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mathNEWS	
February 6	production night, Issue #3
February 10	Issue #3 hits the stands

Attention:

*The 1989 DMIC Handbook
is now available in MC5100*

In the SAC

The Student Advisory Council to the Department of Co-operative Education and Career Services (CECS) met to plan its agenda for the term.

Next Tuesday, Olaf Naese will be meeting with us to discuss issues such as the combination of Groups I & II for Want Ads and job ranking, the timing of receiving the Want Ads and submission of job applications, and the new Student Reference Manual.

Other issues planned for the term include work reports, extended work terms, and student attitudes towards employers.

If you have any comments on these or other issues you would like to see discussed, please contact one of your SAC reps, or join us in NH1029 at 4:30 on January 31. Notes to your SAC reps can be left in the MathSoc office, MC3038.

Hsi Chang, Mark Kerbel,
Melanie Leganchuk, Paul Obeda

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Prez Sez

Gooooood Morning Waterloo!! By the time you read this, MathSoc will have a new executive (election results are located elsewhere). I encourage you to introduce yourselves to these people as they have the power to make your stay here a bit more enjoyable. To those who won: Congratulations! To those who didn't: I hope you stay involved in the Math Society. On behalf of myself and the other outgoing execs—Mary-Jane Verboom, Lisa Falco, and Paul Obeda—we thank everyone for their efforts in the past year and wish everyone better luck in the future. We're outta here!

Darryl

MathSoc Elections

Although the numbers were not available in time for printing, the winners of the MathSoc election are:

President	Pat Szwyro
Vice-President	Craig Cudmore
Treasurer	Diane Vint

The election particulars and ballot counts will be printed in issue #3 of mathNEWS.

Chair Chat

It's us again. Last week our first 4B reunited Party of the term, at Heuther's (formerly the Kent), was a smashed (oops, we mean smash) success! If you missed this one, look for another Party in mid February. Some of the other MGC events coming up are:

- Yearbook Production Mtg — Sat 28 1:30 3rd MC
- Group Class Picture Orders — Jan 30-Feb 1 3rd MC — remember out on the MC stairs (around \$10 per picture)
- Quebec City Winter Carnival — Feb 2-5 (only a few spots left, talk to Greg or Ritch)
- MGB Tickets go on sale Feb 6-17 3rd MC (\$30/ticket)
- and MGB is Saturday March 18

With all these events, we would love to get tons of candid pictures for the yearbook. So please take pictures. A few final notes, look for MGC to run a Carnation Day for Valentine's Day and remember it's never too early to book limos and rent Tux's (from Budd's Formal Wear).

Ritch Lodge

Greg Mushumanski

Feds

There's a lot happening this term for your entertainment, both at Fed Hall and at the Bombshelter. Keep your eyes open for upcoming events. Both Tom Cochrane and Blue Rodeo were sold out well in advance.

The Fed Radio Information Guide is now "on the air." Also, video shorts are being shot this term. Watch for them in the 'Shelter before the movie at noon.

Cultural Caravan is quickly approaching, at the end of the first week in February. Planning for Winterfest is continuing. If you can volunteer some time for either of these major events, please leave a note in the Fed office, CC235.

Negotiations are continuing with CKCO-TV to tape some episodes of a show at Fed Hall, possibly starting in early February. Taping would likely occur on Wednesday evenings, with major acts available to UW students for a maximum of \$5.00 a ticket.

Students are reminded that suspensions from Fed Hall or the Bombshelter may be appealed to the Federation executive.

Mark the February 11 weekend on your calendars for a CHYM-Federation Skate on Columbia Puddle. If it's frozen, that is.

The Board of Academic Affairs has written a proposal for student-course evaluations, to be implemented by fall. Ask the Fed office to borrow a copy of the report, and submit written comments by February 17.

The Federation has moved to establish a sistership with students at the University of the West Indies, Mona Campus, Jamaica. This relationship stems from an international "Youth Building the Future" conference held here at UW last August.

Your friendly Fed reps,

John Herbert, Paul Obeda,

Roger Tudor, Jackie Yang

Fed Elections

Our Federation of Students is holding elections for 1989-90 (May 'til April). The following have been nominated:

- Steve Markan, President
- Dave Readman, President
- Tim Collins, Vice-President, Operations & Finance
- Joel Crocker, Vice-President, Operations & Finance
- Karen Davidson, Vice-President, University Affairs
- Fran Wdowczyk, Vice-President, University Affairs

The dates for the election are:
Campaign:

- January 26 — February 13

Forums (exact locations to be announced):

- January 31 11:30 — 1:00 AL
- February 2 11:30 — 2:30 CC
- February 7 11:30 — 1:00 MC
- February 8 11:30 — 1:00 ENG

Election:

- February 14, 15 (booth in Math building)

Exercise your democratic right!! Vote on February 14th or 15th!

