

under attack:

MATHSOC COUNCIL REPLIES

The following letter was received at the MathSoc office in December '74.

Dear Sir, Madam or Whatever;

Please find enclosed 1 MASTER Combination lock. This lock was registered to me along with the use of locker number 247 on Thursday, September 10, 1974.

Upon receiving the lock I immediately proceeded to "my" locker (number 247) to place my lock on it and thereby obtain use of this locker for the term. Unfortunately, when I got there locker 247 was already locked with a DUDLEY lock. (IE: The other kind.)

I immediately returned to the place where I was given the lock and upon hearing of my problem the "lockgiver" assured me that the lock would be cut off next week or even possibly this Friday (Dec. 13), so don't worry, just wait. The following week passed but the unauthorized lock was not removed. I complained to a rather large fellow who said, Yes they weren't able to cut off the locks yet but this week, (wk. of Dec. 22). sometime, they would be cut off, just leave your "TAKE THIS LOCK OFF" sign up there and they will take care of it by the weekend. He also asked for the number of the locker in question, which I gave him (247) and said something would be done.

That week passed and still the lock remained.

To shorten the story I complained every week till the last week of October whereupon I gave up all hope of using the locker. In all I complained 9 times: 6 times to the large heavy-set fellow (HE TOOK MY LOCKER NUMBER 4 TIMES. I THINK HE HAS LOCKER # 50?) and 3 times to anyone in the MathSoc office who would listen (IT WAS HARD ENOUGH FINDING ANYONE WHO WOULD EVEN LISTEN). As a matter of interest, when I complained to someone other than the heavy guy, I was told to see him about it.

FINALLY, here it is, the end of the term and I still can't get in. Now signs are up telling me I will lose locker privileges next term (MY LAST AS A MATTER OF FACT) if my lock is not on the stupid locker. Well, here's your idiot lock anyways, I'm not going to cut that other one off for you! Why should I, you wouldn't do it for me, would you? I hope you aren't going to charge me for any missing locks.

In the 4 years I've been here I never took back any of my MathSoc dues and what did I get for it:

- 1 promised locker (for 1/3 year)
- 20 ODD Issues of MATHNEWS, 2 ANTICALENDARS
- and a 50/50 chance of getting a sweater to wear during a game, playing for the MATH 'B' HOCKEY TEAM and that is all.

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thru the smoke:

A MEETING?

Due to a mixup in communications, the smoking committee meeting announced in last week's masthead did not take place. There was supposed to be a short article about it, and when it did not appear, the committee chairperson assumed there was no notice at all and did not show up.

THIS Monday, January 20, at 4 p.m. in the 3rd floor lounge, will be an open meeting of the committee on smoking. The committee will discuss primarily the question of whether to allow smoking in the coffee & donuts room of the lounge. Other questions, such as smoking in classes and exams, and the rights of the nonsmoker in general, will be discussed if time permits. The committee will make recommendations to

Math Soc at the next meeting. Opinions expressed by all persons present at the meeting will be considered.

An agenda for this meeting will be posted on the MathSoc bulletin board.

If you have a class until 4:30, you can come at 4:30. If you can't come at all, you can make your opinions known by sending a note to the smoking committee via the MathSoc mailbox.

People who smoke in the lounge would be well advised to keep ashes and butts off the floor on January 20 in order to improve the likelihood of retaining their freedom to smoke there. In fairness to those who rightly complain that smokers cause only part of the filth in the lounge, the same warning would apply to those who eat in the lounge as well.

That's not much of a deal for 4 years of MathSoc dues. I just hope maybe I can actually get a locker next year (TERM TO YOU BUDDY) so at least I'll get something out of this crummy deal.

I guess this situation is just another example of how brilliantly MathSoc works and should show you why no one votes in MathSoc elections:

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO GETS IN, MATHSOC IS JUST A PRIVATE CLUB OF "POWER" SEEKING INDIVIDUALS WHO LIKE THE PRESTIGE OF BEING IN MATHSOC BUT COULD NEVER ACTUALLY BE EXPECTED TO DO ANYTHING, EXCEPT WHAT WOULD BE FUN FOR THEMSELVES. IE. PUBS, FIRST CHANCE AT LOCKERS, MOVIES & CARTOONS, SOUND EQUIPMENT FOR THE MATHSOC OFFICES. etc. etc.

