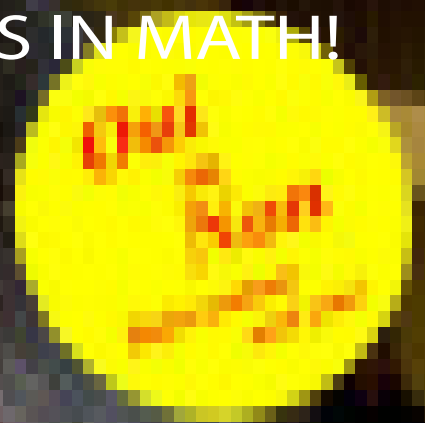


WE RATE THE 32 768 HOTTEST GUYS IN MATH!



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9 SIGNS HE'S
THINKING ABOUT

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ym (ask anything)

"I have a problem with boys."

I just think they are all stupid. Most of the guys I meet cannot even find their butts with two hands. I think we need to start selective breeding of males to make sure the ones with dumb genes are not allowed to procreate. This is how it is done in the animal kingdom, yet somehow dumb and dorky guys are allowed to mate whenever they please. I propose that an exam be created that people must pass in order to have sex. What do you think of my idea to prevent the spread of dumb guys?

Stupidity isn't genetic. Like alcoholism, male stupidity can be remedied through support groups and intense therapy sessions. Trying to stem the flow of males into the Math Faculty wouldn't do you any good: it limits the guys you can date. If you or your friends have stupid guy buddies, call the National Unrefined Male Institute at 1-800-DUMB-GUYZ.

"You are ripping me off!"

I read your magazine last month and I'm disgusted by the massive amounts of advertising. I paid absolutely nothing for pages and pages milk ads. You stereotype Math girls as nothing more than sex objects, when we are intelligent, creative and just as concerned about our appearance as the guys are.

First off, Milk does you good. Secondly, we are quite aware that we are ripping you off, ON PURPOSE! We have very stringent rules on the kind

"I keep having these dreams of a secret singing teacher in a white mask."

I dream that he writes music for me and I sing it, and, like, it's really good, except he wants me to run away with him, and, you know, that's bad, because there's this guy named Raoul who's, like, so in love with me, and I think this has some relation to my life. So should I sleep with Brad or Pete?

That's an easy one: Pete has a girlfriend, so sleep with her. That way, things stay the same!

"There's this guy I like," but he's fucking three other people. How do I get him to notice me?

Statistics show that 60-80% of all guys who are in current sexual relationships right now will probably stay loyal to their girl. You have a 20-40% chance of scoring with him. The best way to get him is to walk around the MC in tight leather pants. If he won't get in your pants, those guys in the UNIX labs certainly will!

"My crush asked me out in JAVA code yesterday."

I'm totally surprised and flattered. What should I do?

Be wary of guys asking you out with

KNOW JAVA?

We're looking for a Java Guru to help update and upgrade our website. Send resume to mathnews@student.math



y masthead

In this busy world, it seems like the only thing we can do to succeed is stick together. In the spirit of the age, ym and mathNEWS joined forces to produce this sexy issue of \bar{y}_m . You may hear many stories of how the merger came about, from Christina Kelly begging Bradley and Pete to work together, to Pete and Bradley begging Christina Kelly, to Kenny coming up with the idea after taking Stat 231 in the winter (ya, like that could have happened).

A highlight of this issue is definitely the length. As proud as we are about having produced three consecutive issues over the quarter century mark, it's time to slim down, and I don't mean just waistlines (although that wouldn't hurt all you insecure 14-year-old girls reading this).

And now, the mathNEWS staff with their solutions to the curious yet appropriate question: *Why M?*

EDITORS, I GUESS

BRENDA LEIGH T SMITH (Yolanda and Marshall)

PETRA LOVE ('Cause it's beside the PAC)

ARTICLES

DAN (4 out of 5 dentists recommend it)

EMERALD ('Cause it's a girl's best friend)

CHRIS (It's easier to make than fresh pasta)

JASON (Because Q was already taken)

MARK (Euclid couldn't think of anything better)

TIM (Because W killed my father)

KRYSTA (MMM ... Marvelous M ...)

JASON L. (Because 3 tripped and fell over)

PAUL V. (Y emmm?)

ALBERT (What, not O?)

LATRELL (If not, who B?)

SNUGGLES (M-A M-A-T M-A-T-H MATH ROCKS)

YVONNE (S)

DAVE (She's so cool)

KENNY (M is for MonkeyMan)

ART

SOO (99 million served — can't beat that)

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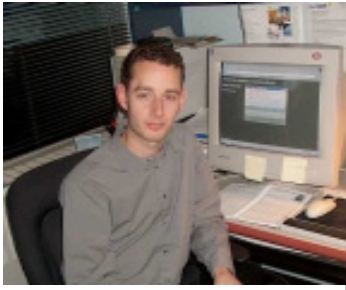
RAYMOND (It's a widely used variable in Java)

KOOSH(O) (Yummy, men!)

So in conclusion, thank you to everyone who made this issue fun. Kenny for thinking up the idea, Ross and Troy for bearing moustaches, Tex and Dan for posing without being paid in pizza, Gino's for the six extra-large pizzas, Margaret for proofreading, everyone who submitted articles but weren't at Production Night, Graphics for the extended deadline, Josie and the Pusycats for the great weekend, and ym for not suing (please).

