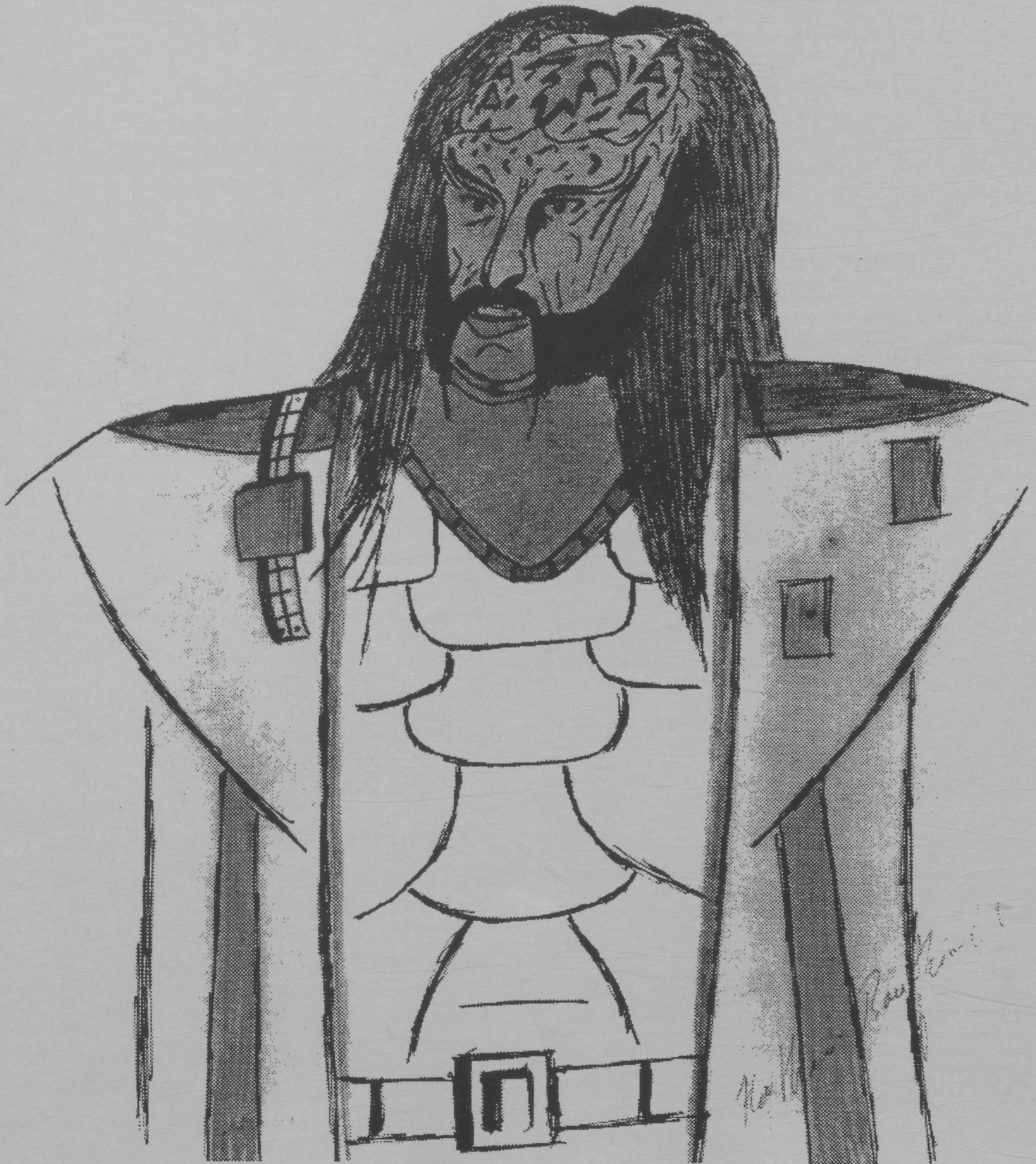


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Business Club Business

The UW Business Club has taken off for another term, and for those of you who are interested in joining but were unable to attend our Organizational Meeting, please drop by the Bus. Club Office (MC 3030) for your membership. Just a reminder of the up-coming events:

- May 26: Start of the Stock Market Game
- May 26: Squash Ladder Competition Begins
- June 08: Monopoly Tournament/BBQ
- July 11: Gold of the Desert Kings (There are a few spots still available for this event. Sign up soon!)

Drop by the Bus. Club Office if you have any questions, and to sign up for office hours and for all the other events. You must be a member (only \$3) to join our smashing good fun!

Antoinette Chong

Canada Day Cometh!

Canada Day is approaching fast! The Kitchener-Waterloo Canada Day Council requires volunteers to help with the festivities on the North Campus this July 1st. With an estimated 50,000+ people attending this event every year, we can't do it without your help. We need 250 volunteers for July 1st, and 40 volunteers for each of June 30th and July 2nd. If you wish to lend a hand with Concessions (food), Security, Stage, Candles, Parade, Children's Events, or Operations (set-up, takedown, general help) then please call Kate Maude at 747-2542, drop by the Federation of Students office (CC235), visit the Math Society, or drop by the UW Volunteer Centre. Free food, t-shirts, and an after-hours party (*BEVERages*) for all volunteers. Volunteer training sessions will take place on June 27th at 5:30 pm in Davis Centre 1350. This meeting is especially important for Security volunteers. No experience necessary! Just bring your enthusiasm. See you July 1st!

Thanks for all your help.

Curtis Desjardins
K-W Canada Day Council Co-Chair

PMC&OC Speaks!

