

MATH DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The faculty has proposed a three-essay requirement for graduation from the math program. After several weeks of tabling and discussion, the following motion is being put before Mathsoc this week (unless quorum disappears on the Molson's tour) at the regular meeting (meetings are Thursday nights at 5:00 p.m. in MC5158):

"That Mathsoc oppose, in principle, any added requirements for a Bachelor of Mathematics Degree, without recognition in the form of half-credits. Specifically, that we oppose any added workload in the form of essays as assurance that Mathematics students are literate in the English language (note that if added essays are to be required, then three essays per half-course should be considered an adequate course load).

If a half-course is not a viable method of running any proposed essay requirements, then an alternative would be to assign each student to a professor at the start of first year. A deadline for each of the three essays should be assigned, with a half-credit to be given on the successful completion of the third essay.

A suggested set of deadlines would be: by the completion of first year for the first essay, by the completion of second year for the second essay, and by the completion of degree requirements for the third essay.

It should be noted that work reports should not be accepted as essays for this purpose, as they are already part of requirements for other portions of the co-op degree (i.e. they are required by co-ordination for the co-op part of the degree)."

If you have any comments, complaints or suggestions about the motion or would like to know more about the essays or anything going on in Mathsoc (or if you don't know what's going on in Mathsoc) come to MC3038 or any council meeting (see above).

FIRST YEAR ELECTIONS

In the elections held on November 3rd John Sirett was elected as first year regular rep. John came first with 45.5% followed by James Bakker with 27.2% of the vote. The rest of the ballots were spoiled. Eleven votes were cast out of approximately 400 eligible voters.

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Did you hear about the computer that caught rabies? It took a byte out of all the programs.

Did you hear about the nested IF's that laid an egg?

What did the female program say to the FORTRAN H compiler? Make one more pass at me, and I'll dump you!

There was once this FORTRAN programmer who had so many loops, he didn't know what he was DOing.

With an LSI-II, you are really dealing from the bottom of the DEC.

Wedding

On October 15, 1977 Cathy Potter (former mathNEWS staffer) married Mark S. Brader (former mathNEWS editor). Congradulations.

COUNTRY SHOW COMING TO UW

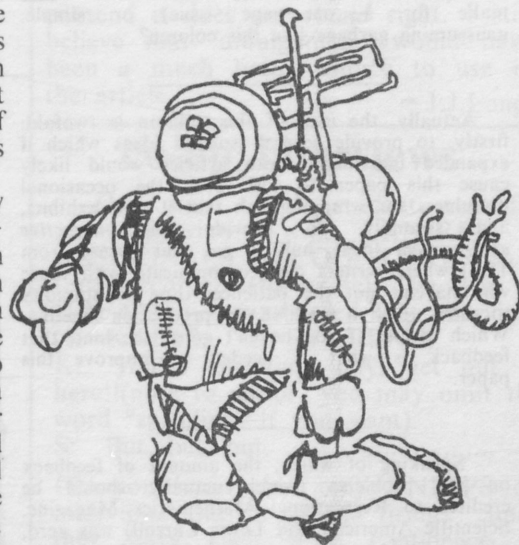
Coming clear our of the West, a prairie tale of love, jealousy and deceit, that's "Cruel Tears", recognized as one of the most original and creative works of theatre to emerge from Western Canada in many years! It will play at the Theatre of the Arts, University of Waterloo on November 11 and 12 as part of a National Tour.

"Cruel Tears" was written by Regina novelist-playwright-journalist-actor-teacher Ken Mitchell and Gary "Humphrey" Walsh of Humphrey and the Dumptrucks. In the September of 1974, the Dumptrucks and Mitchell agreed to work together in the creation of a country and western opera for Persephone Theatre. What emerged was a distinctly creative effort. "Cruel Tears" is a play that grew out of the realities and myths of prairie life. Johnny Roychuck, a rugged truck driver of Ukrainian descent, falls in love with the boss's daughter Kathy, who tames him. The father is outraged that his daughter chooses a man so much beneath her, but is finally won over by Johnny's natural drive to get ahead in the world and by the boy's affection for his daughter. All is sunshine and flowers for a time. As Johnny is promoted at his father-in-law's firm and starts to wear a tie, he becomes increasingly estranged from hos fellow truckers or "knights fo the road" as they call themselves. The plot is based on Shakespeare's Othello.

Tickets are \$4.00 available at the Main Box Office, Room 254, Modern Languages building.