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CS for Charity Ball

When this guy, Ryan, asked me to the Charity Ball, I had to flat out say no because I had a huge CS assignment due the next day. Next thing I knew, that guy stays over until 3 am in the morning, finishing my assignment in my room while I slept. Not only did I get to go to the Charity Ball, but we never got caught cheating on our assignment. Best of all, I got an A! —Kitty, 2A CS

GRADE: A+ *Keep him for your CS 354 classes.*

below the belt hurts more

Workout to Disaster

This guy I had a crush on asked me out on a date, so I was naturally excited. He couldn't decide where to take me, so I suggested we work out at the PAC. When we got there, he looked really nervous for some odd reason. It turns out that he's never worked out before (he's in CS), so I totally showed him up. In the end, I found him inside the First Aid room and I left with a Applied Math grad student! —Mel, 3B Accounting

GRADE: A- *Leave your dirty towels and incompetent guys at the door, and pick up a hunk on your way out. BONUS!*

Trust Him in Everything ... Except C&O Homework

My boyfriend and I have been spending a lot of time apart these days since we have to study for midterms. Last week, I asked him over to help me with my C&O homework as a ruse to spend some quality time with me. He came over, and we did get some work done, but for most of the time, I just sat there staring at and talking to him. In the end, I failed my assignment, which I could have gotten perfect if I HADN'T asked him over. —Jen, 3A C&O

GRADE: C *Falling in love all over again*

Cup of Java

I had a very important midterm one day, so when I got up that morning, I was pretty nervous. My boyfriend knocked on my door to see if I was awake, and asked me if I wanted any breakfast brought up from the cafeteria. I told him I was too nervous to eat, so I'll have a cup of java. He disappeared and came back five minutes later, with a rose and a coffee mug with a piece of paper with hand written JAVA code wishing me good luck. I don't know if I should slap him to reality or hug him to death. Either way, it was pretty sweet. —Joey, 1A CS

GRADE: C++ *Sweet, but lacks originality. Where's the COBOL?*

Staying in Bed ...

So my boyfriend and I were working in the lab the other day and his friend walks in. They start talking and his friend made a wisecrack about me staying in bed all day and making a living. Instead of defending me, my boyfriend started laughing wildly and AGREED with him. I got so mad I got up to twist his nipples and slapped his rude mouth. —Winky, 2B Operations Research

GRADE: F *You both deserve a good beating. Don't just twist his nipples, twisting*

HOW TO TELL IF HE'S SECRETLY TAKING CS BEHIND YOUR BACK

So you've finally managed to snag one of those hard to get math guys, and he told you that he's a PM Major with a C&O Minor. But, you think that secretly he's actually one of those CS Majors and want to find out if it's true. Here's how you can go about doing that.

- Sign 1: He spends nights away from home, and doesn't say where he's been, and he doesn't smell like girlie perfume.

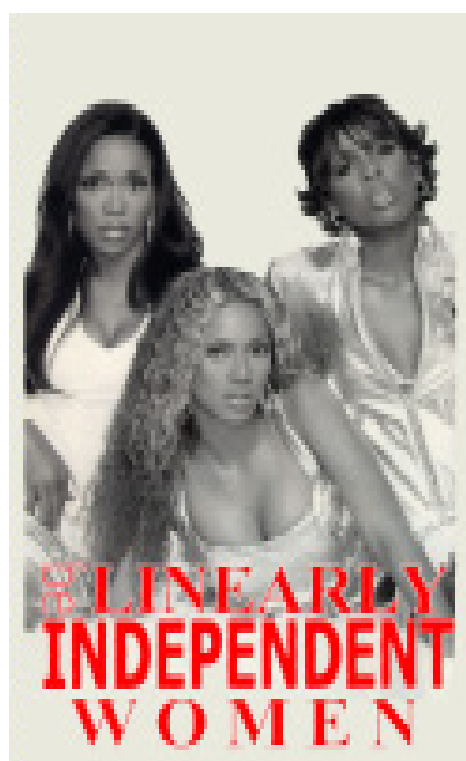


celebrity tips!

This week's guest beauty queen is everyone's favourite 21-year-old virgin, Jessica Simpson! Today she's sharing with us her best tricks for keeping her innocence intact. In today's tight competition for the tweenage diva crown it takes more than just talent, it takes a big dose of purity! Here are Jessica's inside secrets:

- Stay at home, preferably with your pet pitbull
- Eat 3 servings of spicy Italian sausage a day
- Buy good clothing, leaving you with no money to spend on makeup
- Only hang out with your friends Bruce and Antoine from the dance troupe
- Cultivate the rumour that you got

Nearly 80% of men are scalar multiples of their baby's mother



LINEARLY INDEPENDENT WOMEN

work and pleasure

How to manage your time when your big assignment is due the Monday after the big dance

FRIDAY AFTER-NOON

Take a trip to the fifth floor to get those last clues



FRIDAY & SATURDAY

Solving the Problems

Home's the most comfortable place to work, so get



SATURDAY

The Big Night

It's time to shine. Head over to Le Parc or Fed Hall or wherever for your magical



SUNDAY

The Write-Up

Time to get out of the house. Head to the library to write up solutions for your as-



loca-

aces-

beware



It never hurts to look your best when talking to your proof.

Be prepared to make lots of mistakes today. Get a sleek pink eraser, perfect for correct-



If you suddenly come up with a solution to that tough problem while dancing, you need to write it down.

You never know when you're going to have to write solutions upside-down, especially since Dana



Don't be tempted to join sexy mathies like Kev playing ultimate when



Avoid the urge to go see the latest movies, you'll have plenty

The last thing you need is a hang-over Sunday morning. Drink responsibly, only one bot-



Yes, you can take a break to watch the Simpsons, but don't get sucked into any



(step-by-step) how to look your shaggiest

Makeover with Shaggy is like a Do-over with Snoop Doggy. When you're expecting that special plush broadloom over for dinner, you want to look your shaggiest. So our special investigative team interviewed the Shaggiest of all Shags, his Royal Shagginess, the Shagmiester, Shagamaphone, Shaggy. Here is what he had to say.

Shaggy Shag here with some fashion tips, old school styles, west side ... story. The most important thing to remember is to look your best. That way your dumb ass jokes won't matter. So here we go with a simple 12 step system that'll let you keep drinking yak's milk shooters (yak's milk is the official drink of all things Shaggy, yak's milk is pink).