DOR

A Troubled State

A Review of Mississippi Burning

Racism has always been a controversial topic, as shown recently by the closing of a school in Nova Scotia and the rioting in Miami. Racism is also the topic for director Alan Parker's new movie, "Mississippi Burning." The story is fictional, but the inspiration came from a real-life event in which three civil rights activists were murdered in 1964. The plot of the movie focuses on the investigation by FBI agents Wade (William Dafoe) and Anderson (Gene Hackman) into the murder of the activists. During the investigation, the agents see first hand the racism that exists in Jessup County, while trying to prevent any more racist attacks on the blacks from whites as well as deduce the killer's identity.

Mississippi Burning is a very powerful movie, making you think about racism even after leaving the theatre. This effect starts during the opening sequence when the activists are killed and the movie doesn't ease up from there. One of the best and most symbolic examples of racism is the burning of a house occupied by blacks with the words 'FREEDOM' painted on a sign outside the house. The movie is greatly enhanced by the excellent acting of Hackman and Dafoe as well as the supporting cast. Even though some characters had few lines, their presence was definitely felt, especially an undercover FBI agent and the wife of a deputy. The mixing of interviews of ordinary citizens of Jessup County with the plot adds another dimension to the film, since we see different people's attitudes towards racism.

Screenwriter Chris Gerolmo made an interesting choice for telling the story in the eyes of the FBI agents. This perspective is effective since this is the first time these agents (like most of the audience) had seen racism this severe.

As a result of this film's power, on a scale of 0 to 10 Mississippi Burning receives a 10! The movie has been nominated for 4 Golden Globe Awards, including best picture, and should get an equal number of Oscar nominations.

Dr. Movies

Former MathSoc Treasurer Runs for Fed VPOF

It has just come to the attention of mathNEWS that Joel Crocker is running for the Federation of Students position of Vice-President of Operations and Finance. Joel was Treasurer of MathSoc for the winter and Fall of 1987. Dave Kirkness, who served as President of MathSoc when Joel was Treasurer had this to say about Joel: "He made my job easier because I knew that the financial matters (of MathSoc) were in good hands."


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Prof Quotes

I know it's easier to sleep through those boring old classes, but think of the embarrassment that you, personally, can cause a prof. Submit today! You'll be glad you did. Here are the best of the few submissions that came in this week.

"... and a little punching your calculator into submission gets you the answer."

Morrison PHYS 122

"So we'll spend the first few weeks learning how to count."

Gentleman STAT 230

"Hash tables have nothing to do with dope."

Munro CS 340

"You can tell it's a vector because it's in boldface chalk!"

Best C&O 350

"Who wants to be cookie monitor? It's a senior management position."

Best C&O 350

"Watch carefully. My fingers will not leave my hand."

Best C&O 350

"Styles are changing all the time. I don't like that. It means I have to buy a new tie every year."

Dunkley C&O 270

"No, no, no. Slap my face! That's wrong."

Coburn CS 438

"Kind of reminds me of the wife first thing in the morning. In mathematics we call this an indeterminate form."

Honsberger C&O 220

"Are we past the drop & add date? No? Well I'd better start the course anyways."

Bennet STAT 331

"Ladies and gentlemen, that's a load of horse shit!"

Beaumont MATH 130A

mastHEAD

Well, another two weeks and another great issue. I would like to thank all that came out to the Production night: BROCK JOHNSON, Tina Klein, Steve Green, Dave Balkwill, Andrew Tron, Rob Armstrong, Trevor Green, Don Marks III, Stephen Spoule, David Nuttall, Karen Smith, Mark Kerbel, Rob Del Mundo, Rob Bousfield, Ted Timar, Cal Masson, Craig Cudmore, Stephen Smith and John Thoms.

Extra thanks to Marion and Graphics Services, and to Little Caesars. So until next time, don't take any wooden integrals.

Rick McTavish

The Eigen Family

(tune: The Addams Family)

They're creepy and they're kooky,
Mysterious and spooky.
They're altogether ooky-
The Eigen Family.

They're tougher than they seem
On assignments where you see 'em.
They're enough to make you scre-am-
The Eigen Family.

Lean.
Mean.
Obscene.

Just when you think you've caught on,
The tougher stuff comes along.
Don't bother trying to call on
The Eigen Family.

