

Referendum:

STUDENTS TURN THUMBS DOWN

As soon as the early returns began to come in after last Thursday's student newspaper referendum it was obvious that 11 of 12 students had rejected the free chevron's position. It was 4:30 on Friday morning when the final votes were counted. The students (some of us) had voted: for a student-funded newspaper (10:1); for the voting staff of the newspaper to come from all students from whom fees are collected; for a refundable fee (3:1); and against the reinstatement of the chevron as it was on September 24 (10:1). They had also voted for: the paper to belong and pay fees to the Canadian University Press; for the paper to be published by either students' council or a body appointed by council; for a body directly elected by the students to have editorial control; and for Dave McLellan to continue as president till the end of the current term on February 28.

About 2700 students voted in the referendum, which was set up by former president Shane Roberts before he was recalled, in an effort to help resolve the chevron problem. The staff of the free chevron had advocated a boycott of the referendum as they claimed that it did not properly present their position. Disturbances were frequent throughout the day as free chevron staffers attempted to affect their boycott. A trouble spot was at the polling station in front

of the lounge on the 3rd floor of the Math Building. Free chevron supporters had set up a table there and were attempting to convince students to support their boycott through the use of signs, printed literature, and verbal argument. As they did not have the permission of the Math Society to set up such a table, and it was illegal under federation regulations, mathSoc officials attempted to remove the table, at which time disturbances occurred. Around noon there were several confrontations between these free chevron supporters and mathSoc officials.

Opponents of the free chevron were elated with the results of the referendum. However, free chevron supporters did not seem discouraged by the overwhelming rejection. On the contrary, Tom Cody seemed delighted with the results afterwards, and seemed particularly pleased over CUP's victory. The supporters of the free chevron pointed out that there were about 1000 less votes cast in the referendum than in last year's presidential elections. Their opponents pointed out that last year's turnout had been the second highest ever, and that on the average, presidential elections draw around 3200 voters.

So the results are in. The next question is what action will the federation now take? With the presidential elections coming up next month the plot thickens.

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math NEWS

CONFUSING 'READ THIS! CON FACULTY COUNCIL

This past Tuesday, the monthly meeting of the Mathematics Faculty Council was held in MC 5158. This was one of the better meetings of recent times in that much debate and questions were presented. The main part of the debate was devoted to the issue of creating departments for the general math students in applied, computer science, and statistics. This seems like a good idea, as it allows for a student to have on his transcript that he belongs to some department and has fulfilled the requirements of that department. An amendment was then proposed to the effect that these departmental options be available to those students registered only in the regular program, the reasons stated for this were many and varied. The main one seemed to be that offering this type of programme in co-op may draw some of the Honours co-op students down to the general level and thus the Faculty would be losing government grant money which happens to be twice as much for a honours student as it is for a general student. Another reason was that not all courses are offered in all terms, that is a student attending classes in the spring term may not be able to take the required courses in the desired order. A simple solution to the last problem was suggested: that by

merely making a note in the calendar informing students that all classes will not be offered in all terms.

Consequently more questions were raised giving an overall effect that there was much confusion regarding the issue, so the matter was referred back to the Curriculum Committee and an answer is expected for next Faculty Council meeting, so that all the information can be published in the 77/78 calendar. A copy of the requirements is available in mathsoc.

For all those students that had to deal with an almost unbearable examination timetable in December, there was two main reasons why. It seems that the Registrar will accept special requests for times of examinations from Profs and Faculties, and the Math faculty made very few requests. There is also a policy that all final exams must be written in the Cym. Next fall the exam week is quite similar (Dec. 9-23) and assurances have been made to not have the same problem again.

Other items mentioned were the possibility of a mathsoc vs faculty broomball game, earlier Antical distribution, a diploma only indicating 'Honours' or 'General' or 'Pass' and Co-operative Programme (if applicable).

The next meeting of the Faculty Council is February 15 at 3:30 in MC 5158. Any suggestions can be made through math society or by attending the meeting.