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Ramblings, Ravings, and Incoherent Mumbles

Welcome to RRIM, the only column that is beneath the contempt of every radical organization on or off campus. Last week saw the cancellation of all concerts and coffee houses for the remainder of the term, which will probably raise the average academic average of this university by about 10^{-6} percent but make Village II even more unlivable. Last week also saw the publication of Melvin Snidhofer's new book "Junk Rock: My Life On The Uniwat Campus", in which such gems as his long-awaited First Law (it reads *All of Snidhofer's laws are false*) and Snidhofer's Inequality ($2 > 1$ for all positive integers i) are revealed. Last week also saw the writing of the Special-K Contest for froshi (won by Hugh McCague, may his teeth fall out) and the Big-E Contest for upperclassmani (won by Doug Stinson, you may add your own disgusted comment). Two issues of **mathNEWS** were published, and it was discovered that Steve Risto, having run out of issues since the Chevron was reinstated and his candidate got elected, has turned his creative energies to reforming this newsrag. He stated that he felt too many people were writing columns and not enough were writing "news". Well, the severity of the problem really depends on your definition of the word "news"; how about it, dear readers? What do you want on a lazy Friday afternoon, in-depth news (which in most weeks would make for a one-page issue) or simple, unassuming garbage like this column?

Actually, the idea of this column is twofold: firstly, to provide several isolated ideas which if expanded individually into articles would likely cause this paper to lose even the occasional usefulness for wrapping fish that it now exhibits, and secondly, to provide an *interactive environment* (neat, huh? I got that phrase from TSS) where writers can communicate with those who haven't got the patience, time or stupidity to show up at a **mathNEWS** production meeting. Which means, if you haven't gotten the hint, that feedback is what is needed to improve this paper.

Speaking of which, the amount of feedback on my problems (which actually should be credited to Recreational Mathematics Magazine, Scientific American and Lewis Carroll) was zero, which could be due to a nefarious plot by the Anti-Intelligence Artsies, but is probably because no one cares (dthedmonds at work!!!). I don't intend to solve them until someone else tries them; however, recognizing the pressing amount of midterms hanging over our heads, this week's contest requires no thinking.

I saw some graffiti recently in the 3rd floor washroom that started "Engineers are living proof...". Complete this phrase in 25 words or less. The best printable and unprintable entries will be reproduced in this column two weeks from now, assuming that you and I still exist by then.

The CSC recently sent me a note asking for a donation as they are going to buy a microcomputer. I don't have much information on it, but any CSC executive member ought to know. We lost our attractive female treasurer: bet it's ajtaramina keeping her for himself.

A rather interesting experiment is going on in the file pckelly/story; several **mathNEWS** writers, hacks and other creeps are writing a science-fiction novel in the style of pckelly's "continued from page 13" articles; that is, everyone just zap appends to the file whenever he feels like it. The file has general read permissions, so you might want to take a look at it. So far the story sucks, but there's still hope.

Just to placate those of you who believe the capitalized part of our title, here is a quick summary of recent news: The Allies won World War II 15 million to 13.5 million. China went communist. The Cold War is still going on. The Americans control love, motherhood, apple pie, truth, and Canada. The Russians control most of Eastern Europe, large chunks of Asia, the AIA, and Nadia Comaneci. The 60's are dead, recent reports to the contrary. The 50's are dead. Anita Bryant sucks. We now return you to your regular programming.

There has been some confusion about the word "froshi". It is strictly plural, despite its use in the masthead, and is pronounced "frosh-eye". Has anyone noticed how the other froshi columns are starting to feel jealous of me? dthedmonds is even bringing in ghost writers!!!

A random listing of my mailbox last week produced the following: hundreds of messages about pckelly/story, mostly from fellow authors, dwgillet asking about the speed of propagation of gravity waves, csc asking for money, jimrestock joining the hacklings, lccarson providing yet another counterexample to the corollary to Snidhofer's Second Law; and dthedmonds being another pain in the buffer. My userid is *pragde* on TSS and Unix; give me a buzz or drop a note into the **mathNEWS** mailbox on the third floor. (I especially like hearing from young attractive unattached female froshi).

Remember, Bruce Springsteen is still God!

-pogo

Math "A" Undefeated

The Math 'A' hockey team was victorious in the first two games of the fall season. Defeating Science 'A' 7-2, with a hat-trick by Scott MacKay, a pair of goals by Scott Simpson (Perk) and singles added by Scott Wetmore and Rob Budd ('Buddy Boy'). Last Wednesday evening Gary Van Staaldunen registered a shutout for Math 'A' in a 4-0 win over ESS. Scott Simpson, Chris Locke, Kevin Brookheus and Scott MacKay provided the scoring.