Weird Jim Jordankovic

1989

11th Annual
MATH GRAD BALL

1989



Saturday, March 18th, 1989

at

Bingeman Park Ball Room

with music by TORONTO HARBOUR

Cocktails 5:30pm

Dinner 7:00pm

Tickets: \$30.00 per person

On Sale February 6-17th

(Limited Number Available)

Vapid Fire-Enquiring Minds Want to Know

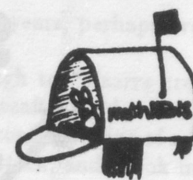
- Now that Ronnie Reagan has vacated 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, there's been some confusion as to what the retired president plans to do in the immediate future. Gossip runs rampant around the U(W) campus, naming him as anything from owner of a jelly-bean farm in Maine to starting quarterback for the Warriors next season. One U.S. official has stated that Reagan is "... still undecided on his new hobbies. It's going to be hard for him to get used to not being in the middle of a scandal."
- Now that we're going to have Fed hall on T.V. mathNEWS decided to do a little snooping and find out what else the fifth estate had in store for U(W). Coming up in the next few months will be: National Geographic's "Bizarre love rites of the engineers", Jacques Cousteau explores Laurel Creek in "Eughhh", and Doctor Who will be filming "Planet of Tasteless Colours" in the Davis Centre.
- Advertisements for channelers in last week's Imp'tint have prompted mathNEWS staffers to open their own math channeling service. They promise quick answers to those tough calculus puzzles from the likes of Gauss, Newton and Einstein. Requests for Elvis, however, will be declined, as the rights to his spirit belong to an independent network in Kalamazoo, Michigan.
- mathNEWS polls show that the Imp'tint's new "Intelligent Humour" cartoon is neither.
- mathNEWS wonders just what the hell they are teaching the plumbers over in those buildings besides wrench-worship. In last week's Imp'tint, we have a letter from an electrical engineering student who can't fix his own stereo. "See, the record goes around and around..."
- Four people are in serious, but stable condition at K-W hospital after developing a strange sickness during last Sunday's Super Bowl bash at Fed Hall. While the actual ailment has yet to be determined, doctors are speculating on "3-D yuck-itis", caused by drinking while simultaneously viewing an absolutely horrid half-time show.
- Elvis Presley's body has at last been found—stuck to a Village One cafeteria tray. Said a V1 troll, "He looked so much like the mashed potatoes that we didn't notice him. And you know we never clean them anyway." Too bad, Kalamazoo.

The Medieval Gladiator and Greener

Top Ten Reasons for MC 6th Floor Numbering

10. STATS student's application of a random number generator.
9. CS major's application of a random number generator.
8. Public encoding key for RSA.
7. Labyrinth for modern minotaurs.
6. Assembler code for Needless Hell CO-OP Job Placement program.
5. LOTTO 649 Quik-Pik
4. UW campus cops breathalizer test.
3. Digitised colour scheme for Davis World.
2. An attempt at counting by Imp'tint staff writers.
1. Distribution of Marks in C&O 230.

The Keener, PSYDA and the rest of mathNEWS staff



FeedBach

To The mathNEWSEditor

In response to the Engineering Society's "20 Years and Still Rigid" campaign, I can only think of the popular saying "It stays up as long as you don't fuck with it". 20 years, huh guys? Perhaps it's rigor mortis.

Yasha Papolski

I think you've hit the nail right on the, ahem, head.

Sir Logarithm and His Power of the $2\pi r$ Table

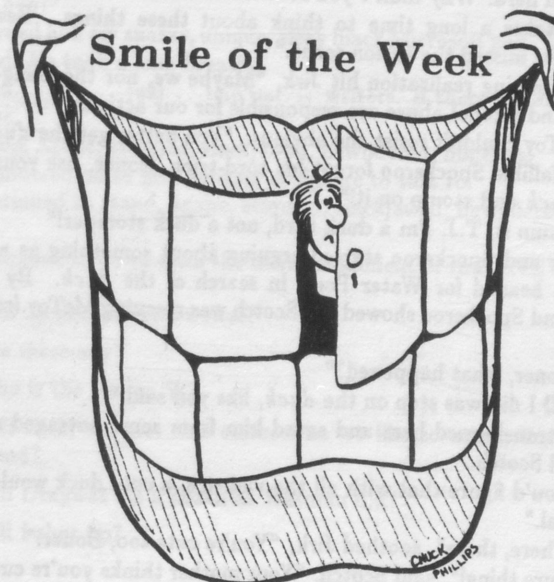
One fine day Sir Logarithm of the $2\pi r$ table met King Axiom of Davisville who ordered him on a quest to find the mythical legendary character Captain Calculus whom all of us should remember lost a glorious battle to the Barbarian Conan the C.A. in the no so distant past (last fall to be exact).

Sir Logarithm set up a row reduced matrix which transported him to the monstrous WATDRAGON. After threatening the dragon with a system crash he gave him directions to a magic place called UW Campus where Captain Calculus was last seen.

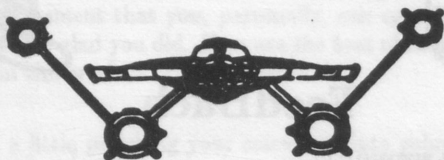
With the help of a friendly(?) Grad Student who majored in C&O (Yes, there are some out there!), Sir Logarithm navigated the sixth floor of the MC building to where the remains of Captain Calculus lay.

