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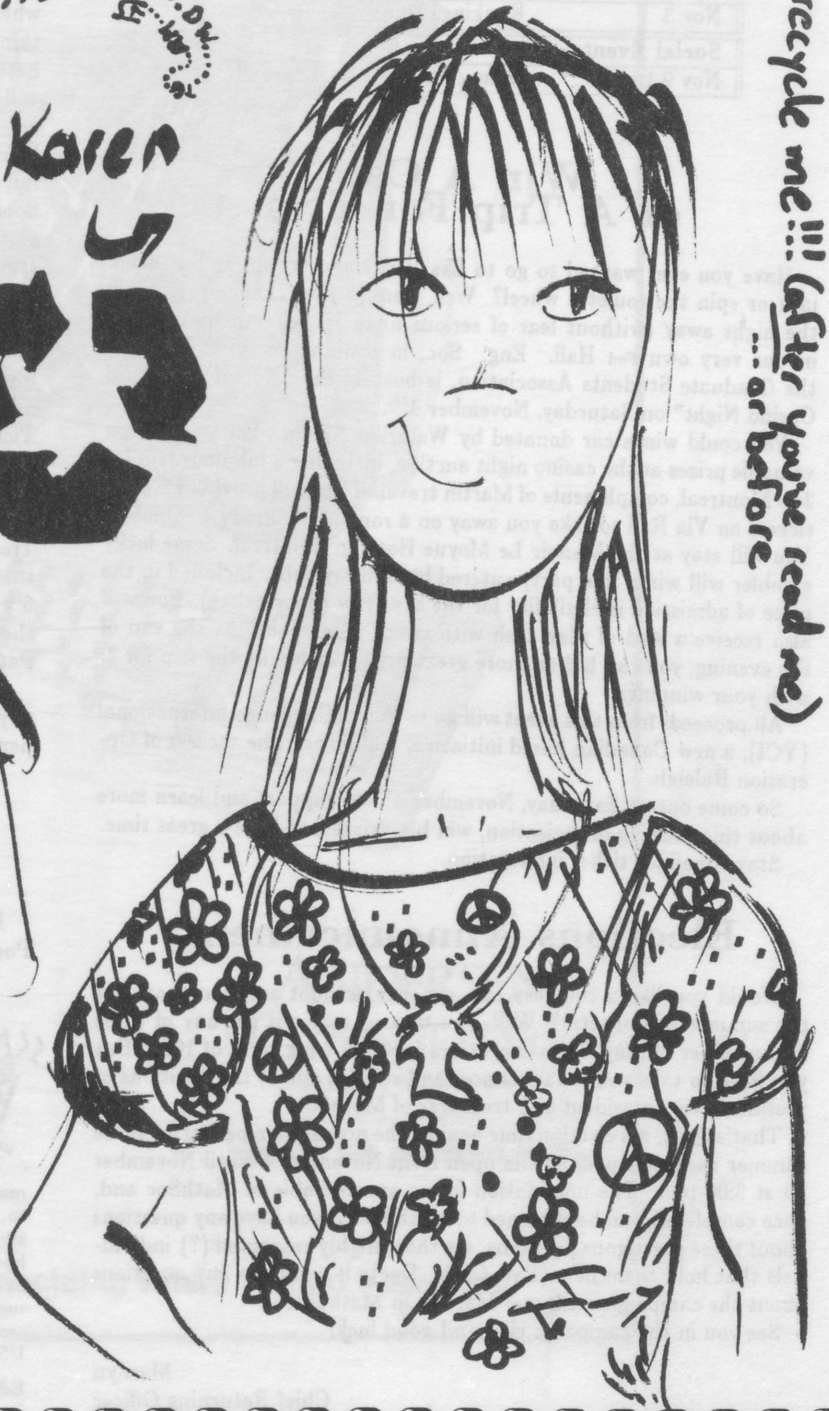
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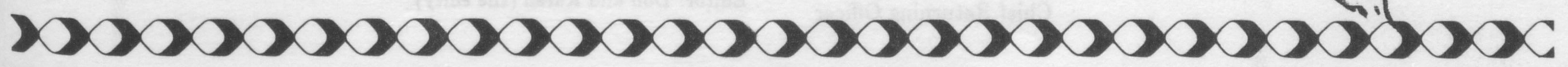
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recycle me!!! (after you've read me)  
...or before



Not to scale:  
in actual fact  
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times larger than Karen



## LookAhead

<b>mathNEWS</b>	
Nov 13	Issue #6 production night
Nov 17	Issue #6 hits the stands
<b>Cinema Gratis</b> CC at 9:30 pm	
Nov 7	Spinnolio The Final Conflict
Nov 14	News Parade of the Year 1939 The Neverending Story
<b>Fed Flicks</b> AL116 at 7 and 9 pm	
Nov 3,4,5	Cocktail
Nov 10,11,12	Frantic
Nov 17,18,19	Dirty Rotten Scoundrels
<b>Co-op</b>	
Nov 3	Rankings Due
<b>Social Events</b>	
Nov 9,10,11	Homecoming — Be There !!!

## Win A Car or A Trip For Two

Have you ever wanted to go to Las Vegas and try a hand of black jack or spin the roulette wheel? Well, here is your chance to gamble the night away (without fear of serious financial repercussions) right in our very own Fed Hall. Eng. Soc, in conjunction with E.S. and the Graduate Students Association, is hosting the "Round-the-World Casino Night" on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

You could win a car donated by Waterloo Nissan. You can bid on valuable prizes at the casino night auction, including a fabulous trip for 2 to Montreal, compliments of Martin travel. They will provide 1<sup>st</sup> class tickets on Via Rail to take you away on a romantic journey to Quebec. You will stay at the Manoir Le Moyne Hotel in Montreal. Some lucky gambler will win a free party catered by Subway subs. Included in the price of admission is eligibility for the car draw (door prizes). You will also receive a wad of play cash with which to gamble. At the end of the evening, you can bid on more great prizes, including the trip for 2, with your winnings.

All proceeds from this event will go to Youth Challenge International (YCI), a new Canadian based initiative, building on the success of Operation Raleigh.

So come out on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> to support and learn more about this exciting organisation, win big prizes and have a great time. Stay tuned for ticket information.