Flag Football

With Math going into their sixth and final game their record was 0-5. With only seven players showing up for the game, it appeared they would retain their perfect record. But while playing two men short the score was only 6-0 against at the half. Who two more players showed up for the second half it wonly took a few plays before an injury put Math playing on the short end of the stick again. But with great defensive plays and a late T.D. by Pete Merkley, Math was able to tie the game and finish the season with one point. Thanks to all who come out for the games.

Math B Basketball

The Math Basketball team finished off the season in first place. The playoffs will start November 20th.

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the cabbage onto the large tweed pillow lying by the pumpkin rind on the couch.

"Mirian! What do you mean?" he queried, tossing a turnip or two into the waste can. A large potato rattled in the front hall.

"Just what I said. I told you. No more of your damned 'Friday nights'." She beat a butternut squash off the chandelier with the curtain rod. "Do you think this is what I want, what I wanted when I married you?"

"Mirian, I--" He stumbled over a large group of apples trotting out of the kitchen. "I--"

"No!!" she cried, shattering a nearby eggplant for effect. "You can stop now, right now, or you can-- you can leave me!!"

There was a sudden silence as both watched the tomato plant rush towards the front closet, dripping wet and wearing only a slightly soiled bath towel. Jonathan sat down, carefully avoiding several of the bananas that had been square dancing on the armchair.

He sighed. "All right." The heat of the battle had dispersed for the moment; both felt the despair of lost hopes, the finality of resignation, the gentle nudging of flesh-crazed walnuts beating brainlessly upon their shoes. "Look. You know I never meant you harm, Miri, I only tried my best. I--"

He split a large watermelon that had been creeping stealthily from under the sofa, sending tiny splatterings of ripe pink pulp about the living room furniture, speedily slurped up by anxious green peppers, chattering in their hungry haste. Mirian turned to the wall, where a small but not unobtrusive canteloupe was earnestly beating about a couple of twitching, spasmodic acorns.

"Very well then. You can pick up your things in the morning."

Jonathan rose, avoiding a somewhat overzealous papaya, and walked to the door. Silently the Valencia oranges, huddled by the basement stairs, watched him leave.

FEEDBACK

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,

That silly column of yours called KID PARANOIA is out to get me! It is obviously a plot to taint and corrupt a pure mind and harm me in any way it can! If it can't get me directly, it will do it indirectly.

For example: someone saw me reading last Friday's issue and reported me to THAT AGENCY out to get everybody (especially me) and before I knew it there were hordes of funny-looking men with butterfly nets and white suits running after me.

Then, the col ...
Sorry, I have to go now. I just heard the click of a gun barrel.

Sincerely

Prisoner #27345177

PS. Do you ever get that fenced-in feeling?

November 4-11, 1977

International Pieing Week

REWARD

For the pieing of:

Harry Parrot	\$20
Burt Matthews	\$10
Rick Smit	\$5
Neil Docherty	\$1*
Larry Smylie	\$.50*
Exil Q. Trob	\$.05*
Bruce Springsteen	\$.01*

* may be claimed more than once

Rewards may be claimed from the Politzanian Embassy, c/o Box π , mathNEWS.

Dear mathSNOOZ,

In this brief thesis, I would like to correct an obvious error in your attitude towards Knirps. A Knirp is a kind, sweet and lovable, modest Christian. All Knirps are positive thinkers, enjoy leadership, and would not like to see any human beings harmed. Yet according to your poorly researched column, you have the audacity, or at least the ignorance, to call Knirps cruel, heartless creatures. Just because the only Knirps you know are cruel and heartless, does not mean that all Knirps are also so. However, in one of your articles, you did come close to the truth. (n-1)jineers and (n-1)jineers alone are what you mistakenly labelled Knirps, for they are egotistical, loud-mouthed creatures. However, even they have some creative characteristics. Given a particular environment, i.e. the pub, they can be made to think, even though destructively at that.

Rynalbj Xalkadci, the father of my religion, once said, "Beware of (n-1)jineers; he that looks upon one will be forever damned!" Upon closer examination of this statement, it becomes very profound. It conclusively states an obvious truism. Is it worth damnation to look at a measly (n-1)jineer? Is anything worth damnation? Is (n-1) worth anything? If (n-1) = 0, then n = 1; if n = 1, then (n-1)jineer = 1. But all numbers are imaginary. Therefore, all (n-1)jineers are imaginary. Thus, they don't exist, because they are nothing. Therefore, all numbers are nothing; therefore, the math faculty doesn't exist; therefore the math building can't exist; therefore, this article doesn't exist.