Off and Running

Well, it's the second column of the term! What have we done so far? Our first talk was held last week, on Projective Geometry, and it went rather well if I do say so myself. Of course, since I gave it I may be just a *little* bit biased, but no one threw tomatoes which I took to be a good sign. [*Have you seen the price of tomatoes, lately? -Fz.*]

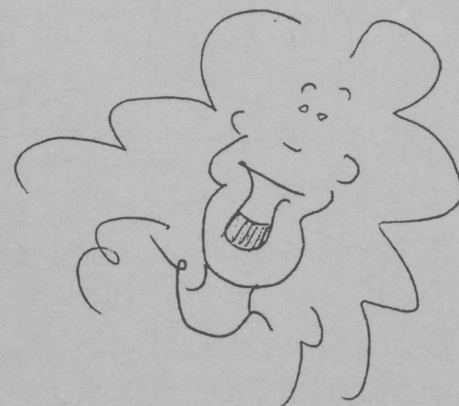
What else? Our slo-pitch baseball team is now happily playing games. Come on down to the office if you're interested. We particularly would like to see more female players come out and play. Our next scheduled talk (unless we find another one even sooner) is by Leon Tsu and will happen sometime in mid-June, with the topic to be announced. In the meantime, the word "barbeque" has been tossed around the office a few times recently, so be on the lookout for one of those! If we can organize a barbeque, posters should appear in the next few weeks.

Ta-ta for now!

Peter Milley
Vice-Prez, PMC&OC

Soc Talk

Hi, it's Rachel Nickie, and I'm the MathSoc social director. We don't have any events scheduled yet, but if you'd like to help with social events to see me in MC3038, or leave me a message on my board in that office, or e-mail me at lrnickie.



Thanks A Lot
Rachel

MGC UPDATE!

Things are finally starting to shape up! If you have ideas, suggestions or anything, here are the directors:

- Chair: Richard Dault (Me)
- Financial: Kathleen Lai
- Fundraising: Chad Spencer
- Merchandising: Cielo Villagonzalo
- Pizza Days: Mario Carrieri
- Publicity: Megan Marlatt
- Social: Christina Pitts and Janet Vandierendonck

As you might have noticed, we started the traditional pizza days. They will occur almost every Wednesday except when we have conflicts with MathSoc BBQ's. Upcoming events are:

- Dinner at Tien Hoa, Friday June 3rd
- Car Wash, Saturday June 25th

For more information (as it becomes available) check the MGC office. Don't forget grad photos start next week, and there is a group photo June 1st at 4:30pm in front of the Math building! If you're in the picture, you get to have one.

Anyhow, I'm in a rush,

Richard Dault
MGC Chair

Find the Missing Quote

The following conversation has a misplaced quote. Please draw in the misplaced quote when you spot it:

Editor: "mathNEWS is environmentally friendly."

Staff: How do you figure?"

Editor: "We never waste paper by putting filler in any issue."

Dale "notasquare" Wick

[The rest of the mathNEWS staff would like to claim no responsibility for this article - the staff]



A Student Chapter of the ACM

CSC Flash

The Doctor Is In

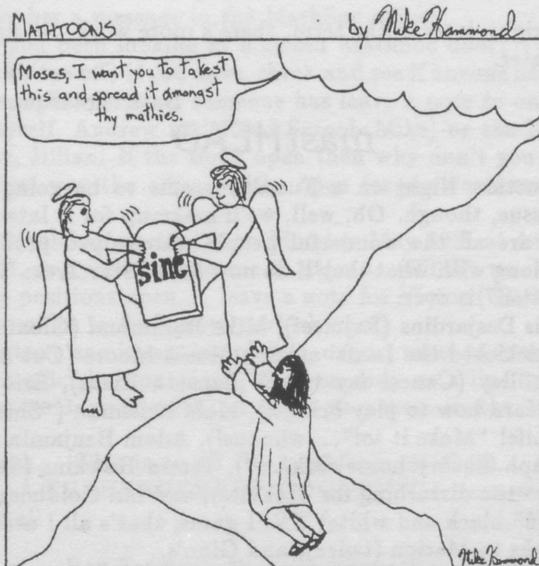
Greetings, beings with mass! I have some wonderful news to report. Due to the immense popularity of the CSC as the Campus Stapling Centre, it has been decided that one or more of our staplers should be given the honour of being the first stapler on the net.

In order to achieve this amazing title, CSC members were asked to donate parts to make an 80386 computer capable of running Linux and connecting to the Internet. The result is a computer I asked to be called doctor, after a "friend" of mine whom I would like to see lobotomized, slugged and enslaved to calum (did I mention they named a SparcStation after me?).

Much of the office, including the doors, lights, and stereo, is already connected to this new machine, and plans are underway for a talking alarm clock ("The time is 12:35. Steven White please report to MC 4021. D'oh!" was heard during prototyping), and other projects.

Wow! What a week!

This past week, the CSC held three events, including the spectacular Star Trek Finale, co-sponsored by WatSFic. The CSC also continued with its weekly tutorial sessions (every Thursday at 4:30), Steven White having presented the Introduction to HTML. You can find out more about [the Computer Science Club](http://csclub.uwaterloo.ca). Watch for future tutorials on topics that may interest you. Better yet, drop by the CSC office and suggest a topic!



A sine from God

Big Name Speakers

The CSC is on a big-name speaker rampage again. Watch for some world-famous people coming to UW in July...

Oh, and if you've got any...

The CSC could really use SIMM memory and a keyboard for its 386. If you have any of this that you're not using, a donation would be very much appreciated (and you'll get your name on our list of donors, to appear soon on a Web near you).

Future plans for the CSC revolve around the "Doctor" projects. I wish I could have a hand in these groundbreaking escapades, but I'm still here in Berkeley doing consulting for the developers of the new UNIX Y-Windows GUI.

Calum T. Dalek
Chairbeing

ActSci Club

"We're new, we're improved"

Hi everybody!

Now that exams are over, we have time to tell you about all the exciting events we have planned for the summer, and introduce our new executive and class reps:

President:	Kevin Reimer
Vice-President:	Mark Nebelung
Treasurer:	Janice Floyd
Secretary:	Chantal Bray
Publicity Director:	April Gale
1st Year Rep:	Linda Hayden
2nd Year Rep:	Shawn Stackhouse
3rd Year Rep:	Margaret Brandl
4th Year Rep:	Alana Farrell

Membership has its rewards! Membership entitles you to reduced rates for all our events. If you're not already a member, it's only \$3.50. Come see us in MC3030 to join.

