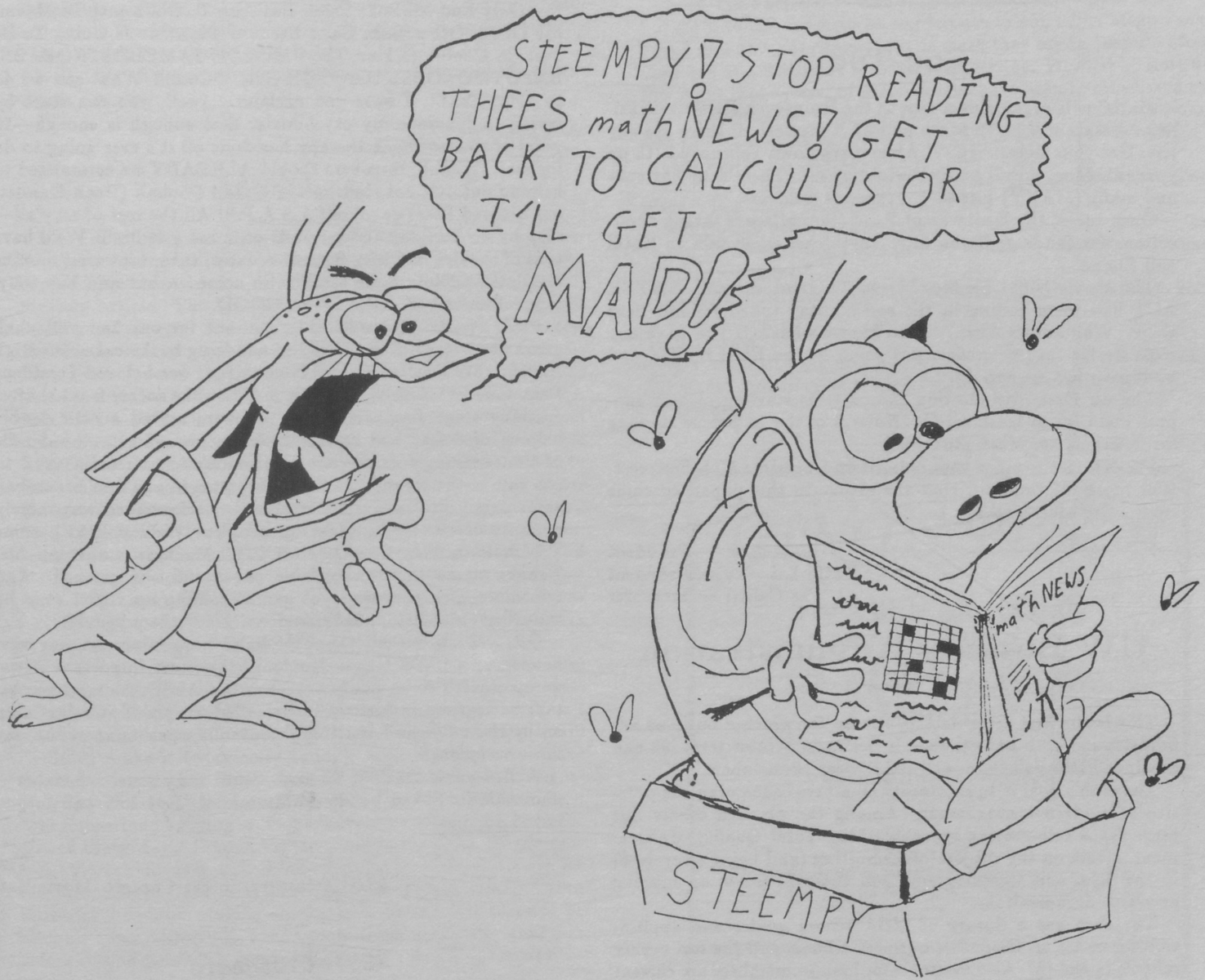


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## Look Ahead

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February 3	Issue #3 writer's night 6:30pm, MathSoc (MC 3038)
February 8	Issue #3 production night 6:30pm, MathSoc (MC 3038)
February 12	Issue #3 hits the stands
<b>Math Faculty</b>	
February 15-19	Reading week
<b>MathSoc</b>	
January 29	Brunswick House trip
<b>Co-op</b>	
February 10	Interviews begin

## Soc Toc

MathSoc is organizing a trip to the Brunswick House this Friday. Tickets will be \$5 Math and \$7 Non-math, if there are any left. Get your tickets NOW! Also, mark down February 27th on your calendar; that'll be Pub Night at Fed. There'll be hot tubs and many (MANY) prizes. Everyone is welcome.

Once again, the Endowment Fund Committee is taking applications for funding; if you have any ideas, come talk to Kathi and Elaine.

The Movie Night on Monday was a great success. SISTER ACT had them rolling in the sofas. Stay tuned for our next show. Who knows when? Who knows what? If you have any requests for future movies, put them in the BLACK BOX and we'll see what we can do.

The Fed Executive election campaign is starting. Come support them (or at least vote!). (Note: 4 of the 16 people running for positions are Math students.)

Don't forget to voice your opinion on a possible MathSoc crest. (For more information, read the article in this paper, or come by the Soc office and ask.)

Elaine Ooi — President  
Kathi Lai — Vice President  
Pat Calitri — Treasurer

## UW Business Administration Club

This is the first term on this stream for which a business administration club has existed. It began in Winter term '92 and continued last Fall term, attracting over 70 members.

The club's goal is to inform its members concerning the practice of modern management. Among the planned events this term are a role-playing game teaching Total Quality Management, a talk on the subject of Recruiting (and being Recruited) in the '90s, and screenings of Tom Peters's videos on running excellent organizations.

The club has a library of MBA school guides and application forms for all Canadian business schools and the top twenty schools in the US. Also available for loan to members are current copies of Canadian Business, Business Week, and the Financial Post.

By the time this is published, we will have had our organizational meeting and shown the first Tom Peters video. We will have consumed refreshments.

Drop by our office, MC 3030, to become a member or just to find out more about our services.

## PMC&OC Weekend Update

*Another mathNEWS, another article.*

The PMC&OC had its first talk of the term last Thursday. Danny Brown gave us an enjoyable, interesting and explicit talk about perimeters, areas and relatively anti-social activities towards jelly-filled doughnuts. We would like to thank Danny for his great talk. Up next? Thursday, Feb. 4... Colin Springer... talking about something interesting. Keep your eyes peeled for signs!!!

*Important and Serious Announcement:* On Tuesday, Feb. 2nd (That's next Tuesday!!), we are proud to present the PMC&OC's First Annual Mammothly Enormously Humongous Bake Sale To Not Only End All Bake Sales, But Also To Obliterate The Memory Of All Other Bake Sales Because This One Is Going To Be Just So Cool!!! (a.k.a. The PMC&OC FAMEHBSTNOEABS-BATOTMOAOSBTOIGTBJSC!!!). "Cool!!! What can we do to help, Tak?" I hear you exclaim... (well, you can start by trying to convince my psychiatrist that enough is enough—10 years of electro-shock therapy has done all it's ever going to do for me...). Well, members should ALREADY be committed to helping out... if not, talk to the Grand Poobah (Dean Gaudet, our beloved Prez) or myself A.S.A.P.!!! All the rest of all y'all—stop by on Tuesday and buy lots of baked goodies!!! We'll have tons of cookies and Rice Krispie squares, cake, brownies, muffins and lots and lots more stuff!!! So come on out and buy, buy, buy!!! Remember—GREED IS GOOD.

PMC Sports Update!!! The turnout for our 2nd volleyball game was overwhelming! And to add icing to the cake, our High And Mighty Exalted Grand Poobah (i.e. our beloved President Dean Gaudet) showed up!!! We're 1-1 on the soccer front—after crushing some Engineers (7-1), we were served a cold double helping of defeat and injury in our second game... the details of that evening's events are too traumatic to recall. And to rub salt in the wound, we fared no better in our first broomball game... but fret not! The weekend's performance was merely a result of our being short on people. We'll still kick some TSA butt on Feb. 26—the PMC&OC Machine is unstoppable! Thanks to all those who came out to all our games!! And remember—we've always got games coming up... just stop by the office (MC 3033, x6139) and check out the schedule!