Rynalbj Xalkadci

Dear mathNEWS,

In your last issue, J.J.Long revealed either lack of knowledge in how to use a dictionary, or plain ignorance. Specifically, he mentioned that he was unable to locate the word "agglomerate" in "a dictionary." Well, I looked in a dictionary (Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, 1976 version, p22) and lo and behold, guess what I found?

agglomerate:

verb—to gather into a ball, mass or cluster.
adjective—gathered into a mass, ball or cluster.
noun—1)jumbled mass or collection.

2)a rock composed of volcanic fragments of various sizes and degrees

of angularity.

In closing, J.J.Long, I humbly suggest that you "look before you leap" to false conclusions in the future.

Barry Walser

FEDERACTION

This week's article will be short, (Typist: It had better be) as I went to the pub as usual, but this time people were there. So I stayed longer. Perhaps we may be able to reinstate pubs. The pub being co-sponsored with the n-jineers could prove an indicator.

Speaking about n-jineers, I see that Wayne Berthin came in last in the Engsoc presidential elections. The winner, Fraser Cutten, was certainly a better choice. While this fun loving person is often the butt of jokes in **enginews**, he is actually a reasonable person (after all anyone who impersonates me in FASS cannot be all bad). Cutten has an interesting idea about Engsoc threatening to withdraw from the Federation. I am not a person who likes threats. I prefer action. I purpose that Engsoc hold a referendum on the question of whether engineering should secede from the Federation. I would even recommend that the Feds pay for the referendum. If they decide to secede I'll help them do it in as speedy a manner as possible.

Finally, an apology to the chevron. "Agglomerate" exists in some dictionaries, my mistake. But I still contend it does not sound right. I still believe that "amalgamate" would have been a much better choice to use in the article.

- J.J.Long

co-op interviews

One math C. A. student went for an interview with KNIRP & ASSOCIATES ACCOUNTING with a tape recorder (fortunately he was a GREAME) and recorded this interview: (K=KNIRP; S=STUDENT)

K: you're snirpling ugly, get out of here!!(note to editor, you may omit the word "snirpling" if you want)

S: But, but, but,

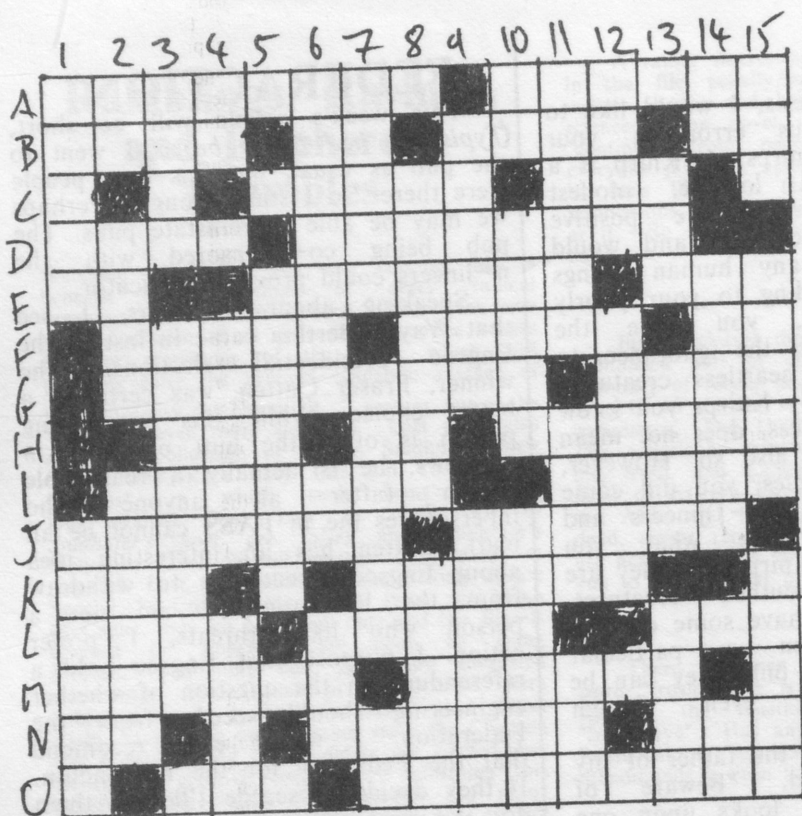
Did you know that only KNIRPS do interviews and hiring and firing? Since they have such little confidence in themselves, they have to hire students (at starvation wages) to make themselves feel superior. Have you ever known of any good co-op jobs? Have you ever known of any good co-op employers?

If this is incoherent, it is because I am at the wine and cheese patrrty. i am slitely buzzzzzzzzed!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Since KNIRPS have falsely claimed that Bruce Springsteen is god, I have to set them right. Bob Dylan is GOD!!!!!! If not then he's GOD's CREATOR!!!!