Or better still just the WORD. Why is there no gridword this week? Because we couldn't get anyone to type in the one which was submitted by Tom Weber (may be Tom might want to type it on ye good old 'bun for the next issue. We had 20 entries (most of which were correct). Some solutions (who said they were unique?):

- TRONES = Tenors or Tensor or Noters
- GARLENE = Enlarge
- DETRALE = Related
- GALNIM = Malign
- RATEPOOR = Operator
- SHTING = Things or Nights
- ANTLET = Latent
- FATHERMAT = Aftermath
which gives you MONTREAL as the final part.

The winner was randomly choisen at 408hrs on Wednesday.
-----DUANE KENNEDY-----

This week's word has the same rules as last week except that it is a well known organization.

- UNMADGE _____
- CLATOFRIA _____
- MACKWREATH _____
- MINTSURE _____
- TAMICLE _____
- TERRAMES _____
- CENMINTLE _____

NAME: _____

The organization..... _____ RSM & DJM Inc.

DEADLINE MONDAY JAN 24

BURLOAF

WILL BE DOWN UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
(AT LEAST 1 WEEK.)



Last Monday, WATSFIC -the Waterloo Science Fiction Club- held its second meeting of the winter term. As is traditional (since it's in our constitution), we elected officers from amongst (more or less) our meager members. The president is Pandall S. McDougall who was nominated and acclaimed after Mardy Hutchinson volunteered for the position. The secretary -as usual- is Dennis Mullin (the Svdic8 takes over another organization). The treasurer is Pill Flowers. He said he was coming out specifically to prevent his election, so when he didn't appear, we decided that he'd changed his mind.... In other business, Esxn Penn Arum was made an imaginary member with a number of 200+1.

If you like SF in any form --books, comics, movies, games, art, or whatever, come out Mondays at 7:30pm in M&C5158, borrow a book, hear the latest gossip, play the latest SF game, or lobby for your favourite SF movie (yes, we do sponsor movies). We'll be printing the 4th issue of Starsons soon, and generally have an interesting time each week.

So come out and join soon!

FEDERATION

Hello. Announcing the hack-of-the-week! This week's winner is Unix's favourite and a supreme court member, David Martindale (ie: dmm). Dave is an undergrad in Computer Science and relatively new to hacking. In such a short career, he has progressed rapidly. Though one of very few hacks to officially inhabit the village, Dave practically lives at Unix. Just this past week he spent ten hours on the sixth floor helping the repair man from Digital Equipment, in his efforts to repair Unix hardware. Many a time it has been dmm who was responsible for "booting" the system.

Unfortunately there are people on Federation Council who are not as responsible as Dave Martindale. An example can be shown by the actions of some council members on the free chevron staff. After taking up much of council's time with items that they wanted to talk about, Donna Rogers and Larry Hannant walked out of the meeting. With much of the agenda still to be considered, Heather Robertson, in what I considered a spiteful and somewhat irresponsible act, decided to call for quorum, since Hannant and Rogers had walked out, quorum could not be obtained. Items which had been on the agenda for quite a while and items proposed to reform the operations of Council and the Federation could not be considered, since it seemed that some persons were more interested in revolution, than in reform.

Despite claims by Tom ("John Wayne") Cody, the free chevron suffered a crushing defeat in last week's referendum. Of course they will claim that their boycott was successful, since 18% voted in the election, but then one can claim a successful boycott has been effect since 1968, the last time over 50% turned out in a campus-wide election. Actually one could claim that there is boycott of the free chevron, since 98% of the students did not visit their offices last week. Perhaps they feel they won a moral victory, since reinstatement lost by only 10 to 1, instead of by 20 to 1.

I hope that our acting president will now take action and have the free chevron staff evicted from the offices which they illegally occupy. The students have spoken clearly. As far as I'm concerned the free chevron staff can produce their paper off-campus and distribute it on campus. As long as students are not forced to pay for the paper and the staff does not use Federation space, then they can print whatever they want.

JJ Long

ONTARIO CRAFTS

An outstanding example of craft work by well-known Ontario artisans is now on display in the showcases of the Modern Languages foyer. All are on loan from Menenthe, a shop in Salem, Ontario that specializes in Ontario crafts, and most items are for sale.

