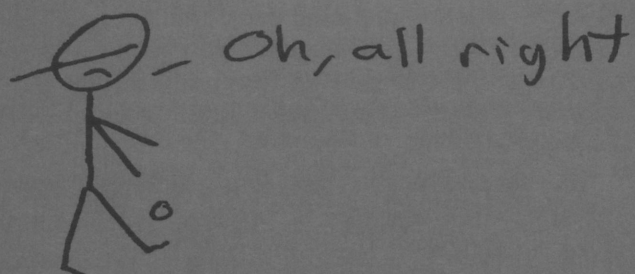
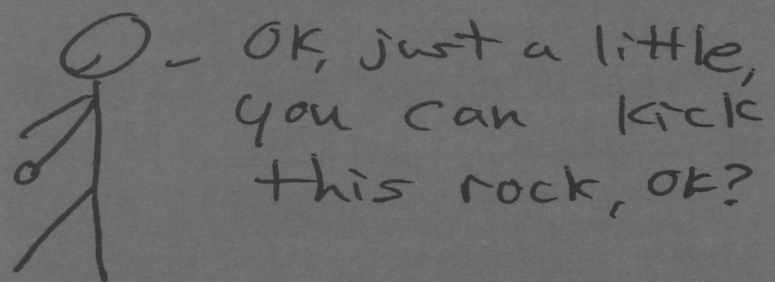
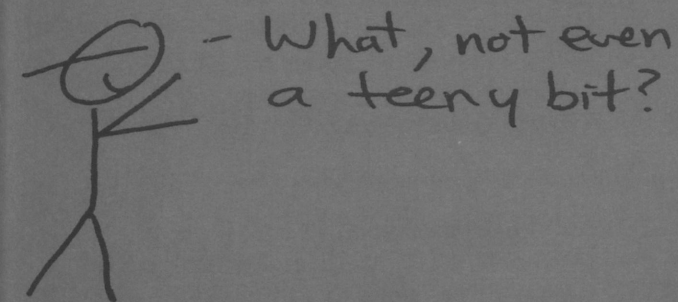
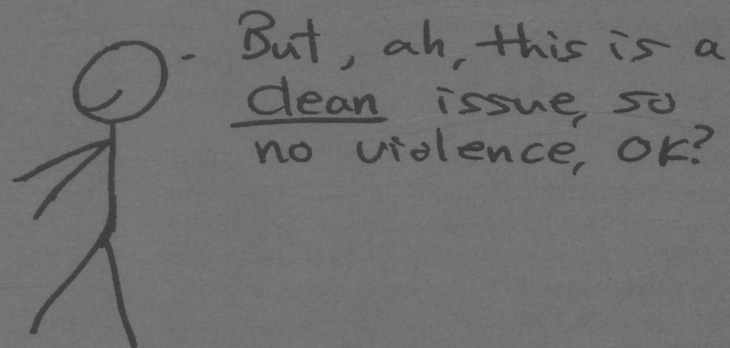
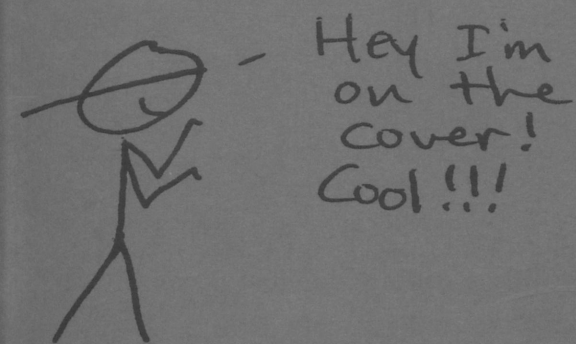


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Finding a Lodging

Yes! I get to go to university. Woo-hoo! I'm finally free. I can do whatever I want, when I want. Whoops. Too early to say that. Seriously, though, unless you live very close to campus (i.e. in Kitchener-Waterloo, maybe Elmira, too, but I don't know anyone who lives there), you will need to find a place to live during your studies here at UW.