So, what do we have planned? First, we have a Blue Jays roadtrip! We'll be going to see the Jays vs. Boston on June 21. Tickets are \$15 for members and \$16.50 for non-members. Drop by the office to purchase tickets or for more details. Plans are also in the works for a Brick Brewery tour, a baseball/softball tournament, lunchtime barbeques, and, of course, guest speakers. On Friday May 27 (tonight!) we have our after-exam party at Weaver's Arms, starting with dinner at 6:30. See the club door for details. Bring your friends and remember this is not a members-only event!

We'll keep you up to date on all planned events here in mathNEWS. New ideas and members are always very welcome. Come on out! Get involved! Don't miss out on the fun!

Janice Floyd
April Gale

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freeSTUFF

Well, feedback from last issue has it that doing laundry at Village is not so easy because they tend to be very paranoid about keeping the door locked. So I have two alternate methods—use the free facilities provided by Laurel Creek (with the free soap from last week—hand soap or shampoo will work OK) and a knobby rock. Or try the laundry rooms at the Phillip Street Co-op Apts—they have a combination lock door, so you just have to stand around until someone else is going in and watch them, or just say sheepishly, “I forgot the combo again, silly me, tee hee”. Free food seems to be a little harder to come by in the Spring term, but never fear—here are some sources to try. MathSoc meetings every Monday at 4pm in MC4067—all math students welcome to attend, and I’ve never seen them throw out anyone else. They used to serve pop and donuts; rumour has it that this term there’s sometimes even pizza. Speaking of pizza, try showing up at a mathNEWSWriter’s Nite or Production Night (Thursday and Monday evening, respectively, on alternating weeks). Only a token contribution is required. Other student club meetings/talks are a good source of free refreshments—just keep an eye open in the Gazette and Imp’tint. Also, looking at club info on uwgopher can be a goldmine. Some weekly events I have discovered which seem to offer free food and/or drink are: Jewish Students Association Bagel Brunch, Rhursday’s at 11:30 MC 4045; GLOW Night Wednesday 9pm HH 378. I haven’t been to these, so I cannot say for sure what exactly is served or if it is free. Go and find out and report back to me, if you like. Other events to watch for are receptions, openings (eg. at the art galleries in ML and ECH), and talks from visiting bigwigs. Some examples of these in the coming weeks: farewell reception for Rod Sawatsky 4pm CGR Terrace Thurs, May 31 (that’s what the gopher sez—I don’t know if this means Tues 31 or Thurs June 2); Bruce Row giving a talk about media at WLU Library room 127 on Tuesday May 31. So search diligently, and you will find these sources of free nourishment. I will report them to you as I notice them—if you report to me likewise, I will share your discovery with the greater population of freeloaders via this column. And returning this term, free movies courtesy of both MathSoc (watch for posters) and Cinema Gratis at the CC. Coming up at c.g. is Beautiful Dreamers and The Events Leading Up to My Death on the 31st and Blockade and The Falls on June 7th. These are both double features, so they start at 7pm. The only thing cheaper than a cheap Tuesday movie is a free one!

Live Free!

Erich “Fuzzy” Jacoby

Cover Con-Test

Here is the first Cover Con-Test of the term. Tell us what the Klingon on the cover is thinking, either by choosing one of the examples below or suggesting one of your own, and submit it to the BLACK BOX. We will print all Kling-thoughts we receive (except really dumb ones). The one we like best will win a prize (not really, that’s the con). Some initial thoughts:

“Hmm, now that the series is over, do you think they’ll let me keep the costume? My lover has become quite attached to it.”

“Now where else am I going to find a job that values my unique phrenological peculiarities?”

“A true Klingon Warrior never lets his thoughts cloud his emotions.”

“I will pass this Calculus exam or die in the effort; and if I die, I will take many proctors with me!”

Fuzzy

vapidFire

The Boar is back! That’s right, Arts students will no longer be deprived of their favourite bronze pig; on June 4th it’s being seated in front of the Modern Languages building. That’s right, not merely in the ML foyer where it was before, but in front of the building for all to see.

Now I realize some of our newer students may not be familiar with the significance of the Boar, so let me put it into perspective for you: after June 4th, Arts students will be passing in front of ML to rub the nose of a 700-pound bronze pig for good luck before exams. Not only that, but the Arts alumni are so worked up over this pig that they’re holding a fifteen dollar-a-plate dinner and dance to celebrate its return. And you thought this university had no culture!

In other news: showing an astounding lack of imagination even for the city of Toronto, the new Toronto NBA team will be called the Raptors. Well, I guess it’s better than the Beavers. But as long as we’re naming the team after a movie, why not call them the Genies, or the Doubtfires? Or better yet, my personal choice: the Toronto Big Screaming Nothing?

And in case you *still* hadn’t heard, from now on “Star Trek: The Next Generation” will only be seen in re-runs [*Whoop-de-friggin-doo — Curtis*], kind of like “Three’s Company”. Some more parallels between those two shows spring to mind: Will Riker versus Larry, Deanna Troi versus Chrissy, Data versus Jack (it’s time for androgyny...), Jean-Luc Picard versus Mr. Furley... the possibilities boggle the mind.

To recap tonight’s top story: events transpired.

Peter Milley

Nothing

So here’s issue two of mathNEWS for you to savour. When you read this, think of the pizza you’re missing by not coming to writer’s night next Thursday at 6:30.

In the last couple of weeks I’ve had a half-a-dozen people tell me how tired they are. I’d like to take this moment to advise: *get more sleep*. It’s still the beginning of term. Observe the fact that there is a simple principle:

$$\text{workload} \propto \text{week}_{\text{term}}$$

That’s right; later in the term, there’s more work. So sleep now, study later.

Dale “ñotasquare” Wick

mastHEAD

Production Night on a Tuesday seems to be going alright. Small issue, though. Oh, well, we’ll make up for it later.