The display, arranged by the UW Arts Centre Gallery, opened on January 10th and will continue until February 6th. Modern Languages is open 8am to 10pm weekdays and 2pm to 5pm on Sundays.

It's a Trob's Life

OR
Negative Life Lives!

Old business: Last week we reported that the university owns six IBM 5100's. In that regard, I have some good news and some bad news. The good news? Only five of the 5100's are in Brazil. The bad news? The other one was returned to IBM.

With regard to last week's spirited-if-invalid defense of the IBM 360, it must be pointed out that WATIAC is not a perfect machine, so the fact that it can be simulated on a 360 proves nothing. Also, I am told that somebody did write WATIAC in WATIAC some time back.

Our COMPUTER OF THE WEEK is the Honeywell 66/60. This used to be the 6050, then the 6060; now it has been upgraded again. Unfortunately, Honeywell is inconsistent in the use of slashes in machine numbering. Consider, for instance, the difference between an 1130 and an 11/30!

Anyway, with UNIX down the 66/60 is the only major time-sharing system available to large numbers of students.

The federation presidential election campaign got underway this week. As we go to press, likely candidates are Salah Pachir of the free chevron, on the (misquoted elsewhere) "Remonstrat! Instigate!" platform; Mark Mills, who will expect to get a lot of mileage out of heading the Shane Roberts recall committee; and Doug Thomson of the Campus Reform Group, on a comprehensive platform of revisions designed to get the federation working again. More on that next week.

I managed to nab one of The Syndic8 long enough to confirm that mathNEWS will indeed print the name of the person with the most correct explanation of what our ALGORITHM OF THE WEEK does:

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MOV A,A1
MOV P,P1
LDA A1
LOOP XOR B1
STA B2
LDA A1
AND B1
SHL 1
STA A1
MOV B2,P1
LDA A1
PNZ LOOP
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A full explanation should tell what is in A1 and what is in P1 when we exit from the loop. (The SHL instruction shifts the accumulator left one bit; this is not any particular assembler. Note: The lack of bit-wise and/or boolean operators makes this impossible on WATIAC.)

Well, this past Sunday, Federation Council met in a regular meeting at Needless Hall. Most of the new "Campus Reform Group" were present, as were numerous (mostly non-voting) representatives of the "free" chevron. The meeting was opened at 6:05; by 8:00 all ten reports to council had been presented and accented.

Notable points: Gary Prudence's report on the referendum, for which he was Chief Returning

Officer, was closely questioned (read nit-pickingly cross-examined) by a non-council member, until it was determined that some tampering with mail-out ballots might have been possible. A report on OES recommendations of action regarding fee increases was presented; acceptance was obstructed by a call for reinstatement of the chevron to serve as a medium for the fight against fee hikes, said motion being rejected on the grounds that the 10-to-1 referendum results against reinstatement were binding on council. Eventually, Michael Dillon and Larry Hannant volunteered to coordinate anti-increase activities. A minority report from the Temporary Staff Committee was presented by two chevrics. This committee was to review the various field-worker and coordinator positions under the Federation; in two separate groups of recommendations it supported Dave Assman as radio waterloo co-ordinator (suggesting he get an assistant) and that all other jobs be dissolved until the new council can review its direction and purpose. Personal relationships between reporting members and Assman, and their political affinities, were claimed irrelevant. More on that later.

Interim President Dave McLellan's report included a recommendation to request the CUP to, under existing investigative procedures, investigate the conduct of the federation and the chevron both before and after the September 24th closing. Several councillors voiced the opinion that the CUP had already judged the case; having at an October meeting voted down the a motion of reinstatement, the chevrics also objected to this proposal of investigation.