OR... check out all the PMC&OC happenings on our new newsgroup—UW.PMC!!! Not only the most important newsgroup created since, oh, last week... but ALSO the most important newsgroup in history to be called uw.pmc!!! Or just stop on by the office and visit! We're usually open most of the day most every day!

Well, I guess that's it for now. Until next issue, remember—mmmmm!!! Baked goodies! Mmmm! Buy lots and lots of baked goodies!

Tak  
PMC&OC Treasurer/Soccer Captain/Movie Buff

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## CSC Flash

I don't believe my eyes! The CSC office is actually tidy! The new Exec (Ellen, Tim, Rob, Sam and Peter) seem to have a lot of spunk. Their plans include upgrading their Wyse terminals to X-terms, and getting a new computer. Although the upgrade sounds like the right move, many veteran members of the CSC will be angry.

I too have done my share of improvement for the club. I have brought a precious gift (a couch) from a far off land (Needless Hell) to help with the seating accommodations of the expected 150 members of the CSC this term.

I see everything turned out nicely for the ACM contestants. I knew that those programming wizards wouldn't leave all of the organizing until the last minute. And of course, I am glad that last term's President didn't have to do much. [Sure. Whatever. - Last term's President] Good luck!

Well, I am off to improve our relations with potential computer system donors.

Calum T. Dalek  
Chairbeing

## Masthead

First of all, this term marks mathNEWS's twentieth anniversary term, so we will be periodically reprinting good stuff from earlier issues. In this ish, look for a great photo and a second, mystery article. The first bi-weekly mathNEWS Writers' Night was a great success. All sorts of creative people came out to create this issue and save the editors from a great deal of stress. Their names (and the reasons that they became mathNEWS writers) are: Betty-Jo Hill (I don't think that ever happened?); Joe Hewitt (It's a cover for an ultra-secret Pacifist Terrorism squad); Mike Hammond (Punishment For Sins I'm Not Aware Of); David Vernest (Ada library is locked; what else is there to do?); Chris Beauregard (Shit! I thought it was Imp'tint); Peter Milley (The Queen cancelled on me, so I had some spare time.); Phil Rittenhouse (Partly a sense of Adventure. Partly a humanitarian gesture. But mostly for the fame and the money.); Bill McEachern (I don't know); Mala Krishnan (I'll let you know when I find out); ??? (I never did ...); Monica Rooney (I was forced at gunpoint); Curtis Desjardins (So I could force Monica at gunpoint). Thanks to everyone who came out.

Also, thanks to everyone who showed up for production. The names (and Broken New Year's Resolutions) of these brave souls are: Curtis Desjardins (To never ever make another New Year's Resolution); Arsenyk Ustaris (Didn't make any); Betty-Jo Hill (I didn't make it to aerobics today); Mike Hammond (I came to production night); Brian Spencer (Still haven't grown a goatee); Joe Hewitt (Tried to use the word "vapid" a lot more ...); Eric Sutherland (Flying to Copenhagen for lunch and Paris for dinner every day); Dennis Pejcha (Still haven't cut off my goatee); Monica Rooney (To think of something clever to say for the Masthead); Dale Wick (To stop running the CSC); Caryn Babstock (To stop making snarcasms); Elaine Ooi (To not be bitchy); Peter Milley (To spend more time on myself—that was before second year CS); and Ian Goldberg (To get pIATmN documented).

You may have noticed a certain amount of overlap between these two lists. You may have also noticed that the lists were fairly short. There is one way to fix this problem: COME OUT AND HELP! We'd love to see you and feed you pizza. And thanks, of course, to Marion at Graphics Services.

Christina Caldarelli (I swore I'd get enough sleep)  
Erich Jacoby (not to have anything to do  
with that crazy rag, mathNEWS)

## Mega Fans

Bill Swearski's Mega Fans on WBCM radio.

"Hello my friends and welcome to another edition of Bill Swearski's superfans. I'm Bill Swearski and I want to thank you for sending all those cards to my brother Bob who recently had another heart attack."

"We are coming to you live from Don Cheery's in beautiful downtown Toronto to watch, a certain team, from a certain city, known as:"

"Da Leafss."

"We are waiting in anticipation as the Leafs prepare to annihilate,"

"Da Habss."

"Pass the back bacon and smoked meat sandwiches Bob."

"We take this moment to pay tribute to our fallen Mega Fans. Frank and Jacques cannot join us since they are in hospital after their 5th and 9th heart attacks, respectively. We wish to note at this point that several of our members have been brain washed by certain agencies in believing that Da Habss can beat Da Leafss. But enough lamenting, what do you think the score will be Bill?"

"Da Leafss 10, and Da Habss 0 eh?"

"You guys are insane! That will never happen in a million years," jeer some Montreal fans.

"Obviously, some people have yet to see the light. But, for the two of us Mega Fans, there can be no doubt as to the outcome of tonight's game."

"That's right, Bill, its just a few minutes before Da Leafs kick ass."

"Kick ass."

"Ok, we'll sit back now and watch Da Game, on the beautiful 36" screen provided as always by Don Cheery, as we drink ..."

"Da Beerss."

MacGyver and EvilCoop

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## Act Sci Club

By this time the Brick Brewery tour has happened, and the hangovers (if any) have been forgotten.

Two weeks ago, on a Thursday afternoon, nine Act Sci students piled into a van headed for Quebec City. They were off to the ANEA/ASNA Conference. For those poor souls who was not able to attend, here is a brief summary of the weekend.

Friday afternoon we claimed our cool T-shirts (after Wayne talked us into more Congress tickets because he left ours safely at home) and met students from Laval, U of Montreal and Concordia while playing volleyball or wallyball (volleyball in a racketball court). The evening's speaker described "Actuaries as seen by the Business World," which was basically encouragement to branch into non-traditional fields. (And the simultaneous translation which was offered for most sessions came in handy for the more anglophone of the group.) After playing bingo (which, we hate to admit, actually was fun, and a great review of French numerals), most of us headed out on the town til 3 a.m. or so.

There were seven talks on Saturday, most of them running two at a time (and behind schedule). I attended three.

The session on the entrepreneurial actuary was given by an actuary who owns a company with four partners. He said that there is no recipe for success, but that assets, both tangible (\$) and intangible (reputation, competence, and honesty), are a must.

The financial risks session was led by an actuary from Mercers in Ottawa. This seminar was in English. The speaker outlined approaches to evaluating financial risks. This was the most technical of the talks that I attended.

The last session I attended was about working in the U.S. The presenter was a graduate of Laval and works for Tillinghast in Chicago. He pinpointed which practice areas may hire Canadian actuarial students (depending on experience and exams) and how students can talk themselves into jobs in the States. Based on the questions posed by the audience, a number of Quebec students are actively searching for employment in the U.S.

Before feasting on dinner, we participated in the "actuarial" games of Win, Lose or Dessin or University Feud. Two UW students on exchange at Laval this year deserve special mention as bilingual hosts of one of the Feud games. Saturday night was time to party (of course) at a bar in Old Quebec. Up til 4 a.m. again!

Brunch on Sunday morning was time for farewells before the long drive home. Au revoir, la belle province.

In conclusion, even though I missed seven hours of class, had less than five hours of sleep a night, and spent the next week just barely keeping up with assignments as they came due, I thought the weekend was well worth it.

Some people told me that they couldn't afford to go the ANEA/ANSA Conference this year. In that case I suggest you start saving for next year now so that you don't miss your chance next year. The location for next year's conference has not yet been decided, but it could even be in Waterloo.

Not the Secretary

## VapidFire

mathNEWS has received a report this week of a car on campus bearing a vanity plate reading "VI CHEF". One could assume that this means village 1 chef. But its hard to believe that anyone would admit to it.