1. Touch up those white spots. See above for how you got them; now how are you going to get rid of them? I recommend pink dye number 5: it's like the mambo, but without the creepy overtones.
2. Smell purdy. Go out and buy some good rugged rug shampoo. I recommend chamomile and rose hips.
3. Get your carpet cleaned, if you know what I mean. Get yourself to a sauna and get a good steam cleaning: it'll help keep what should be straight straight and keep your curls curly.
4. Get a trim. Nothing is more embarrassing than a hair out of place. Except maybe getting in trouble because the stain didn't come out with step number two.
5. Pad yourself in all the right places. Be it your under padding to make sure you don't scuff your knees or your upper padding to make sure you stand out front and centre, it'll help you get to the point where you get to take that padding off.
6. Accessorize, accessorize, accessorize. Your appearance is heavily dependent on what is seen around you. And for me and mine, that is the furniture.

band full of boys:



Locus band members: Nic Oliverio (Guitar/Vocals), Bruce Millerd (Bass Guitar), Geoff Smith (Keys), and Scott

Locus is a small-time rock band from Waterloo looking for their big break. Recently, y_m had an opportunity to talk with Nic Oliverio, the guitarist and lead singer of the band.

y_m : Do you like butterscotch?

Nic: On or off a woman's body?

Well, both...

On - Yes! Off, not a big fan.

What about caramel?

Oh, yes, definitely. On the top of my list; sweeter, you know.

What are your major influences?

U2, any small band tryin' to make it big ...

What about porn? Is it a major influence?

(Laughs) The drummer loves it, so OK, sure.

Do you like cheerleaders?

Yeah!

What would you rate the cheerleaders on TV there?

(we were watching ESPN)

7, cause they're not here, they're only on TV.

Do any of you guys have sisters?

(Grudgingly) Yes...

Locus is having a CD release party at Weaver's Arms in late January. Be sure to stop by and pick up a copy.



Bono, helping Nic and Bruce publicize

why mathies are so dreamy!

Some people say that Math guys are not worth the bother. We at y_m disagree. After you read this article, not only will your opinion of Math guys change, you'll be rushing out the door hoping to find a Math guy

all for yourself! You'll wonder how you managed to live all this time without having a Math guy by your side. BY LATRELLA

1. He knows how to use a computer!

So you can email all your friends to tell them about how dreamy your Math guy is! And he can also show you how to use search engines to find all the latest gossip and photos of Joey, Lance, AJ, BJ, EG, JG, the other BJ, Biff, Bobby, Justin, Jordan, and Justin ... whoops! Mentioned him already! But he's SO dreamy! Of course, less time figuring out the computer means more time talking on the phone with all your friends!

2. They can organize your schedule!

"Okay, like I'm dating this C&O guy. And like the "O" is for "Optimization." And that's similar to "Optimize". But, anyways. He put together a schedule so I could do everything on the weekend with all my friends! I went shopping with Linda then hung out at the mall with Jodi then went to the arcade with Candi and then went shopping with Brenda and then to the movies with Jane all in the same day without having to blow off Blair, Natalie, and Tootie

the next day! Like, how cool is that?!?" - Name withheld by request

3. Unique fashion sense.

Gotta love those pink ties. Like, when they're doing that Frosh Week thing and everyone's wearing those pink ties. Everyone is just so cute! And while he's being cute, you can be on the phone talking with all your friends!

4. He never watches sports!

Chances are your math guy won't bother with Hockey Night in Canada on a Saturday night and will chose to play cards, play video games, or watch movies. Football? Not a chance. That means more time with your dreamy Math fella. And even if he likes sports? No matter. That just means more time talking on the phone with all your friends!

5. They know how to calculate!

Okay, say you're at the mall. And you want to buy the new 98 Degrees CD but it's 15 dollars. But you also need

Yr. (take this quiz)

what's your flirting flavour?

Are you a bubbly, energetic party animal with flair? Do you make a Stat

231 class seem like it's a night on the town with Britney Spears? Take our quiz and find out. BY MONKEYMAN & KAYDOTOH

What's your biggest frustration when it comes to boys?

- a. They just don't ask me out.
- b. They never shower, they fart, and they smell like pigs.
- c. As the distance between us approaches zero, their rate of perspiration approaches infinity.

How many guy friends do you have?

- a. My calculator doesn't have enough digits in the graphical display.
- b. A few really good ones.
- c. Tons, but I can't remember who they are the morning after.

Be honest — has a friend ever accused you of flirting with her boyfriend?

- a. Once. *shrug* I was sloppy.
- b. Never. I have enough guys after my lap and my top as it stands.
- c. No. My friends trust me.

Which of these things are you most likely to say to the class cutie?

- a. This class is so boring. Want to look at my slide rule?
- b. This class is so boring. *sigh*
- c. This class is so boring. My bedroom isn't.

Your best friend is...

- a. Female. We're like sisters.
- b. Male. That's the only thing in this faculty.
- c. The person buying the drinks.

Do you think it's weird to

be touchy — feely with a guy who's not your boyfriend?

- a. No way! I kiss, cuddle, and hld hands with all the guys.
- b. No. A little PDA never hurt anyone.
- c. Not really. I mean, they touch me all the time.

There's a cute new boy in class — how do you make

him feel welcome?

- a. Wave to him, say hello, and blush.
- b. Throw down a shot of Peach Schnapps, sashay over, and pinch his "cheeks."
- c. Look over at him and tell him that you loooooove the Squeeze Theorem.