In regular business, a motion by "free" chevrics to force Don Orth to resign his seat due to a recall petition had non-consideration moved and passed when it was pointed out that this was a circumvention of proper procedure. An appropriation of \$5,000 for radio waterloo's new transmitter was passed. Three other applications for funds were brought before council which had not been brought to Treasury Council first. A small appropriation to the Warrior Band, the first in ten years, was passed. It was moved to provide emergency funding to the Birth Control Centre pending a report from Treasury Council to save time; the time spent discussing this motion was such that it was withdrawn and the entire request granted. By this time it was clear that Treasurer Manny Brvckman was abusing the Treasury Council, bringing requests to Council on his own okay. When a request for funding for the Engineering Garage was tabled and referred to Treasury Council for consideration, Brvckman disapproved vocally and got up and left.

Meanwhile, a few other councillors had found it necessary to leave. At this point, most of the chevrics left, refusing to consider motions to start the Federation into recovery from its recent problems. Quorum was lost and the meeting broke up at about 9:30.

A further comment on the report of the Temporary Staff committee: This committee was to review the temporary federation staff positions. The minority report which was presented only touched on this question, degenerating into a blanket attack on the lack of direction and responsibility in the Federation. Not surprisingly, this is specifically why the Campus Reform Group was formed; if the chevrics really mean what they say, why have they adopted an adversary position against the CPC? ??

Anyway, back to more important issues

*** MAXIMUM OUTPUT EXCEEDED ***

unclassifiable ADS

WANTED: Our cs450 selection project. When cong.manning marked these projects last term, he put them on a chair outside his (math) office Dec 23. Before we happened along this term, some person or thing lifted our project. I really don't understand selective theft of marked assignments. But beware, he will recognize it if you hand it in as your own at a later date. However, if you give it back, just to read even, I will be somewhat forgiving. Contact mathNEWS or rlbiddle.

WANTED: Tss mail commands SA and SJ.
SA: send anonymous, for anon. love letters, noison pen letters, or just to vent frustration. A very useful command, it would be just like S, but would put "anonymous" instead of your userid.
SJ: send junk mail, for those boring and bored times when you want to send someone mail, but don't have anything to say. This would work just like S, but would generate a random meaningless message. this could possibly be extended to SC: send prel.

WANTED: BOOKS BY PHILIP JOSE FARMER. THE DAN BOOK OF PJF AND THE ACE DOUBLE, LORD OF THE TREES/THE MAD GOBLIN. ANYONE WISHING TO SELL THESE BOOKS OR ANY OTHER FARMER WORKS CONTACT JMANDEPSON ON TSS MAIL OR PHONE 884-9230

HOUSING: Wanted someone to share a one bedroom apartment. Approx. 1.25 miles from campus (10 High Street). Cost \$80 per month. Phone Kevin at 885-0081.

MEETING: The Village Darkroom Club will meet on Sunday, January 23rd in Village1 red dining hall at 10pm.

ENTERTAINMENT: Come to the WATSEIC meeting in M8C5158. Every Monday at 7:30pm.

FOR SALE: 1000mm f10 mirror lens. Included are 3 filters, lens hood & carrying case. This MTC-1000 Zenith lens has a thread mount. For information phone 884-7400 or contact dimullin on the 'bun.

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mail to mathNEWS



mathNEWS welcomes your criticisms, comments, suggestions, etc. All letters should be signed, but if requested, a pen name will be used. Put your Feedback articles in our mailbox on the third floor outside the lounge, or mail it to us on TSS to userid mathNEWS, or take it to MC 3038 and have it put in our mail slot, or put it in the mail addressed to mathNEWS, MC 3038.

Dear mathNEWS:

We hope that all of our loyal readers miss us and think of us during those boring classes when they haven't got a doodle to play with. Have a good term and maybe we'll see you in the summer.

sam'n'tak

Dear mathNEWS:

I for one would like to see no more chevron horseshit in mathNEWS.

fdboswell

Dear mathNEWS:

By now it seems to be pretty well established that the university has hired someone to sit in a back room near the men's shower room in the PAC, and maliciously twist the temperature controls alternately from extremely cold to painfully hot every five seconds. (Perhaps this is part of the university's policy of energy conservation-- discouraging people from taking showers).