He then placed an ancient artifact on the remains of Captain Calculus (The Dreaded Integral Tables) which caused the body to immediately integrate itself back into its Antiderivative self. Once again Captain Calculus lives to rescue confused Math Students everywhere. (yay)

TMOL



STAR



TRUDGE

Day of the Duck

the exciting conclusion

In the last issue, our Wat crew was running around chasing the nasty Cling-ons because of some nasty *duck*. If that makes sense, then you're reading the right paper. We left our Watheroes in a dramatic and exciting sword fight at Wat Hall, the centre of the Wateration.

Waterloo, the final frontier . . .

These are the voyages of the W.U.C. Watprise on an eight term mission to explore new faculties and make contact with strange frosh everywhere . . .

(theme music)

Captain's *ln*, Watdate supplementary

I am in a straight-jacket, hanging upside-down above the dance floor with ten swords pointing at me. If Spockeroo doesn't get me out of this, I'll have to do it myself. This place is a mess, but Watfleet will pay for the damages. Our only casualty is Lt. Disposable with the red shirt, and Gorbachev has been slapped silly by the wife of Cling-on commander Kerk.

"Too bad about Lt. Disposable, T.J.," bellowed McToy, "I'll be sure to resurrect him for the next issue." After more fighting at Wat Hall, the nasty bad guys retreated to the upper level, but Kerk and some engineers started pouring beer all over the Watprise crew. Our courageous Watheroes split.

Outside Wat Hall, Spockeroo asked, "T.J., did you notice a *duck* on the bridge of the Watprise?"

"You nerd! Why didn't you mention this before?"

"It takes a long time to think about these things. Besides, we might've missed the action scene."

A stunning realization hit Jirk, "Maybe we, nor the Cling-ons, nor drug and alcohol abuse are responsible for our actions."

McToy couldn't resist the obvious: "You better get the *duck*, T.J."

"Infallible Spockeroo forgot his cord-trier. Boner, use yours to find the *duck* and stomp on it!"

"Damn it, T.J. I'm a duck turd, not a duck stomper!"

Jirk and Spockeroo started arguing about something as a dejected Boner headed for Water Pond in search of the *duck*. By the time Jirk and Spockeroo showed up, Scotch was rescuing McToy from Water Pond.

"Boner, what happened?"

"All I did was step on the *duck*, like you said."

"I transformed here and saved him from some outraged students", added Scotch.

"You'd figure that with all the violence, a cute duck wouldn't be so special."

"There, there", soothed Jirk, "You're cute too, Boner."

"Sure thing!", said Scotch, "Your mother thinks you're cute, right?"

"Yeah."

"The Captain thinks you're cute, right?"

"That's what he said."

"Thus, by induction, you're cute."

The lovely voice of Lt. Uheardit interrupted, "Captain, there's a distress call from Wat Hall. Several swarthy dudes are clinging on to Wat women."

Eyebrows shot up. "Guess who we forgot."

Only moments later, Jirk burst into Wat Hall with the official Wat bouncers. "Alright, everyone here without a Wat card has to go home to bed now." With that, the Cling-ons split, the people of the Wateration rejoiced, and everything returned to normal.

McToy clapped his hands together, "This is great! No more problems! The Cling-ons are gone, the *duck* is gone . . ." The Vector was turning green.

Spockeroo wheezed, "I'm having severe emotional difficulties. My Vector half is losing control."

Jirk and McToy yelled in unison, "Again?"

McToy was on the ball. "It must be the Wat Hall scene."

Jirk screamed into his walkie-talkie, "Integrate Spockeroo, fast!" Then, T.J. registered the presence of the HKLS females, even before McToy's cord-trier. "Okay, everyone back to the Watprise. I'm staying behind."

"But T.J. . . ."

"No but's, Boner. I have to fulfill the Watprise mission: make contact with strange frosh."

(theme music)

tribble number four

 THE ADVENTURES OF
WATMAN

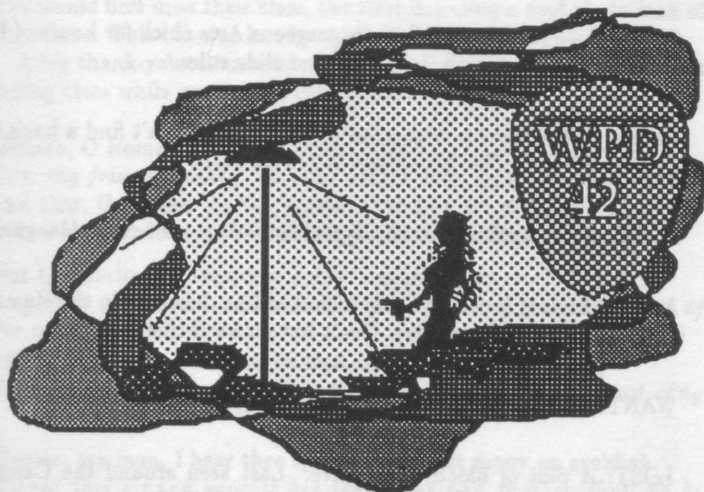
Watman Flies Again

*... But can he
dearchive himself?*

When we last saw our dynamic duet they were furiously trying to dearchive themselves from the Honeywell tapes while a bunch of skeletons were trying to bash down the door to the room with X-Acto knives. (Don't ask.) Suddenly, sproioioiNNNGGG! The tape drives of the Honeywell sprain themselves, while simultaneously the door is finally breached and Watman and Duck are killed for the fifth time in six mathNEWS volumes.