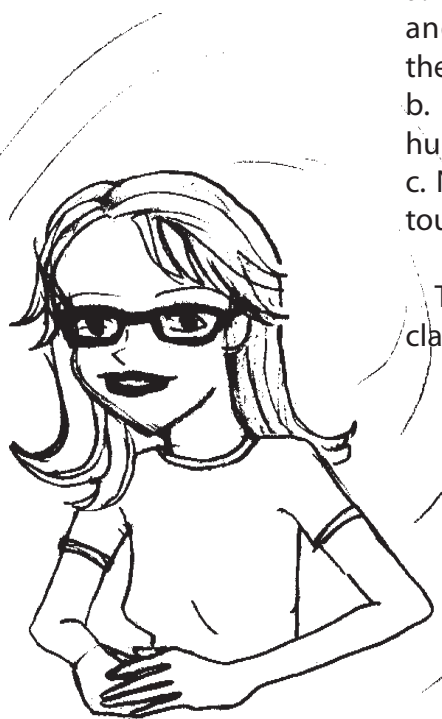
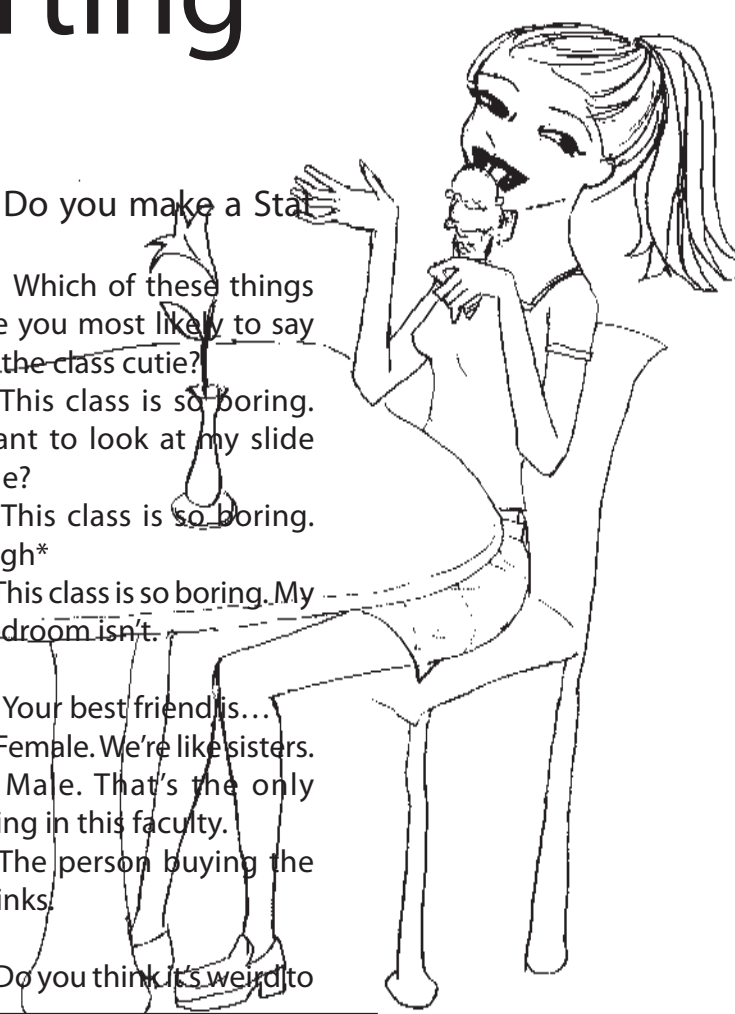
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7-11 POINTS

SMOOTH AND CREAMY FUDGE

Slick and sly, you keep the boys on their toes. Never doing the same thing twice and never being



eau du scent BY GMT

Since the Christmas season is almost upon us, now's the time to start dropping hints about what you'd like as a present. Of course, one thing that's always on MY list is a nice, sexy, practical perfume. I've compiled a short list of the top three perfumes that are appropriate to wear around the Math building.

Comfi

This simple old-fashioned stand-by has been smelt around MC for countless millennia. An unforgettable, slightly pungent, and mushroomy smell is the trademark of this perfume. One nice thing about this particular brand is its inexpensiveness. However, if you're looking to stand out from the crowd, this is a bad choice. The product's tag line says it all: "Worn by many, smelt by all."

Accidente au Realtime(ei)

This fragrance is hard to find and sometimes even harder to apply. Materials are imported from distant, exotic lands such as Farah Foods and Italy (well, Gino's). However, this rare scent is not exported beyond the factory, so actually getting a hold of a bottle is difficult. One could hang around outside the doors, hoping to get a sniff of the hideously glorious perfume that is Accidente.

(wise guys)

So my OS partner left my group though he says that he still wants to be friends. Is he telling the truth?

Dave: Wake up and smell the roses. Face it. It's over. If he is willing to abandon you and make you face an extra 20 hours a week of coding. Could you really ever trust him again? If he cares that little about preserving your sanity, how could he honestly want to stay friends? A friend of mine once took OS without a partner (it is possible, really!) I think the asylum is about ready to release him.

GMT: This means one of two things: he does not think that you are up to speed in your coding or testing abilities. He still likes your personality and still wants to hang out. Or, you're damn ugly and he'd rather look at your ass than your face (but you didn't offer him that.)

Raymond: So your partner left you, eh? First thing I'd check are the suspicious FTP downloads you've been getting these past few days. Chances are, he's cheating on you with another guy. He's probably stealing the fruits of your labour and sharing the spoils with another coder you don't know about. If I were you, I'd cut off his access to your system before he takes anything else. If he wants to be friends, fine, but tell him to stay away

from your kernel.

I am unsure if my boyfriend really likes me or if he is only interested in me because my Dad is a Calculus Prof. What should I do?

Dave: What makes you think he is only interested in you because your Dad is a Calculus Prof? Does he always want to do some integration while you are together? Does he show what it truly means to converge? I think that you should do something with him that doesn't involve Calculus (Sigh, too bad everything involves Calculus). And if it's all he is interested in then he is not even worth an infinitesimal. Send him off on a tangent until he sees your true value.

