MC3036. Come on out and let us know what you want the CSC to do.

—Calum T. Dalek, CSC Chairbeing (heavily paraphrased by pechrysl)

## MONEY MONEY MONEY

The \$31.42 you've been donating to MEF each term has piled up. The fund has grown to well over \$900,000 and will pass a million by the end of the year. While we won't be spending the principal, we should have over \$20 000 to spend on projects this term.

What are we going to do with all that money, you ask? Well, in the last four months MEF has funded the production of a new set of course notes for Math 235, to be sold at cost, in place of a new textbook each term. We have also funded a new CPU server for MFCF, library acquisitions for the PMAMC&OC, equipment for some Teaching Option courses, and an online differential equations tutorial, equipment for the Waterloo Aerial Robotics Group, and much more. That's just in one term.

This spring we are hoping to do just as much for all of you, and here's where we need your help. The way we spend our money is decided by you - the students. You can have your say by doing one of the following things:

### *Join the Funding Council*

The Funding Council is made up of students, alumni and professors. Proposals are brought before and presented to the Funding Council. The council then recommends proposals it feels are worthy of funding to the MEF Board of Directors. The

Board of Directors of the endowment fund is controlled by students and consists of the MEF directors (one for each term F,W,S), 4 students from the Funding Council, an alumnus, one professor and the Dean. The board has final say over project funding.

MEF is looking for student representatives from each year (1-4), as well as representatives for each program (CS, AM, PM, OR, Business, Stats, ActSci, Teaching, Mathematical Sciences).

Nomination forms for Funding Council are available on the MEF office door (MC 4046). Nominations close Friday June 23rd, 2000, at 4pm. You can return your completed form by slipping it under the office door.

### *Submit a Proposal*

If you have an idea that would benefit education in the Faculty of Math, bring your proposal forward.

"Submission for Funding" forms are available on the MEF office door (MC 4046), and are due at the same time as nominations.

More information can be obtained from the MEF web site <http://www.student.math.uwaterloo.ca/~mefcom>, by e-mail ([mefcom@student.math](mailto:mefcom@student.math)), by dropping by the office (MC 4046), or by calling the office (x: 5757).

Dan Pollock

MEF Director — Spring 2000

## Why Wrestling?

### *Otherwise known as... "You watch that crap?"*

Hey everyone in *mathNEWS* land. I'm trying my hands at a new article here, which may or may not become a regular. I will try to convince everyone out there why people such as myself watch wrestling.

Over the years here at U(W) especially in *mathNEWS* there have been many articles on wrestling. Many have probably pondered "Why did they put such filth in such a high-class publication such as *mathNEWS*." Well there is no simple answer.

Many people have tried to compare wrestling to a soap opera, using such brilliant lines as, "Isn't that just a soap opera for men?" I usually respond with a hearty, "Why <insert name here>, no it is not." So why is wrestling **not** a soap opera. Keep reading.

First off, in soap opera storylines are usually in the manner of this. Someone cheated on someone else, who in turn had cheated on another person, who was actually pretending to be someone else so they could cheat on thier partner...see very confusing. Now wrestling story lines are much more simpler. Case in point the main story line in the WWF right now is this:

- The Rock, who just lost the WWF Championship, is trying to get it back from HHH, who beat The Rock in a one hour match at a PPV. The Undertaker returned to the WWF after walking out of his contract (read: he was injured) and beat up HHH in effect causing the Rock to lose his title. Yet the Rock is not upset.
- HHH is 'married' to Stephanie McMahon who is the boss' (Vince McMahon) daughter. At first this was a surprise to everyone, as when the announcement was made Stephanie McMahon was at the altar with the person she was supposed to marry, appropriately named Test. (See this is so **not** a soap opera)
- Vince and Stephanie were so upset with HHH's antics that

Vince challenged HHH to a match at a PPV, if HHH won he got a title shot, if Vince won the marriage was annulled. Vince lost the match after Stephanie turned on her father for reasons that stretch all the way back to March of 1999 (see continuity!).

- Fast forward to Wrestlemania (April 2000) The Rock and HHH are the last two men in a four corner elimination match for the WWF Title. Since Vince can't stand the sight of his daughter and HHH, he decides to side with the Rock. At the end of the match Vince turns on the Rock (so **not** a soap opera) and helps HHH win 'reuniting' his family.
- But wait, there's more. Vince tells us that the reason he turned on the Rock was because the Rock never gave Vince any gratitude when he helped him win the title (all the way back to November 1998 WOW!!!)