## Elections Announcement

Would you like a courtesy car, expense account and car phone for the summer school term? Well, you may or may not get any of these as a member of MathSoc's executives for the spring term of 1990. But you have to take your chances now and run for one of the positions of president, vice-president and treasurer of MathSoc.

That's right, it's election time again. The nomination period for these summer executive positions is open from November 6 until November 10 at 3:00 p.m. The nomination forms are available in MathSoc and, once completed, can be returned to MathSoc. If you have any questions about these prestigious positions, see those highly respected (?) individuals that hold them now (Pat, Craig, Dee). If you have any questions about the campaigns, ask me, Marilyn in MathSoc.

See you in the campaign ring and good luck!

Marilyn  
Chief Returning Officer

## Soc Toc

Howdy again, y'all. Midterms are just over, finally we all get some relaxation time where we don't have to worry about things at least for a few days and what happens... The FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE is posted! Oh my God, what a way to bring us back to reality. Well, I suppose there is a bright side: Christmas is almost here after all. Speaking of midterms being completed, you know those exams you got from MathSoc? The ones that helped you pass? Why not bring some of your midterms to the MathSoc office so we can add them to our exam files. Midterms from 1989 are much better than ones from 1979!!

On to social news. The Detroit Lions football game didn't go over very well, in fact we didn't go at all. Perhaps Detroit was a bit far for some people to go to see a football team lose. To the 6 people who did buy tickets, thanks for coming out. On Friday November 3 (today) MathSoc is holding a Scavenger Hunt. Remember your orientation days when you stayed up all night and drove all over the place to get stupid things that were on some list? Get ready to do it again and have an even better time. See ya there. Thursday November 16 MathSoc and MGC will hold a Frosh "Yes YOU can make it through exams" seminar. Come out and talk to some upper year students who have been through it all before about what exams are really like. We won't guarantee you'll pass but we'll give you the confidence to try. Look for signs around the 3rd floor regarding this in the near future. Homecoming this year promises to be awesome. Events include an air band challenge, a Volkswagen stuffing contest, a Pop-A-Shot tournament, a 4 person beach volleyball tournament, and of course a 12,000 square foot tent!

November 24 is the date of the first ever Math Christmas Semi-Formal. This event will be held at the University Club, Fri., Nov. 24 from 6:00 pm to 1:00 am. Tickets will be \$20 per person which includes dinner (appetizer, main course, and dessert) and dancing afterwards. Tickets will go on sale Monday, Nov. 13. Look for the footprints this time. Finally, our End of Term party will be at The Bombshelter. More about this in the next issue of mathNEWS.

Anyone out there aspiring to become President, Vice President or Treasurer of the Math Society? Here's your chance. Nominations for these positions for the Summer '90 term will open on Monday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> and close on Friday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions about these positions, please come into the Math Society office and talk to Pat, Craig or Dee. We'll be glad to fill you in.

If any of you have been wondering whether we are going to be selling any new novelties this term: Yes!!! Long sleeve T-shirts and mechanical pencils are on the way. Be patient and save some money!

Talk to you in a couple of weeks  
Pat Szwyrolo, President (yes I wrote this one)  
Craig Cudmore, Vice President  
Dee Vint, Treasurer

P.S. Next MathSoc Meeting, Wed. November 8.  
Poets Pub or The Grad House

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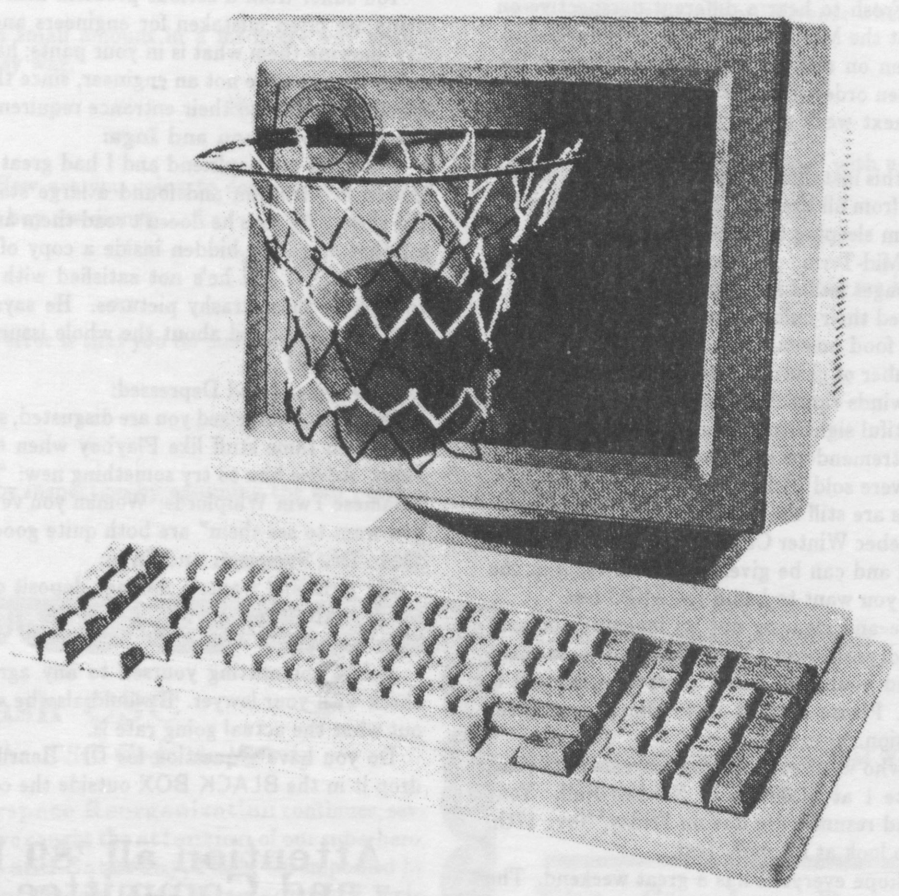
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**Companies are finding  
some innovative ways to  
use computers.**



**Wine and Cheese  
For  
Graduating Students  
Wednesday November 8  
7:00 P.M.  
University Club.**



**Where we go from here.™**

**For those of you who may be deciding where you go from here.**

## Grad News

I am at a loss for words and I don't know how to begin this article. I would like to thank everyone who, over the term, has been involved with the Math Grad Committee. Your involvement is dependent on you (really!), any amount of time you can give will make our final year at U(W) even better.