Here are all the wonderful people who helped produce this issue, along with what they’ll do now that “Star Trek: The Next Generation” is over:

Curtis Desjardins (Rejoice!), Mike Hammond (Gloat that the Canucks kicked the Leafs’ asses!), Moses Moore (Cut my hair), Peter Milley (Cancel my travel plans to Riesa), Eric Sutherland (Learn how to play bridge!), Mala Krishnan (“Shields up!” Get a Life! “Make it so!”... whoops!), Adam Benjamin (“Finish my Graph Theory homework...”), Teresa Hawkins (Statement deleted - too disturbing for Trekkies), and Ian Goldberg (get rid of my (6” black and white) TV, I guess; that’s all I used it for).

Thanks to Marion (twice), and Gino’s.

Fuzzy (Since I only watch once a month, I’ll still be seeing “new” episodes for years, ha ha!)

ñotasquare (Watch re-runs in the afterglow)

Unix Tip of the Week

For those of you who are still struggling with UNIX, this might be a good place to look for interesting tidbits to make your life easier.

This week's tip is for those of you who like using the text terminals. (Yes, I know the Xterms are nicer, but some of us really do prefer to use a straight-up text terminal.)

If you are running a "C" shell (it's a good bet you are if you haven't gone and tried to change it) you can create a file called .logout. This script file will be executed when you log out. If you add the line

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clear
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to this file your screen will be cleared automatically when you log out. (Now you won't have to hit return a dozen times to scroll everything off the screen.)

In my .logout I have the following:

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clear
fortune
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What this does it it clears the screen, displays a funny thought for the day, and then logs out. (Keep in mind that if you try this on an xterm, it won't hurt anything, but you won't have much time to read your message for the day.)

Have fun.

Adam "The Bitsnatcher" Benjamin

MathSoc EXEC!!

We bad!

Spring term '94 is off to a lighting start!... Yesterday there was movie night (Man without a Face and Mrs. Doubtfire). Tuesday there is a Bridge Tourney (BE THERE!)

Coming events: Look for an Energy 108 pub night at Fed Hall (July 7 tentative). Paintball, Jay's games, wonderland, and more.... If you have any good ideas let Rachel Nikki know. You can leave her a message in the MathSoc office.

Have you been looking at a closed MathSoc door? (That always tick's me off) If you have, check and see if anyone has signed up for an office hour. If someone has leave a note to one of the exec (myself, Andrew and Head Scroob Mike) or the Resource Manager, Jillian. If the slot's open then why don't you sign up for it, that way the office will be open for your and everyone's use.

Next MathSoc meeting is on Monday May 30th at 4:00pm in MC 4067, everyone is welcome to attend. (BTW: we still have class rep positions open... leave a note for Victor (CRO) in the MathSoc office to find exactly which ones).

If you have any ideas, complaints, or just want to make someone your official scape goat(TM) then drop us a line by e-mail (mathsoc@undegrad.math) or leave us a note in the MathSoc office.

Oh yeah... This is to all the Leaf fans out there... NA NA NA NAAA EHHHHHHEHHHH GOODBYE!!... next year Habs - Leaf final!

Ron Servant - Vice-Scroob Activities and Services
on behalf of myself and
Mike Arseneau - Head Scroob
Andrew Goodin - Vice-Scroob Finance

The Y₀ Files

When we left Sculler and Dummy—er, I mean Duller and Scummy—they were investigating reports of a weird cow smoking ceremony at the Simon Fraser University. (Whoops! That's for grad school!) Okay, let's see... oh yeah! Duller and Scummy were in... the Comfy Lounge, talking to a white-faced couch burrower about Magic: The Garnishing™.

"So you claim that this game has completely taken over your life?" asked Duller.

"Well, yeah, man," said the drained-faced couch inhabitant. "Like, fer sure. It even made me, like, talk, like, like this!"

"Can you demonstrate this game for us?" asked Scummy.

"Do you have cards?"

"Well, no..."

"Then you're in luck! I've got several hundred extra decks that I would be more than happy to sell for you at cost!"

"What's cost?"

"It's the price of something. But that's not important now."

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The "Not the Want Ads" Awards

Rewarding the stupidest and most inane among the Job Descriptions newspaper

We finally have the Want Ads back again. However, after two years of tinkering and countless dollars spent on improving the co-op system, the only major difference is that they're now called the CECS Job Descriptions. Boy, it's good to know that my co-op fee is going to a good cause!

Without further ado, here's this term's awards for the "Not the Want Ads"!

The "Make Sure It Won't Blow Up" Award goes to Atomic Energy of Canada, who has an entire branch devoted to nondestructive testing! (I can see it now... " ")

The "Interesting Priorities" Award goes to Applied AI Systems, who claim in their job description that "the candidate must have a sincere, serious approach and be very hard working. Sincerity of approach [is] given more emphasis in selection than talent, skill level, or qualifications". (So you can apply a soldering iron directly to a microchip as long as you're sincere about it!)

The "Please Take A Second Job" Award goes to the Adult Occupational Centre, who inform us in their job description that "the only pay provided is room and board at the Centre... work hours are flexible to accommodate other employment which may be available in Barrie, Orillia, or in the nearby resort areas." (Who wants to pay tuition, anyway?)

The "Installing Water Coolers" Award goes to Associated Engineering, who is advertising for a co-op for the position of Water Supply Engineering.

The "I'm A Telemarketer" Award goes to BGI Systems Integration, who say in their job description that the ideal candidate would "thrive on customer satisfaction" and "possess a good phone voice". (Would this be a phone interview, perchance?) [Do I detect a 1-900 number? - Fz]

The "I Can Commute From London, England!" Award goes to Bell Mobility Cellular, who informs us that "the position is located... near the Toronto International Airport". (But will they pay airfare?)

The "Hey, A Job I'm Qualified For!" Award goes to Clarkson Secondary School, who is looking for an intermediate or senior co-op student for the position of... "Math Student".

The "Mmmmm...Chocolate" Award goes to Effem Foods, who tells us that, among other duties, the job entails "inspections and quality checks on the finished product (chocolate bars)". (Love those "quality checks"!)