EvilCoop

## Improve Your Student Life

The "Endowment Fund Committee" has allocated over \$200 000 for student life projects to be undertaken between the Fall '92 and Summer '94 terms. Such funds have been available for the past 2 academic terms. Here's a sampling of some of the projects which the Committee has agreed to fund:

- The improvement (through renovation and/or purchase of new equipment) of the following student lounges: Math Students Lounge, SciSoc Offices & Student Lounge, Psychology Society Offices and Arts Student Union Lounge
- New lighting along 150 ft. of pathway leading to the Women's Residence of Renison College
- New lighting at St. Jerome's College
- New aerobic and weight equipment for the P.A.C.
- New equipment for the U.W. Archery, Fencing and Sailing Clubs

Although a "student life" project could very well include any non-academic student initiative, priorities for funding have been established through consultation with students as follows:

- The improvement of safety on campus
- The improvement of accessibility on campus
- The renovation of the current Campus Centre
- The improvement of current lounge and study spaces

This release is a call for submissions. Any recognized student organization (recognition is determined by the Federation of Students - see C.C. Rm. #219) can submit proposals for this funding. The deadline for such proposals is Friday, February 12th at 4:30 pm. If you have any questions please drop by Campus Centre Rm. #219 or call 885-1211 ext.5330.

Copies of the guidelines and forms for proposals can be picked up at any of the following:

- The Federation of Students' Office (CC235)
- Faculty Student Societies (e.g. MathSoc)
- Graduate Students Association (Grad House)
- Athletic or Residence Councils (e.g. Village 1 Council)
- Turnkey Desk (Campus Centre)

## A Note To All Math Profs

*You know who you are...*

We have a request regarding classes close to mealtimes. It has come to our attention that some profs add these little incidental food messages during class. Very subtle messages, of course. Nothing overt, but still noticeable. And it's driving the class crazy!!!

So please try to avoid using food as examples. If you must, start talking about Village lambchops, or Village pasta surprise, or just about any other Village food—it's guaranteed to prevent hunger.

Concerned and Hungry Students

## PEOPLE TO WATCH OUT FOR...



## Parents, Lies and Videotape

Ever lied to your parents? I have. I'm not here to discuss whether it's right or wrong. I think we'd rather not lie, but when it comes down to it, sometimes it seems lying is easier than telling the truth. Everyone lies, and honestly, I can't imagine confessing all the lies I've told my parents in the last four years.

What do we lie about? We try to avoid sharing any worries or problems ("I'm doing fine, Mom."). We lie about who we're with (I know two people who are each living with someone and their parents don't know). We lie about where we go (and how we get home afterward - I don't intend for my parents to see the lights I put on my bike). We lie about what we're doing (alcohol is a big one. Also my parents think I'm doing too many extra-curriculars so I haven't told them about any new ones in over two years).

Immediately following what we lie about is our string of "reasons" why we lie. When I started university, I lied to "protect" my parents. They were powerless to help me; why bother them with my problems? Now I also lie when I do things they would not approve of (why ask for an argument? I already know what they think).

What keeps me from lying to my parents? Usually a good, or even small, chance that they'll find out or have to know sometime is incentive enough. Much as I find lying a "necessity", I know I need my parents' trust. That's the strangest - layering lies to keep that trust.

What have you lied about? Let's go for morality by majority: you tell me about telling your parents the truth and I'll try to come cleaner with mine.

Not the Secretary

## Watch out Imp'tint... mathNEWS is here!

One of the most common complaints we've been receiving here at mathNEWS over the past few minutes is "Gee, you guys are all just a bunch of fascist satanic homophobic soulless bastards aren't you?" In an attempt to refute these baseless claims, mathNEWS presents the first in a line of inspirational deep poems which we really don't understand. So throw away your Imp'tint's! The new socially aware mathNEWS is here!

Silence.  
 a pin falls dropping on the floor  
 and is silent  
 fluttering in the breeze I hear my sisters crying  
 and they are silent  
 i open my eyes to see the darkness  
 silent darkness  
 cruel silence  
 speaking silently in the darkness  
 Rage! Outrage! Pain!  
 Why can't all the rapists be voluntarily castrated?  
 My tongue is swollen. My eyes are dry. I can not cry  
 anymore.  
 In the Silence.

Ahmoras the Dragon

## Want to write for mathNEWS?

*But don't want to leave the comfort of your own terminal?*

It is now easier than ever to write an article for mathNEWS. All you need is a template. You can get one by sending email to mathnews@descartes with the subject line "request". This is most easily done by entering the following command:

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A template will be automatically mailed back to you, hopefully within a few minutes. Then simply fill in the template with your article, and mail it back to us with the subject "article". If your file is named myfile, for example, you would simply type

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## Anime!

*Not Cartoons!*

Assignments, midterms, co-op interviews, it's enough to drive a person crazy. Fortunately we've got just the thing to help you hang on to your sanity for a little longer...

CTRL-A (The Club That Really Likes Anime) will be hosting a free movie night of Japanese Animation on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 1993 from 6pm until about midnight in the Physics Building, room 145. We will be showing "Vampire Princess Miyu" (mystery, suspense, horror), "Project A-ko" (action, comedy), and a many more. Be sure to come early because seating is limited.

So what's so big about Japanese animation that some club with a funny name is showing six hours of it? Well, you've come to the right place my friend...

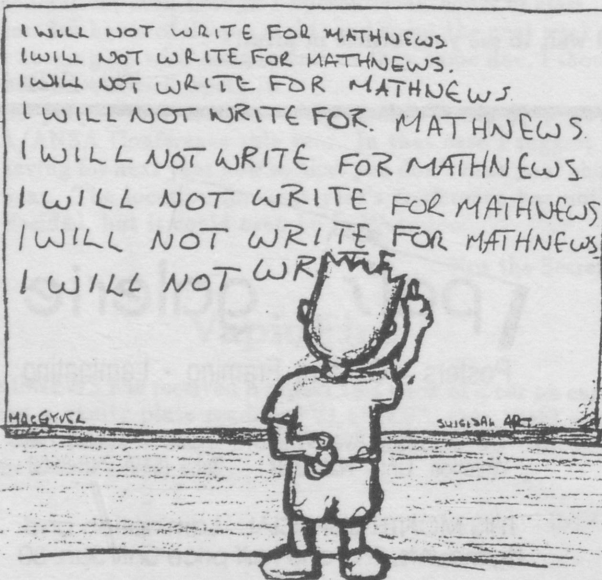
### *What IS Anime?*

Japanime (Japanimation) is a style of animation oriented towards science fiction and adult audiences. It has a very specific style emphasising details and mature themes. The earliest example of Japanimation, Astro Boy, was taken from "Manga" - Japanese comic books - and became the first animated sci-fi TV series in 1962. The show's creator was an animator named Tazuka. Over the next two decades, many of his works were dubbed into English and presented as children's television shows. They included the film "Bird of Paradise," some 60's series such as Aqua-Lad and Kimba the Lion, Astro-Boy, and, in 1976, Starblazers.

### *Where did Anime Come From?*

Starblazers foreshadowed the future of Anime. It was a science fiction saga originally entitled "Battleship Yamato" in Japanese after the famous and heroic ship of World War II which sacrificed itself to end allied bombing of Japan. The epic story lines, and characteristic tall slim forms, western features and doe eyes that typify the Japanime style had developed. Other series from the late 1970's were brought to the western audience; familiar titles may include G-Force, the Force Five series of giant mechanized robots: Grandizer, Gi-King, and the Spaceketeers. The collective society of Japan appreciated and admired nothing more than individual heroism of characters such as Astro-Boy, the pilots of the uper-robots, and the crew of the Yamato.

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## Music Review

*Home is in Your Head*  
**HIS NAME IS ALIVE**

### 4AD (import, CAD 1013 CD)

On New Year's Eve I was watching *The New Music* as VJ's, in turn, delivered their single favourite video of 1992. Kim Clarke Champniss's choice was the reel for "Are We Still Married?" from His Name Is Alive. As I watched and listened, I thought: 'How wickedly and disturbingly gentle!' I knew that I must look into this group. I found the CD, on import, shortly after. The sound is like taking This Mortal Coil and reducing the number of instruments until the music is minimal. Add desperate lyrics to match the dirge-like music and there it is ... Music that is strictly personal, best suited for listening in a quiet, lonely place.