Yours disgustedly,
ANDREW C. PALIDWOR 71043371
64 Avondale Ave. South
Waterloo, Ontario

The following letter is a reply from the MathSoc Executive and Council.

Dear Mr. Palidwor:

We would like to thank you for the return of the lock loaned to you in the fall, and we would also like to express our regret that you have encountered so many problems with your locker. There were several other people in your position at the beginning of the term, fortunately most of these people got into their locker within a couple of weeks. The fall term was the first time that locks were handed out at the time that the lockers were signed for, previously the locks have been rearranged on the lockers and at the time of signing for them, the locker no. and combination were issued. Due to the problems encountered last term, this term we reverted to the old system (which, by the way is extremely time consuming, not to mention boring). So far this time we have had no problems other than wrong combinations being given out.

Having thus learned the errors of trying to save our time at the expense of your time, we hope that the same mistakes will not be made. I say hope because there is no guarantee that these procedures will be followed in later years, since the Society is run solely by volunteer manpower.

You state that you have not gotten a good 'deal' for your 4 years dues. For the sum of \$5.00 a year, MathSoc performs the following services (if you will):

funds 10 issues of mathNEWS per term
funds an antical a year
sponsors mathematics - broomball brooms, hockey sweaters, basketball shirts, and a substantial (60% of mathematics budget) amount of ice time for hockey.

coffee & donuts was set up and initially financed by MathSociety and continues to operate as a club under MathSociety

provides reps on the following bodies:
Faculty Council, Faculty Curriculum Committee, AA&CS, C & O, Works of Art Committee, SAC, MIAC, WIAC, Board of Entertainment, Board of Education.

funds CSC

provides music for the lounge
orientation in the fall
prints and sells at cost t-shirts
mathweekend once a term

bridge, chess, car rallies
semi-formals, pubs
free (no admission) Christmas party
once a year

fund other clubs and organizations
such as Birth Control Centre and Black Bubble

issues lockers once a term to those with stamped ID cards (indicating that he/she is a fee-paying member of MathSoc)

loans playing cards to bridge players
sundry office supplies - bulletin boards, staplers, scissors, pencil sharpener for your use

acts as a general information and help centre

funds (to a certain extent) the campaign expenses for candidates in MathSoc elections

lost & found service

You mention in a derogatory tone the sound equipment in the office. For over 2 years MathSoc has not invested any monies in sound equipment, except this year for a new tape deck which does not eat up tapes on us. Also, please note that the equipment primarily provides entertainment for the lounge.

You state in your last paragraph that MathSociety is a private club. We wish to refute that statement. First of all, every person who pays fees to Math Society is a member of MathSociety. Also, most of Council were not acquainted until the first council meeting.

We would like to point out that any person academically registered in Mathematics is eligible to run in MathSoc elections (whether or not they pay fees.) Also, non-members may hold executive non-voting council positions by way of appointments.

We need more volunteers with better ideas so please feel free to come in and see us.

The Executive and Council of the Mathematics Society.

contest

All last term, for those of you who were around, our illustrious (?) editor always (almost) had his name appear in the masthead as "Randall S. McDougall". This brought about many questions as to what the "S" stood for. We don't know. All replies to this vexing problem, which appear on a correct Gridword solution, will be printed provided:

The Gridword solution is on, at most, the page upon which the gridword appears (i.e. no entire mathNEWS')

The solution has your name on it (after all, you might win).

We don't get busted by the L.L.B.O. or some other censorship board (see Maclean and Maclean vs. the L.L.B.O. for the inside line on that one)

The total number of remarks you make about our leaving out Gridword clues is less than or equal to the number of clues we do leave out

Feel free to be creative, and all resource material may be used. Have fun - the answers don't have to be right.

MATHSoc PRESENTS
a Major **SEMI-FORMAL**

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FEBRUARY 15, 1975. AT the NEW
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per
Couple

LIGHTHOUSE

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FULL HOUSE

Buffet Dinner

TICKETS on Sale
Wednesday, Jan. 22.