See how it's **NOT** a soap opera. That storyline is the least confusing I've ever seen. There's one more reason why wrestling is **not** a soap opera. In soap operas the preferred way of settling an argument is usually verbal confrontation, or some sneaking backstabbing plot. In wrestling, ... well all they do is insult each other with catchphrase, think up some sneaking backstabbing plot, but then (and here's why it's **not** a soap opera.) They go out beat the living snot out each other.

So by now I hope I have convinced you that wrestling is not a soap opera for men. If you still aren't convinced well I haven't done my job and I should be fired... what no never mind that last sentence. Let's try that again. If you still aren't convinced then I got two words for ya! I'm done.

SexP

**profQUOTES**

"I hurt my foot playing golf. Yes, golf. It's a golf injury."

T. Vasiga, CS 241

"I bought a new computer this weekend, and of course it came with IE 5. So I double-click it to go get Netscape, but guess what? c:\windows<\#133>\shdlock.dll is corrupted, so I can't run it."

T. Vasiga, CS 241

"Well, we all know what dll stands for... right? Damn Lies Lies!"

T. Vasiga, CS 241

"So I pull out my Microsoft manual and there's not one phone number in it. All their help is online. Well, *shit*."

T. Vasiga, CS 241

"Eventually I found 2 phone numbers, a 1-800 number with a \$35 US fee and a long distance number that had no surcharge. So either way I pay."

T. Vasiga, CS 241

"So, I phone the 1-800 number and ask for free help and they tell me to phone the other number. No! I want FREE help. I bought your product and it dosen't work!"

T. Vasiga, CS 241

"But free dosen't exist, does it? Because you only make \$6 billion a year."

T. Vasiga, CS 241

"Is anyone here Chinese?"

T. Vasiga, CS 241

"9 isn't prime, 'cause you're in the Math Faculty, not the Engineering Faculty."

T. Vasiga, CS 241

"This program dosen't work. In fact, it's part of the kernel of the Microsoft operating system."

T. Vasiga, CS 241

"I can't say 'I am a baseball fish cat', although some days I feel like a baseball fish cat."

T. Vasiga, CS 241

"If at the end of the day, you end up in a back alley in Toronto naked and without any money, you might say you had a bad day."

T. Vasiga, CS 241

"The error state is final, and you never leave it... just like Mis-sisauga."

T. Vasiga, CS 241

"That's a lot o' pointers. Pointers coming out of the ying-yang."

J. P. Pretti, CS 240

"Modula 3 is wonderful, contrary to what Troy says."

J. P. Pretti, CS 240

"Notice there's 7 states 'cause there's 8. Oh I counted wrong. One disappeared. It's like that leprachan game. I hate that game."

T. Vasiga, CS 241

"I don't like Modula 3, and that's why it's going away."

"What do I mean by 'well', well... "

T. Vasiga, CS 241

T. Vasiga, CS 241

"And I'm going to prove this by the rigorous technique of example."

T. Vasiga, CS 241

"One example is true, therefore, ergo all examples are true."

T. Vasiga, CS 241

"What if you're Aunt gave you a Finite State Machine for Christmas? And then you're Uncle gave you another FSM? Well, because you're all drunk and bleary eyed, you'd say 'Wow! Gee wiz! Thanks!'"

T. Vasiga, CS 241

"Prof: 'I know what you're thinking: 'Math and CS, they don't go together.'"

Student(yelling) : "DAMN STRAIGHT!"

J. P. Pretti, CS 240

The average doesn't have to be an average. For example the average mark in a class could be 92.4%... although unlikely."

J. P. Pretti, CS 240

Prof: "It is true that one of the questions on this assignment was virtually impossible, but is that a surprise?"

Student: "Not in this faculty."

R. D. Willard, PMath 330

"No, I can't do that, because that would be lying, and lying is bad."

R. D. Willard, PMath 330

Prof: "Do you really believe this will work?"

Students: "Nooo..." (confidently)

Prof: "Yes you d... umm... maybe not."

J. P. Pretti, CS 134

"If I wear a sponge across my face and I go deep under the ocean, and I try to breathe, I'll die."

T. Devereaux, PHYS 122

"I've been doing these true/false questions for years now, and the average marks is 50% so just pick the answer at random, you'll save yourself some time."

P. Kearney, CS 360

"You think we really mark your exams?"

J. McKay, STAT 231

"If I keep doing this until we're done, you're going to be bored silly."