I was so much older then, I'm younger than that now. Any enquiries may be sent to mathSNOOZ c/o mathNEWS!!!!

A Reg Student

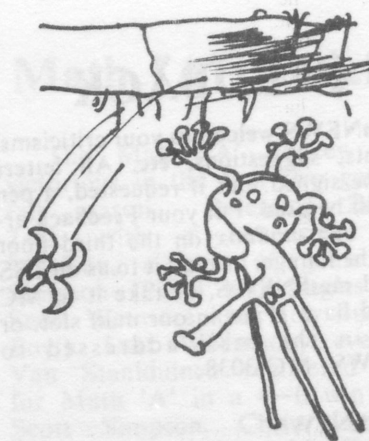


DOWN

- 1A kind of toast
 1J improperly taken
 2A Over Interested
 2D given in a bet
 2I pie, tart, etc.
 3A iron, nickel et al.
 3F witty conversation
 4A — pas, Fr. negative
 4F not secret
 4L nuisance
 5E tendency to maintain velocity
 6A sheets are used _____
 6I preposition
 6L yes vote
 7A reaches across
 7G _____ the line
 7N example, abbr.
 8C income, salary, pension
 8K Fr. kind of exam
 9B used to attach papers
 9J drink on Bowery Row
 10A saint street
 10D Jack of the beanstalk's enemy
 10J bits and _____
 11A earths
 11H long story
 11M adenosine triphosphate
 12A Only Pies Are In
 12F threat
 13C Go Over Aaron
 13G great dog from Denmark
 13L Spanish chief
 14A one of alcoholic's disease
 14D aid for broken bones
 14N conjunction
 15A eat, dine
 15E collects by name
 15K to sea, Latin

ACROSS

- A1 Extraterrestrial airport
 A10 foiled again
 B1 Ireland
 B6 Spanish abbr.
 B9 cease
 B14 you (latin)
 C5 end of a poor movie
 C11 kind of time
 D1 head man
 D6 sunken carvings
 E1 unclassified, preposition
 E5 lacking taste
 E13 computer language
 F2 male bee sound
 F8 Last Inch
 G2 sweet age, prime
 G12 backwards edge
 H3 through
 H7 preposition
 H10 lessee
 I2 had fun
 I11 worn on legs
 J1 gin drink
 J9 cinnamon et al.
 K1 is, german
 K7 see
 L1 stairs, dance
 L6 go along with
 L13 raspberry or strawberry
 M1 covetous
 M8 secret, mysterious
 N1 — vey!
 N6 thing to catch finless fish
 N13 not against
 O3 possessive pronoun
 O7 ball of earth



gridcomment

Another **mathNEWS** in spite of Dennis's attempts to get us to put it off for another week.

In spite of all the extensions (procrastinations?) on the last (real) *gridword*, the response was still underwhelming, with a total of one submission (the same one as last week.) Not only that, but Dennis left it at home, as well as the solution. So all you people who have been sitting on the edge of their pens waiting for the solution have to wait until next week.

We got a suitably small response for the worlds smallest *gridword* consisting of **boff**, **edwebster**, **Rick Cameron** a verbal submission from the csc tramp (an ellipsis???) and a tss submission from pckelly.

Today's *gridword* is by **crharris**, who has not only picked up her t-shirt, but also typed in the clues!!!

I'm going to try the csc tramp's *gridword* macro (it takes longer to type in than to draw it).

The TAKITH Prize of the Week

The TAKITH Prize of the week goes to me! Hah, yes, folks, gfwitte sent me a nasty but totally justified letter stating that he could not attend the Gentle Giant concert due to an overwhelming load of midterms, assignments, and the like, and berating me for bitching at him. That is a legitimate excuse, but it doesn't explain why U of Guelph was able to sell out their concert.

Nothing really bad happened this week. This column is getting smaller. Isn't that a kick in the head?

NOTEPAD

*Well folks, I'm back for another issue of mathNEWS and at my arm breathing rather heavily on the keys is jmrebstock sometimes friend and sidekick on UNIX. Any words for our readers jm? (first time I've seen him this quiet in ages. The power of the press wins again.) In case any of you out there have long-term memories (ie one month) you might remember my offer of a T-shirt to the most apathetic student on campus if he would come in and pick it up. The catch is of course that coming in shows a disgraceful lack of apathy and you lose your prize.

Well not to be undaunted, good old jm tried a new twist; his roommate was too apathetic to pick up the T-shirt so he said he was doing it for him. (Nice try turkey. Jeez, everybody's out to get ya these days!!)