V1, STJ, CENTRAL BOX
FED, MATHSOC OFFICES

math  **LETICS**

The Winter '75 Basketball season is about to get underway with a few changes for Math. There are only two Math teams this term instead of three, plus the Independent, Pentagon. Math Mucks will try to improve upon their Consolation Championship of last term in the Monday night 'A' League. Chris Trothen heads up the other Math team which is also entering the Monday night 'A' League. Most of the players on Chris' team are new, while Math Mucks have 6 of 8 returnees along with 4 new additions to the roster. Dom Janzen's Pentagon are stepping up to the Sunday 'A' League this term after losing the 'B' Championship last term to Env. Stud., who are also joining the 'A' League on Monday. Pentagon has lost a couple of big men, but Dom is confident of a good season.

Games commence this Sunday, Jan. 19, and Monday, Jan. 20. Times were not available at press time.

CAPTAINS: Organizational meeting Thursday Jan. 16 at 7pm in PAC 1001.

MATH MUCKS: Weekly practices will be held on Fridays from 2:30pm until 4:30pm beginning Jan. 17. You are encouraged to come out early at 1:30 if you are free and at any other times during the week you wish. Gym schedules are posted weekly in the men's tote room.

BURLOAF

WE PAID BAIL

On Monday this week, the Honeywell had its 196K of core memory replaced with 256K of MOS memory. (MOS is short for MOSFET which stands for "metal oxide semiconductor field effect transistor", in case you were wondering.) The new memory is slower than the core, but because of four way interleaving, its effective speed is similar to that of the core. The extra 64K should give us snappier service, however (although it probably won't). One advantage of the new memory is that you can run the extremely core greedy PL/I compiler without taking down TSS, or performing other similar drastic measures.

In passing, I might note that a sign on the consultants' office claims the undergraduate userids should be on the system on Thursday, January 16, which is the day before this issue officially becomes available.

Three cheers for the person on the University staff who caused all the lights to be put back in the Math lounge. Although saving power by removing half the lighting from hallways, where high intensity lighting is not really necessary is a reasonable idea, removing lights from the lounge is a bad idea. Many people actually spend their time getting work done here, and others who don't, do other activities which are greatly facilitated by proper lighting (such as playing cards).

In another area, things have gone from bad to worse. As you probably know, due to various reasons, mainly the money squeeze, the library closes at midnight every night now. A result of this action is that now the Math building gets locked up every night at midnight. This is a bother to those of the University community who like to get work done at strange hours. It is a real nuisance to trek all the way to the Math building, expecting to get some work done, only to find the building sealed tight as a drum. What reasons there are for locking the building, I'm sure they are pretty feeble (we seem to have survived O.K. with the building being open 24 hours), and there are quite a few people who like to work at night and early in the morning that are bothered by this policy. (One reason for working at unorthodox hours is that system response is so much better at night than during the day when everyone is signed on, doing assignments, ...)

This term, mathNEWS has nineteen subscribers so far getting this paper mailed to them. Last term, we had a maximum of fourteen subscribers. Anyone who wants one, can have a subscription to mathNEWS. We ask for \$1.25 to cover postage and handling, in most cases (The paper itself is free). There is no real deadline for new subscriptions, but later in the term, half the papers you receive will be back issues by then (we try to send you a complete set).

From our tidbits of trivia department: Today (Friday, January 17, 1975) is the day of the rat (Note this, R.M.C.), the month of the ox and the year of the rabbit (Note carefully, Boff and D.R.N.).

GRIDWORD

With M&C NEWS

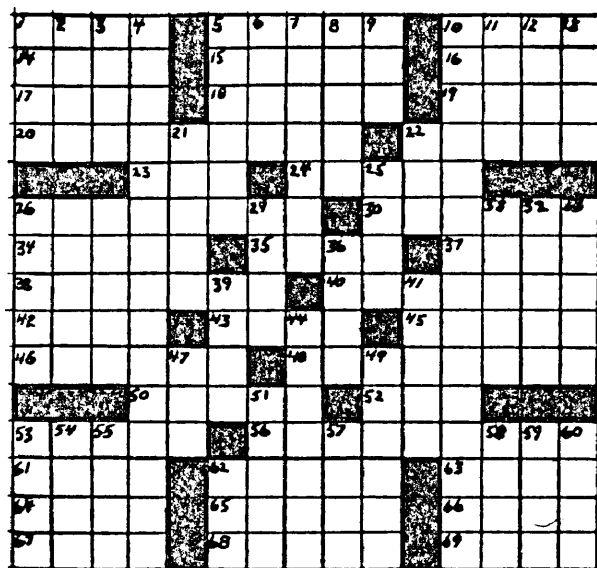
Since this is our second ANIVERSARY Issue we dug back into our files and took out our first gridword. The creator was Norm Macdonald. For our first few issues we didn't give out T-shirts. However, since the response was low we introduced that feature. The rules have also changed over time. We have decided now is the time for another change.