My only question now is just who is responsible for this flagrant violation of student (and other) rights. Who did the hiring, and is not the hirer to be held responsible to the public at large? Perhaps a suitable form of punishment would be to place this irresponsible bureaucrat in the men's shower room, and to hold him/her prisoner there until he/she has spent a full (shudder) five minutes under the tortuous shower heads.

rdunn

Dear mathNEWS:

Joanathan Harris made the claim that the 300 contains all the basic machine language concepts because the features that are missing can be simulated. This is rather silly, because being able to simulate something is not the same as having that thing. Consider the following:

Theorists have designed a computer whose data memory can only hold nonnegative integers, and which has only three operations: Increment X by 1, Decrement X by 1 (if 0, don't decrement), and if X is zero, transfer to L. Theorists have shown that any problem that can be computed can be computed on this machine. Therefore by Joanathan's argument, this machine embodies all machine language features. As an example, a program to calculate $A = A + P$ requires almost 20 instructions, two temporary data cells and at least 3 loops. Put it is possible on this machine to implement a CCPI compiler and WATIAC.

Needless to say, I don't think that this qualifies this simple machine as having all basic machine language concepts, or as a machine to teach people how to program, or indeed as a machine to write programs on at all.

Peter Pavnbam

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Sir R.



Well the results are in. The position put forth by the staff of the free chevron has completely been crushed. By a vote of over 10 to 1 the students of this university have rejected the reinstatement of the chevron. The vote is completely decisive, virtually no internation is needed of the results as they are as clear as could possibly be honed for.

Yet the free chevron staff still fight on. In my discussions with them since the referendum I've heard some of their arguments that they are putting forth. It seems that they believe that their boycott has been successful since 1) the total vote was about 1000 votes less than the total in Shane Roberts's election last winter, and 2) the percentage turnout of the off-campus co-on vote was significantly greater than the on campus turnout. However, their conclusion from this that the boycott was successful just doesn't hold water. Therefore, in this editorial, I intend to present an analysis of the results which will show that the free chevron has been overwhelmingly rejected and has virtually no support from the student body.

Here are some points that should be considered:

1) The turnout in the last presidential election was about 3700 students. However, this was the second highest voter turnout ever in a federation presidential election. In fact, the average turnout in the last six presidential elections (including Roberts's original election in the fall of 1972), has averaged only 3,100. The referendum turnout was about 2,700, only 400 short of this.

2) Over 2000 students have just returned to campus from their co-on work terms in the fall. By and large a low turnout of these students was expected (except in engineering where the society not only asked the students to vote, but told them what they should vote for), as having been away from the campus for four months they are not aware of the issues.

3) It should also be noted that the significance of the fact, that off term co-on students, had a higher percent turnout than on campus students, must be questioned. Regarding the previous elections mentioned above, in two out of three cases (besides Shane Roberts's election last year) for which I obtained a breakdown of the vote, the off term co-on turnout was greater than the on campus vote. Obviously I'm not familiar with the factors influencing those elections, however, the important thing is that the off-term vote was higher. Furthermore, in the referendum, the off term vote was expected to be even higher than usual as these students had just left the campus and so were totally familiar with the issues, having been here for the last four months.

4) Perhaps the most noteworthy bit of information, and the most damaging to the free chevron, is the fact that while the off term students had no knowledge that the free chevron was calling for a boycott, they still voted overwhelmingly against both reinstatement, and against the staff having any control over the paper. Considering that there were over 900 students voting from off campus, their views are completely clear, they want the free chevron out. This 8 to 1 ratio is amazing, when you consider that sympathizers of the free chevron tend to be more of the reactionary type and therefore be more prone to vote, while, unfortunate as it is true, the majority of students are so anathetic that they don't even bother to vote.

5) Another factor that kept the turnout below average is the fact that while this issue is one of the hottest issues that's been around here for years, there was no active campaigning such as posters and the like. If you remember, Shane Roberts won the presidency last year with what really amounted to a political team. There can be no denying that with the kind of campaigning that went on then, a large turnout would be expected. But this time we had little of that.

So, the turnout was excellent considering the circumstances, even better than most of us had expected beforehand. There is little evidence of any boycott. And yet the vote, which can be considered quite representative of student's views, was completely decisive with absolutely no room for doubt. But let's assume the free chevron's stance for a moment. Let's look at their claim that a fair number of students boycotted the referendum. However...