J. P. Pretti, CS 134

"...This means if B twiddles with A, then A twiddles with B; and this of course means that A can twiddle itself."

P. Wood, MATH 136

"...Which is 3 to the power of 4, or 243 cases."

L. Case, CS 134

"Usually, 'Proof by Trying Hard' isn't valid."

## More *prof*QUOTES

T. Vasiga, CS 241

“We can’t drink beer in class because we can’t express this in a regular language.”

T. Vasiga, CS 241

“So you can blame the University of Guelph for bullshit like that.”

G. Booker, PHIL 145

“And the proof for this is... oh, what’s that term?... oh yeah, OBVIOUS.”

T. Vasiga, CS 241

## Math Officially Loses Scunt

*“Shiver me timbers, I spy me some BOOTY!”*

If you had participated in EngScunt last week, this is one of the few things that you might have heard muttered on the lips of scunters. The Taxi and I are grateful for anyone who participated in any of the events we ran as gods. We dislike, PROFUSELY, anyone who did not participate (shame on you all). As former scunt gods, its pretty sweet being treated like we should. Anyone interested in actually winning should come out in eight months time. So anyways, here are a few of the highlights that you may be hearing about:

- First ever Mathie Scunt gods (that we know of). The Taxi and myself RULE!
- An event called Pillage the Village which involved a whole lot of soft porn hidden around engineering. Point scoring was based on the babe-a-licious order.
- A road-trip gone wrong that ended up in Windsor while the “succa” man himself got “serviced” in some anonymous Porta-pottie. I hear that there may be pictures...
- Cross campus Long-putt and a whole lotta grape-fruit and oranges flying down three flights of stairs. Fore!
- A nine Koosh ball Koosh war. Think World War III up close and Kooshing. Koosh off you mother Koosher!
- Van covered head to toe in “jello”. By jello, we mean Jello, water, Farine-auto-levant and soy-sauce. (“Yum” says the okapi). Yes, Van was quite “tasty” all around. Oh yeah, he was wrestling in it, too.

Yep. So it was a long 24 hours, but totally worth it. The Math team put on a good show, but couldn’t compete with a 30ft. barge with synchronized pyrotechnic canoes and steak dinners from the Systems team. (Jonathan go to hell.) And Math really bit the big one on acquisition lists, but good work to the four hard core mathie’s that made it to the end to try anyways (Yolanda, Georg, Marshall, and that other guy I can’t remember).

Kev “Koosh Me” (o)

Wrong “Bradley T Smith” Taxi

## Top 10 Ways To Avoid Doing Your CS 342 Assignment

10. Borrow a friends N64 and play Zelda 64 till you finish it.
9. With that borrowed N64 bring a couple friends over to play Mario Party. You get to have lots of fun, while helping your friends avoid the assignment as well.
8. Visit relatives, friends and family. That’s always a good excuse.
7. Install Linux on your computer. You’ll finally have a stable OS, plus you can spend lots of hours learning it.
6. Watch wrestling. RAW is always on Monday nights it is a good waste of a couple hours. Although stay away from any WCW program, that might actually compel you to do your assignment
5. Clean your room—I don’t mean just cleaning it. Reorganize, for some this can take hours, the perfect time waster.
4. It’s the Stanley Cup Playoffs, until the final round there’s bound to be a game every night!
3. You can do your CS 360 assignment, although that will only take you a couple hours.
2. Hey going to the Bomber is never a bad idea!
1. Attend *math*NEWS production night! (Shameless Plug!)

SexP!

## Top 10 Reasons Students Don’t Go To CS342 Class

10. Need to wash my hair.
9. Got in “the wrong taxi”.
8. Access is going to be updated any minute now...
7. Stuck in a thong.
6. Busy plotting against the daffodil bearing Pink CS sculpture alien invaders.
5. My study of Torii and Fluid Mechanics is incomplete.
4. Mourning the loss of my Koosh ball.
3. I’m pretty sure the sun came up today.
2. My iMac said not to go.
1. Afraid to be seen sporting pink & daffodil colored course notes.

Kev(o)

## Snuggles Sez

It's like Simon says, but Simon thinks he's trapped in a mime. Being trapped in a mime is kind of like a mime being trapped in a box, but much more entertaining to watch. That makes no sense whatsoever. See, the problem with me being in Toronto is that I'm out of the whole University scene, which provides the inspiration for most of my humour in these articles. Normally when I'm writing and I hit a snag (or just want my column to be longer) I just wander the halls (be it of my house or the MC) and I find things to write about. But I'm in my house and my family isn't that funny, at least not to others, well not much, they provided for one paragraph last article. Hmm, the fact that I've been mostly confined to my bed due to the mono probably is another reason that the "funny things that happen to me" rate has gone down.