The Chuckler

Dragwat



Tales of crime, women, murder, women, spam, smuggling, women, contraband, spam, women, spam, spam, spam, women, spam, ...

This is the city . . . Waterloo. The story is true, only the names have been changed to protect the innocent.

My name is Sgt. Jo Rhursday, detective extraordinaire with the Waterloo Police Department, or, as we professionals call it, the WPD.

It was a dark and stormy Waterloo night when I was called into HQ (Headquarters, to the uninitiate) on the sixth floor of MC (that's Math and Computers for you ordinary folk). In those regions we have little need of security—the labyrinth dooms any intruder to a long, painful death of starvation and lack of sunlight. I weaved my way through the path known to but a few and, half an hour later, arrived at the centre. M (short for mommy, as amateurs call her) awaited me there.

"Jo," she intoned, "I have for you a case which could lead you to the dark, dank, decrepit, dastardly, disorderly, dreadful, deceitful, deadly, dank—oh, did I say that already? darn—depths of campus life. Once there, I cannot guarantee that even you, who-can-navigate-the-sixth-floor-of-MC-with-ease, who-may-emerge-from-the-PAS-after-only-three-days, may not find your way back. For there, in the depths, strange, bizarre creatures, perhaps not of this campus, perhaps not of this world, perhaps not even of this dimension, yea, these creatures, who have powers unknown even to the almighty W (whose name we may not speak, lest the omniscient, omnipotent, and awfully cute editor-who-we-like-so-much (5'10", brown hair, bluish eyes, dimples, interested in peace, love, and happiness, but most especially love, any sort, any kind, he's not picky) (the preceding was not a plug, and was not paid for by one Rick McTavish) trounce on us), powers which could turn, twist, and truncate your mind, leave you as a mere shell of a human, destroy your spirit, crush your soul, condemn you to a life of eternal questing after shadowy remembrances of a past and happier life you know not where"

She paused.

"Well, Jo?" she inquired, leaning towards me. "Will you accept the case, which, if you are successful in solving it, could answer the question

burning in all our hearts and minds these many years, perhaps even restore peace and light to our beloved campus?"

By this point I had tracked her speech through to "bizarre creatures", gotten lost in clauses and parentheses thereafter, and stood in ponderous silence. M took my stance to be noble contemplation of self-sacrifice and careful preparation of my plan of attack, and shook my hand gravely.

"Good, Jo, I knew you would come through for us. G will fill you in on the details. Good luck, and may the force be with you."

With that, she vanished in electronic static. I often wondered how she did that, and what the elusive "force" was which never seemed to be with me. I attributed both phenomena to other serials she seemed to flip between. I often had the feeling my own lifestory was a mere repository of worn-out characters and plotlines, but I get off track, that's for my psychiatrist to hear.

I now set off in search of Q (stands for Wilbur) (well W is already taken isn't it?), who I never found in the same place twice. I had another feeling, that this night I would find him in a distant place known as "ML" (Modern Languages... from now on you can figure out your own acronyms. Practice for the "real life" they keep telling us about in co-op).

(...filler music and dramatic scenes of Jo striding purposefully into Artsie land)

Surely enough, I found Q discussing life with the boar in ML. I think he'd been in Artsie land too long.

"Hi Q," I outputted.

Q grunted suspiciously at me. "Whatya want kid?"

"M implied you would fill me in on the details of my case," I informed him. Secretly, I also hoped he'd give me some neat new whatchamadigies.

"Oh," Q sighed. "Fine."

I waited for him to continue. And waited. And waited. Finally I spoke. "Well?"

Q looked at me in mild astonishment. "Are you still here?"

"You haven't told me anything yet," I informed him, calmly.

"No need to shout," he sulked. "Haven't you been fitted with the new GX45938Z{-#4738THKE*%&/re348 model 42* yet?"

"Er, no. Never heard of it actually."

Q rolled his eyes. "It allows thought transference. You mean I actually have to speak to you?"

"I suppose," I answered.

Q sulked some more. "It's enough I have to see you, hear you, deal with you. Now they want me to speak to you as well. It'd be so much easier and faster to just think it. Well, fine. Are you ready? Do you have a pen?"

I showed him my snazzy, unique, sleek black Microsoft pen. Q nodded his head. He took a long breath...

"Find... the... real... Imp'tint... writers. If there are any."

Pause.

I stood, agape, stunned, slackjawed, bewildered, hopeless.

Q wandered off to find another sculpture to talk to.

I continued to stand, agape, stunned, slackjawed, bewildered, hopeless.