The Class Photo has arrived from our 'partner' Claude. For those who do not want to wait till Convocation (i.e. Yearbook) to have a copy, you can buy a reprint at cost.

Size	Price
5" x 7"	\$ 5.00
8" x 10"	\$ 8.00
11" x 14"	\$ 10.00

We are still in need of someone who would be interested in organizing an Information Night for the Frosh to hear a different perspective on life at U(W). Drop off a note at the MGC office if you are interested.

Grad Rugby shirts have been on sale all this week in front of the C&D. The Grad Rings have been ordered and will arrive in two weeks. Raffle tickets will be on sale next week and if you want to help out, contact Stephanie McCaw.

I hope all the Grads reading this installment have big dark bags under their eyes and have the pasties from all the partying they did last night. However, the possibility of them sleeping through today also exists.

Here is the Mid-Term report continued:

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|-------------|--|
| Hot Dog Day | - all the sausages and dogs were sold      |
|             | - grads showed their culinary expertise    |
|             | - no cases of food poisoning were reported |
| Class Photo | - record number of grads in attendance     |
|             | - gale force winds ripped the banners      |
|             | - some beautiful sights were observed      |
| Pizza Days  | - both were tremendous successes           |
|             | - 450 slices were sold within hours        |
|             | - new servers are still needed             |

Another reminder of the Quebec Winter Carnival trip in early February. A \$50 deposit is required and can be given to Pat Szwyrlo in the MathSoc office. Mention that you want to be on the MGC bus.

MGC is having a giant sale and clearing out its inventory of past MGC buttons, grad shirts and yearbooks. This event will take place during Homecoming. We need your help, since everything we sell is profit that goes to the MGB. Please contact Dave Douglas or Peter Littlefield for further information.

To all graduating students who want to start their careers next year, you can pick up the Graduate 1 at 11:00 am in Needles Hall. Your ACCIS forms, cover letters and resumes are due on Friday, Nov. 17th. The real world is beginning to look at lot more real.

That's all for now folks. I hope everyone has a great weekend. The next MGC meeting is Tues., Nov. 7th at 11:30 am.

Emil Mlinarevich  
MGC CEO

*Your Future Awaits...*

### M.B.A. Wilfrid Laurier University

is hosting an

### Information Session

on  
Wednesday, November 8, 1989  
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

MC 5158

*Refreshments will be served*

Or contact: Gail Forsyth  
Coordinator/Counsellor  
M.B.A. Program, WLU  
884-1950, Ext. 2142

## Dr. Henrik Svensson and Inga

*The famous Swedish sexologists discuss your problems in front of the entire university population*

### Dear Dr. Henrik Svensson and Inga:

I am a third year math student taking CS EEE. My problem is that whenever I meet chicks and they ask me what program I'm in, I tell them I'm in CS. Somehow, they figure out I'm in CS EEE, and naturally assume I'm a queer. Most of the babes I met under these circumstances are artsies, which would explain their ignorance. I want sex, but I can't seem to be able to get it with females because of my program. Should I wear a sign saying "No, I'm not an engiqueer"? Please help me.-DICK IN WAITING

Dear Dick in Waiting:

You suffer from a serious problem indeed. Many fine CS EEE students are often mistaken for engineers and spend many nights alone. Try showing them what is in your pants; having anything at all presupposes that you are not an engineer, since the engineering faculty added ritual castration to their entrance requirements just a few years ago.

### Dear Dr. Svensson and Inga:

I thought my boyfriend and I had great relationship until I recently moved in with him and found a large stack of Playboy magazines in the closet. He says he doesn't read them anymore, but recently I found another magazine hidden inside a copy of McLean's. What am I doing wrong? I feel he's not satisfied with our sex life since he needs to look at those trashy pictures. He says I'm being narrow-minded, but I feel disgusted about the whole issue. Help!-DISGUSTED AND DEPRESSED

Dear Disgusted and Depressed:

We are not surprised you are disgusted, seeing your boyfriend wasting money on tame stuff like Playboy when there is real pornography to enjoy. Advise him to try something new: "Huge Humping Sheilas" and "Siamese Twin Whiplords: Women you've never seen before in the way you want to see them" are both quite good.

### Dear Dr. Svensson and Inga:

My girlfriend wants a damage deposit of \$500. Do I have to give it to her?-ANGRY

Dear Angry:

Before committing yourself to any agreement, you might want to check with your lawyer. It would also be wise to shop around and find out what the actual going rate is.

Do you have a question for Dr. Henrik Svensson and Inga? If so, drop it in the BLACK BOX outside the comfy lounge.

## Attention all '89 Math Frosh and Committee Members

Remember just a short time ago when you were dancing the night away at Bingeman ... and the 'Jungle Madness' at SCH ... doing lots of \_\_\_\_\_ at MMT ... and staying up ALL night for Scavenger Hunt? Well, if you don't remember (and you're not alone) - you get a second chance to experience all this fun. When? On Wednesday Nov. 8 starting at 8:30 pm, join us at South Campus Hall for a Big Brother/Sister and Frosh Reunion. Remember to bring your PINK TIE and be ready to party!

A special note to all Committee Members - please be sure to pick up an important announcement in MathSoc before Tues. Nov. 7. It pertains to the aforementioned event so don't forget!

Also, a message for those who ordered reprints from the orientation pictures - they are now ready and available for pickup in the MathSoc office.

Don't forget! — Nov. 8, 8:30 pm SCH

BE THERE or BE KEEN  
Shelly Ruth  
Math Orientation '89

## Prof Quotes

*What the Prof shouldn't have said*

Submit those ProfQuotes into the *mathNEWS* BLACK BOX on the third floor of the MC.

"How can anyone get 6 out of 72 on the calculus midterm? What's that? Wait 'til I see the algebra results?"

Davidson, Math 135

"That word is "repeatedly". Sorry, I've got discontinuous chalk."

Zorzitto, Math 147

"It's better to teach you a small amount in a mediocre way than a large amount in a really lousy way."

Hoffman PMath 467

"But that's not a proof! How are you going to convince me so that I'm happy? Well, you could buy me dinner . . ."

Vanstone C&O 230

"The trouble with trial and error is that you do more error than trial."

Welch Stats 430

"We could just prove this by inspection by assuming the full body of mathematical knowledge."

Lastman Math 230B

"If you use a trick twice, it's a method!"