*Erotica*  
**MADONNA**

### Maverick/Sire (CDW 45154)

Go ahead and laugh. There is nothing more amusing nowadays than listening to Madonna sing about bondage, vengeance, and oral sex, while still feeling compelled to censor the word "fuck". This is the stuff that teenage boys in puberty masturbate over. Ok, enough with the vulgarities. If you choose to go beyond this album's limitations, you'll see that this is a wonderful piece of work. Madonna still delivers the goods, this time with Shep Pettibone. Her dance tracks have never been better, the ballads, unequalled. If you've had doubts about this album, dismiss them. Forget about her book, and forget about her new movie. This album stands on its own ground.

*Nettwerk Sound Sampler Vol. 4; Possessed*  
**VARIOUS ARTISTS**

### Nettwerk (W2-30077)

I have nothing good to say about this compilation. There once was a time when I could enjoy a variety of good artists from this label. Unfortunately, this time around, these artists have been pushed aside to allow room for trashy independent groups and for pretentious/patronizing PC-driven ones. I'm referring to Consolidated, Childman, Itch, and Mystery Machine. But thanks to a few trusted names, in particular Severed Heads, Single Gun Theory, and The Tear Garden, this compilation wasn't a complete waste of time.

*1492; Conquest of Paradise sndtrk.*  
**VANGELIS**

### Spheric BV./eastwest (CD 91014)

Since I have been a fan of Vangelis for the last ten years, it was with excitement that I waited for this soundtrack's release. Memories of "Chariots of Fire", "Blade Runner", "The Bounty", and "Antarctica" surfaced when I learned that Vangelis was composing the music for this movie. As expected, the music was rich, emotional, and uncompromising. It best projected the moods of the movie: Anxiety and glory. The instrumentation is natural in sound, except for the obvious synthesizers and effects. Add the luxury of including the English Chamber Choir, and the heart of the listener will melt. Listening to this soundtrack album and seeing the movie were among the best moments of 1992. These should not be missed!

Pilot in Hell

## Ten Minute Manager

Here's a new contest for all of you Type A behaviour people like us who insist on doing four things at the same time. It's simple, you probably are doing it already. Just tell us what you accomplish in the 10 minutes between classes. Maximum points will be awarded for maximum effectiveness. Be creative!

### Rules

1. All rules may be modified without warning at the sole discretion of the contest maker (that's us!)
2. Doesn't count if your first class is let out more than 59 seconds early
3. No extra time if class is let out late
4. Also no consideration for distance between classes, even if you have to get from CPH to St. Jerome's for your next class
5. May use the extra time if your second prof usually starts late, but you lose points if you return after they started lecturing and are disqualified if they comment on it
6. If you have one hour and ten minutes between two consecutive classes, your score will be divided by seven

### Examples

- Buy something from the C&D (coffee will help wake you up; say hi to the friendly cashiers)
- Do your banking (except near lunchtime or on Fridays)
- Have a game of frisbee football in the snow
- Pick up a computer printout
- Mail a letter (to Mom and Dad; ask for money)
- Wave to the people in CS labs (they're worse off than you)
- Quick game of cards in the Comfy Lounge
- Buy a slice of pizza
- Run to the other end of campus to pick up a train ticket to Wawa
- Go home and water your plants — apologize for being late
- Phone Disneyland to check on its altitude according the Main Street Train Station
- Go to a video store to rent Andrew Dice Clay's first film
- If you live in a nearby residence (V2 is *not* nearby), quick trip for something you forgot, such as your glasses
- Converse with someone you know
- Converse with someone you don't know
- Eat (or should I say gobble) your lunch
- Study? (Yeah! Right!)
- Check if you have an interview (Ditto!)
- Drop off Prof Quotes in the BLACK BOX
- Pick up a mathNEWS— laugh at all the funny articles
- Pick up an Imp'tint — try not to read it or get the ink on your clothes
- Catch up on all the news that has happened in the last hour on alt.is.too
- Annoy the MathSoc office worker (as long as it isn't one of us)
- Lead a short aerobics segment for your class — at the very least, they will be amused watching you

Not the Secretary  
EC

## Top 10 Bad CS Jokes

*And we do mean bad!*


10. Q: How did the CS major win at cards?  
A: He stacked the deque.
9. Q: How come the CS major couldn't play tennis?  
A: Because the net was down!
8. Q: What did the CS major ask for on her work term?  
A: Arrays.
7. Q: Why did the CS major go to jail?  
A: For aiding and abetting a runaway process.
6. Q: What did the CS major learn at manners school?  
A: To mind his P's and queues.
5. Q: What did the CS major get from looking at his pornographic GIFs?  
A: A hard disk.
4. Q: What does the CS major call the GIF of the pretty girls in his background?  
A: His X girlfriends.
3. Q: Why didn't the CS major get her assignment done?  
A: She put Descartes before the horse.
2. Q: What did the CS major think of xrn?  
A: It was news to him!
1. Q: What did the CS major get when she crossed BASIC and C?  
A: C-SIC!

MC Venn  
Top Ten Hammer

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## Long-Term Load Forecast for U(W) Area

Issued Friday, January 29 by the mathNEWS Weather Office.

For the next week, descartes' loads will be more or less regular, reaching highs of 16.0 during the day and lows of 2.3 during the evening. Cayley and napier should remain at around 4.9, with slight dips overnight. The zeno, mobius, and cantor systems should remain below 1.0 for most of the week, although cantor could experience slight GIF spikes at odd times.

### Severe Load Warning

A severe load warning is being issued for the evening of Monday, Feb 1, just before a CS241 assignment becomes due. Loads could increase to as much as 50.0 on cayley and descartes, with smaller but still significant increases on napier. It is recommended that the CDN systems be avoided during that time.

Suicidal Met

## Pink Tie<sup>TM</sup> Begone?

or "I'll take Faculty Mascots for \$100, Alex."

Do you like the Pink Tie<sup>TM</sup>? Do you want to roll around naked in it? Or do you hate pink and everything it stands for? As this term's Novelties Directors, we have a vested interest in what we can sell. Pink Ties just don't sell. Plain and simple. It's not just that a tie seems a bit "dorky", but *pink*? How many people do you know who want to wear pink? What we are asking for then is a little help. Do you have an idea for a Math crest? A new mascot? Do we really *need* a new mascot?

(Warning—Curtis' opinion being inserted here: I feel that the Pink Tie<sup>TM</sup> is not a symbol of the Math *students* but more of a symbol of the Math *Faculty*. The students are only identifying with the Tie<sup>TM</sup> because it represents their faculty, but where is *their* symbol? Do we want one? Do we need one? I'm not saying let's trash the Tie<sup>TM</sup>. I'm saying we need something else (and by something else, I mean something other than the Natural Log). OK, I'll get off my soapbox now).

It has been pointed out to us that the Faculty still has strong ties (pun not intended) to Dr. Stanton (you know, the guy we got the Pink Tie idea from). Then there's the question of Tradition<sup>TM</sup>. The Faculty has a lot invested in the Gigantamazing Tie<sup>TM</sup> that hangs from the MC every Orientation, but we should have *something* that says "We're in Math" without saying "We're a bunch of pink wearing, tie-toting geeks". But despite tradition, Math Ties, the Math alumni magazine, has subtly dropped the pink and calls it simply "The Tie". We, the MathSoc Novelties Directors, are putting to you, the Math public, the question: Do we want or need a new symbol? Even if you answer "No", we still need something to put on our novelties. A Math "crest" would be a good idea, or maybe a new "mascot" (remember Fred the Math Bunny or the Dancing Pink Tie?).

Talk to your class reps, submit your ideas, let your concerns be known. The Math Society does take this topic seriously and it has already sparked a heated debate at one Council meeting. Let us know what you want, so we can better represent you.