*Some of you may have noticed out on the lawn near Dana Porter and Physics there is a cage full of leaves. Indeed some of you may even have heard their ear shattering wails after 6:00 pm. Well, news has it that the n-gin-ears are planning a midnight raid to set these poor leaves free to frolic and play in the noonday sun just like all the other good little leaves.

We here at Waterloo should all be proud that those slobs have finally made good.

*I had a tough time trying to get a terminal tonight (CS 450 assignment was due wednesday... I hope you all failed) and when I tried to convey my woes to desk jockey mullin (our beloved editor in heat...I mean chief) he just sneered and said (**cackle***) "Well I guess you just won't be able to enter your article this week ...heh heh..."

Well, I went back to the terminal room again and announced this time that I was THE dihedmonds. The response I got was overwhelming. Everyone leaped from their seats and offered me their terminals and I was heartily congratulated for my literary skill. I try to be modest but sometimes it's hard. The final result in any case was that I am indeed back this week. Lucky you.

*I received a rather intriguing letter today which bore the letterhead of the Department of Public Health (dammit this is notepad, not macdonald's) Once the officer had left I calmly shredded it open to give its contents a modest perusal. (like dem big woids huh?) It was a grave disappointment. That's right, I had an appointment with my undertaker and it was broken off. (get it, grave disappointment)

Forget it.

*I also received a great volume of mail this week not to mention a couple of real-time message exchanges. Among them was my old friend ME KACZMARCZY(K) who sends me this poem stolen from "When Harlie was One":

I B M
U B M
WE ALL B M
FOR I B M

I refuse to print it however since it's probably just a cheap stunt on the part of MEKACZMARCZY to get the name of MEKACZMARCZY into print. Well MEKACZMARCZY it isn't going to work!!

Other mail included a widjet "J" from hskatz: "Jury-rigged". And there was also an entire widjet acronym from sgmcdownall:

When
It's
Down
Joy
Erupts
Throughout

HSKATZ by the way is also interested in people willing to join his Society for the Preservation of Entropy in this Continuum (SPEC), whatever the hell that is.

*By the way, now that I've been officially recognized by the government (Board of Health is better'n nuttin) I hope to gain a little greaater respect around the mathNEWS office. See that mullin? You lay one keystone on this article and I'll have you quarantined with bubonic plague.

*Disease of the Week: Canteen Canada.

*You know, many of us (myself included) have found humour in the phrase "Widjet sucks". Admittedly this may solicit the occassional chortle among widjeteers, but we really should have some consideration.

First of all, is it really possible? I am now speaking biologically of course. Does widjet have the proper extensions that would make such an occupation possible? And if it did would they work?

Well, let's give it a bit of thought. The tape reels on the computers which widjet accesses spin at goodly speeds and the disc drives do even better. Working on Bernoulli's principle a vacuum could be created which would give the proper motivation for thech... service. This would make it possible for widjet to ...ummm... service the other computers, but what about the students?

I feel (no wisecracks) that this is grossly (ditto) unfair. If widjet can service the other computers, then why not students too? I'd like to hear your views on the subject. (PS If any of you n-gin-ears should have this read to you, remember that widjet can only take about fifty users at a time)

*Yes boys and girls, christmas will soon be here again and look at all the great new toys available for you. For instance, for you adventurous little boys out there: Mattel's new AMATEUR SABOTEUR KIT. Yes this kit can provide hours of excitement and can leave your child with an in depth knowledge of police booking methods, and real-live jailhouse experience. Included in the kit is one kilo of plastique, high thermal quality plastic explosive; one tube jellignite; three vials nitroglycerin powder, just add water and stir; not to mention fifteen swiss timers with seven second blackpowder delay fuses.

Also included in the kit is a comprehensive how-to manual demonstrating to the eager young experimenter the critical points to be found in high tension suspension bridges and overpass freeways. Just \$128.95 batteries not included.

*We here at mathNEWS are all advocates of a free press (mainly because no-one would pay for the rag). There is however a destructive force eating away at the foundations of our freedom and I am speaking of course of desk jockey mullin, the man in the mask with the big ax.

Now it has come to my attention that some of you out there really don't believe that he censors me...well now I'm going to prove it. Just as a test let's see how far I get.

CENSORED

*I've kidded old dj a lot in past issues and he knows (as I hope do all of you) that I really don't mean what I say, but instead consider him among my many friends.

It is therefore with a heavy heart that I find myself, forced by my inherent sense of investigative journalism and fair play, to reveal the true facts about him. You may have noticed that ever since the beginning of the semester dennis j mullin has had an ad in mathNEWS every week allegedly trying to sell off some pice of optical equipment. Now does it seem likely to you that it would really take him this long to sell such an item?. Oh no, the truth of the matter is that the ad is really just a shield, a blind behind which he lures young twelve year-old....