6) they advocated a boycott on the basis that the referendum was unfair. The boycott had nothing to do with whose side you were on, only that one side was not presented fairly. Many persons have agreed that the questions were not worded as well as they could have been (even though the free chevron staff were asked to contribute but refused - so how can they complain?). So it is completely conceivable that any students who didn't vote because of the boycott were actually against the free chevron but were trying to be as fair as possible.

7) Now let's play with a few numbers. Suppose that the boycott was overwhelmingly successful and that the number of people who boycotted the referendum is equal to the difference between the number who actually turned out and the number who voted last year in Shane Roberts's election (which for the reasons stated above is clearly absurd). That equals 1000 votes. Furthermore let's make the ridiculous assumption that every one of these votes would support reinstatement if there had not been a boycott. So we add these 1000 to the actual vote for reinstatement. And what have we got? Well, reinstatement still loses by over 1000 votes and by a ratio of 2 to 1 against! So even under the most ridiculous assumptions the free chevron still gets swamped by a landslide. Need I say more?

Another interesting point. Normally if a group promotes a boycott of an election they ask their supporters to fill in spoiled ballots in order to show the strength of the group. But the free chevron staffers didn't ask their supporters to do this. Is it possible that they know that they have hardly any support? Funny, come to think of it a lot of their strategy seems to be devoted to an effort to suppress any indication of what students want. What is an investigation going to tell us? We already know what we get in that paper and we are unhappy with it. We see the end result and we don't like it. We've shown that overwhelmingly in the referendum. We want a change. Now that about 2300 students have voted against reinstatement, surely the staffers know that they have no chance of ever being reinstated as they were. (By the way, it was interesting to note that there were 224 votes for reinstatement while there were 105 spoiled ballots. Most of these spoiled ballots were ruled spoiled because of comments that were added to their MC answer. These comments were effect of: No!, Hang them!, No f---ing way!, No!!!!; or other comments in the same tone from people who couldn't contain themselves.) So despite overwhelming rejection, the free chevron staff still refuse to vacate the chevron offices in the Campus Center. So what's next?

FEEDBACK

Dear mathNEWS,

I think that is was disgraceful for mathNEWS, my favourite campus paper always, to have printed a number of politically slanted articles, and then specially publish (dated even) in time for last Thursday's referendum. You really are trying to parallel to "deal" Chevron in bias. Realize that all math students are not slanted your way, or even the other way. Please attempt to be true to the principles that have guided mathNEWS to a fifth and glorious year.

P.L.Riddle

P.S. There seems to be a great misunderstanding of the events of last Thursday. The free chevron staffers were not electioneering (ie. trying to convince people to vote their way) but were rather voicing their contempt for the referendum itself, saying that there was no choice on it that represented their position. Democracy wins! the banners proclaim, but is an election democratic when there was an enforced lack of choice? Whatever your views, please respect the right of others to theirs. A referendum is a powerful, useful tool for breaking a deadlock; but unless it truly represents the alternatives in a choice, it is worthless, and will decide nothing. The sorry chevron affair will not conclude until the students have been presented with both sides fairly, and are allowed to choose. Who better knows whether the referendum had the position of the free chevron than they themselves?

Dear mathNEWS:

Just a simple complaint: It is becoming harder to convince people that mathNEWS is not taking an anti-free-chevron stand in this affair. Would it be at all possible for mathNEWS to either stay impartial or present both sides.

psashby

P.S. The split infinitive is deliberate and is not a defamation of the english language)

proved itself worthwhile and entertaining in the past -- it is up to you who remain to see that it stays so in the future..... Pictured above you are the current members of the infamous Sydic8 -- next year, your picture could be there.

Welcome to masthead XIII.1.... it is now 5:43 as I begin this burden (especially if you are asleep) of creating yet another masthead.... I think the last one I did was in 1975. First off the real Photon (yes there is a free photon) was in a very nonproductive mood... which is why we went back to the ancient method of ye 2741. Secondly we are suffering a very acute case of next-to-nothing staff with only 6 bodies around.... which is why we only got 6 pages which will multiply at Graphic Services until 1200 is reached.