The "Book-Length Summary" Award goes to Energy Mines & Resources PSC Ottawa (a mouthful in itself) for its summary of duties, which is half a column and involves breaking the job down into percentages! EM&R also wins the "mathNEWS Experience Actually Helps!" Award with of a job description that claims "Experience with... LATEX..." would be an asset! The "Where's Waldo" Award goes to Finance Canada PSC Ottawa, because we were unable to find its job description! (The header's still there, though!)

The "What, No Disgruntled Postal Workers?" Award goes to Livingston Group, who want a co-op student with the "ability to handle stress". (I survived CS 242, didn't I?)

The "Let's Alter My Evaluation" Award goes to AT&T Global Information Solutions, who is advertising for a co-op for the position of Evaluation Engineer.

The "Bringing You Pestilence For Thirty Years" Award goes to Merck Frosst Centre, since they say they are "world lead-

ers in respiratory disease". (Now I know who gave me my last cold!)

The "Repetitive Reduncancy" Award goes to Microsoft for describing one location of a job as "Menlo Park CA" and another as "CAMenlo Park CA".

The "Descriptions Are Charged By Letter" Award goes to Network Xcellence for managing to drop an 'e' in their name! The "Become A Kitchen Appliance" Award goes to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, who are advertising a position for a "Food Processing Assistant".

The "Let's Have A Safe And Happy Hallowe'en, Shall We?" Award goes to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation for telling us in their job description that "safety boos are required". They also win the "Coldest Job" Award for their "Snow & Ice Research" position. (Do they get to test cohesive properties by building snowmen?) They also win the "Ya Gotta Love Concrete" Award for their "Pavement Design" position. (Gee, I didn't think that designing a flat surface was difficult!)

The "You Wanted Overtime, Didn't You?" Award goes to the Ontario Police College. They listed work hours within their job description as "1:30pm-10:00am Monday to Thursday, and 8:15am-4:00pm Friday". (For those keeping track, that's 20.5 hours a day Monday to Thursday. So much for them claiming it's a 40 hour work week!)

The "Most Politically Correct" Award goes to the Red Cross Society, who are advertising a position for "Homemaker"—and they don't mean carpenter. (They do mean hausfrau, for those of us who are PC-challenged!)

The "Most Carcinogenic Work Term" Award goes to, of course, Rothmans Benson & Hedges, who remind us that "within the fine cut and pipe tobacco environment it has the dominant share of the Canadian market".

The "Let's Keep Students Uninformed" Award goes to the Royal Bank of Canada Systems and Technology, for telling us not much more than "Your skill/knowledge base will determine the level of work assigned. Yes, we will train where needed... recruiters will have Job Descriptions with them." They also win the "Stupidest Slogan Award" for "You know who we are/You know what we do/but/DO YOU KNOW HOW WE DO IT!".

The "Gross Neglect" Award goes to the Scarborough Board of Education, for leaving CS off the 'Discipline(s)' list for the position of "Programmer/Analyst Artist". (I can just picture them. "Hmmm... we got COM E, MATH, SY DE, GEOG, and ERS. Did we forget any other potentially eligible groups of people? Hmmm... I don't think so.")

The "Geographically Challenged" Award goes to Sears Canada for informing us that their position is in "North Yrok". The "What, No Throwing Paint Balloons?" Award goes to the Sheila Morrison School for telling us that the ideal candidate would "exhibit common sense when dealing with children and staff".

The "Honest 'Til It Hurts" Award goes to Terren Corporation for letting us know that, in order to get the job, "you have to love working your face off, and love working with little supervision", that "you have to be smart as all hell", and that "you won't get rich". They also win the "Least Informed About U(W) Co-op" Award for having the pseudo-Want Ads print "The enclosed brochure gives a better idea of what we do".

The "Contradiction In Terms" Award goes to Tandem Computers Canada, for calling themselves "a fast-growing mainframe computer company".

The "Discipline of Jello" Award goes to the Toronto Hospital, who says in their job description that "students will work

profQUOTES

"Being mathematicians, when we don't know the answer we shrug our shoulders and say, 'Hmmm... call it c.'"

BW Becker, CS340

"The nice thing about binary is you don't have to remember multiplication tables, you know, $7 \times 8 = 52$ and all those."

JA Brzozowski, CS351

"In the worst possible case, if the tree were perfect..."

BW Becker, CS340

"By inspection - in other words opening your eyes!"

R. Willard, MATH 136

"Let me continue this process even further just to bore you all. It is Friday, after all."

R. Willard, MATH 136

"Let's change the question. I'm the Prof. I can do what I want."

R. Willard, MATH 136

"The initial conditions are what it is initially and the boundary conditions are what it is on the boundary."

Morris, AM353

"You guys bother me sometimes."

McKiernan, AM333

"...and I took the course before and I know that this is true."

McKiernan, AM333

"I'm just replacing dummies by dummies."

McKiernan, AM333

"I promised some juggling. Let's do some juggling."

McKiernan, AM333

"What colour do I have to paint a chair in order to paint it red?"

McKiernan, AM333

"You're supposed to correct me when I'm stupid. Don't quote that in the stupid magazine."

McKiernan, AM333

"If you took off someone's head, mental processes disappear."

Corning, PSYCH101

"A person with a lesion in the right side of the parietal lobe will forget to dress the left side of their body."

Corning, PSYCH101

"If you're going to get a bullet, it's best to get it before eight years of age."

Corning, PSYCH101

"I'd be pissed off if I walked over a bridge you built with that calculator."

Lewis, Math138

"I'll make you Mr. Binomial. Whenever I point to you, yell 'Binomial'."

C. Cutler, STAT333

"People still haven't dropped. I'm happy."

McKiernan, AM333

"What I did was take two of the dirtiest, hairiest guys I could find. And there were a number of them."

Corning, PSYCH101

"If I start teaching you that now, I'll have to ask you questions on that in the midterm. Do you want that?"