Zorzitto Math 147

"I brought along a little coffee for your amusement. Later on, I'll spill it all over myself and then I'll probably swallow it the wrong way and blow it out my nose."

Clarke CS 452

"It's nice that there's a difference when I pet my dog than when I pet my wife".

Eastman Phys 121

"What's a simple 4-letter word with no repeating letters?"

Cherry Stat 220

"I can't help it, everything about me is small . . . except one thing!"

Ansong Acc 371

"The other section applauded."

Ebergen CS 360

"Like they say, roll your own."

Beatty CS 354

"I could easily prove it . . . someday."

Zorzitto Math 147

"Now boys and girls, let's play Test Your Intuition!"

Pulleyblank C&O 350

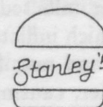
## Flash CSC

*Approved by the CSC Code Authority*

As the Great CSC Floorspace Reorganization continues, several other great events have caught the attention of our superhero, Flash CSC. This Friday and Saturday, Flash, accompanied by Jacques Carette, Kevin Greer, Alex Nicolaou and Eric Veach, with backups David Gibbs and Pete Hallam, will go to Dayton, Ohio to compete in the ACM Scholastic Programming Contest. Best of luck, guys. Returning in a Flash (or actually a rented van), he will return just in time to catch the 3B CS Info Night on Monday, November 6 at 7:00 in a room the number of which is unavailable as of press time. Then, as our copywriter continues to emphasise every other word, mighty Flash will pore over his Othello programme that he has entered into the Sixth Annual CSC Othello Programming Contest on November 18. Should you want to enter this AMAZING!!! contest and pit your very own programme against Flash's, it will cost you \$4 (\$7 for non-members). All information about the contest is available on request at the CSC Office in MC3037/6, where anyone will be more than happy to make you a member for the cost of \$2. And after all this is done, Terry and Trevor will bring you the next phase in the CSC Floorspace Reorganization Saga as they attempt once and for all to figure out how to fit all those #\$(%(\*@& computers into our extremely cramped office.

The Flash

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*in which we learn the truth of the matter, and Eeyore tells us a pome (not poem, proofreaders, pome) (so leave it as pome this time) (don't change it to poem, or mope, or peomies, or something like that) (i wrote it as pome, i want it printed as pome) (ok?) (ok)*

Ed: Ok. I get the message! So. I haven't read Pooh in some time

our fair campus was under  
the power of a most evil magician  
and i  
sgt jo  
was on the trail

i'd tried at the bookstore  
to find the great mage  
but only  
there found  
a lying mage slave

he'd said right to me  
the spell would be lifted  
but still  
everyone

was wandering around, imitating their special favorite movie star or character or some such thing, inflicted as they were with the dreaded movie disease, which inflicts itself in the nervous system of an individual, and manifests itself in the form of a psychological disorder, causing the victim to become extremely susceptible to suggestion in the form of the popular entertainment media known as 'cinema' or 'film', such that the victim will, at slight provocation, begin to act out scenes from any of a multitude of genres, thereby being fairly unpredictable in nature, as any person may or may not enjoy a variety of genres and may or may not flip back and forth between them, going, say, from Jason to Maria at the bat of an eye

anyway, to continue  
i and my young friend  
who thought  
you see  
that she was Dorothy



were wandering off again  
in search of the source  
of the  
evil  
disease thingy  
then, lo and behold  
Dorothy wast not there  
she had  
gone off  
after her duck toto, who was, at that point, flying rapidly off  
in the direction of VII, the winter type habitat of Waterloo  
type ducks



so i was alone once again  
on my quest for the wizard  
i wandered  
and wandered  
and then it struck me

where was the movie center of campus?  
whence could enough power be gleaned  
to spread  
a mind plague  
all over the campus?

why, the campus center, of course  
the heart of the school  
where movies  
and games  
and magazines, and other neat stuff can be had for the price  
of a song or a student card, whichever is handier, although  
actually a student card is preferable, actually mandatory,  
so skip the song altogether

but alack and alas and woe  
for the great CC was also home to  
ick, and ack  
ugh, and glug  
the great student newspaper, the dimprint  
i'd been there before, could i risk it again?  
my sanity weighed against the future of campus  
and lost  
of course  
having not one anyway

bravely i entered, avoiding room 130  
and strode to the turnkeys to inquire  
if in  
their lists

they had a number and location for someone under the name  
wizard, or mage, or sage, or some such thing like that, who  
may know something about the plague of bad parodies  
currently rampaging over campus

they looked at me  
i looked at them  
they sized up me  
i sized up them  
they captured me  
and i knew i now knew  
just who  
did do  
the dastardly deed  
but i couldn't escape. . .



- there are no questions this week, because

# Masthead Masthead Masthead Masthead Masthead Masthead

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Well, here we are folks, for yet another issue. We didn't get quite the rapid influx of people we had for the past few issues, and therefore managed to get by on two large pizzas. Almost. Although some people are catching on to half the edit's habit of ordering wyrd things on pizza to ensure she gets more because nobody else will eat it...

Anyway, we had a couple costumes show up. Although we're not sure if Vistlik the Romulan actually was in costume... And people did get free pizza, as promised, although they would get that anyway just for showing up.

And it came to pass that people preferred to write midterms than come type in articles and write stuff, but that's okay, because we don't want Rick, our old editor who we still like a heck of a lot, to flunk out of university. It wouldn't be, you know, fun.

So we let him go write his midterm.

And we hope he did well.

Also in the news, we accidentally and not on purpose printed stuff that was slightly plagiarized in the last issue without realizing it. Apparently the bits of the Oxford Dictionary find their source in something called the Alien's Dictionary, recently published. We would like to apologize for this transgression, say that it will not, to the best of our knowledge and abilities, happen again, and explain that we didn't realize what the actual source was.

Anyway, on to other stuff. Again, natchery, we had computer type problems due to the switch to another system thingy and so, we gather, there we problem things. Hopefully as we write this things will straighten themselves out and we will all rejoice in the streets, etc, etc, etc.