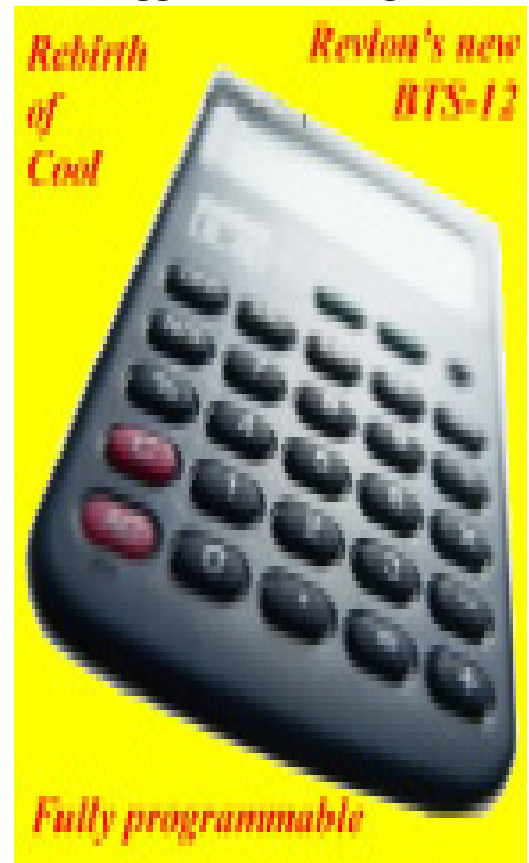
GMT: First, you want to make sure that he's not interested in your dad for non-Calculus reasons. Develop an elaborate stalking scheme to find out whether there is a correlation between when your boyfriend hangs up the phone and your dad goes to "work out."

Raymond: It really all depends. If he's naturally smart, he's probably trying to land a research assistant spot with your dad. If he's sort of average, or mildly stupid, then there's really nothing to worry about. Actually, YOU control his marks, so he pretty much has to do whatever you tell him to do. Use your father to YOUR

(day-to-day)

november

- 16: Issue #5 gets its 1st date
- 17: Latrell "the Man" in Concert
- 18: Spend a Sunday solving the Squiz
- 19: Monday and no production night, what am I going to do?
- 20: Astronomer Hubble would have been 112 years old
- 21: Go out and live your Millionaire dreams
- 22: Thanksgiving Day (U.S.)
- 23: 32 shopping days 'til Christmas; get going or you'll be disappointed
- 24: Time to begin diet for Christmas
- 25: Yeah! One can do logic with one connective — Schroder born 160 years ago today
- 26: Get in touch with the writer within
— mathNEWS production night
- 27: Look for great Christmas gifts at the MathSoc office
- 28: Snuggles is in a loving mood.



cowboys ... are bad

JASON "TEX" CAERELS

Rodeo guys are way more than tight jeans and ten-gallon hats. We went to the Waterloo Bomber in Waterloo, ON, and met one guy who dresses like one

MOST PRIZED POSSESSION: Probably my pickup truck. It lets me carry beer from the beer store to my ranch.



drinking beer. I like Blue. Not the colour, the beer.

HOW LONG HE'S BEEN DOING RODEO:

Rodeo? I drink a lot. I never spill though, so if I got to ride a bull, I could prob-

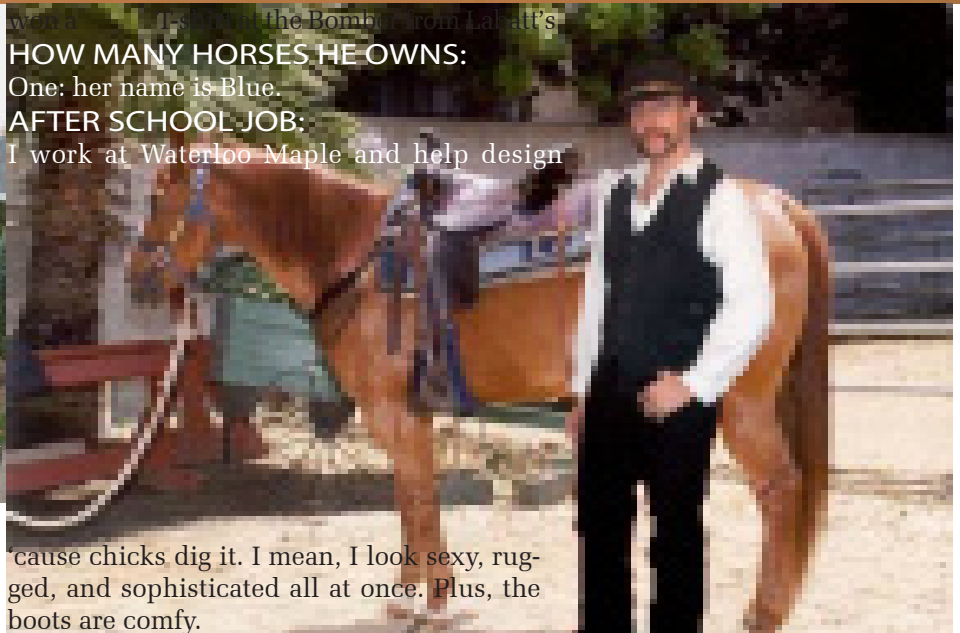
BIGGEST LOSS:

When I cut my mullet.

RODEO DRESS CODE: Yeah, I follow the rodeo dress code,



and code mathematical problem solving tools.



waterloo bomber from Labatt's

HOW MANY HORSES HE OWNS:

One: her name is Blue.

AFTER SCHOOL JOB:

I work at Waterloo Maple and help design

SPECIALTY: I'm really good at fluid mechanics and

NEWS office, and that was kind of a Western movie.

MOST HE'S EVER WON IN A RODEO: I once

ably do it, provided I had a beer, a Blue in particular, to keep safe.

CLOSE CALLS: One time, this chick was so drunk, she could hardly walk, and she was trying to pick me up at the Bomber. She was damn cute, too. Anyway, she reached to lean on me, and almost spilt my beer. Luckily, I reacted quickly, got out of the way, saved

'cause chicks dig it. I mean, I look sexy, rugged, and sophisticated all at once. Plus, the boots are comfy.

my beer, and she fell to the ground.

FAVOURITE WESTERN MOVIE: Hmmm, I saw this porno with Carmen Electra, that's the girl on the walls of the *math-*

WHAT'S WITH THE HAT: I got it from my buddy Pete to complete my ensemble. We proceeded to drink and watch *Harley Davidson and the Marlboro Man* to celebrate the event.

WHAT DOES HE LOOK FOR IN A WOMAN:

I need a woman who can solve ODEs and PDEs and buys her own

beer.