Nicholas, E&CE231

"I should do some reading on microphones because I obviously don't understand them."

Miller, E&CE342

"Even if you don't understand anything about this course, you can see when a person makes a mistake."

McKiernan, AM333

"Please shoot me... No wait. Don't. No."

P. Farrell, STAT331

"It must be those drugs I'm taking..."

F. Shen, ACC372

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independently on a project of their choice in an informal work environment with flexible work hours and a friendly staff". (Don't they seem to be trying just a little too hard?)

And finally, the overall awards:

The "Stupidest Engineering Subdistinction" Award goes to Proctor & Gamble, who are advertising a position for "Project Engineer—Paper Engineering" to work in their "Paper Engineering Division". (Paper Engineering. Would that be a person who's only an engineer on paper?)

The "Stupidest Company Name" Award goes, without question, to Link With Work. What the hell do they link with work?

The "Most Informed About U(W)" Award goes to Gananoque Steel Forging, who not only tells us that the student "must have completed a University statistics course", but tells us which courses! (ME 202/MSci 251)

Finally, the "Least Informed About U(W)" Award goes to Tel Route Communications for requiring a "university-level COBOL course". ('Sfar as I know, there ain't no such beast anymore!)

Mike "Jobless and Hammered!" Hammond
Mala "Jobless (and Sleepless) in Toronto" Krishnan

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What's important is that I will sell you a deck or five for the low, low price of only \$25 per deck!"

Scummy looked at Duller. Duller turned to the pale-faced couch parasite. "C'mon, you can do better than that!"

"Okay, \$20 per deck. And I'll throw in a set of Ginsu knives!"

"I don't think so," said Duller.

"How about The Clapper? DD7? The PowerJet? 'Stop The Insanity'?"

"How about you sell me two for \$25, and we don't bust you for outstanding cannabis charges?"

"What? How could you possibly...I mean, what weed? I don't have any weed!"

The possum-faced couch marsupial paused, then said dejected, "Yes, sir."

The open-faced couch sandwich and Duller sat down and started to play. "Okay, dude, these are land cards. These are spell cards. And these? These are Picard's. Here you go, sir!"

"Thank you, Number One!" said a transient bald-headed authority-type figure. He shrugged. "I've got little to do until the movie is released in the Fall!" He turned and left... the Comfy Lounge.

Duller and the about-faced couch orange played. And played. And played. (They would have played even longer than that, but the game was only to ten points.) Finally the red-faced couch hunk attacked Duller a final time, and Duller was finished. (And, coincidentally enough, this article is finished, too! But tune in next week, when you'll hear Duller say, "Aw, c'mon! Just one more game? Please?")

continued in next issue...

Mike "Agent Fox Hammer" Hammond

The Oracle's Advice column

If you can't beat 'em, whip 'em

Why does my girlfriend love anime more than I do?

Lum Fan Club

It's the pizza at CTRL-A shows. The secret of Microsoft's antisocial drugs in their free pop has been released to the market as part of their settlement for the federal anti-trust case against them. Some people are also using a refined, airborne derivative of the drug in shopping centres to subliminally inspire you to shop more. I've been asked not to say what stores are making use of this, but I will say this: what local local store that caters to students has been enjoying an unusual amount of success lately? mathNEWS does not use subliminals, so don't fnord panic.

Why is it every time I walk into the CSC it's like a rock concert?

Paul Prescod

They've been testing their new computer (the soon to be Internet Stapler Vending Machine device), and its sound effects. While testing the sound effects for the Doctor (as it is called), they've been playing sound samples of music and some sequenced music files called MODs. Among the concert sounds witnessed have been Rozette, George Michael, Jan Hammer, GnR, Gilligan's Island and KMFDM. The small office may remind you of a mosh pit at times as well, but no moshing or slam dancing has happened yet — Steven and Moses are good candidates to try such a mosh pit.

Is an inflate-a-date as good as Shar?

name withheld for safety's sake

You can hug an inflate-a-date, but only Shar will hug you back.

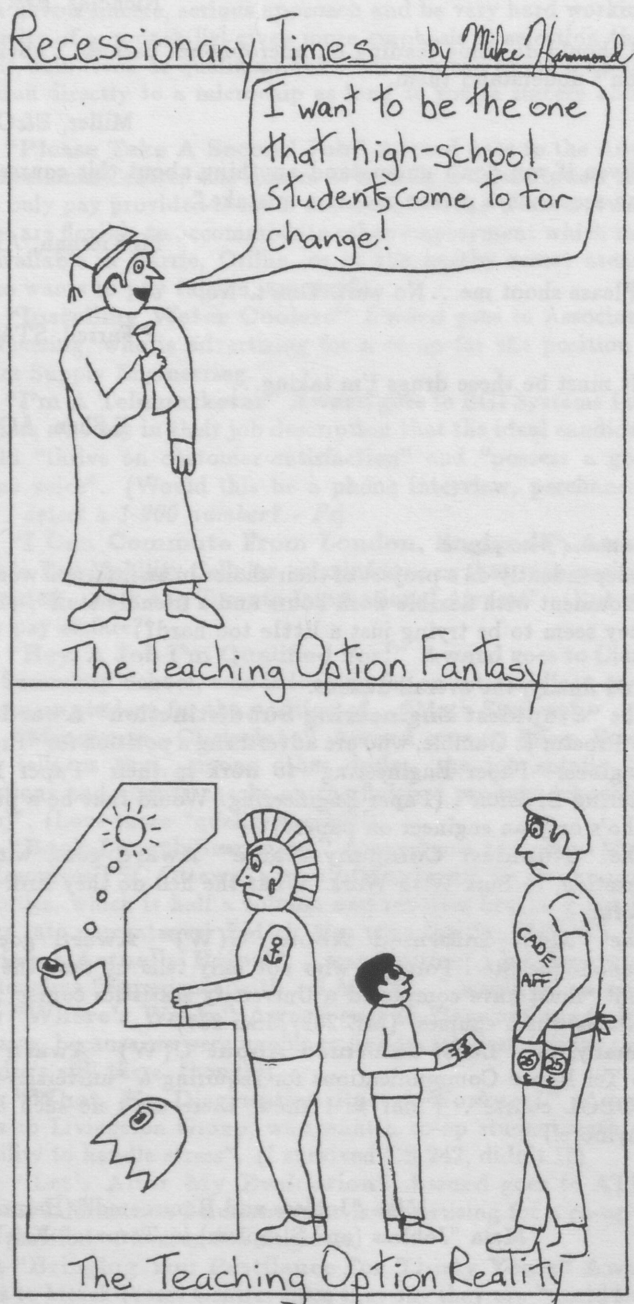
Eric, your question will be answered next issue, as I received your question on Saturday the 28th, only enough negative time to retroactively put this message in my column.