NEW RULES:

If you are a winner you must show up at a mathNEWS production meeting with your ID card (or have a friend bring it). Production meetings are Tuesdays, 7pm to 2am, in M&C3011. Ask for the gridword editor.

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PHONE:

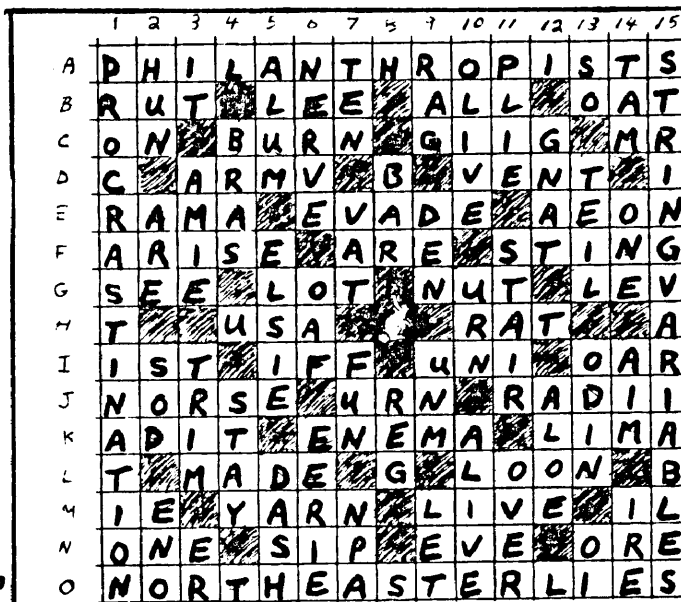


DOWN

- Type of Rug
- Yukon, for One (Abbr)
- Dies _____ (Day of Wrath: Latin)
- Greatest Pirate (2 wrds)
- Sister _____ By Don McLean
- Arab State
- Snarls
- Got Up
- Mr. Bruce, for short
- Album by 52-A (4 wrds)
- Quite a Bit (2 wrds)
- _____ Ranger
- Nourish
- _____ Firma
- Analog Computer Operator
- To Be (Fr)
- Hiding Place
- Pains
- Wilt the _____
- Rigid _____
- Vote Into Office
- Year (Fr)
- Those About to Start in a Golf Game
- Sooner (Ger)
- Rubies
- Of the Moon
- Jones or Wilson
- _____, Zwei, Drei
- Period of Earth's History (2 wrds)
- A Mathematician
- Slightly Open
- Slow Walk
- Leo
- Snare or Kettle
- Japanese Medicine Box
- Existing
- _____ Stanley Gardiner
- Math Tables Book (Abbr)

ACROSS

- Cooking Instruction
- Terminal
- The Fatted _____
- Bigshot
- Cookie that you're Not supposed to buy (2 wrds)
- Lily Plant
- Israeli Foe
- _____ and Mortise
- Sound Quality
- Season's _____
- Performed
- Rapid Eye Movement (Abbr)
- Bloodsucker
- Emasculate
- That's hard _____
- Sellers or McQueen
- To Late (Fr.)
- Arm Done (Var)
- Supergroup
- Greek
- U.S.A.
- Otherwise
- Stomach Disorder
- Have Respect For
- Pisses
- Tightfisted One
- _____ Stevens
- Woody _____
- In the Hotspot (2 wrds)
- Enrol
- Miss Barton
- Strange Person
- _____ of Gold
- Steal from Again
- Russian Mountain Range
- Descartes
- _____ de Mentie
- Part



MORE RULES:

For people whose gridwords are selected for publication:

You will have to prepare your part of the gridword before you get your T-shirt.