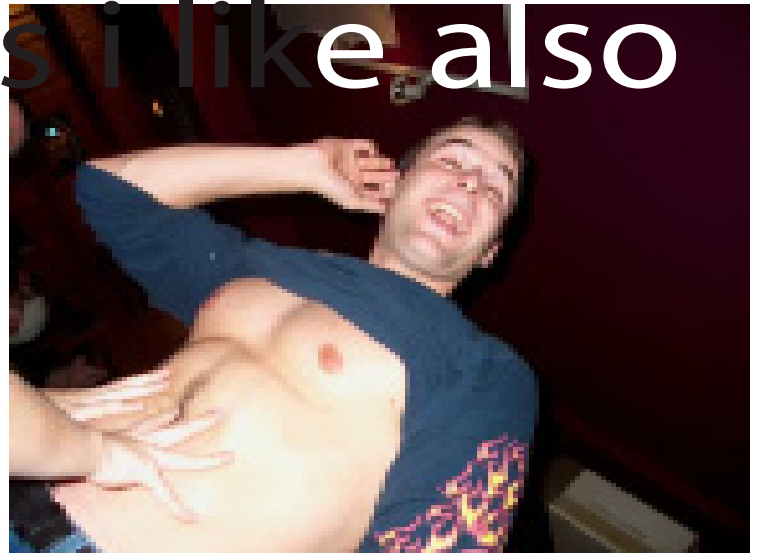
all the boys i like also

D.E. DAN

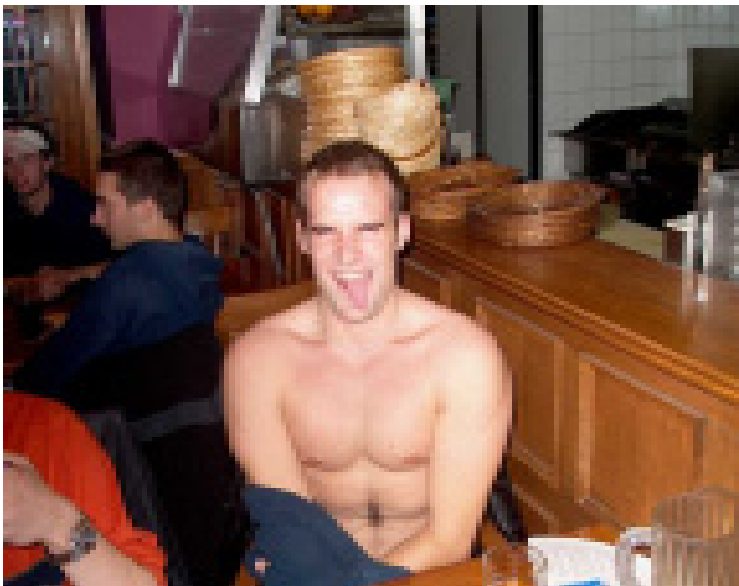
D.E. Dan is the cutest guy in the bar, but he's used to that. With his stunning good looks, girls flock to him. But he takes it all in stride. I spent the evening with Dan, and some of his friends and roommates. They all had interesting stories about him.

Dan grew up an abused child, but that didn't hinder him. He overcame the challenges he faced early in his life. He grew into the team captain for his high school football team, for all 8 years of his high school career.

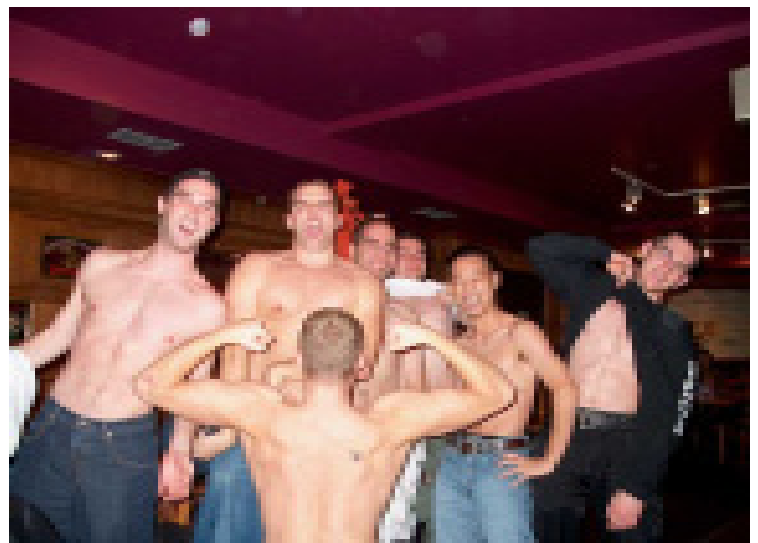
Dan was different from the other kids at school, though. But he taught them about differences. He was bi-sexual. Having known for as long as he



Dan, thoroughly familiar to all the atten-



Dan, topless, yet again



Dan (centre) and his friends

could remember, he used to go into his mother's closet and dress up in her clothes. "Yeah, it was hard. I mean, I wasn't that good at sports for a while, because I spent so much time checkin' out my mom's clothes."

Dan has a few quirks, like girls: he likes them with a 'big back.' Guys should have a 'big package,' and everybody should have antlers. He also doesn't prefer boxers or even briefs. Dan likes padded undergarments. "Either style is cool, I just want padding."

"I like sloppy kisses: they remind me of my dogs, Sam and Scooter. I really love Sam." However, Chuck, Dan's boyfriend, has a different opinion. He absolutely hates it when Dan screams out "Sam!" during sex. "It's disturbing when your lover calls out his dog's name..."

Dan has two great accomplishments in his life. He doesn't know which is more special. Winning





**Great Taste. Strong Humor.
Why wouldn't you do math with it?**

got milk?

OUI NON

Canada, used to referendums, seems to have learned to ignore them. Most don't even know of the current "Oui" ou "Non" referendum going on. So, to review the situation, y_m sent two reporters to ask questions, and see what's the dilio. The two representatives were Greg Milne for "Oui" and Peter Cresswell for "Non."

y_m: If I'm a grad student, will I have to pay the new fee?
Greg: No, it is an undergraduate fee only.

