

# Mathsoc & Math Frosh

Last Friday, Mathsoc held a free buffet lunch for first year students after the dean's address. Originally this was scheduled for noon, with a nominal charge for non-frosh. However when about 400 people queued up at 11:30, it was decided to start early and let *everyone* eat free.

Despite the late (on time) arrival of the meat, and long lineups (so what else is new?) for the food, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Considering that the alternative, for many, was a Village lunch, this is not too surprising.

This week, Mathsoc will (should) have a supply of free rulers to give out, and the infamous Antical should be printed and ready for you to pick up (also free). For the uninitiated, Antical tells you what last year's students thought about your math profs and courses.

T-shirts are still for sale in many designs (including the \$2.00 frosh special) but you'd better hurry, they're selling out fast!

And even if none of this interests you, drop by and see the office anyway... we are *your* representatives, but we can only represent you if *you* come out and tell us what you want, or better still, get involved! Many people think of Mathsoc as an exclusive club or clique, but actually *everyone* in math is automatically a member the moment they register and you can't be much less exclusive than that. So if it seems like a clique, it is only because no-one else *wants* to be involved.

Now two last notes: we *aren't* stamping ID cards this term (because of the new "validation sticker" system of the university); we may come up with an alternative for next term... but drop by the office (MC3038) anyway. And don't forget the Wine & Cheese party on Tuesday the 21st.

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As a mathie frosh I have been overwhelmed, ridiculed, stepped on and more often than not ignored by the university and its various umpty-ump organisations, people?, buildings, events etc., etc., etc. Moreover, I am still crawling out from under a veritable mountain of literature" which has been produced for me to make some sort of sense of this monstrous machine called university.

Foremost among this propoganda is a handbook by the name of "University of Waterloo Federation of Students Information handbook." I would like to say that I've read this handbook, that it has been valuable to me; that it has enlightened my very soul and brought untold fulfillment into my life. The truth is my stomach and I only managed to get up to page 39, whereupon my eyes fell upon a truly disgusting sight.

There before my very eyes, I saw, (my hand trembles even as I write this) **mathNews..** Please be advised this is wrong. More than that it is a scathing sin against everything mortal men hold decent.

The proper and only way to refer to this rag is thusly: **mathNEWS**. **mathNEWS**, Mathsoc and the faculty and students of Math cannot condone any publication which refers to us as anything but **mathNEWS**.

Go hang your head in shame "University of Waterloo Federation of Students Information Handbook". You are not only innacurate, you are immoral, and are polluting the bodies and minds of unsuspecting Waterloo students. What a depraved group of people you must be.

All Mathies unite!, we must rid our fair land of this kind of smutty yellow journalism!!

Mario Milosevic

Whom the gods would destroy, they first make

# BURLOAF

The roving Action Burloaf checked out the new prices at Coffee and Donuts and was not impressed. You know C&D, the service that was set up as a non-profit outlet for low priced donuts and coffee (and kaisers and subs). Last year, C&D's non profit paid for a new stereo for MathSoc as well as other things. Perhaps it looked like the non profit this year was going to be smaller than a King's Ransom, so to keep in tune with the Government's urgings for restraint, prices were raised 50% for coffee, 33% for donuts. Needless to say, these prices have placed lunch out of reach of the Burloaf's meager budget, so after the free coffee and donut coupon is spent (the Burloaf is a perpetual frosh when it comes to those coupons) it's one less meal a day.

One frosh the Burloaf talked to was impressed by the events calendar for orientation. He liked the way all they seem to do during orientation is have orientation pubs. At the end of September, these wind down just in time for Oktoberfest. Later in the term he will discover the regular midterm pubs which go until end of term when the end of term pubs take over. Another frosh was impressed by the way Kitchener-Waterloo's German background is typified by the number of Chinese restaurants.

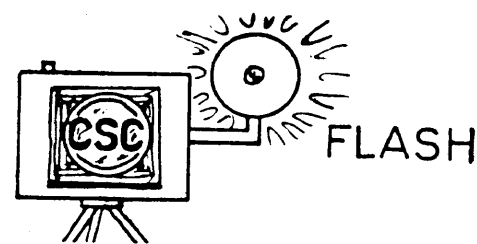
Notices recently appeared stating that a sum of money had been found. A number to call if the money was yours was given. Of course, if you call the number, you would be asked to describe the money, as a verification that it was in fact yours. This stops just anyone from claiming the money. But you're not just anyone, you're smart. You make up a set of identical posters, except you put your phone number on them, and replace all the original posters with them. Now, the real owner of the money phones you, you ask for the description of the money, get it, hang up, phone the number on the original posters, give the description you just got, and claim the money for yourself. Yes, you always knew there was a reason why you came to University.

This week's INTEGER\_OF\_THE\_WEEK is

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which isn't particularly interesting, but then we need a few dull integers to make the ordinary ones look more interesting.