Would you like to know who came out to help this week? We would. We spend a lot of production night glued to the computer screen and are vaguely aware of various people milling about. Anyway, here they are, with their favourite letters: David Nuttall (Ω), Peter Zettler ("Y"), Mike Reade ("Y"), Jim Sankey (A), Tina Klein, B. Math ('M' like M&M), Rick McTavish ("Dear Rick, ..."), Trevor Green (φ), Karen Smith (W, as in Wanda, Waterloo, Wildberry, Wet, Wacky, and Wuv), John Thoms ("Dear John, ..."), David Gibbs ("Perfumed"), David Weil (N), Miroslaw Kuc (ξ), Don Marks (one that is SWAKed), Kevin Santososso (silent qgh), Rob Del Mundo (The one L.M. mailed me), Lori Boongaardt (anything with a bed in it), Stephen Sproule ("S" — it has a familiar ring to it), David Laumer (!), Stephen Smith (butter-nut squash), Vistlik (I don't think  $\LaTeX$  has fonts for the Romulan alphabet).

Lessee, wot else...

Well, we'd like to thank Marion and Graphics Services for the terrific job they do every week. So we will. Thanks Marion and Graphics Services!

And thanks to Little Caesar's pizza for the pizza, which was, how do you say, nifty.

And we guess that will be all for now, so we'll end now.

Farewell til next issue, may the wind be at your backs and the sun warm upon your face, and may midterms pass and you pass midterms.

M. Krash'n Smank, Editor (it's like, an anagram)

## Ultra Classifieds

Ranch Hand: Of course not. I'll hire you to do that so I'll have time to take Soc. Imp.

Popcorn

Hey Ranch Hand! I don't know if I want to hire you. I mean, if I have to solve your graphics problems for you...

Popcorn

HP.9000.LOVECRAFT: Rest ye not easily upon thine recent "victory" in Mirak Actul, for Iuz hath forged his Gambet and moves tonight.

Lady Istus

All's fair in love and mid-terms.

A certain CS 241 prof.

A new TV show called Mr. BellvaCurve is coming to a CS 354 class near you.

Dee, we need king size cups of coffee for the C&D in order for us to survive these 8:30 classes and all those boring profs.

NOTICE: New recycling Program

The Waterloo Self Interest Research Group has announced a new method for recycling used condoms. Just turn them inside out and shake the f\*\*k out of them.

Number 11 on the Top 10  
11 Dave C.

unanimous

## Do you know what you're doing after graduation?

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on

Tuesday November 14, 1989

from

3:30-4:30

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## Sergeant Prescott

*Tales from Up Over*

This is Sergeant Prescott.

I was sitting in my lonely log cabin on the sixth floor of Mathie Headquarters, when I heard a ding-dong at the door. "Come in, Chief!" I said. As the door opened, I perceptively noted that the three-hundred-pound thug standing there with an Uzi wasn't Chief, and I proceeded to take action.

"You're not Chief!" I exclaimed.

"Very perceptively of you," he commented.

When I regained consciousness, I found myself gagged, bound and stamped, and stuffed in the MathSoc Off-Campus Mail slot. I could hear the voices of several people in the room, but I didn't recognize any of them. I yelled out, "Help! I'm stuck in the mail slot!" But it came out as "Mmmm! mmm mmmmmmmmmmm mm mmm mmmmmmm!" and, needless to say, nobody heard it over the music. I was getting desperate at this point, so I bit a passing office worker in the thigh.

She misunderstood.

Ten minutes later, I managed to convey to her that I wasn't interested in anything but apprehending the anonymous abductor, and she ungagged-and-bound, etc., me. After regretfully saying farewell, I left the office and was again assaulted, this time by a man with a shock of red hair.

"Hi there! Would you like to become a member of the Computer Science Club?"

"No!" I responded tactfully, turned on my heel and left.

I eventually found my way back to my cabin, which by this time was swarming with Campus Cops, one of whom turned to me. "What happened?" he asked.

"If you don't know, why are you here?" I retorted.

"We received an anonymous phone call saying there were free doughnuts here. We got here right away."

I patiently explained what had occurred over the past interval of time, to which he replied, "While we were waiting for the doughnuts, we searched your office because we had nothing better to do, and we found... this." He handed me a piece of paper which I had been using as a bookmark.

It was at this point that I noticed a handwritten note on the top of my otherwise pristine desk. "What's that?" I asked, pointing at it.

"Oh, we thought that was just a note."

A note it was, but not just a note: this was obviously a note left by the heinous hijacker! All that was written on the scrap were the three letters "E.L.H."

This must be a clue, I thought. E. L. H. Hmmm... It must be an abbreviation. Every last hour? Hour. Clocks. Cuckoo clock. Canary. Canary Islands. Spain. Matadors. Bull. Engineer.

Of course! The puerile perpetrators must be hiding out in the Engineering Lecture Hall!

After clearing everybody out of my office, I went underground, staying out of the light until I reached the ELH. As I entered, the door behind me closed with an ominous click.

"Smile! You're on candid camera!" a voice yelled out. Turning around, I notice my erstwhile evacuee approaching at about 45 km/h.

But this time, I had my wits about me. "Not so fast!" I yelled. "You're exceeding the University speed limit!!" I got on my secret Lapel-Phone<sup>TM</sup> to the Campus Cops. "Quick! There are free doughnuts at the Engineering Lecture Hall! And, uh, bring your radar gun."

Before the rapid rapsallion could reach me, he was confronted by a wall of ten uniformed officers. I'd managed to foil my no-good nemesis this time, but the look in his eyes as they dragged him away told me that we'd meet again.

And I still didn't know who he was.

Sergeant Prescott of the Saskatchewan

## An Electrifying Movie

*A Review of Shocker*

After taking a lengthy absence from the KW theatres so that I could study for midterms (even though it didn't help) and attempt to finish those never ending CS assignments, I'm back with a vengeance haunting the theatres. After finishing your last midterm, what type of movie do you see? A horror flick so I can pretend that my professors are the ones getting brutally murdered. Also, this is our almost Halloween Production night, so the movie seemed appropriate.

What do you get when you cross The Nightmare on Elm Street series with The Hidden? Unfortunately, Wes Craven's movie Shocker. The movie is basically comprised of two parts with the first part focussing on the police trying to capture a mysterious killer; whereas, the second part occurs after the killer is executed but comes back to life seeking revenge.