.....and I thank dj for his fortitude and strength of character in allowing me to bare his problems to the public uncensored.

*Well, that's it for another week. Sorry if I wasn't what you've come to expect of mathNEWS but I've been sick... my sister's pregnant... no-one to feed my three starving brothers.....

-dthedmonds

Kid Paranoid

Hello, you pseudo-lucky people it's that time. No, not Howdy Doody Time you stupid git; it's murder and mayhem time.

This week's joke.

It seems there were these two AIA-members and a pig rolling about in the mud. A disgusted Mathie approached them and said, "You know that people judge you by the company you keep." Upon hearing this the pig walked away.

There was this girl n-juneer who was asked to join the KuKluxKlan. She refused of course... She could think of better things to do under a sheet.

And now for something completely different.....

The reason I have not joined WATSFIC can now be revealed. I was scorned when I revealed the name of my favourite sci-fi author. He is the renowned John Norman, author of the Gor series. He traces the fantastic saga of Tarl Cabot through his many adventures on the planet Gor. I'll grant it maybe in the odd novel he gets a little carried away when he talks of female slavery but for the most part they are great novels. There are presently eleven in the Gor series. If you have read any of them or would like to, please drop me a line via mathNEWS.

Bruce Springsteen is the devil in disguise ergo, chrome bicycles do not exist. Would the person who wanted to be my Reichsfuhrer of C.A. in the Imperialist Alliance please write again. I'm sorry that I have lost the sheet that you sent. I need it to compile a membership list that no one will ever see (you can't be too careful). The assault on the high school across the street was a success. Employing careful strategy we cheered for Western (arrgh!) during the game last saturday--- No wonder they lost. I only hope the assault on the Tel Aviv Institute of Tractoring goes as well.

Monday is the day when we find out... will we have to go work in some dirty, filthy, grimy sweatshop or will we have to spend another four months chained to a widjet terminal. I'm getting positively paranoid about it.

This week's poem

Weiners and Beans, Weiners and Beans they help to fill up your dirty jeans.

Who'll win the super bowl this year. Dallas looks awfully good but Baltimore has also done well this season. Oakland will be looking to repeat. Is anyone willing to bet on Denver? My Vikings look like they just don't have it this year. I'll take the Argos to win the Grey Cup. Will anyone give me 2000-1 odds? No, I fear this will be just like all the other years the Argos will purposely lose just to spite me. Look for the Leafs to do likewise.

Anyone wishing to help me on my latest novel, "How to Open your Eyes Volume 3" please contact mathNEWS. I must leave now... the wine and cheese upstairs might be all gone by the time I get there... there are some n-juneers with perverted looks on their faces... they have designs on my virgin body.... HELP.

Sir R. Babbles On MathSoc Slaughters Faculty: Final Score 2-2

MONTE CARLO— (We didn't expect a submission from Sir R. this week as he is off on one of his famous secret missions in Europe, however, just before we went to press we received this short transmission over the trans-Atlantic cable.)

Last Friday on the ice of St. Clements' Arena your fearless Mathsoc reps utterly destroyed the pitiful broomball team iced by faculty members. As the dust and fog cleared at the final buzzer the score was Mathsoc 2, Faculty 2. The faculty team, led by such types as Prof Scoins and rjb, tried in desperation to stave the efficient and merciless Mathsoc attack, but their efforts were in vain as the superior Mathsoc hoards pressed on.

The broomball game was played to decide the winner of the Carling Trophy for the society/faculty broomball championship which was last played for in 1966. Thus if tradition holds Mathsoc and the faculty will jointly hold the trophy for the next eleven years, till 1988.

Right from the start the faculty showed their wimpishness. First they complained about the Mathsocers wearing broomball shoes. Then they asked that all rules be waved, no off-sides, no icings, no penalties. Even goals by MathSoc had to be called back. Yet despite these obstacles the mathies trudged on. Even this reporter looked good against the faculty as I set up the first goal. That doesn't say much for the faculty as normally I'm the worst broomball player on campus — this side of J.J.Long.

Yet despite the massacre those faculty bums somehow sneaked out a tie. Of course the fact that they cheat helped them a lot. All in all the math faculty had a terrible season. They didn't win any games all season and finished tied for last place in the standings. In contrast the heroic MathSoc team had an amazing season. They didn't lose any games all year and finished in a tie for first place. What a team!