The mathNEWS Oracle

What Kind Are You?

There are only three kinds of people in the world. Those who can count, and those who can't.

Fuzzy



mathNEWSquiz #2

The Movie Edition!!

I was told that I was supposed to say "Hi" to everyone, and then gab a little bit. Okay. Gab gab gab gab gab. Now that that's done, let's get to the part everybody wants to see: the answers! **Movie Quotes:** 1) Singin' In The Rain—Donald O'Connor; 2) City Slickers—Daniel Stern; 3) The Empire Strikes Back—Mark Hamill; 4) Guys and Dolls—Frank Sinatra; **John Grisham:** 1) The Client; 2) The Pelican Brief; 3) The Firm; 4) A Time To Kill; **Games:** 1) Progressive Whist; 2) L.L.B. (Int); (Well, no, not really, but it's a great answer! The real answer is Ph.D. in C&O! Now you know what you can do with a C&O degree!); 3) 1 (in the CFL); 4) Checkers.

So you want to know who won? Hmmm... let's see. We had three entries this time: Pokey, with a great big 1; Ummm, Call Us, Ummm, Slaves To The Gridword, with 4; and our winners, with 7: Wayland "Wayolean the Great" Chau and "Scruffy"! You guys can pick up your handily-won 'Squiz prize in the Math-soc office! And now for this week's 'Squiz:

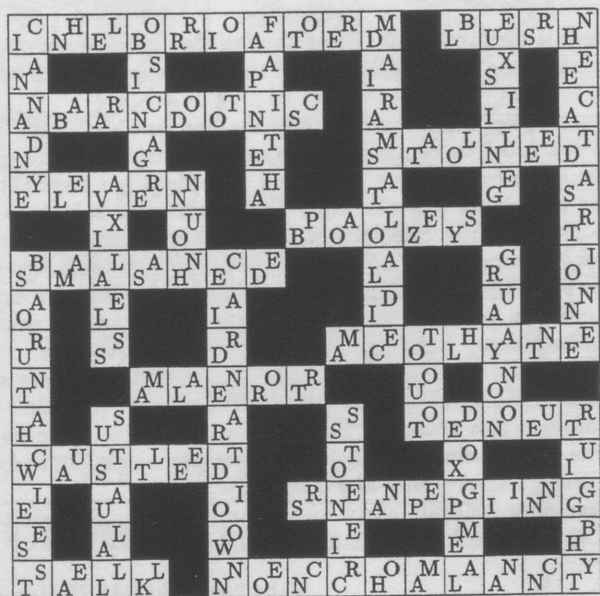
Movie Quotes

Name the movie and the person saying the line

1. "Excuse me, sir. Your ass is on fire. I bet you'll be glad to get back to Canada and stick it in the snow."
2. "See if you can guess what I am now... I'm a zit! Get it?"
3. "Anything that travels that far should have a stewardess on it, dontcha think?"
4. "You finally got laid proper."

Movies In Foreign Lands

1. What 1988 movie was released as 'Poisonous Relationships' in Finland, 'Lovers for Sport' in Belgium, and 'Vipers in Heat' in Malaysia?
2. What 1992 movie was released as 'The Rambunctious and Clever Boys' in Taiwan, 'Fused in the Head' in Italy, and 'The More Idiotic, the Better' in Brazil?
3. What 1972 movie was released as 'The Story of a Ship Called God of the Sea Meeting Danger' in Hong Kong?
4. What 1992 movie was released as 'Lies Have Beautiful Legs' in Switzerland, 'A Blonde in My Soup' in Greece, and 'I've



- Got Half a Wife in My Soup' in Singapore?
5. What 1992 movie was released as 'Even Earthquake Could Not Stop This Love' in Thailand?

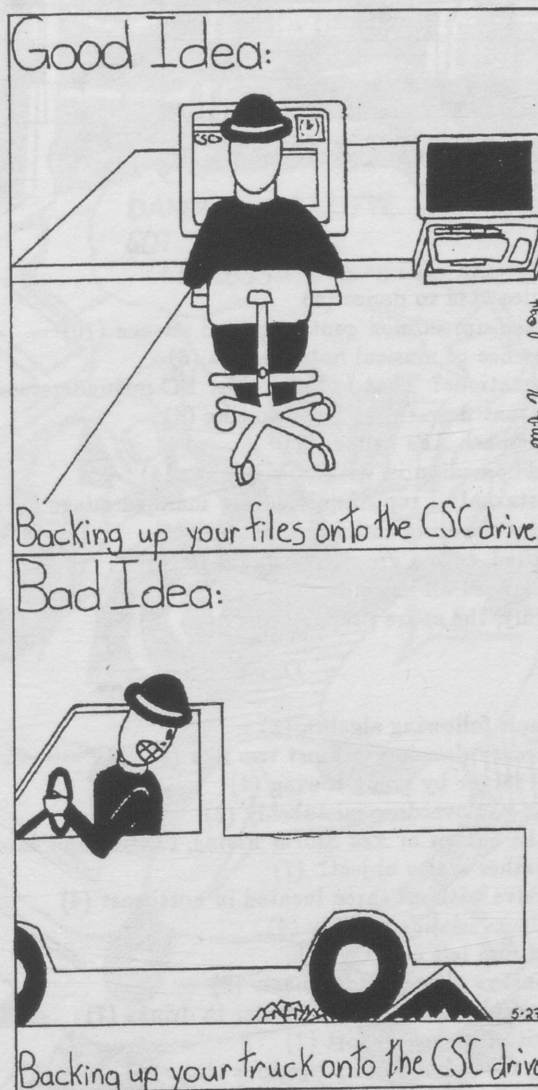
Altered Movie Titles

1. What 1982 movie was originally titled 'A Boy's Life'?
2. What 1990 movie was originally titled '\$3,000'?
3. What 1989 movie was originally titled 'Teenie Weenies'?
4. What 1991 movie was originally titled 'Born Jaundiced'?
5. What 1946 movie was originally titled 'The Greatest Gift'?