The movie opens by displaying a series of TVs as they show such pictures concerning death as a field of skulls and bombs exploding. The screen changes to show a news report on a mysterious killer who is stalking the town of Maryville. After hitting a football goal post, Johnathan Parker (Peter Berg), gains the ability to actually see the killer, Horace Pinker (Mitch Pillegi), murder people in his dreams. Johnathan informs his father, Lt. Parker (Micheal Murphy) of his dreams and after several more murders, including four police officers, the police finally capture Horace. The audience is also introduced to Alison (Cami Cooper), Johnathan's love interest. Unfortunately, she is killed too soon in the movie to make the love between the two believable. However, Alison's ghost does appear periodically through out the movie to help the man she loves.

The second part starts after Horace is executed by the electric chair. Instead of dying like a normal person, Horace lives long enough to transfer himself into a doctor's body. When Horace uses up the energy of a person's body, he quickly transfers to another body. No matter what body Horace is in, he's trying to kill Johnathan. This switching baffles Johnathan since he doesn't know who will try to kill him next. These scenes adds some suspense because in some cases the audience, like Johnathan, doesn't know which body Horace is using. This part also contains some stupid scenes. For example, a cop who is dragging one leg almost outruns a football player, a six year old drives a bulldozer, and a cop constantly misses shots at Johnathan when he's standing still but can hit a jogger in one shot.

The best part of the movie is Horace. Wes Craven successfully highlights Horace's evil qualities from the flashing pictures to the animal sacrifices. In addition, Pillegi's acting makes Horace even more sinister. Both Peter Berg and Micheal Murphy are okay in the movie, but they're easily overshadowed by Pillegi.

Wes Craven successfully brings suspense and action to the movie. In addition, some of the scenes contain some very good special effects, bringing the movie to life. However, the biggest problem with the movie is Wes Craven's script. The script is full of clichés and for the most part it is predictable. Almost every element of the movie seems to have been taken from other movies. In fact, for awhile I thought I was watching another installment of The Nightmare on Elm Street series with Horace replacing Freddy. Some of the scenes are sooooo bad that the audience was yelling at the movie (as if the characters listened). The ending is somewhat original only because it seemed to have set a new low for bad scenes. Instead of killing Johnathan, I think Horace should have killed Craven for writing this script.

The flaws in the script were subtle and almost tolerable in the first section of the movie, thanks to Horace and some good, suspenseful scenes coupled with some good special effects. However, the script's flaws dominated the second part, with only a few good scenes. As a result, I give Shocker a 4 out of 10.

Dr. Movies



## Vapid Fire

- This week Justice Minister Dougy Lewis announced that the federal government is thinking about giving provinces and municipalities a cut of the money and property seized from drug traffickers. An unidentified MPP commented this week "... this deal sucks. Forget the property, we want like you know a cut of the drugs, dude. Peterson's speeches seem more interesting after like doing a line of coke or like smoking a joint. Like wow man, does anybody have any hash?"
- The controversy surrounding university sponsored panty raids still plagues WLU. However, the controversy has hit UW. Apparently, WLU and UW administrations sponsored the panty raids. UW president Dougy Right commented "... after we were forced to remove the Oktoberfest beauty pageant from campus, we had to get our cheap thrills somewhere."
- After receiving a 24 year sentence, Jim Bakker was once again on TV threatening that if people don't send him five million dollars a year for Tammy to continue her lifestyle, he will be on TV again preaching from prison. Surprisingly, the threat is working as over three million dollars have been collected for what has been deemed the "Keep Jim Off TV" fund. Rumours exist that Jim will conduct church services at the prison, but instead of money he will ask for nude photos of Jessica Hahn as donations.
- As the administration puts search lights on the roofs of several houses in V1, university officials have confirmed the rumour that they are turning V1 into a prison, tentatively called University of Waterloo Correctional House. Villagers will be constantly watched as they mingle in the pen and while they are en route to eat food. The penalty for inappropriate behaviour is one year solitary confinement in Food Services Kitchen, while eating nothing but left-over village meals. Officials believe that this new regime will work better than the fine system.
- A proposal has been made to attempt to alleviate the tension sparked by Imprint's use of certain symbol in their record reviews. An excerpt from the proposal states that Imprint should "... stop the reviews altogether. No one has ever heard of these bands and so no one would know the difference if the reviews were gone anyway."
- In a related incident, the same proposal attempts to shed some light on to Imprint's content of controversial issues such as alcohol abuse, abortion and the like. The proposal suggests "stop printing the paper altogether. Everyone knows it's the world's number one bird cage liner, so no one would know the difference if the paper disappeared anyway (except some parakeet owners)."
- It was concluded by astronomers with credits in SCI 238 that an unusual planetary alignment was the cause of bizarre events this past month, the most notable being the Warriors' four game winning streak. Asked about the cause of Waterloo's 49-7 thrashing at the hands of Western in the semi-finals. A representative quoted "I don't know. Those darn Americans screwed everything up by shifting a heavy nuclear-powered body up that way, some 'Galileo or something'."

The Procrastinator  
Mediaeval Gladiator

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## Students Preserving Our Trees

Have you ever wondered how many trees we kill per day? We at SPOT have realized that UW is wasting too much paper and therefore they are condoning the unnecessary killing of trees. SPOT researchers have found that the most amount of tree killing is a result of those nasty CS assignments.

Our researchers have found that there are many CS geeks who print everything since the sound of the printer turns them on. There are also other people who print multiple copies of programs for fear that MFCF will erase their directory as they constantly shuffle the accounts around. After months of careful research, SPOT has put forward the following guidelines for CS assignments:

- Do not document your programs. Do you think the TAs really read documentation? I think not. Documentation only lengthens your programs, wasting more paper. Anyways documentation was really a plot by CS profs to torment students.
- Output should never be longer than the program itself. Why should we hand in 20 pages of output for a 5 page program? Remember, we're suppose to hand in CS assignments, not novels. We unnecessarily kill poor, defenceless trees by handing in long, redundant output.
- Put more than one statement on a line. Sure, it will frustrate the TAs, but after all they're getting paid to mark our assignments. By putting 2 statements per line, the program's length is halved and therefore we kill only half as many trees.

We would appreciate your cooperation with following our guidelines. If this situation persists, SPOT may have to declare a boycott on CS assignments, but we hope we don't have to use such drastic actions.