Curtis Desjardins  
Monica Rooney

Math Society Novelties Directors

## The Zone

And the Zone it is. As the years have worn by, the banner over the doors near MathSoc has diminished from "The Pink Tie Zone," to "The Tie Zone," to simply "The Zone." And recently there has been some agitation about whether the venerable Tie is, in fact, an appropriate symbol for the math faculty any more. Women don't want to wear ties, and men don't want to wear pink clothes. And Ralph Stanton is gone, long retired and not very well remembered by the undergrads of today. The Novelties director says that clothing with the Tie logo sells poorly, and the Orientation leaders have noticed that the frosh wear the thing as rarely as possible.

None of the alternatives proposed have been reasonable, though (the official mascot of the Society is the Natural Log, and one presidential candidate in the fall suggested a grail), and there is considerable inertia to maintain the Tie. The alumni newsletter is called "Math Ties," the faculty has splurged on a humungoid Pink Tie to hang off the building every orientation week, and the the Pink Tie is the most recognizable symbol we're ever going to have.

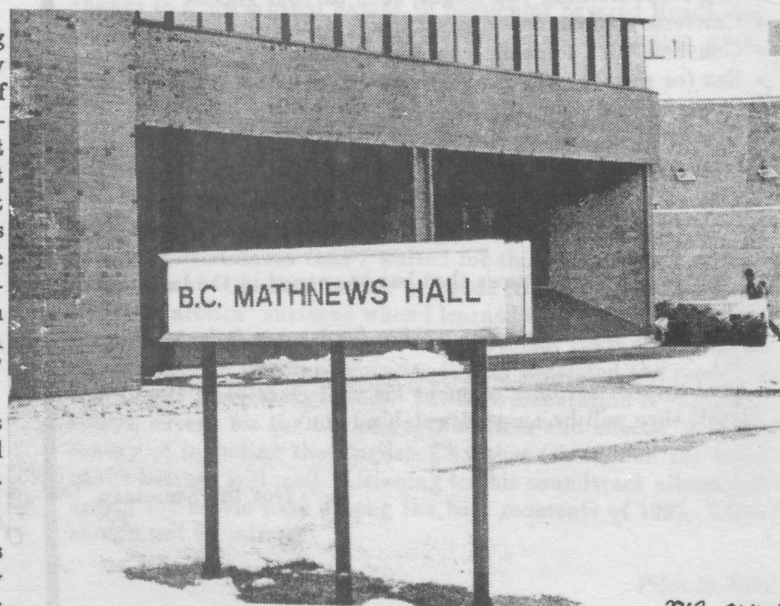
But now the Society is asking the entire University for suggestions for a new math mascot or symbol. I wouldn't mind seeing an Engineer win the competition—how they could lord it over us! On the other hand, even if they did win, maybe their suggestion would stick as well as the "Right Angled Café" did.

Meanwhile, back in Democracy Central, the Society has managed to avoid the costs involved with running an election, by simply not running an election. The 2A class will be happy to know that their representatives to Council were selected not by them, but by the candidates themselves, who conferred and decided which one of them would drop out of the race. If there were simply more demand for the positions available, this would not happen. I blame it on the general dissatisfaction with elected government these days, but then I'm idealistic.

And the Society hasn't fallen apart yet.

The Zone is written by a former senior councillor and idealistic troublemaker at MathSoc.

## mathNEWS Opens West Coast Office!





## The Operating System Parade

It was New Year's Eve afternoon, and I was busy packing. I had the TV on some channel, but I wasn't watching it. The Rose Bowl parade was on, and I was putting clothes here, and Christmas presents there, and so on. And then, for some reason, I stopped to listen to the parade. And the float that was going by was... the IBM OS/2 float. This got me to wondering... what would that float be like? And what would other operating system floats look like? This is what we came up with.

### *The DOS float*

Pulled by a 3-legged dinosaur wearing blinders, it has a brain the size of a pea. Float's platform can only support one rider at a time. Other riders, left stranded, are constantly abandoning it for something faster. (The Canadian Postal Service float, perhaps.) Unfortunately, the blinders on the dinosaur cause it to crash periodically.

### *The Windows float*

A very popular float, with many people riding it, all playing solitaire. It looks like a very sophisticated float. However, a look under the veneer reveals a flimsy undercarriage that the riders can neither see nor touch. (Namely the DOS float.) It's much slower than the DOS float, and eats up gasoline like the ESSO tiger. Gives the illusion of going in several directions at once, but really goes nowhere fast.

### *The OS/2 float*

Leads the parade, due to IBM's influence. Has two parts: a main platform with the bells and whistles, and a backup float with the programmers and engineers, in case of breakdown. The main platform was made by several hundred different departments within IBM, so it has seven wheels, one axle, and five hundred gears that don't mesh. Takes a long time to turn, because it must go along a set chain of command. This creates a long trail of paper, which follows it wherever it goes, sorta like a plague of locusts.

### *The Unix float*

Second in the parade. Would be first, but IBM bumped it. Works best when there's number of floats tied together with nets. Has the standard four wheels, but comes with 1200 spare tires and other means of propulsion with funny names. Pulled by a yacc. Can go in several directions at once, according to the whims of it's riders.

### *The VAX float*

Extinct. There's nobody left who remembers how it works, so it doesn't run.

HammerOS  
MC Venn

High Fibre

Solutions to last week's grid are posted on the door of the mathNEWS office.

## Not Politically Correct

*A Field Guide to Surviving the PC Reign of Terror*

*First, the pro review...*

This may be only the second book ever reviewed in mathNEWS (the first was "Hot and Bothered" - reviewed last Spring). Since I am the only one of three who read the book AND wasn't entirely offended (in fact, I was exhilarated), I will do this review.

"Not Politically Correct" was written by Ric Dolphin with illustrations from CAM, and published by Stewart House. It is a small (88 page) book that would be found in the humour section of a bookstore. Although the book is intended for laughs, the serious nature of Political Correctness makes this a difficult book to review. Using charts, definitions, lists, and illustrations, it dares to ridicule the PC system.

Dolphin's attack of the PC is not only remarkable, but also brave. Why? Because it is a well-known fact that anyone who criticizes the Politically Correct Movement will be subjected to slander and, consequently, censorship. Labels such as "Racist", "Sexist", "Homophobic", and "Misogynist" are frequently applied. Branded individuals have lost funds, jobs, and public credibility thanks to ruthless, and often irresponsible, voices. It would be interesting to know how Ric Dolphin survives the flak that this book would surely create. With confidence, though, he claims, "Know the enemy and he is yours."

Because this is a humour book - and it is indeed very funny - any suggestion of counter-attack from or against the PC shouldn't be taken seriously. Remember that no one is an "enemy"; perhaps their behaviour or ideology is problematic. Since most people have the capacity to be decent to each other, by default, Political Correctness for them is bunk. So, enjoy the book for what it is: HUMOUR.

Pilot in Hell

*Next, the con review...*

I'll admit this book is funny in parts. But the only good points this book raises against "political correctness" are in the form of quotes from other sources. All the author tries to do on his own is poke fun at environmentalists and feminists, but in doing so he manages to trivialize serious issues like rape and homophobia. I don't agree with a lot of "politically correct" stuff either, but I do think these subjects deserve to be dealt with less flippantly than they are in this book.

The Not-Wizard

*Finally, the culinary review...*

Needed salt.

Guelph Erronious

**LOW SODIUM**

A Source of 8  
Essential Nutrients

## Prof Quotes

"He has power driven devices to screw with."

L. Smith, ECON 102

"I will try to make it as easy as possible. If you co-operate."

J. Chen, STAT 333

"I always give out two hints on assignments. One is always totally wrong, and the other one is not perfect."

J. Chen, STAT 333

"As you can see, there are lots of little balls coming out here, and lots of long hairs coming out of them."

W.J. Gilbert, MATH 148

"Like it or not, we're in Statistics Land now."

Young, STAT 331

"We need a protocol to share sluts fairly."

J.P. Black, CS 454

"What I wrote down isn't wrong ... it's just useless."

Springer, STAT 231

"I'm only going to show you a limited number of my errors."

Springer, STAT 231

"If you didn't understand that, don't listen."

Best, MATH 237

"Do you not follow? You have to, you sit in the front row."

Best, MATH 237

"Lothar! Put down that scissor."