Ladies and Gentlemen, boys and girls, children of all ages, degeneration X proudly brings to you, the message of world peace, the need to end world hunger, and the issue of nuclear disarmament. Wouldn't it be really funny if wrestlers started doing moral and socio-political commercials. Just imagine it, all the wrestlers of the wwf holding hands and singing kumbaya, or give peace a chance. It would make me laugh; of course so does poking jello and watching it jiggle, hehe, jello. See, this is why you should all make more of an effort to entertain me, otherwise I think this crap up.

I was watching a commercial, and I found it very cute. It was some sort of baby wipes commercial and the mother was saying "be gentle" and it had a really cute baby hugging this giant cute dog. Well I pointed out this innocent cute commercial to Ike (kind of like a pike but different) and he shuddered. What's his problem I ask. His response? "I just saw a baby humping a dog" Thanks for turning a cute commercial disgusting, jeez, what a dirty mind.

It's Nory's birthday today, well today in my world (as in when I'm writing this, *mathNEWS* doesn't actually come out until the end of the week). Notice how when I was writing my last article it was my birthday and now, exactly two weeks later, it's her birthday. Coincidence, I think not. Oh wait, that one is a coincidence, it's the "aliens / government / tobacco / gasoline / x-files / porn / Sky" thing that's the conspiracy, my mistake. Don't ask me how I went from porn to Sky, even I can't answer that question. I think it was more of me going from x-files to both porn and Sky, hmm, two things that are associated to one tv show that have no right being in the same sentence. Yo, Sky, what's up. Hehe, you know, me and Sky should carry on conversations in our respective articles (he writes for a Magic site). Hmm, the fact that there are only a handful of people that actually read both might put a damper on that little plan, I should probably go back to some semblence of reality.

And now back to my world, wasn't that a fun reality break. So I was sitting in a coffee shop talking with someone, and in a brief moment of seriousness, while discussing whether I wanted to do something or not, I said the following gem of insight. "There are two things that I have to consider: before, during, and after". At camp once our head counsellor held up three fingers, said there are only four people who can drive the boat, and proceeded to name five names. See, the problem with saying numbers before you list them is that it means you're supposed to think ahead and know what you are going to say.

My camp has weekly activities through most of the year, and

I kind of miss them, and I was getting back into the whole camp mode of thought, planning stuff for this summer etc. So I went to visit the last weekly activity. Why am I telling you this? Is it just to bulk up my article? Maybe, what are you going to do, I might say something funny, you never know, you just have to read through all my ranting crap to find out. Hahahaha, hmm, that was a little random even for me, back to my story (which may or may not be funny, see, it's all funny to me, and it all has the potential to be funny to others, I just don't know what won't be funny to others, so I say all of it — maybe that's why I talk so much, that little guy in your head who controls what you say overdosed on crack and dirty thoughts). Anyway, one of the counsellors said that someone he knows, knows of me at Waterloo. Apparently all this person knows is that I write weird articles. Well, if you're out there random person, um, hi. Hey, I found it funny that someone at my camp knows someone at school who knows of me, it's like entire worlds colliding. Is everyone like that, or is it just me? Do you have separate worlds? Like two or more completely different groups of people you exist with, and if ever the twain shall meet, kaboom. Like when you have city friends and school friends (or camp friends), and they're completely different and maybe you're different depending on which group you're with? Hmm, you can't really answer me can you. There's the time delay (it's Tuesday now, I should really have my article in already, but you won't read this till Friday), ah well, those of you who know me can tell me if it's like that for them, or you can completely ignore this paragraph, I won't be offended.

That's enough for this issue, tune in next week when our hero comes up with a funnier last line than this one.

SnuggleselggunS

Mmmm, palindromic:

a man a plan a canal panama; racecar; madam im adam; asdfdsa; ok, that last one is cheating and this one isn't palindromic, you try coming up with good tag lines, without recycling material, for about two years ... and if you do, could you send some to me ;)

## Solution to last issue's grid

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## Putting the Science in Social Science

So what is Social Science? I first encountered this expression in Grade 10, when picking courses for Grade 11, I saw the requirement for 1 course in Senior Social Science, in order to get my OSSD. The good old Ontario Ministry of Education throws a hell of a lot into this Senior Social Science thingy. They had everything from Ancient History and Canadian Geography to Foods and Fashion and Tourism. Including a course that was actually called "Social Science" if I remember correctly. I also remember all the girls taking it. My obvious mistake was not taking it. Of course, had I taken it, there is an infinitesimally small chance that I would've learned what is Social Science.