Have you guys ever had sex with any members of the referendum committee? Did they have differing opinions?
Greg: No.

Peter: I refrain from answering.

Will there be a champagne room in the expanded SLC?

Greg: For sure, replaces kampus kops.

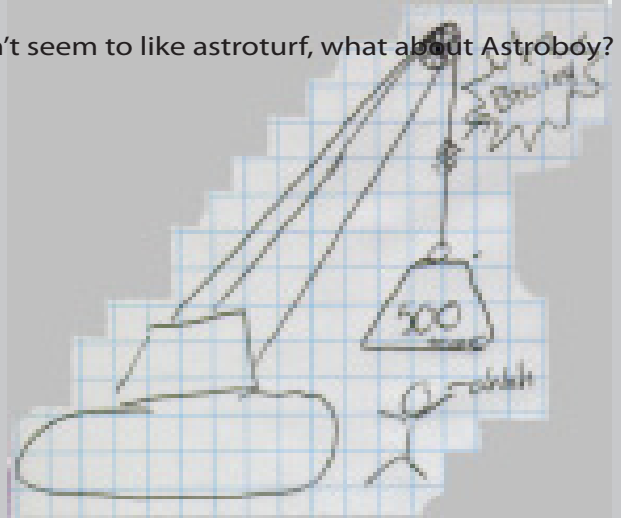
Peter: He's got strong hands, good for Swedish massages.

Are you afraid of such a construction accident during the facility

Greg: Maybe, but no sex in the champagne room. Will there be Swedish massages available from big burly men in the fitness centre? If so, will any of them be named Hans?

Greg: No, the budget will not allow it.

You don't seem to like astroturf, what about Astroboy?



Peter (left) and Greg (!left)

upgrades?
Peter: Most certainly concerned. I'm afraid of 500 tonne weights near students.
Greg: We should not rush construction. If he had a safety hat, this student would have

music review:

BIG SHINY TUNES 6

I LOVE this album! I listened to it twice when I got back from the store! So many songs on it are so good! It's got all the big, rocking hits from this year, and a couple from last year that just took a while to get popular! You can be sure that you'll be hearing this CD at par-



ym (horoscope)

ARIES That boy who has been looking at you in CS class feels like you two could have something more. Approach him this week and ask him to help you with your java code over a candle-light dinner this weekend.



Your best days of the month for love are: 2,4,6,8, ..., 2n, for all integer n

TAURUS Try not to be so stubborn this week because love is looking your way. You don't have



to worry about making the first move. He will because the moon is entering scorio later this week. Be a good little bull. Your best days for romance: prime numbers



GEMINI

Shut up and let someone else talk for a change. Maybe then the person you least expect will ask you out this weekend. Use your wit and charm to lure in potential mates. Your lucky love days:



i, e, cos(q)

CANCER Listen to mommy's advice. Don't be stingy with your money and treat your boy like he's worth a million bucks. He will reward you with the



comfort and security you need. Your days for happiness are: # 5, 28 3, 32

LEO Invite all your friends over for a party at your house this weekend. Act like yourself; people like you better that

way. Someone you may have never seen before will come to this party and show an interest in you. Your lucky



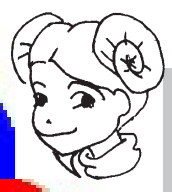
love days are: $A=2.6(1+i)^4$

VIRGO Don't be too picky with your guy. Accept him the

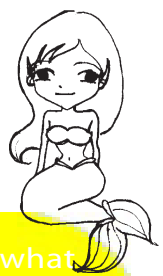
way he is or you may lose him. You always have something good to talk about, so use your cleverness to make him feel better about himself because you nag him too much. Your days for romance are: e and d



LIBRA Use your charm to win all the boys you want. Have fun this week and make sure to keep your love life balanced because your flirting can get out of control. Go somewhere you



leave. Focus your energy on building your relationships. Love will come to you on: $4 \times 6 - 3$



have never been. Your love days are: $Qf(x,y)$

SCORPIO Try not to be too sneaky this week. Since the moon is entering your sign, people will know your motives. Don't be so possessive with your guy or he could get scared and

SAGITTARIUS You win! You are happy all the time

so it doesn't matter what planet is where; you'll smile anyway. Make sure to stay organized or you could let good opportunities pass you by. Your days for love are infinite (see you win again)



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How to get Attention from Multitudes

A mathie's way to gather glances at you

It is a problem everyone encounters at one time or another — no one lavishes attention on you. No one recognizes you and you are all alone in the corridor. You try every method in the book, and everyone else still gives you the cold shoulder. After trying out these methods ourselves, we concluded that the following methods will get you the attention you deserve.

- **Hang out in a place where there is a heavy flow of people**
When you go to a place where there is a lot of people, someone is bound to notice you. At worst, you are earning glances in your direction. At best, someone may think that you are alone and invite you to join their group. Be careful of who you crash into, though, as you could run into the wrong group. For best results, use this method along with the next.
- **Join the conversation**
This method is best used when you actually know what the people are talking about — you will get yourself pinned into a corner if you don't. Also be sure that the people you want to talk to are (or at least look) non-threatening. Always leave an escape route as you can talk yourself into trouble. If you talk yourself out of a jam or your comments are thought-provoking/witty/consoling (depending on the situation), you can gain much more than the attention of the people you are talking to.
- **Join a prominent group**
If you join a prominent group, you will get the attention you always crave for. You will get to meet a lot of interesting people in and outside the group. For best outcomes,

you should join a group where you can meet people from outside the group. Who knows? If you are willing to pull your weight you may get the attention of the people you want to be close to. MathSoc is one of these places, but go around to see what fits you best.

- **Write for a popular publication**
Many shy people write to garner people's attention without getting their faces red. One can use a spot on a publication to get into the spotlight. y_m is full of people from the above group (well, not really. Most of us are pretty outgoing). The point is, when you write for a magazine, a newspaper, or a newsletter, you get to tell the world what is on your mind and for a brief moment, you will have the attention of your readers. If everything goes well, you will get the attention of many, and isn't that what you want?