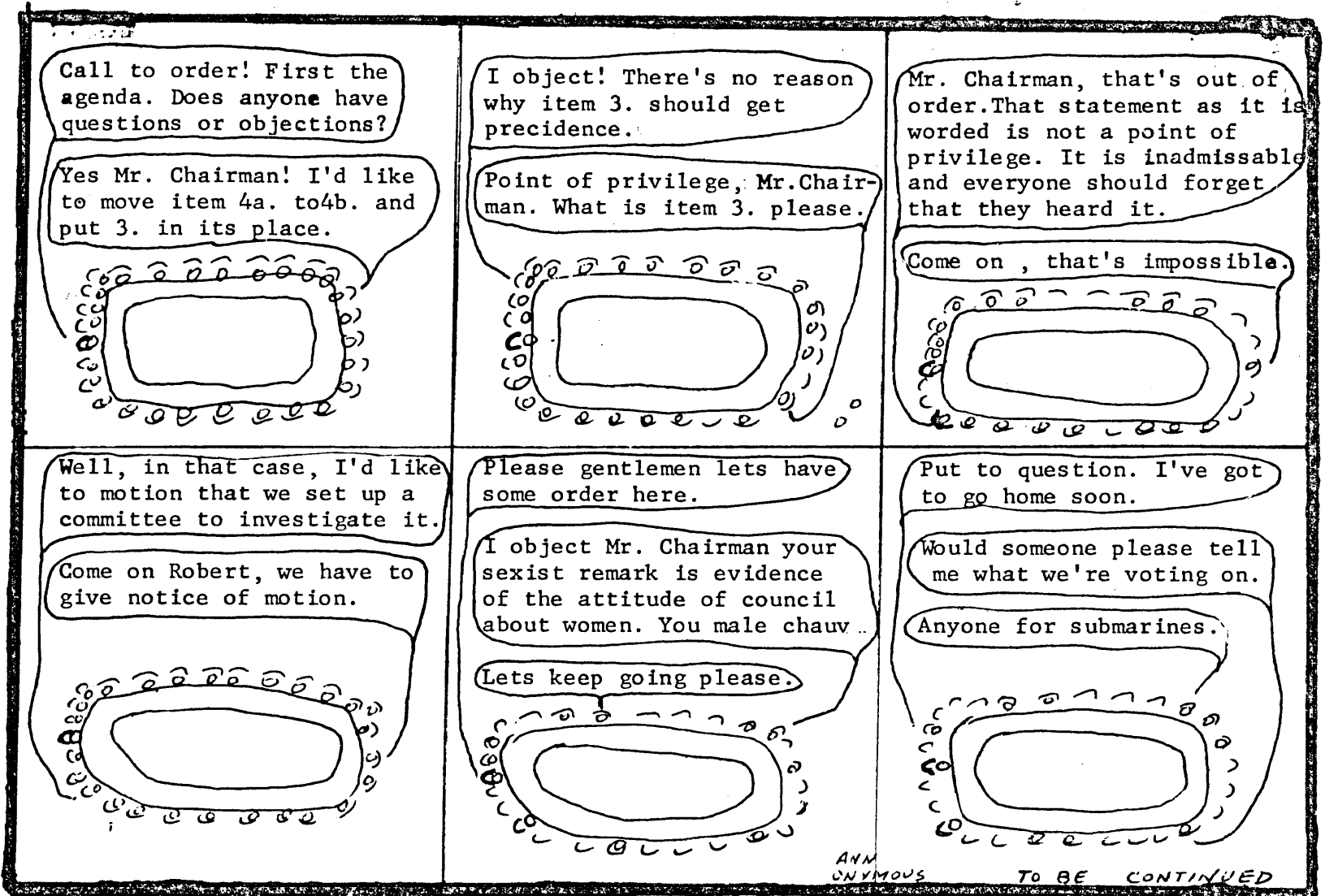
## Computer Science



The Computer Science Club held its first meeting of the term Wednesday night. Over 100 people were in attendance to find out about the CSC and to see the microcomputer system we brought in for a demonstration. The microcomputer was an IMSAI 8080 belonging to one of the CSC members. There was at least one other person in attendance who owns a micro.

The Computer Science Club has an office (M&C3037) which should be open regularly during the day starting Monday. If you want to join the CSC (\$1.00/term) or just want to find out more about us drop in and see us. Also, if you have any ideas for presentations, seminars, speakers, etc... that you would like to see, let us know about them.

The purpose of the CSC is to help students further their education in computer science with advice, seminars, lectures, programming project ideas, aid in getting access to computers etc... We also have a substantial library of manuals in the office as well as several subscriptions to computer hobbyist type magazines. Also the CSC usually undertakes a trip to a plant or research installation in the area associated with computers. Again if you have any ideas or suggestions, come up to the office and let us know, else we will do what we want not what you want.



This will be a relatively short Fed Report to better meet space requirements. As well as welcoming the Frosh to the campus I would like to welcome back returning students of all types and say hello to those who are year-round residents of this place. Hopefully this will be a good term for you all and one in which you get involved in Federation or Society activities.

The Fed council met in Needles Hall this past Sunday. I will not dwell on the details of the meeting as it was about five hours long and you will no doubt hear about it from other sources. We were able to get through the agenda pretty well despite procedural problems. A new Treasurer's Finance Committee was formed. As well support was solicited by Doug Thompson for National Student Day on November 9. It is interesting to note that Federation salaries for temporary full-time employees were increased from \$145 to \$160 a week.

At this time I would briefly like to give a good word for Mathsoc President Gary Prudence. On top of spending 20 to 25 hours a week for free in Mathsoc, he also works over 70 hours a week with other endeavors. I feel that it would be just for him to get a token \$25 a week from Mathsoc for the work he does for us. I know however that such monies, though Gary may well deserve such pay, would possibly hurt the Mathsoc budget if they were paid out to someone. Also, Gary, being the proud and dedicated person that he is, would probably refuse such pay. I felt it a good idea that Gary should be recognized for his work, if not monetarily, perhaps in some other way.

Thanks for bearing with this report, I hope future ones may be better written, but I was stuck with unfortunate time restraints. Any comments to me can be addressed to MC 3038, or 812 King Street West, Kitchener. You can phone me at 578-1597 or ext. 2324. I can get honeywell mail through my userid "jjlong". Please reply as your comments are welcome.

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