So what is it?

Is making rats run around in a maze a social science? Maybe for rats it is. Making people run around PAS *is* a social science. The natural question to ask is: "Are we really that much smarter than rats?" Answer to hypothetical question is: "Ask a rat".

So, what we have so far is; that social science involves studying human interaction with other humans under certain circumstances throughout history and through varying locations. This definition would allow for letting somebody feed us alcohol and memorize lists of words, or examine the decline and fall of the Roman Empire in exhaustive detail. Still having trouble with Foods though.

Social Science is a 'science'. I can say this, not because I am trying to befriend Artsies in a vain hope of getting a date, but because it follows the 'Scientific Process'. In other words we have a hypothesis:

"If Anton was the last male alive, humanity will die out".

Then an experiment is performed:

1. Take 1 Anton and place him in a self-containing 'Biosphere'.
2. Take n number of females who are heterosexual and place them into the biosphere.

3. Let them simmer for some time t.

4. Vary the n == number of females and t == time and repeat 1-3.

While the experiment is going observations are taken, like "Nothing is happening. Several females became lesbians, etc." Finally, form a conclusion: "We are doomed"

So Social Science is a 'science'. Or is it?

"Why can't Anton get a date?" is a question that Social Science really should ask. But this is where the tricky part comes in. I could rephrase this question — "What exactly makes Anton's molecules repel molecules belonging to any member of the set of female homo-sapiens" — and now, it sounds like a physics question to me.

'Normal sciences' have determined that functions of the brain like love, depression, happiness can be controlled by adding or subtracting chemicals to the brain; thereby reducing a social science problem into a chemistry equation.

prozak Anton —————> no more *mathNEWS* rants

And since history has been determined by chemical imbalances of one kind or another in certain well-placed people, history is now a bunch of formulas too.

Marie-Antoinette - cake fixation = !( French Revolution )

The same goes for food, fashion, and so on.

And of course we all know that chemistry is modeled by physics equations, which are afterwards reduced to calculus.

So in other words, forget all your psych and phil. Study math. The question "Why can't Anton get a date?" can be modeled by a really complex differential equation.

And of course that one is left as an exercise to the reader. This author has little hope of solving it on his own...

Anton "oh save me; from the ranks of the freaks; who suspect; they could never love anyone" Fedorenko

## gridCOMMENTS

### *But We Need Somebody to Burn*

And a very good day to all of you loyal gridfans out there! This is your Gridmaster-in-Exile again, coming to you live from Alabama, much to his occasional dismay. I hope that your summer weather is treating you more kindly than mine is me.

(What's that? It's not summer yet? Come down here and say that.)

Anyhow, so last issue's submission got a whopping TWO entries. Two. And neither of them correct. With five incorrect squares was Will Chartrand, whose expansion of AMRUG was "Allmighty Matt's Really Ugly Gridword". He takes a back seat, however, to Rob Roy ("Abridged Modern Running Underwater Gag") with four wrong squares. So I pronounce **Rob Roy** as the winner. Go and bug Chad for your prize.

And yes, "The Great Mouse P.I." was a bit of artistic license. Wanna fight about it?

This week I started with a Shakespearean theme and went downhill from there. (But then, when you start with Shakespeare you don't have many other choices *except* downhill...) Solutions are due on Monday, June 12th at 6:30 in the BLACK BOX or by e-mail to mwalsh@alumni.uwaterloo.ca.

Oh, and this week's gridQUESTION is: *What Acme™ invention does Wile E. Coyote really need?*

Good luck!

Matt "So-Krates" Walsh

## Just a couple important relationships discovered over dinner that everyone should know:

1. In most fonts, "OH NO" is "ON HO" upsidedown.
2. Since Valeri Bure married Candace Cameron, his brother-in-law is Kirk Cameron.

## Raped And Pillaged Uncut

*The unabridged version of Percy Peg Leg's crazy adventures*

Please find below one hell of a great story. The writers have nothing against any of the characters involved except that the material is pretty funny.