I continued to do so until the next installment of mathNEWS.

- Will Jo find the real writer?
- Are there any?
- Who is the elusive W?
- Will Rick, our not new editor who we like so much, find a girlfriend?
- Will Dragwat die a death as Watman did?
- Will I shut up?

Math-Eng Squash Tourney

The Math-Eng Squash Tourney involves eight players from the "Math Squash Ladder" playing against their counterparts in Engineering. This tourney, taking place in mid-March, will be the fourth time the two faculties compete.

The last time this tourney was organized, in Spring '88, ALL eight Mathies won their matches. The result of this sweeping defeat of the Engineers is the tourney plaque that sits in the glass display in the MC 3rd floor lounge.

Mathies interested in playing in this tournament should join the CO-ED SQUASH LADDER posted on the hall windows of the C&D. Eight players (from division A) will be selected to play for the Math Faculty.

Any questions about the tourney can be directed to me (747-3137). Have fun!

Gary Young

Return of the CSCFlash

Part II

Welcome back to another exciting, revealing, scandalous...well, okay, exciting and revealing installment of the one, the only, the AMAZING CSCFlash. (Hold your applause.) Here is where the past is recalled, the future revealed before your very eyes! Just stay tuned to this column as we bring you this important announcement.

[click]

Just a reminder that it isn't too late to get a membership in the Computer Science Club. For just a byte (that's 8 bits) you get Free tea, a Free UNIX account on demand on the CSC's own minicomputer, linked up to the WHOLE WORLD on Internet, and Free withdrawals from the CSC's expansive library of books and periodicals.

[click]

And now to reveal what was in our recent past...Dal?

Thank you Cal, last week, in fact exactly a week ago today, we had Bill Gates, chairman of Microsoft Corporation (the guys that brought you MS-DOS, Word and all those other goodies) who spent 6 hours in Canada at our behest to speak to us on The Future of the Computer Industry. In a speech covering topics from Apple (they have to get away from the 68000-based CPUs sooner or later) to Altair (The hobbyists, after assembling them, were complaining they couldn't do anything. Nobody had told them they had to buy memory.) to what Microsoft will be doing (graphics-oriented interfaces are the way of the future) to the controversial NeXT computer (...the creative use of black adds a whole new dimension to it), he outlined his vision of computer hardware (4 gigabytes of memory should do for the next ten years. Of course I said the same thing about 640K 5 years ago.) and software (It may seem strange, but Microsoft has sold more UNIX packages than any other software company.) and how computers will become more integrated into society as we move toward the 21st century, with the help of some magnificent operating systems such as MS-DOS and OS/2.

In upcoming talks, Dr. L. Dickey will be giving a talk on APL on...er...last Tuesday. Do you have anything to add, Cal?

Well, not much, Dal, just that whether or not you're a CSC member, you can drop by the CSC office and use our download service courtesy of MathSoc's IBM PC. We're open 24 hours a day some days, 7 days most weeks, so drop by and do any down and up loading you need. The PC is reserved EXCLUSIVELY for downloading from 0900 to 1500 weekdays, so drop by and have a cup of tea. You may even become a member!

Calum T. Dalek

UltraClassifieds

UltraClassifieds are a public service presented by mathNEWS. If you have something everybody ought to know and doesn't know yet, write it down on a piece of paper, or anything that's handy, and drop it in the BLACK BOX.

Now Appearing daily at the ted office: Tap Dancing Terry!

GWM (Geeky White Male) seeks gorgeous Arts chick for hours of fun involving the Maple Lab, ice cream and slide rules.

Having a little trouble with your Algebra prof? Can't find a basis for your space? Call *The Eigeniser* at 5-VECTOR.

English major needed to teach CS prof English as a functional language.

An introductory lecture on time travel will be delivered in the Humanities Theatre last Wednesday. Don't have missed this one!

WANTED: Roloids. New or used. Box 243, mathNEWS.

LOST: A pint of blood, B positive. Last seen around the Campus Centre on Monday. Answers to "Heemie". 747-4747, reward offered.

Join Apostrophe's United today! This group is involved in putting the apostrophe back in it's proper place. Be one of the lucky one's to get involved—dont' get left out!

Sean, when are you going to do something about Trevor's beard?

Gayla

'97 and '98 leather and melton jackets are now in at the Campus Shop

The Pessimists Club of Waterloo

Wanted: Someone to teach a C&O professor English as a functional language.



I'll Pass on my Class

Intro

The ability to attend each and every scheduled class during a four month term is a very rare and valuable asset to one's University career (especially during the winter term.) It's like some hidden, deep dark resolution that each studious, striving to excel, "student" secretly makes to themselves at the start of a term.

Well, our roomates and ourselves decided to have a little wager on who would first miss their class, the loser donating a cool ale to each of the others. This bet was lost by a Mr. P.C. (not Brian Mulroney).

A big thank-you to our fellow C&O 350 classmates who quietly slept during class while we created this poem.