Van Evra, Phil 140

"Everybody passes through all the age groups, but not everyone passes through all the sexes ... a few do, however."

R. Brown, ACTSC 462

"Does sex cause auto accidents? Well, it depends on where you have it."

R. Brown, ACTSC 462

"Don't show your other profs this math — they'll laugh at me! This is a 400 level course. But then I can go laugh at them because I make more money than they do."

Ravi, STAT 466

"Cash in your empty beer bottles. It's now the 13<sup>th</sup> of January. You should have about \$100 worth to buy the book."

Brown, ACTSC 462

"After reading your assignments, I think the class can be divided into two sections: those who have English as a second language and something else as a first, and those who have English as a second language and don't have a first."

Ragde, CS 134

"This is not a precise mathematical statement. Actually, it's more like a political statement; it doesn't really say anything."

Vrscay, MATH 138

"You've got to get a life; this isn't very impressive."

M. Coffin, CS 246

"Isn't this fun? I love this ... at least when I'm on medication."

Willard, Math 138

"This base case is a little more complicated than many base cases, but the rest of the proof is even more complicated to make up for it."

J. Buss, CS 360

"A set of vectors  $\{v_1 \dots v_k\} \in V$  is linearly independent if they are not linearly dependent because 'in' means 'not' in English."

K. Davidson

"'All not zero' isn't 'Not all zero'. English is not commutative."

K. Davidson

"Physicists do it without friction."

Robins, PHYS 122

"Names from A to O write your term test in Village II...so, don't say 'Oh, I'll just go to the other room' — even if your name is Asshole."

P. Eastman, SCI 205

"Sometimes I wish I was teaching something boring."

L. Smith, ECON 102

"One of these days I'm going to get these signs right, and really surprise everybody."

Duley, PHYS 253

"One of your jobs is to keep me interested."

MacKay, STAT 231

"Aren't you worried about Maple? It's going to replace you! Think of all those people out there being paid lots of money to do integration and differentiation. It's terrible to think that you'll be replaced by a computer program, especially when it's called 'Maple.'"

MacKay, STAT 231

"The more computing power this measurement system has, the more likely it is to be lousy."

MacKay, STAT 231

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### The Main Characters Actually Die?

In 1979 Mobile Suit Gundam appeared. Up until this time Japanese Animation had fallen into the trap of stereotypical story lines with predictable plots. The Gundam series shattered this conception of animated TV. The protagonist is psychotic, main characters died and villains won in graphically violent confrontations. It went on to become the most popular series in Japanese TV. It came to include a design for the Zeta Gundam ship by science fiction illustrator Sid Mead, and finally concluded half a decade later with "Char's Counterattack." Its popularity and originality awoke the public and the animators of Japan to the potential of animation. A creative explosion resulted. Exploration extended in every direction but the theme of epic science fiction proved most perfectly suited to this art form. With animation they could produce all of those special effects that are practically impossible in live action film media, and they did it with an incredible attention to detail, to the point where they sometimes have to slow things down just so that you can begin to catch everything that's going on.

### Creative Genius

By 1985, 400 studios were cranking out anime. The genre occupied 30% of Prime time Japanese TV and included several feature films such as "Robot Carnival," a science fiction version of Fantasia, and "Macross: Do You Remember Love," a juiced up version of the climax of the Macross Saga. New artists had taken the forefront. A creative genius named Muzaki worked at the fantasy end of science fiction, producing such wondrous delights as "Nausicaa and the Valley of the Wind" (which was lobotomized into "Warriors of the Wind" for English-speaking viewers), "Totoro," and "Laputa: Fortress in the Sky" which was presented for the U of W Film Society in Winter '92.

### The Export of Anime

The twelve hour epic of the Macross Saga may be more familiar to us as the first third of the Robotech series in North America. The Japanese never created or conceived of these works as export material. That task was left to a few dedicated visionaries and entrepreneurs such as Harmony Gold Company. They combined three separate series - the Macross Saga, Southern Cross, and Mospedea - to form the Robotech series. This provided enough half hour episodes to allow syndication. Towards the end of the eighties Japanime shifted towards a preference for Archie comic book characters. However science fiction themes still existed in its darker forms such as in "Akira," and the A.D. Police series.

Presently for Japan, every possibility for animation has been exhaustively explored: they've seen it all. For us this treasure trove of some of the best science fiction and animation of our time is mostly beyond our reach. It is buried in the film archives of Japan or behind language barriers made worse by a severe rarity of translations...

### If You Want to Learn More ...

If Japanese animation sounds like your cup of tea (or coffee or Jolt Cola), then this is for you. Feb 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, Physics 145. CTRL-A club members will be on hand to answer questions about the club and about anime in general. Memberships are also available for \$5/term.

Animaniac and Artsie with help from Mr. Roboto

## More Sex

You're lonely. You're bored. Differential equations just don't satisfy your needs like they used to. You need a [woman/man/gerbil] and you can't wait anymore! The [GIFs of guys/girls/gerbils] in the CS club are friendly enough, but they're just not what you need. The dating services hung up when you listed one of your interests as "writing for mathNEWS." Everything seems hopeless. Even your calculator doesn't like you anymore. Night after burning hot sweaty night you lie awake staring at the ceiling. Even the soft comforting hum of your PC's power supply can't put you to sleep anymore.

YOU  
NEED

A  
[WOMAN/MAN/GERBIL]

But not just any [woman/man/gerbil], a special one. One who will respect you for who you are, what you believe in, what you don't believe in, and what you pretend you believe in.

Nah.

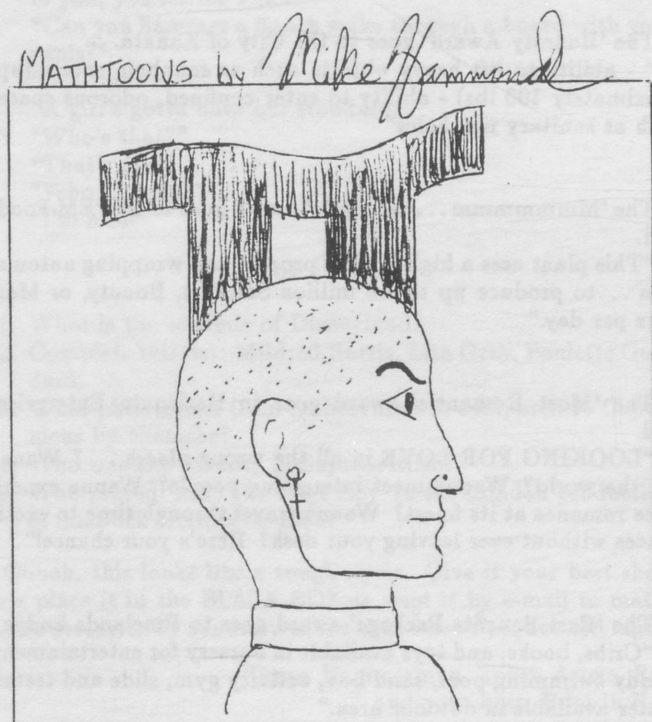
You'll settle for anything at this point.

It's time to go to Fed Hall.

Fed Hall, where everyone can go to party! Where even underage mathies can hunt for hot [female/male/gerbil] flesh! But you're inexperienced. Those hot [chicks/studs/gerbs] just aren't impressed by your "wanna play tetris on my HP?" pickup line. You need some help. You need someone to tell YOU the pickup lines YOU need to get those artsy [babes/dudes/gerbmeisters].

Well you've come to the wrong place. Do you think that if I had a gerbil I'd be wasting my time writing this article?

Luckily though I can save you *some* time. In my many months at Waterloo I have discovered many pick up lines that just *don't* work. So here they are — NEVER USE THEM. And if someone uses one on you, ignore them. No matter how [bouncy blonde/musclebound/cute and fluffy] they are, they obviously don't read mathNEWS, so who wants them?



Punkin' Pi

## mathNEWS Want Ad Awards (Part n)

The 'I wouldn't touch this one with a ten foot pole' award goes to the Addiction Research Foundation.

"Processing and extraction of bodily fluids ..."