*[enter Mark; narrator and host of A&E's Biography]*

Mark: Good evening, and welcome to A&E's Biography. Tonight we feature a notorious and liberated woman — someone who doesn't take shit from anyone. The Pirate Peg Leg Percy, famous for raping, pillaging, fighting for equal rights and still having a good time. We begin our story back eight months ago, following Percy's ascent to infamy. Using her Peg Leg as a *tool* of destruction, she proved to the world that girls just wanna have fun.

*[visual transition: cut to a scene with Percy digging graves at Laurel Creek and burying treasure]*

Mark(voice over): Here we see the beginning of Percy's grand career. Digging graves for her raped victims at Laurel Creek, she tries to fit her gold in the same hole as this unfortunate corpse.

*[pan to two girls helping to dig]*

Amy: Wow, this Rosie's dead.

Sabrina: Oh my god! We killed Rosie!

Percy: Never mind that. Damn, this hole's too small. I could use my peg leg to make it bigger. *[kick kick kick]* Oops, it's a good thing that corpse is dead.

Mark(voice over): Already, we see why Percy is so popular with the media. Giving no mercy even to the dead, she takes no prisoners.

Percy: There. That pit oughtta hold this crap.

Mark(voice over): Four months later, Percy had grown drunken with power and dominion over her women slaves. In this next scene, we see Percy rowing through the Health Services pond escaping from her former co—gang—bangers with new trophies of war.

*[visual transition: cut to Percy rowing a boat in Health Services pond]*

Percy: Row slaves! ROW! Hey, you! Yeah, the ugly one. Row faster, bitch!

Sandi: If you take any longer, Ln John Silver and his gang—bangers are gonna steal you back.

Percy: Can't have that. Yo ma bitches.

Sandi: Yeah, pull your weight you armless wonder. All you've done so far is complain.

Rosie: *[gagged]* Mmhprhphphh jajpohphphmmmpmphhh.

Percy: That's it! You're fired, you ho. Get off this boat.

Rosie: *[gagged]* Mmhprhphphh jajpohphphmmmpmphhh.

Percy: You what? You have no arms? GET OUT OF MY kickass DINGY. Swim for all I care. *[kicks her off.]*

Sandi: Oh my god, you killed Rosie. How can I ever repay you?

Percy: I'll collect my "booty" later.

Mark: There we have Percy in all her equal rights glory. Now we see Percy, just two months ago, trying to burn and pillage the DC library. We see Percy giving an arousing motivational speech.

*[cut to Percy on a platform above her gang of women pirates]*

Percy: Four score and seven months ago, we first started to rape and pillage this campus as much as we could. AND RAPE AND PILLAGE WE HAVE.

Sabrina: *[whining]* Rape. Pillage. That's all I do.

Amy: You got a problem with that?

Sabrina: Wait, I think that gagged, armless thing in the corner is trying to say something!

Rosie: MMmpmhhhh!!!

Sabrina: I think she said, she doesn't like raping or pillaging!

GANG: BOOOOOOHHHH!!!!!!

Percy: Off with its head! Off with its head!

*[cut head off]*

Steve: Oh my god you killed Rosie!

Percy: HIP HIP

Gang: HOORAY!

Percy: Now we're off to pillage DC library. Rape what you can! Burn the rest!

Mark: And true enough, books were raped and books were burned. No other library in history has ever been so violated. And now we arrive to the present when just earlier this week, storming the Poets fortress this last chapter in her story was the final raping hoorah in her grand career. Up against Ln John Silver and his evil pirate gang—bangers, lets take a look at what happened.

*[cut to secret hideout of Peg Leg Percy and her gang]*

Percy: Ok people, my Peg leg's got a funny feeling about this raping raid.

Catherine: Yeah, so does mine.

Amy: So do both of mine. And my slaves are complaining too.

Sabrina: You already killed Rosie.

Amy: She's still complaining.

Percy: PEOPLE! We're going to storm the Fortress! POETS! THE GREATEST TREASURE TROVE IN THE WORLD.

Sabrina: What's in it for me?

Percy: What would you say to a new foosball table?

Sandi: And what about me?

Percy: I'll collect my "booty" later.

Mark(voiceover): Meanwhile, The Ln John Silver gang—bangers were getting ready to defend the fortress. Evil in his ways, Ln John Silver is a big pig.

*[fade in to the fortress of Ln John Silver with many pirates hanging about]*

Ln John: Arggh. Those women can't be pirates. They're just chicks!

Steve: I'll show THEM how to rape and pillage!

Ln John: That's the spirit! What about you other guys?

Chris: In the kitchen they go!

Greg: Yeah. ME Hungry. Bakin' me some cookies they will.