(Warning: Some of the above advice may not give you the desired results. Be wary in using these methods — you may garner the attention of the wrong group).

Jason Lau and Mark McDermōt
Special to y_m

Conversing with a Computer: The Statistical Side of Semantics

Prof. Suzanne Stevenson

Department of Computer Science, U of T

Thursday, November 22

3:30 pm MC 5158

Electr0nica in the MC, 30th of November

A good reason to come to the Comfy on a Friday night

Two weeks from today, an electronic music celebration will take place in MC 3001. We will be featuring DJs and live techno wizards from Math and other faculties. From 9:00 pm to 2:00 am there will be sound, light, people, and dancing in MC 3001. But wait, you say, MC 3001, isn't that ...

Comfy? Why the Comfy? I know what you may be thinking — that there are just gamers and sleeping coders in the Comfy. But that Friday (the 30th) will be different. The Comfy will be closed for most of the afternoon to set up and re-organize the space. Almost half the furniture will be removed to make room on the floor. A sound system half the size of Fed Hall's will be

set up along with more DJ gear than can be found anywhere else on campus. To transform the space, we will be taking control of the lighting. Computer driven visualizations will paint the white blinds with moving coloured displays while other coloured lights change the atmosphere to a feeling never found in the Comfy before. Or you can carry the colour yourself; we'll be selling glow sticks. Cotton candy will be on tap. And there's going to be a disco ball in Comfy, finally (no, it is not staying). Cross campus and free for all, so come and check it out.

“Phat” Albert O'Connor

mathNEWSquiz #5*Yes, we got submissions!*

Hey everybody! We are happy Squiz guys, Anton and I. Why do you ask? Well, we got lots of submissions and we are very happy about this. Harry Potter is coming out today and someone (who will remain nameless) convinced me to read the book. Hopefully I will have it read by the time you read this so that it will be read for when I see the movie tonight. That's enough of that, here's last issue's answers: **Lyrics** 1. *Train — Drops of Jupiter* 2. *Earth, Wind and Fire — Jupiter* 3. *Jewel — Jupiter* 4. *Smashing Pumpkins — Jupiter's Lament* 5. *Tori Amos — Hey Jupiter* Theme: *Jupiter*; **Astrology** 1. *Leo, Aries, Sagittarius* 2. *Emerald* 3. *Sagittarius* 4. *Capricorn* 5. *Any of mystery, illusion, imagination, dreamlife, ...*; **Planets** 1. *Venus* 2. *Jupiter* 3. *Mars* 4. *Mercury* 5. *Uranus*.

We had 7 submissions and most were very close. Since the answer to Astrology #5 was vague everybody who put something got a half mark. There is also some doubt as to the answer to Planets #5 so we are going with NASA on this one. So here are the people that submitted and the number they got right. Markov (2), Robson Clark (2), Minion #7 (18.5), Pete Bennetto (19.5), Yolanda Dorrington (19.5), Frosh One (19.5) and Malcom McNeil (20.5). So Malcom is our winner, come get your prize from the *mathNEWS* mail-slot in the MathSoc Office (MC 3038) when you can.

MGC Announcements and Events*Social*

The Class of 2002 Breakfast will be held on Tuesday, November 20 at Ground Zero. We are asking people to arrive between 9 am and 10:45 am and to RSVP to us at mgc@student.math.uwaterloo.ca if you plan on attending.

Yearbook

The yearbook editors are still looking for any pictures that you may have for the yearbook. If you would like to submit photos, they can be dropped off in MC 3029, or check out www.mgc2002.com/yearbook.html for more instructions.

Also, just a reminder that your yearbook write-ups are due by November 30. The write-ups have to be submitted through the web site.

Grad Rings

The first Ring Days will be held Monday, November 19 and Tuesday, November 20 from 3:30 to 5:30 in the hallway outside the C+D. We will have samples of the different rings available and you will be able to place orders. There will be other opportunities to purchase rings in the Winter term, but this is a good time to come out and see what's available before making the decision to purchase.

Photos

Hopefully by now most people have had their grad photos taken. If you haven't though, you absolutely need to have them done before the end of this term. If not, you will miss out on being in the yearbook and on your class composite.

Our web site is www.mgc2002.com. Please check it out for more details on anything mentioned here and to keep up to date on graduating class info.

*Lyrics**One Point for Title, One Point for Artist**Another One for the Theme*

1. Baby when you finally
Get to love somebody
Guess what?
It's gonna be me
2. Listen baby I'm sorry
Just wanna tell you don't worry
I will be late don't stay and wait for me
3. Everytime I hear you sayin'
That love is never lost, yeah
Did you read it in a book?
Did you see it in a magazine?
Do you think that I'm some new expo?
Do you think I'm so naive?
4. I played with your heart,
got list in the game
Oh baby, baby,
Ooops! You think I'm in love
That I'm sent from above
I'm not that innocent

BackStreet Boys

1. Howie D.: boxers or briefs?
2. Which Backstreet Boy had a small role in Parenthood?
3. What is Kevin's cat's name?
4. What colour are AJ's eyes?
5. In "The Backstreet Boys: The Video" video, what type of vehicle were the boys washing?

Harry Potter

1. How does Harry catch the Snitch to win his first Quidditch game?
2. What shape is the scar on Harry's forehead?
3. What house does Harry belong to?
4. Who is You-Know-Who?
5. What platform does the Hogwarts Express leave from?

We give you an easy Squiz and actually get good submissions. We like this outcome, so you get an easy one again! So submit again too. Submissions can be put in the **BLACK BOX** or emailed to mathnews@student.math.uwaterloo.ca.

Squiz Guys,
Anton Fedorenko and Nadia V. Ursacki

UW Drama Presents*Twelfth Night by William Shakespeare**November 14-17*

Location: Theatre of The Arts, Modern Languages

Cost: \$10 Students \$12 General

Tickets: Available at Theatre Centre Box Office, Hagey Hall, 888-4908

gridCOMMENTS

Uh, we'll be back next issue. The proper grid for issue 4 is on the web now.