The 'Best B-Movie Job Title' award goes to the Royal Ottawa Hospital.

"Psycho-Geriatrics" From Hell, Part V

The 'Say What?' award goes to Agriculture Canada.

"Molecular cloning of virulence determinans in selected bacterial pathogene."

The 'I want to work in a hole' award goes to Applied Geosciences.

"...will be involved in working in ...underground environments."

The 'Ooh Dennis, there is some lovely filth down here' award goes to Camp Allsaw.

"Wanted: an enthusiastic, environmentally-conscious, people-person who likes getting their hands dirty."

The 'Brown Noser' award goes to Canada Trust.

"Our long list of graduates from the University of Waterloo and our active support of the coop program attest to the fact that we truly believe University of Waterloo graduates play an important role in shaping the future of Canada Trust."

The 'Honesty Award' goes to the City of Kanata.

" - ability to lift heavy objects such as manhole covers (approximately 100 lbs) - ability to enter confined, odorous spaces such as sanitary manholes"

The 'Mmmmmmm ... chocolate' award goes to EFFEM Foods Ltd.

"This plant uses a high level of process and wrapping automation ... to produce up to 1.5 million Snickers, Bounty, or Mars bars per day."

The 'Most Romantic' award goes to Harlequin Enterprises Ltd.

"LOOKING FOR LOVE in all the wrong places ...? Wanna see the world? Wanna meet interesting people? Wanna experience romance at its finest? Wanna travel through time to exotic places without ever leaving your desk? Here's your chance!"

The 'Best Benefits Package' award goes to Pinelands Lodge.

"Cribs, books, and toys available in nursery for entertainment. Kiddy swimming pool, sand box, activity gym, slide and teeter-totter available in outdoor area."

The 'High Tech' award goes to the Toronto Board of Education.

"...with 20 Commodore 64's"

And finally, the 'Brevity' award goes to National Defence whose entire job description was just 11 words.

MacGyver and EvilCoop

## Topolistic News

*Not another damn club ... literally.*

Aha! Caught you. You were planning on reading this article, weren't you? Admit it! Well, what are you waiting for? Go to it!

Tired of all the other student organizations on campus? Do you want to join a club which absolutely guarantees that it will never have a "Movie Night"? How would you like to meet a large group of insanely interesting people? Well, I'm afraid to say that I can't help you! In fact, I've been feeling a bit like that myself lately.

Don't get me wrong, though: I did try to get something interesting together. I took it upon my shoulders to attempt the formation of a Topolistic Students Club. Topolism, for those of you who don't know, refers to Topol, the legendary protector of village idiots, and the patron of dental floss. Nearly every society has some legend of this being; even christianity in the early days would make reference to a Saint Topol Aquinas, whose vapidical arguments for the existence of cheese were based on the number of ducks that one could fit in a cistern. Anyway, the club is not going to be. The fees didn't like the vague way in which I defined the term "Pacifist Terrorism".

Just in case you're interested, though, you might want to hear of our remarkable achievements in other parts of the world. First off, there's the "Baboon a Musical Celebrity" campaign. Tom Cochrane, King Apparatus, and a host of others have all had the word "Baboon" shouted at them very loudly. Bootsauce have the unique honor of being the only band to have been babooned twice, owing to an administrative screw-up. Then, there's our considerable amount of work in the fine and performing arts, such as "Joe and His Chair": a three hour movie in which only one line is spoken, at the very end: "God, I'm bored". You see, it takes a great actor to make the audience feel exactly the same way he does.

There are several benefits to being a member of the TSC. First of all, you get access to our "Ultimate Foreign Travel Phrase Book", which currently lists 27 different translations for the world's most useful phrase, "I don't know. I am a potato". Next, you can attend any of the club activities, such as the seminars on "Self Defense, in Mime", and "How to make the perfectly aerodynamic fork". Finally, you get to meet a lot of fun and unusual people, some of whom were involved in those CIA LSD experiments in the 70's.

If this sounds like your kind of excitement, it is still possible to form an unofficial Topolism Appreciation Society. Persons interested in doing so are instructed to meet outside my window at four in the morning, and start singing german drinking songs or celtic ballads. Promptly at 4:15, icy cold water will be dumped on you by my room-mate, who's a light sleeper and has absolutely no sense of humor about such things. Free coffee and donuts will be given to the first person to get hypothermia.

Guelph Erronious

## mathNEWSquiz # 2

Nerds and geeks rule!

The answers to last issue's squiz are: 1) Chihuahua & Cat; 2) "Happy, Happy, Joy, Joy"; 3) Filthy cat boxes; 4) Hoek; 5) Vancouver; 6) Hugo & Nebula; 7) Xenocide; 8) Ansible; 9) Dr. Device; 10) 16; 11) Saratoga; 12) Thoron field; 13) 5000 photons w/ phasers on each deck; 14) He agreed to stay if his nephew was released from prison; 15) Gamma Quadrant; 16) Ridley Scott; 17) Nina, Pinta, and Santa Maria; 18) He was denied his proposed expedition; 19) San Salvador; 20) Punishment for not paying taxes; 21) All of Me; 22) Flash Gordon; 23) Spaceballs; 24) Once Bitten; 25) The Last Boy Scout; 26) Michael Moorcock (hah! trick question); 27) Rocks, rocks, rocks; 28) It didn't exist (the period was skipped to make up for the difference between the Julian & Gregorian calendars. If you have a UNIX account, try typing "cal 9 1752"!); 29) Morocco; and 30) Time And Relative Dimensions In Space.

Eleven submissions were received for last issue's squiz - a good response. The participants are: Phil the Killer (4) (Welcome back, Phil!); Swifty and Yeguy (8); Digital Orgasm (10); Cheeky Monkeys & 18 Centimetres (11); The Calculus Cowboy (12); Brock Johnson (13); The Companion Unobtrusive (14); S1 Geex (15); Live from Waterloo ...HAMMER!! (16); and, West D Non-Mathies Nerds (20). The Nerds can pick up their squizprize in MathSoc, but only when the office doors are open.

Only ten entries were scored. The eleventh one goes beyond scoring, or any other measurement. It is a multi-page goofy response to the squiz. (See Not Really the Squiz Answers - Fz)

## MAD Magazine

1. William Gaines, until his recent death, was the publisher of MAD. What comic book superhero was his father partly responsible for creating?
2. What year did Alfred E. Neuman first appear on the cover of MAD? What year did he first appear in full colour? (Both are required)
3. How many Woody Allen movies have been parodied in MAD?
4. How many covers have featured characters from the Star Wars series? (This does not include Super Specials.)
5. What year did MAD's 100th issue appear? It's 200th? 300th? (At least two correct answers required)

## Mizology

1. Tequila, Jack Daniels, Creme de Menthe, and Tobasco sauce makes this shooter that is never ordered by anyone sober, ever.
2. Adding Coke to a Black Russian makes this "doggie" drink.
3. What is the silver in a Silver Gin Fizz?
4. Make an After Eight (the cocktail drink, not the shooter).
5. You're having a Slow Comfortable Screw (that's what she said). If you want to have it "Against a Wall", what do you add?

## MathSoc

1. Who won the honorary lifetime memberships in Winter '92?
2. Who is the manager of the C+D?
3. How many Macintosh(es) does the Math Society own?
4. What is the extension numbers of the MathSoc Office and the MathSoc Exec Office?
5. Who is the L.O.W. of MathSoc?

## Malaysia

1. What is the capital of Malaysia?
2. Name 3 of the Penninsulas or Malaysia's neighbours.
3. What is the main religion of Malaysia?
4. What Malaysian MathSoc prez bribed me into writing this question?
5. Who is the Prime Minister of Malaysia?