Jeff: But they already killed Rosie!

Ln John: No matter. There'll still be plenty of booty to go around.

Mark: And booty there was.

Then, there was a huge fight. Lets look at the clips.

*[cue Get Ready to Rumble voice guy, big fight ensues. Raping and pillaging occurs, exaggerated thrusting motions. Somewhere in the middle, Rosie get's killed.]*

Sandi: Oh my god. THEY killed Rosie! Everybody run away!

*[All the girl pirates get away except Percy.]*

Mark: In the end, Percy was caught by the gang—bangers. What were the gang—bangers going to do to her? Let's find out.

*[fade in to Percy being held down by evil pirates, while Ln John gives her the once over.]*

Steve: Hey boss, what are we gonna do to Percy?

Ln John: *[Undoing belt]* I dunno. Let me get out my tool...



Jeff: Uh boss. Should you?

Ln John: What? That booty don't look appealing? [raising eyebrow style]

Greg: But boss, we're gang—bangers. Not rapers and pillagers.

Ln John: Hey hold on. I was only going to steal that tasty peg leg for a booty. Then we can go steal her treasure.

Mark: And so Ln John Silver went and stole Percy's pristine booty, untouched as it was.

[background has Ln John Silver working exaggeratedly over Percy's leg] She was left for broke locked away in Poets, without her booty, and without her girl power posse.

THE END

Brought to you by the Marshmallows we were eating,  
Ln John Silver,  
Kev "Staying Puffed" (o)

## Public Service Announcement

I have recently been asked, as part of my rehabilitation, to write an article about starting illegal fires on campus. What better forum for such a serious topic than *mathNEWS*?

Do not start fires on campus. The campus cops disapprove — possibly because it's kind of a bad thing. There are much better things to do with left over course notes than to set them ablaze. Popsicle sticks and clothes pins need not be publicly incinerated to be disposed of. And if you must rid yourself of a Gazette, there are more appropriate methods like recycling or bird-cage lining. Finally, biscuits deserve better than fiery death.

Remember, if you feel the urge to burn stuff, do so in the privacy of your home or book a fire pit. It is completely unnecessary to torch items outside the Math Building or in seemingly abandoned parts of Waterloo.

The more you know.

Bradley T "You in the ..." Smith

## mathNEWSquiz #2

Still acting as temporary SQUIZ guy, I've conscripted some hands to help me out. Hey, this squiz stuff is tough work, so the "Wrong Taxi" has come up with some questions about himself and b-movie fetish woman Shannon Tweed.

There are, unfortunately, no Squiz submissions for this week. So not even those people who knew that most recent catch phrase "Thong th thong thong thong" won't be getting a gift certificate from the C&D. Further, this week's squiz is slightly more trivia oriented, and hence a bit more difficult.

Anyways, here are the solutions to some of last issue's more interesting questions in zippy-da-doo-day form: (Garbage Trivia: 2. Shirley sang with Fun Lovin' Criminals on a remix of You Look So Fine from Version 2.0. Punk: NOFX sings the song "Its my job to keep Punk Rock elite". Manowar: 1. "...like a young girl in her prime" 5. The guest vocal is from Sir Arthur Wilshire Pendragon, suspected last name of King Arthur of Camelot. )

Here are this week's questions...

### Shannon Tweed

1. Shannon Tweed was born exactly one year earlier than what other hottie?
2. How many sequels did Ms. Tweed appear in during the 90s?
3. On what current sitcom did Shannon play Dr. Honey Snow?
4. On what mag's premiere issue was Shannon the cover-girl?
5. Bonus: What movie features Shannon's famous "pool-table" scene?

### Punk & Ska Lyrics

Name the band and the song...

1. King for a day  
Princess by dawn...  
King for a day  
In a leather thong...

2. SPAM! Its pink and its oval, SPAM!  
I buy it at the mobil, SPAM!  
Its made in chernobyl, SPAM!

3. We ain't got no place to go  
So let's go to the PUNK RAWK SHOW  
Darling take me by the hand  
We're gonna see a PUNK RAWK BAND

4. I want to jump in a lake  
Sun shining down on a beach in the summer  
I want to jump in a lake  
Sun shining down on a beach in the summer