Environmentalists Anonymous

## I'm gonna be (1200 baud)

(With apologies to the Proclaimers)

When I dial up, yeah I know I'm gonna be  
I'm gonna be the port that hooks up next to you  
When I call out, yeah I know I'm gonna be  
I'm gonna be the PC plugged in next to you  
If I login, yes I know I'm gonna be  
I'm gonna be the user coding next to you  
And if I compile, yeah I know now that I'll be  
I'll be using the compiler next to you

My modem has 1200 baud  
My modem has 1200 more  
I access 2400 baud  
Just to hook up through your bedroom floor

When I'm sorting yes I know I'm gonna be  
I'm gonna be the user bubbling next to you  
And when the virus invades all the work you do  
I'm gonna be the condom smiling next to you  
When I logout, yeah I know I'm gonna be  
I'm gonna be the modem turned off without you

And if I shut down well I know I'm gonna be  
I'm gonna be on my Nintendo without you  
When I'm lonely yeah you know I'm gonna be  
I'm gonna be the squid whose keening without you  
When I'm dreaming yes I know I'm gonna dream  
I'm gonna dream about the hook-up next to you

Dr. T. Squid, B.Math

## Dr. Squid Brings You Culture

*With Karen's Permission (heh, heh, heh)*

On Thursday, October 26, Dr. Squid wrote her last midterm. (YEAHHHH!!!) It was on that very same day that she decided to come out of hibernation. Goodbye, Mr. Library.

On the way home from that very same midterm, several posters caught my eye. And now, privileged readers, it is Dr. Squid's pleasure to treat you to some culture.

I managed to pick up one half-price ticket to the performance by the Danny Grossman Dance Company. They appeared at the Humanities theatre in Hagey Hall on the night of October 26<sup>th</sup>.

The company has toured virtually every region in Canada and is perhaps best known for its annual performance at Toronto's Harbourfront Premiere Dance Theatre. Works by Mr. Grossman have managed their way into the repertoires of such groups as the National Ballet of Canada and the Paris Opera Ballet, to name just a few.

I believe that the works I saw that night go beyond classical ballet and might perhaps be classified as ultra-modern dance. I can't say that I've ever seen an group quite like theirs before and was both intrigued and captivated by all six pieces that the dance troupe presented.

The first piece, entitled 'Scherzi' was a delightful introduction. Three dancers mimicked clowns. The audience giggled all the way through it.

A second work was inspired by the paintings of Mark Chagall. Danny Grossman alone appeared as 'The Equilibrist' for the third dance. He maintained an entrancing equilibrium between his restrained dark side and a more spirited turquoise half.

I was particularly drawn into the fourth piece, 'Ces Plaisirs'. It was like I had left the office for a coffee break at Central Park (even though I've never been to, or worked in New York City.) There were men in business suits, one man in a trench coat, and also potential wood nymphs representing the female element. And then the strangest things began happening... The suited men were suddenly firmly rooted trees. The flasher dropped his trousers while running through these same trees. The fairies became a light breeze rustling through the trees. At times I was completely unaware of the eight human presences that never left the stage!

'Inching', the next piece, was labelled by the program as 'an inventive love duet'. Was the inching done by caterpillars? Grasshoppers? Praying Mantises? I decided that I was watching an unsuccessful (not for lack of trying) mating of grasshoppers. The grasshoppers may not have been successful, but the dancers certainly were. The green spandex unitards and folk music from Zimbabwe certainly helped. I loved it.

The Danny Grossman Group finished up with an inventive 'La Valse'. (Ultra-modern waltzing, I suppose.)

So, squids, still reading? Hmmm????

On October 28<sup>th</sup>, I went to the Theatre of the Arts (that's in the Modern Languages building) to see stuff put on by the Drama department.

I was highly amused by Anne Hoselton's performance in 'Almost Like Being'. Her dressing-woman (played by Craig Mason) was just hilarious. It was a rather short play, probably shorter than the compilation time on your last CS assignment, and made a nice intro to Edward Albee's 'The Zoo Story'.

Peter, the park psycho, was entirely much too convincing. I'd be scared if I found him hovering around my favourite park bench. This was good stuff, squids. Even better than the Maple Lab on a Friday night.

Actually, both actors were good. I did, however, find this play a touch longer than my attention span. It did make a nice change from the Davis library study carousels. I was quite happy to get out.

Well, squids, are any of you still with me? I went to a real live football game, too.

The Warriors had their play-off (YEAHHHH!!!!) game at Western on Saturday, October 28th. Three full buses left ECH and yes, you

guessed it, Dr. Squid was on one of those buses. The cheerleaders sang us camp songs (including ones I never heard at camp like 'All the world loves orgies') on the way to London.

This was also a very interesting experience for me. The Warriors have contributed to my education this term, and I thank them publicly. I am proud to say that I now know what a quarter, a down, and even a touch-down are. I even learned to scream when Waterloo team players sport hump the purple guy (I mean the Western team player) who is running with the ball.

Warrior fans were screaming lots of neat things including 'Stomp the Grapes', 'I smell Polo', 'We built the SkyDome', and the ever-popular 'That's all right, that's okay, you're gonna work for us someday'. A good time was had by all the Waterloo kids in attendance.

I'm not sure that the Western fans enjoyed themselves. They cleared the stands after the game even before their players had cleared the field. (Strange behaviour, considering that they trounced us 49-7.)

I congratulate the Warriors for making it as far as they did. They gave some of us squids a chance to put the apathy in the closet for a while. I also congratulate the Warriors Band for coming up with the nifty 'I saw the Warriors Win' T-shirts'. Does anybody know who Albert is?

Well, I think I'll go back to my term papers now. I hope that you enjoyed this culture break. We now return to regular programming... (Get it?)

Dr. T. Squid, B. Math

## Extra, Extra

*Kampus Kults Exposed*

A press conference was held this week in the CC for Dr. Mia Follower's long awaited announcement. Surprisingly, the entire mathNEWS staff was actually invited to the conference.

"After months of research, I have concluded that mathNEWS is really a cult," stated Follower. "The leaders of the cult, Don and Karen (sometimes referred to as editors) tempt people to join them on Production Nights by offering their victims free pizza. Once the victims are trapped in the MathSoc office, Karen starts torturing them by telling them the important concepts of Anthropology (as if there were any) and stating all the hip things that are going on in the Anthro lounge (sometimes referred to as a closet). Meanwhile, Don asks the victims CS 354 and CS 360 questions with an odd C&O question for good measure while playing recordings of his CKMS broadcast. Once the victims are confused, the leaders brainwash them to bring lots of Oreos and to kidnap Kim Basinger and Mel Gibson for their leaders' pleasure."