Submit in the usual way. If selected for use you will be contacted and told the way to prepare a gridword. This to cut down on the number of errors.

To enter this week's contest send your solution to mathNEWS by 4:30pm Tuesday the 21st. Be sure and write your name and phone number.

Last week's grid was won by:- STEVE THOMPSON

We had a total of 8 "correct" solutions. There were several correct solutions for D8 and K2.

There may be one or two clues missing in this one, but we're not sure..... after all it's 2 years.

this grid submitted by boff

and dave and bonnie dowsett

FEEDBACK

Note: Letters appearing in this column represent the opinions of our readers. mathNEWS welcomes your criticisms, comments, suggestions, etc. All letters should be signed, but, if requested, a pen name will be used.

take it easy

I agree with our Math Soc Pres. about the motion to allow students to pre-register only in 6 courses.

(1) It is much easier to drop courses than it is to try picking them up during the registration rush.

(2) Everything is much easier for the student if his timetable is already arranged by the computer before classes start.

Joe Blackmore

more time

I am definitely opposed to the motion. I myself am in such a position.

I am currently in 3rd year taking six courses. to complete my general degree next year I will have to take 6 1/2 credits.

Also in general anyone entering an honours program in math who at any point in his 4 years fails a course will have to take another term just to pick up a 1/2 credit.

T.E.Gahagan
72007965

less haze

mathNEWS:

A few rebuttals and comments on smoking:

a) To the guy/gal who mentioned increased cadmium levels:

Where did you find this, the "Party Worker" commie rag? I've spent 3 1/2 years in Biology and have yet had to hear this statement.

b) To the asthmatic:

I respect your rights and if asked in a decent manner, would gladly not smoke for your benefit. However, there is no need to use ridiculous phrases like "I do not believe...I am 100% sure".

c) To the asshole who wants to raise tobacco taxes:

You're probably the same prick who drinks during fed flicks and makes inane comments.

d) To mathNEWS:

Thanks for bringing the question out. I now have more respect for others' rights and in confined spaces do ask those beside me if I may smoke.

Leonard Smith(72854337)

Editors comments: We had a few old issues of mathNEWS lying around. So we tossed them out last week. This letter is response to one of those issues.

chessnut

Dear Kindly Sirs:

Could you help or give me information on the correct version of the rules of 3-D chess. There must be an official version somewhere around here. (NOT IN THE LIBRARY)
Jerry

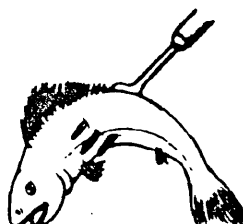
Dear Jerry:

mathNEWS cannot help you in this matter. You, however, can help us produce mathNEWS (Tuesday nites, MC3U11).

The editors

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Antical meeting
Wednesday 22nd 4:30pm
at Mathsoc office



math BLUES

BLUES

The following unsigned comments were written in response to the "Slipping One Thru" article of last week.

I am definitely opposed to the above motion: Some people might be able to handle 8 courses at 60%

I don't want to rip up an excellent newspaper such as mathNEWS so here is a reasonable facsimile: I am definitely opposed to the above motion

"Since mathNEWS is so valuable to me, here is my do-it-yourself ballot": I am definitely opposed to the above motion.

I am definitely opposed to the above motion:
Comment: Students shouldn't load up with courses - and I feel those who can't handle it usually don't - but what does an "AVERAGE" mark really mean - its the math average thats important.

I am definitely opposed to the above motion. Note - let advisors advise not dictate.

I am definitely opposed to the above motion: (although I do have well over 75%)

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ADS

(Note: mathNEWS will print your classified ads FREE OF CHARGE. Just jot them down on a slip of paper, take it to room MC 3038 and have someone there deposit it in the mathNEWS file. Or, drop your ad in the campus mail (a free service) addressed to: mathNEWS, MC 3038.)

WILL THE GIRL WHO SAT NEXT TO ME IN CLASS PLEASE SEE ME ANY FRIDAY MORNING IN MC3012!

WORKERS needed for Semi-formal.
Come to mathSoc office. Monday,
Jan. 20 at 4:30pm if interested.