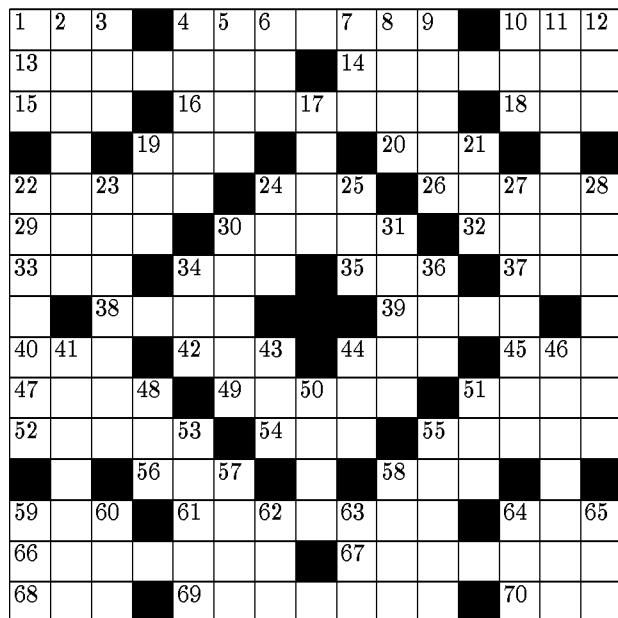
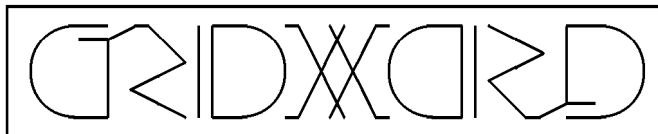
5. Bonus: Identify (other than style of music) what all these bands have in common.

*Taxi Trivia - No right ansers, just SUBMIT answers!*

1. If the Taxi could take a trip to somewhere, where would it be?
2. Who is in "the wrong taxi"?
3. What is the correct phonetic typing of the phrase "the wrong taxi"?
4. How many Hawaiian shirts can be found in the back seat of the Taxi?
5. BONUS: If the Taxi stopped and ran out of gas, what word would he use to describe this situation?

Submissions are due by Monday, June 12, 2000 at 6:00 pm. The most correct entry will receive a gift certificate from the C+D.

Koosh it good,  
Kev(o)  
The Wrong Taxi



## Across

1. One of the Little People
4. Shakespearean hothead
10. Steamy place to relax
13. Stir up
14. From the Boot?
15. Makes a guitar louder
16. Second level of choices
18. American news stn.
19. What can be perceived, then repeated instantly (abbrev.)
20. The Army's programming language
22. It droppeth like the gentle rain from Heaven
24. Aggregate
26. Abraham's favoured son
29. "Heat of the Moment" artists
30. Not long
32. "— jacta est!"
33. Leary's favorite drug (abbrev)
34. Acorn tree
35. Annoy
37. UC Berkeley's nickname
38. Not right in the head
39. It's got the White Stuff?
40. Athena's favorite bird
42. Your, formerly
44. Cleopatra's killer?
45. Centre
47. Gaze lustfully
49. One of the elements
51. First name of DaVinci's Lisa
52. French revolutionary
54. Kind of filled pastry
55. Bob or Thomas
56. You, in Shawinigan

58. Part of a car's engine
59. Type of constrictor
61. What you must do with what you have learned?
64. "If You Leave" artists
66. Bring into effect
67. Go against the rules
68. An electrifying experience (abbrev)
69. Shakespearean miser
70. Chemical suffix

## Down

1. American regulatory org.
2. Without purpose
3. Psychic power (abbrev.)
4. With vigour
5. Cuckoopint root starch
6. Recede
7. Knot
8. Sicilian volcano
9. Part of Arabia
10. Error present in the original
11. The notional Original Continent
12. Not the one from Green Gables?
17. Computer-music interface (abbrev.)
19. Not-quite-historical org.
21. Abbrev. for Asprin
22. Shakespearean king of Scotland
23. Enigmatic *Batman* adversary
24. Noah had one
25. "In Excelsis —"
27. Barenaked Ladies' permanent accessory
28. Misshapen Shakespearean villain
30. Cleanse, with soap and water
31. First year
34. Frequently, to poets
36. Cincinatti's W—
41. Tools of war
43. Annoying little bark
44. Consumed
46. Lacking 41 Down
48. Deserter of a sinking ship
50. Ready to eat
51. Ten km
53. They can be guided
55. Danish, to the Danish
57. Fraction of a foot
58. Intensity control on an old-style lamp
59. Lives in a bonnet?
60. Opposite of fore
62. — lines
63. Much of it can be about nothing
64. Half of Old Ben's first name
65. Colour