Submissions should be put in the BLACK BOX by 6pm, June 6th. And as always, don't just complete the 'Squiz, live it!

Mike "SquizHammer" Hammond
Eric "EC" Sutherland

It's time for another Good Idea/Bad Idea

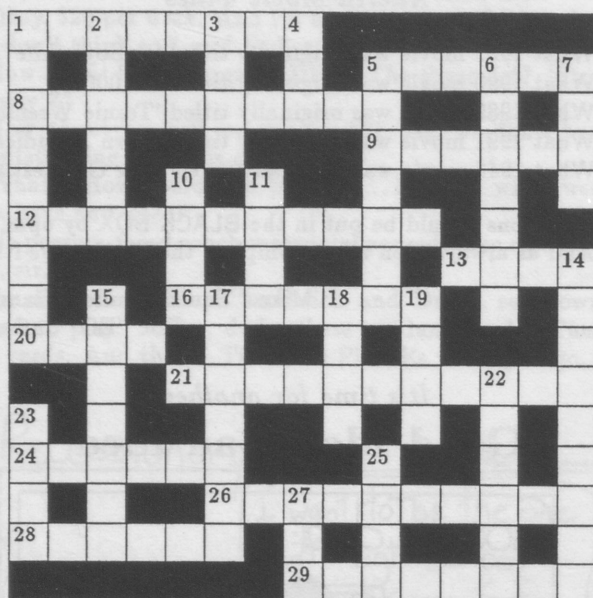


THE END

(Or is it the other way around?)

Mike "And the Hammer sister Dot" Hammond

GRIDWORD



Grid Clues (Cryptic)

Across

1. Shortened card game in ad (8)
5. Twice able to dance (6)
8. Mixed-up, salmon gently applied science (10)
9. Absence of musical note on idea (6)
12. "Equations? That I am!"...Ms. EC misunderstood (11)
13. Prevent flower part from flowing (4)
16. Rips back Al's helices (7)
20. Old comedian in with opening line (4)
21. Mistakenly I rap Mom's pal for maimed adage (11)
24. Sweet covering enticing salivation (6)
26. Shifted, tore a green fruit plant (6, 4)
28. Disgraced all in swamp (6)
29. Oddly, the spare prepares the oven (8)

Down

1. Result following algebra (9)
2. Mercury dancing girl lost two legs (6)
3. Get larger by going rowing (4)
4. Pair you overdose mistakenly (3)
5. I, the author of *Red Storm Rising*, twisted and sarcastic?
6. Weather scales object? (7)
7. Twelve without three located in northeast (4)
10. Unlocks islands audibly (4)
11. Bad aim left country (4)
14. Monkeys altered more masts (9)
15. Unusual reflected frozen water in drinks (7)
17. Fruit offspring airport (7)
18. Dog food chopped up precious stone (4)
19. Utensil without quiet, presently (4)
22. Spain in most of Russian region (6)
23. Note fit back a fight (4)
25. Therefore left monster (4)
27. Friend shakes up mountain (3)

Grid Clues (Conventional)—A Tribute to mathNEWS Staff

Across

1. Green area (8)
5. Die Hard 2 weapon (6)
8. Features by Fuzzy or ñotasquare, e.g. (10)
9. California's product (6)
12. Comment (11)
13. EC or Fuzzy (minus 'h'), e.g. (4)
16. Support (7)
20. Wail (4)
21. Increased intelligence (9, 2)
24. Hammer or Guelph, e.g. (6)
26. Hammer or Guelph, e.g. (10)
28. Vegetable (6)
29. Fuzzy or ñotasquare, e.g. (8)

Down

1. Hammer or Guelph, e.g. (9)
2. Bonuses (6)
3. Broadcasts (4)
4. Bad way to arrive at hospital (3)
5. Carbon-12, e.g. (7)
6. Runs (7)
7. Always (4)
10. Youth shelter? (4)
11. Greet (4)
14. Astronaut (9)
15. Sweet (7)
17. Military state (7)
18. Goodbye (4)
19. Gamy (4)
22. Portray (6)
23. One in debt (4)
25. Centre (4)
27. Large flightless bird (3)

gridCOMMENTS

Wow! I'm impressed! Even though I've had comments congratulating me on the difficulty of the grid, there were 6 submissions.

The cryptic had 5 entries, and the conventional...! Boy, I guess it's hard to think of synonyms for 'drunk'! The correct entries came from Pokey, jeffie, and "confused pet hens (7)" and "name in submit any attempts (5)". Incorrect solutions came from The Burning Stickmen and some nameless guy. And the winner, by completely, 100% random dice roll (thanx Fuzzy!)... jeffie! For the conventional, we had one extremely wrong submission from jeffie. It was so wrong, it doesn't win a prize. So jeffie can pick up her single prize in the Mathsoc office.

I didn't ask a *gridQUESTION* for this issue, but there was a comment: "So what happened to 'BOMBED'?" (It didn't make it. Immigration reasons. Sorry!) For this issue, give us your favorite cryptic clue that yields your name (much like Stephen's and Tanya's above) and any comments.

Remember, submit early and submit often! Submit to the BLACK BOX by 6pm, June 6th. Grid luck!

Mike "gridHAMMER" Hammond