Romeo, O Romeo, thou hast shown up for class.
Yes, my friend Shakey, to miss would take balls made of brass
And that, O my fair Romeo, would make beer fill my glass
When we get home, the sinner we should harass.

For thy Carling O'Export is a most amiable drug
I agreeest with thou, envision the froth flowing over the edge of
the mug

Aye, with a frosty cold 'un, be that which we soon shall hug
Remember, Shakey, this ale is for savouring, thou shalt not chug

Romeo, my man, I hear thee speak, it will last many an eyeblink
Should this sinner boycott his fate, thus and forever shall he be
known as a fink

To renege on one's debts would insult those of the tie which is pink
To turn thy back on thy religion, one should be sent to a shrink

He who has 8:30 class shall be punished for arising at ten o'clock
With the abundance of beverage intake the previous evening,
must have suffered a mental block

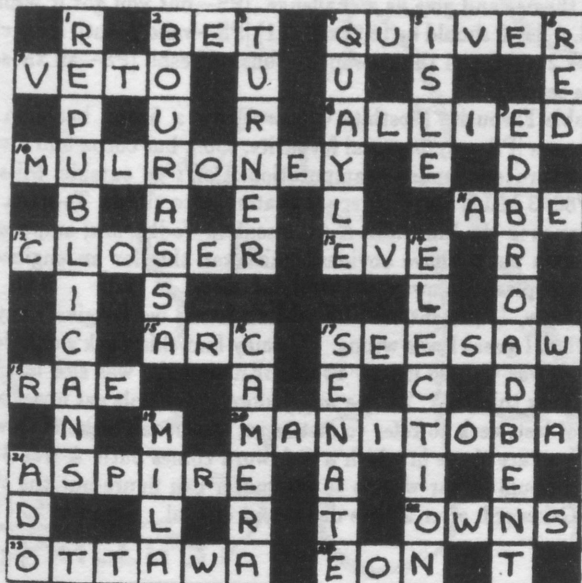
Romeo, my dear compatriot, should he not pay, thy words parting his
lips will hold little stock

Dearest Shakey, thou speakest thy heart, should he wither, to him
we'll not talk

One night at the Parlour terminated one's class-attending streak
And with bloodshot eyes he couldn't get out of bed—he was too
weak

After this poem, the chances that he will abstain again is bleak
Maybe he's missed more, that dirty little rotten sneak

Romeo & Shakespeare



mathNEWSquiz #2

Greetings from Squizzo, your official mathNEWSquizmaster. Last issue's quiz had a good number of entries (10), but I'm sure that we can get a few more this time. In this issue, I've included both a Star Trek, and a Batman question. They usually are good for a few extra submissions.

The answers to Quiz #1 are as follows: 1) One Armed Bandit, 2) One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest, 3) One, 4) One O'Clock Jump, 5) Riverdale High, 6) Jefferson High, 7) Millard Fillmore High, 8) Midtown High, 9) Cooperstown, NY, 10) Eveleth, Minn, 11) Springfield, Mass, 12) Newport, RI, 13) left, 14) left, 15) left, 16) right.

There was a TIE for first place. Both 'mathNEWSquizmaster F87, W88, S88' and Sharkey scored 8 of a possible 16 correct answers. They can pick up their prestigious Certificates of Merit at the MathSoc office. Other entries were received by TOMAS (7/16), BLAR & the Spunker (6/16), Ben Dover (6/16), Captain Chaos and his slimy little green things from Alpha Centauri; with help from the Balding Buddhist Monk (6/16), generic gridrat (5/16), and CLAMPETT & SCAMMER (4/16). Honourable mention goes to Denise Miller who claims that she had more than 8 right, but didn't hand in an answer sheet.

As usual, submit your answers, along with your name (or pseudonym) into the BLACK BOX on the third floor.

Ready? Then let's begin . . .

"Two"

Each answer contains the word "two".

- What is a common term used for 25 cents?
- What band, containing 2 members of 'Fine Young Cannibals' recorded the song 'Tired Of Getting Pushed Around'?
- What villain on Batman was formerly known as Harvey "Apollo" Kent?
- In "The Wizard Of Oz", what time was it when Dorothy landed in Munchkinland?

Middle Names

What are the middle names of the following people?

- U.S.S. Enterprise Captain James Kirk
- U.S. President Harry Truman
- M*A*S*H's Radar O'Reilly
- Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney

Real Identities

What are the real identities of the following superheros?