Well that's it for another week as I complete another totally unbiased and just article. So much for news, nothing happened. ... maybe I'll give a rebuttal of Nick Redding's letter next week... I've noticed that C.A.'s definitely have a slacker work load than us CS's, of course this is reflected in their poor quality, and their low I.Q.'s... isn't it great the way the montreal canadiens are getting clobbered these days, I love it... if things keep going as they are on federation council now, I may soon

It is now 1500hrs Wednesday afternoon (i took a nap after the computer went to sleep at 800hrs).. This has to be a quick masthead so we can get this issue (funded by but independent of mathSoc) to Graphic Services so they can produce 1200 copies for Friday consumption. So our staff who guzzled wine and ate cheese and hot dogs consisted of (for the most part): J.J.LONG (last one to get an article in PHILIP looked up in old issues of mathNEWS to see what a news article looked like (and wrote one) KELLY; shrinking columnists were DAVE THORPE, POGO RAGDE, DEAN EDMONDS; WIL MACAULAY tried out a grid producing machine to the tune of \$150; STEVE he shoots in scores RISTO; ERIC SIEGERMAN and RUTH HARRIS and the shy froshi (watch for her name in an upcoming issue); JOHN SIRETT was around; DAVE GILLET and SAM WAGAR dropped by at 3 and stayed to 8; thanks for the sports to those who contributed, especially doug MCINROY who typed his in; I don't think there is anyone else except DENNIS MULLIN filling in mast space... NEWS FLASHES Display case on 3rd floor window broken into early last Friday morning with losses of a table hockey game and a jar of pennies (\$50)... there was a large response to the mathNEWS questionnaire despite the table hockey guys who stole the table.. Summer preregistration is on... Time to quit and photon this.... logoff at 1525hrs..

ADS



Wanted: Ski bindings. Racing or plates!! Want to see before (or if) I buy. Contact jpsirett on the bun or leave message in mathsoc office.

COMPETITIVE BALL HOCKEY

The ball hockey team has made the playoffs! In a win or else game last Monday night against St. Jerome Alki's the Math Soc team came through with a 3-1 win. In September the same teams played to a 5-5 draw but this time the last playoff position in the division was at stake. Team captain Rob Cooke scored all three goals and it was the first game in which the defense held the opponents to only one goal.

Both teams finish the schedule with identical records of 2 wins, 3 losses, and a tie but the Math team is awarded fourth place on the basis of the results of the games between the two. That fourth place finish puts them against the first place team in the B League Sunday division for the opening playoff round. That team is Earth Science, currently holding an undefeated record with only one game remaining. It won't be an easy game but the playoffs are not starting until November 20 so there might be time to get in an extra practice. In a sudden death game anything can happen.

resign... why were those workmen inserting those rails in the stairwells of this building last week, it looked like a typical waste of money... what's with CS courses, so far this term I've had three midterms, and in each case I think the class average was a failure, or was close to it. See you next week.

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Steve L. Risto

For sale: PAIA 2720 analog electronic synthesizer. This is a great beginning system, infinitely expandable, good for the serious amateur or the professional who isn't really that hot on keyboard and wants to expand his instrument range. For details phone 579-662 and ask for Pogo, or mail to useric plragde on TSS or Unix. Price \$150 or reasonable offer.

The Fifth Annual Kitchener-Waterloo Based Grand Valley IMP League will start on Sunday January 15, 1978. Format: 4-6 member teams, duration about 8 weeks, awards approximately 100 rating points per win, other prizes entry = \$1.00 per player per session. To enter call 885-4475 or 576-6294 or come to the K-W Bridge Studio on any Friday night at 7:30 (and play duplicate if you like), 185 King St. S. Waterloo. Sign up now, membership may be limited!

Addendum to a previous ad: 2 Donning Court

Zero in with a 1000mm lens. This is a mirror lens with screw mount. Also includes 3 filters and a heavy duty wooden case to carry it around in. Am also willing to toss in a tripod. For further information contact djmullin on the 'bun or phone 884-7499.

Flying high? If you plan to take pilot lessons thru the federation (or elsewhere) I have a copy of the pilot's kit for sale. Also have a flight "computer" for sale. Only used 3 times. Asking \$12 each or \$20 for both or best offer. Phone 884-7499 or write djmullin on the TSS system.

Housing Wanted: January to April 1978. One bedroom apartment in Waterloo or Kitchener. Furnished or unfurnished. Call Donna at 1-416-443-3661 from 9 to 5. Of in the evenings phone 1-416-469-4437.

BELCH The Michael Clail Invitational Belching Festival will be held in the 3rd floor lounge Friday at two thirty. Three separate performances will be held, for beginners, amateurs, and professionals. The Champ may demonstrate his considerable talents.