This week the following items are not in mathNEWS.... Playpen, CSCTRAMP, article on PSI, Burloaf, gridword (there is a word created by dennis & randall to replace it) & a few odds and ends. Articles promised but not delivered were a report on mathSoc council (passing of the budget, buying of 2-\$54 sliderules, cardplaying, campaigning for president etc.) and something else which I forget at the moment(6:03).....

Fortunately...lets tryb this agin...

Our staff this week consisted of a meager 6 bodies.... which is means I don't have to think up too many comments to type in about our staff.... but on the other hand it means I'am here all alone in MC3011 (I stole the typewriter from MC3038)... oh well.... we were an unedited, uncorrected J.J.LONG; KEVIN WILLIS with all his ~~facult~~ faculties; RANDALL riSked a lot so that he could appear as M^cDOUGALL; STEVE who kept refering to the same file RISTO; DAVE who left at 1:00am but came back at 4 to macro his GILLET; and finally me end-of-the-road-with-8-hours-of-class-to-sleep-thru MULLIN... Which is why the next (and last if we have no staff) mathNEWS will be MONDAY nite 24th in MC3011=(perhaps).

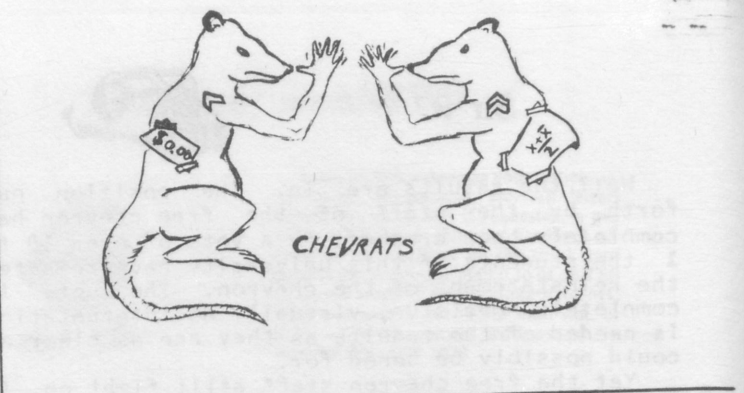
Some brief comment on the 2 feedback letters above...(I feel qualified since I am/was a founding member of mathNEWS)... Please note that there is a difference between an article and a column (like JJ or Sir r or BURLOAF etc).

Founding principles of mathNEWS are more or less as follows (they were never written down (at least i don't think they were))

- 1) To publish news and other items of interest to mathies.
- 2) To provide mathies with an opportunity to express themselves in print.
- 3) Articles which are supposedly news should be apolitical.in nature.

I believe that covers the major points, but I am tired and may have missed someting.... 6:43 mindoverload c

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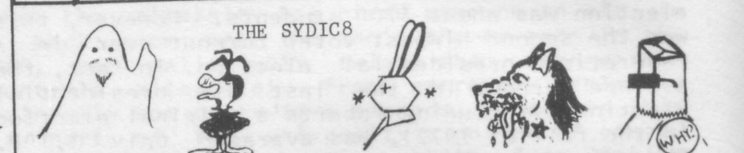


CONVOCAATION DATES

Spring convocation for all graduating Math students (including B.Math, M.Math, M.Phil and Ph.D. students) will be

Friday morning, May 27, 1977
except for those students receiving a B.Math degree in Chartered Accountancy. They will attend the Engineering convocation on

Saturday afternoon, May 28, 1977.



THE SYDIC8

Believe it or not, exactly 4 years ago there was no mathNEWS! This is mathNEWS' fourth anniversary. Our first issue was put out Thursday the 25th of January in 1973 by about 8 workers --about the same number as are working for it now (in fact 2 of them are the same workers). Very few of you will remember that first issue, and all all of you who do, should have graduated before our next anniversary. Most of us will have also departed.... hopefully the mathNEWS tradition will carry on in the years to come. Certainly it has to you who remain to see that it stays so in the

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