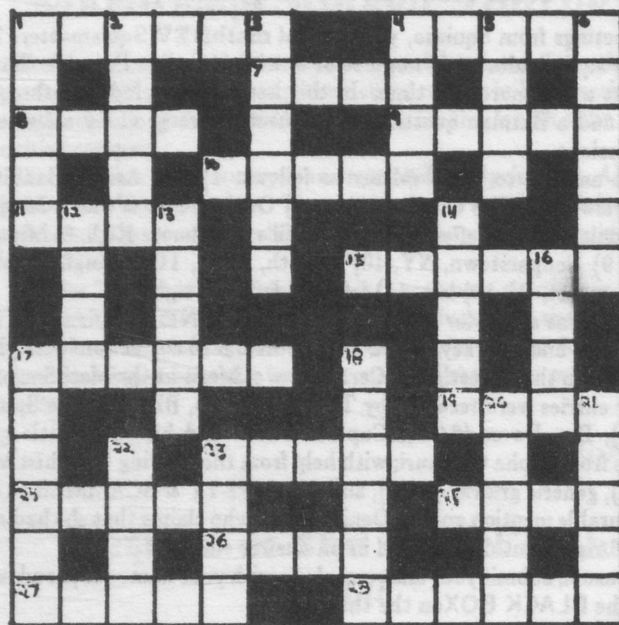
- Superman
- Wonder Woman
- Captain America
- Aquaman

License Plates

What celebrities won the following California license plates?

- A1ANA2
- YRUFAT
- DRUNKY
- NBC1

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(that's me)



Cryptic

Across

1. Fight over a mixed-up tablet (6)
4. To see someone choose Chip (5)
7. The standard is neither boring, nor mundane (4)
8. Price down sustenance (4)
9. A candid comment for each (5)
10. Lie, hesitate about roughage (5)
11. Boast back about apparel (4)
15. Combative iron, for me, is like a pen (6)
17. Chance to have operated the monk (6)
19. Complain in a fishy manner (4)
23. A fable so conservative (5)
24. Half of rubble kid twice Godzilla's toejam (5)
25. A bit of smoke, and Wendy is Peter! (4)
26. A gentle French city (4)
27. Directed the aerofoil to Dallas (5)
28. Vietnamese offensive is woman's bind (6)

Down

1. Is the mist confused? (5)
2. Not there, nor in the ultraviolet (5)
3. Being a homonym of Northern Telephone & Telegraph (6)
4. Sharif's mantra at sunrise (4)
5. The right Jovian satellite of the group (4)
6. She's in tears over the fruit (6)
12. Distinctive air of golden sun (4)
13. Securities agents (5)
14. Bloom of small power (5)
16. Rip-roaring cry (4)
17. Knead French wheat to ruin (6)
18. To store Anthony with an alien (6)
20. Friends are hot in this religious order (5)
21. A chirp delays agent of tune-caller (5)
22. Magazine for all (4)
23. Musical half of prison (4)

Name: _____
 Favourite Method of
 Keeping Awake in Class: _____
 Comment: _____



Return To Grid Mountain

The election results are in, now, and the correct submissions barely edged out the incorrect submissions 9-8 after a record 527 recounts. The new members of the GRID party are: RED DOG; generic gridrat; fletniowski; Brian "the chin" Mulrone; Artos; MADFAD; A. Mark Earnshaw; Sharkey; and Tomas. New in the unemployment line are: Captain Chaos & Co (PS—name abbreviated until you get it right!); Ben Dover; Jak & Lu; The Metal Mole; Mr. Goofy (PS—thank you for you're honesty); Luke Robertson; Clampett & Scammer; and Rave-Up Mutant CS Tutors From Hell. In an act of blatant political patronage, *fletniowski* is hereby appointed to the Senate for his correct solution of this Grid and his long-time service to Gridwords past.

Comments: WOW!! Themes!!; I'm a shark. I need water; So whose idea was it change ALL of the AM course numbers, anyway?; My first time! (on a grid); We don't need no stinkin' comments; arrrrrrrggggg!!!!!!; I pulled strings; So I didn't get all the answers! Sue me!; Anarchy: the only sane solution; Why does it hurt when I pee?; Bring back women's intramural mud wrestling (a great spectator sport); Can the themes and give us a challenge. [PS—but you got it wrong—HA!] P.S. 9 down should be (2,9) not (11) [PS—valid point]; Poor clues! 9 down— 2 wds? All those proper nouns? Yeesh! [PS—all those incomplete sentences!!].

Printable Favourite Frostbite Cures: Wine, a fire, a bearskin rug, and a woman [PS—my personal favourite, too!]; hot cocoa and a warm puppy (or Bruce); Summer!; amputation; Don't go outside; Miss December '88; 3 MILE ISLAND space heater set to crispy; Toe jam with milk; A week in the Bahamas; A good soak in Vodka; sex; amputation. Some of you people have obviously mistaken this for an engineering newsletter—please go away!

I must say, I thought the theme orientation would give away the answers but I guess I was wrong. You may find this week's a little less bizarre—it was written largely by CYBERman—he was sick last week and I am sick this week. By the way, before you people get upset about my use of last week to refer to last issue, it's because the only weeks which count are those in which a Gridword comes out!! A free \$14.99 cubic zirconium guitar will go to whomever can figure out the theme for this Gridword; after all, we didn't put one in!