## Movie Quotes

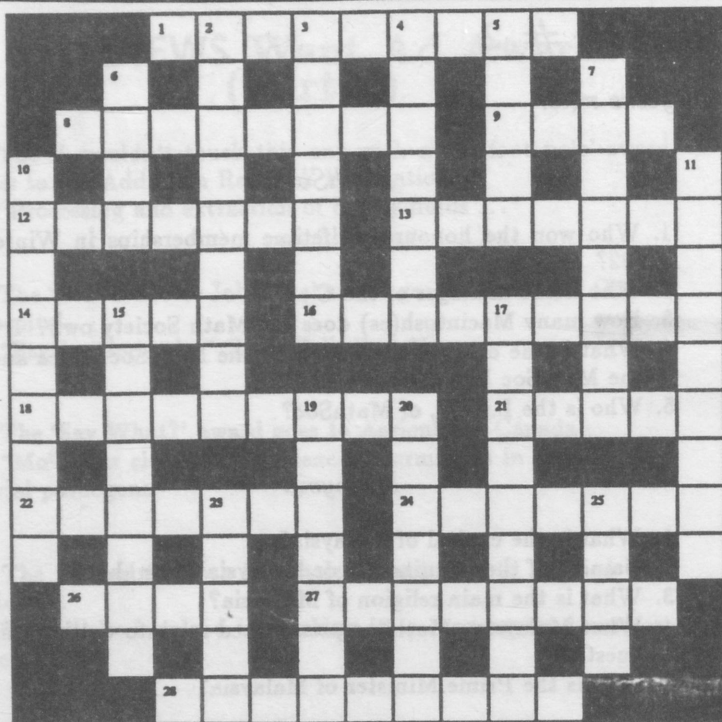
1. "What's your name?"  
"Well, my name is Jim, but most people call me ... Jim."
2. "I can see it now. It's going to be like last summer when you fell in love with that girl at the Photomat booth. You bought \$ 40 worth of fucking film and you never even talked to her. You don't even own a camera."
3. "Uh, excuse me Russell, but I believe I requested the hand-job."
4. "Is there anything I can do for you, or more to the point, to you, you let me know."  
"Can you hammer a 6-inch spike through a board with your penis?"  
"Not right now."  
"A girl's gotta have her standards."
5. "Who's that?"  
"That's me."  
"Who are you?"  
"I'm him."

## Pot Pourri

1. What is the altitude of Disneyland?
2. Complete this list: Mildred Harris, Lita Gray, Paulette Goddard, ...
3. What philosopher from Dubrovnic was compared to Copernicus by Nietzsche?
4. Who was the founder of Suprematism?
5. Who played 'Billy the Page Boy' in the London production of Sherlock Holmes in 1905?

Ooooh, this looks like a tough squiz. Give it your best shot, then place it in the BLACK BOX or send it by e-mail to math-news@descartes by sundown of the next issue's production night.

Romy, Hammerman, Token Artsie, EC,  
and your host, Pilot in Hell



## Not Really The 'Squiz Answers

*Selected entries from the, uh, entries.*

1) **Cartoons!!!** No! No! No! That's not what they mean. They want more specific answers. Oh, then someone else answer it. Well, hmmm. Let me see. Ren looks like a drowned rat, but is really a Mexican Chihuahua. And how do we pronounce that last word, with **LES NESMAN!!!** "Chue-h-u-a-h-u-a" That was **LES NESMAN!** And if we go by Stimp's full name, ie. Stimpson J. Cat, we can see that Stimp's a... An elephant? Nooooo! He's not an elephant. He's a... A duck-billed platypus? A zebra? That stuff you find under the rim of the toilet bowl? A **CAT! HE'S A CAT! YOU MORON! YOU IMBECILE!!!** ...8) I know this one. It's 2 tin cans and a string. Isn't it! **ISN'T IT!?!?** And it's not just any ordinary cans, it's those cans that contain the "HOMEMADE" Soup in the Village Cafeteria. Yep. That's what they are. Uh-huh. ...12) *The station blocked the sensors as shown in the following diagrams:*

*(The old block of the 2 fingers in the eyes sensors.)* ...15) It leads to about 6 years of tired scripts about tired aliens and about \$69 billion in revenue even though the Enterprise and crew of the ST:TNG could have encountered the same stuff in the past 6 seasons. It leads to fanatics watching every show, killing themselves if they miss the premieres and the hoopla. (Don't get me wrong, I love the Star Trek shows and spinoffs, I really do.) ...17) *Name of the 3 sh\*ts that Columbus took on his 1st voyage? He named his sh\*ts? Gross. Not sh\*ts, ships—boats, ya know, boats. Oh, that's easily done. The Nina, Pinta, Santa Claus. I don't think so. It was the Nina, Pinta, and Santa Maria. Very good, and what does this fine woman with the big ... elbows win, Chuck? Well she gets the car, boat, train, 747, Concorde, and this bottle of moisturizing cream for those ... elbows. ...27) What is "a life", Alex? No, I'm sorry, Charlie Brown has never had a life. 29) Well, almost any country that has a video store will have the movie. Duh. I hear it is most popular in Morocco, though. They even named a city after it.*

"Answers" taken from 'Just A Dumb Squiz' Typehammer

## GridComments

Once again, we proudly present a grid, tested and approved by thousands (well, a couple) of impartial judges. The last grid seems to have been received alright. Six out of seven submitters give a correct solution to the conventional, with the winner being (drum roll please) Cheeky Monkeys & 18 cm. The cryptic had three prospective solvers, all of whom made the same mistake. C'mon, folks, I thought it was obvious. Nickname for a strolling prophet (5): **MOSEY!** Get it? Strolling? What Moses' wife probably called him? Ah, well, I suppose I shouldn't expect mere mortals to follow all of my thought processes without some errors. All right, I'll give one of you a prize. And the random forces of the universe select The Two Lauries. So you prizewinners can get your goodies by dropping by the office and proving you exist (we know who you are but not where you live).

Other submissions come to us (with unsolicited comments) from Aladdin; CENEC; Phage & Ariel ("The tree splashed vigorously at the polka-dotted tinfoil!"); Yesguy & Swifty; Metaloid Skull Bunny Warriors (There's nowhere to put my comments!); shenothe(coach), weirdo, cookie, firebomb; CENEC's Dad; and an incorrect conventional by shenothe, wierdo, cookie, ukey.

## CONVENTIONAL

### Across

1. CHEESE
8. BOARD GAME
9. ARRANGE
12. REJECTED
13. KEEPS YOU GOING
14. GREEK LETTER
16. NOTRE DAME RESIDENT
18. AFRICAN SEGREGATION
21. MEASURING DEVICE
22. FORTRESS
24. MUSICAL
26. LEAVE OUT
27. APES
28. ALIEN

### Down

2. NON-STOPPING
3. WIDTH
4. CERTAIN ASIAN CITIZEN
5. HAPPEN AFTER
6. COOK
7. PROLONG
10. GESTATION
11. FOLLOW IN REVERSE
15. INTERVENING PERIOD
17. DISGRACE
19. OVAL
20. INCRIMINATING
23. AS BEFORE
25. PROFOUND

## CRYPTIC

### Across

1. Started among the thing, I consumed many (9)
8. Back an alien with bullets or a companion (8)
9. By way of fifty bottles (4)
12. These years. note, take a real directionless leader (7)
13. A gold street left breath in another country (7)
14. Implied I'm in diplomacy (5)
16. Enters the service again about a letter of rosters (2-7)
18. Out of lively existence. direct knowledge (9)
21. A hundred in a thousand is left chaotic (5)
22. Cereal is nothing at lunch (7)
24. Love poetry starts across the water (7)
26. Leap to guilty or not guilty (4)
27. The animal has a french fry brother. I hear (8)
28. Isn't complete to relax the resistance of confinement (9)

### Down

2. The United Nations back me to tell nothing right of the top fraction (9)
3. A real triform towed vehicle (7)
4. The middle of the road has ire (7)
5. The First Ladies have a hangover (5)
6. Raise a feeling of Armageddon (4)
7. Not one gentleman has a newspaper up at the fort (8)
10. A portion fowl over Athens (9)
11. Taco saw it about the garment (9)
15. Certain seats covering it and less seats leading (8)
17. The strange numb realm of timber (9)
19. Sickly here, French start to be prohibited (7)
20. Currently, I ripped up the sexual material (7)
23. High spirits among the latest (5)
25. Without a southern continent and an eastern province (4)

Who .....  
 Why .....  
 Comment .....