"The rest of you think that you're safe from Don and Karen's vices," Follower continues. "No one is safe! mathNEWS is distributed on Fridays at 8:30 when everybody's mind is most vulnerable. Not only do Don and Karen keep pleading for somebody to feed them Oreos, but I also found subliminal messages saying 'Feed us Oreos or else...' on several pages. Even worse, if you read Masthead backwards while wearing 3-D glasses, you will notice Satanic messages. As people are starting to bring Oreos to Production Nights, the leaders are tasting their success and may eventually use their brainwashing techniques on a wider audience by taking over Imprint or Gazette."

Follower concluded the press conference with "... we must stop Don and Karen before they brainwash the entire campus!"

Well folds, you read it fist in mathNEWS (actually, Don and Karen brainwashed me into writing this... please whip me again Karen).

A Brainwashed mathNEWS Staffer

## Wanted

Attention Acturial Science students! If you are interested in becoming part of a national Actuarial Science club, leave a message for Jackie Yang at MathSoc.

## Squiz Number Five

Hello, Waterloo, are your midterms done yet? Well, whether they are or not, here's one set of questions that you have always had fun answering and will continue to enjoy (I should get a job as a used car salesman).

Anyway, down to the nitty-gritty. This week's winner was amazingly... flawless, that's right. Perfect. Ergodle Eggplant and the Silly Rabbit have made their way into history by scoring a perfect 20 out of 20. The first perfect squiz since March 31 of this year (when it was done with a standard 16 question squiz). Congratulations to the winners. The certificate of merit awaits you in MathSoc, MC 3038.

Runners-up are! The Young Revolting Sexual Chocolate Esquires, R.U.S.T. (15), The Chemoids, The Big Red Leaders, Bob Costas, Macgician (14), Dan and Marilyn Quayle, Aristotle (12), Snoogy Woogy, No Sell Out (11), The World's Most Dangerous Band, The Great Sleeve (10), Vistlik the Romulan (8), The Metal Master (7) and The Pedestrian (3).

Thanks to all who submitted a solution for this issue, as well as any other issue. We had a great turn out this week, let's keep it up! Next Deadline is Monday, November 13, 6:30 p.m.

Answers to squiz number four:

- Island of Reil (it's a point in the brain: Others are geographic islands)
- Minnesota North Stars (other three have been the same franchise, relocated)
- Titan (it's a moon of Saturn, others are moons of Jupiter)
- Don and Karen (did not appear on the cover of mathNEWS until this issue)
- Meryl Streep
- Glenn Close
- 'Welcome Back Kotter' (She played Gabe's wife)
- Sigourney Weaver (for 'Gorillas in the Mist' and 'Working Girl')
- Detroit Red Wings
- Frank J. Selke Trophy
- Darryl Sittler
- Paul Henderson (anyone who didn't get this question right can leave the country, now!)
- Bluegrass State
- White
- Edward Greenspan
- 'The Pink Panther'
- 'The Boys of Summer', Don Henley
- 'The Queen is Dead', The Smiths
- 'Debbie Gibson is Pregnant With my Two-headed Love Child', Mojo Nixon and Skid Roper
- 'Comfortably Numb', Pink Floyd (for N.K.)

Squiz Number Five

### Where the heck is it?

Name the Canadian city or town where you'd find the following:

1. A huge statue of a Canada Goose
2. McMahon Stadium
3. Granville Square
4. Acadia University

### Who wrote it?

Given the book, name the author

5. 'Pride and Prejudice'
6. 'Anne of Green Gables'
7. 'Charlotte's Web'
8. 'Heaven and Hell in the NHL'

### Acronyms

What do each of the following acronyms stand for?

9. SONAR
10. LASER
11. DOFASCO
12. NABISCO

### I can't think of a category

So let's just wing it

13. Who created the comic strip 'The Far Side'?
14. What is the common name for your clavicle?
15. Name the Olympic downhill skier who is engaged to Edmonton Oiler's defenceman Kevin Lowe
16. On what structure would you find an engraving of 'The New Colossus', a poem by Emma Lazarus?

Sleek  
the mathNEWS  
(dat's me, dig?)

## Top Ten Personal Hells

10. mathNEWS Friday morning pickup (*We have to get up early*)

9. Brantford work terms

8. CS 372 & CS 374

7. 8:30 classes 5 days a week

6. 6<sup>th</sup> floor of MC

5. MathSoc budget meeting

4. Eating Village Food

3. Needless Hell

2. Pac During Summer Exams

1. IBM

the snark  
Vistlik  
The Wiz  
dag

## Startling Schnook Slaying Solved

*a.k.a. The mathNEWS Mystery Solution*

Don Marks may be hot for Kim Basinger, but Detective Duncne knew that the mathNEWS editor sure as hell wasn't watching '9 1/2 weeks' or 'Batman' in the Bombshelter that night as claimed. The investigator instantly deduced that Don was his man upon reading the bizarre letter scribbled by the long-winded, half-minded, crazy Schnook.

After the words 'The murderer is,' the first letter of each paragraph spells 'Marks.'

Upon conclusion of the investigation, Don confessed. Fearful of the implications of Schnook's research which the latter intended to make public, Don felt threatened, and decided to eliminate his antagonist. After three villagers keeled over on the day of the murder from eating the village turkey and fries, he decided to use the lethal 'food' to see to the end of Schnook.

Don was sentenced to editing mathNEWS for the rest of his life. He pleaded for the chair, but Canada does not utilize capital punishment.

The certificate of merit goes to Vistlik the Romulan, who presented an unusually eloquent, thorough, creative and completely correct solution. (Have you ever considered writing for mathNEWS we need writers!) Come to MathSoc, MC3038 to claim your prize. Honourable mentions go out to The Sea Bandit, Jeff & Ter - the Twins, Arlan Radnelak - inventor of the stealth tricycle, Tyrone - local squire to prince Awyne, and Hercule Poirot. Interesting, yet incorrect solutions came from Bieght (Trubbles)(Sciman), The Great Sleeve, and Young Sherlock Holmes. Also, Bob Costas, in a typically American attitude, submitted an answer but no solution.

Thanks for your solutions Guys/Gals.

The Medieval Gladiator

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