When UW receives your admission application, it automatically submits an application to the student villages (Village 1 and Ron Edyt Village) for you. You can also apply for a place in the residences of the church colleges. The University works very hard trying to get as many first year students (or frosh) in residence, but often the demand exceeds the availability of residence spots. So apply for as many residences as possible if you don't want to live off-campus. (I think the residence application deadline has passed, but since I don't have that information, go for it anyway).

The residences are NOT state-of-the-art, but aren't too shabby, either. Depending on which residences you are assigned to, the rooms usually houses two or four people. The rooms are furnished (in a simple way) but if you want to bring something to decorate your end of the room, no one will stop you (unless the roommate strongly opposes the addition). On each floor (or house, depending on the residence), there is a lounge where you can talk with other people who live there, play games, or watch TV. In some residences, there are stoves and sinktop. So you can share your cooking talents (or the lack thereof) with

everyone else. The village food are satisfactory, but there are numerous choices of food around (or near the campus), so don't stick to village food all the time. Go out and explore. There are dons in every residence. They can be depended upon when something goes wrong.

If you are unlucky and don't get a place in residence, don't worry. There are plenty of housing available within walking distance of the UW campus. The housing office provides plenty of advice and listings on off-campus housing. Many people offer basements or apartments for rent and most of them are honest, trustworthy people, but there are a few bad apples here and there. If you have a chance, shop around. You are more likely to find a place you like if you shop around. Before you sign any contract, read it carefully and don't forget to read the fine print, you will be glad you did. It is also of your interest to ask what are included in the rent (such as gas, hydro, electricity, etc.) and what aren't. Often one doesn't live in an apartment alone. If one lives in an apartment with two or more people, life is much easier if all the people have similar personality, interests and habits. There aren't many things worse than having two people with drastically different personalities living under the same roof.

Of course, there is no place like home, but if you check around and get involved, living in residence or off-campus would be an exciting and unforgettable experience.

Jason "the Screamer" Lau

What is mathNEWS... I Thought This Was Supposed to be Funny

Every second Friday, a box labeled *mathNEWS* is placed on each of the stairwells on the 4th floor and the racks on the 3rd floor. Every second Friday, Mathies everywhere expect a new and funny publication to end their week of intense study and mental exercise. What perfect way to relieve stress than to read something completely irrelevant, funny, and completely unexpected?

In each issue, Mathies will immediately notice the special announcements and dates set forth by the Math Society (MathSoc) and its executives. Mathies can also find the usual assorted articles, as well as regular columns such as "The Frosh Cornered", "Liam Spews", "Food For Thought", and "Tech Specs". Besides the funny and serious regular columns alike, *mathNEWS* contains completely off-the-wall comedy, such as the famed "HorrorScope", "mathPOLL", and the "MastHead". Scattered about are other articles that made the cut. However, the crown-jewel that made *mathNEWS* what it is today are the profQUOTES, words that spew out of our Mathie professor's mouths that are either: a. funny b. hilarious c. stupid or d. all of the above. Students from all over the UW come to the MC every second Friday to pick up a copy of *mathNEWS*, expecting witty and funny profQUOTES, enhanced with quality articles.

Yes, *mathNEWS* is supposed to be funny. But why isn't this issue funny this time around? Well, for several reasons:

1. Our normal *mathNEWS* contain jokes and irrelevant comedy based on courses here at UW, specifically, Mathematics courses here at UW.

2. We don't want to scare you off

If you decide to come to UW Math, and want to contribute to *mathNEWS*, we are always open to adding writers to our staff-list. We have production nights every second Monday on the week when *mathNEWS* is delivered and distributed. Come out, write funny articles, and meet some interesting people (and I mean INTERESTING.) What have you got to lose? Nothing! What have you got to gain? A free pizza dinner, lots of new friends, and probably a new hobby! You'll probably get addicted in the process!

Your *mathNEWS* Assistant Editor-In-Training-In-Training
[Actually this was done by ray, some guy who wants to be an editor so bad, that it just hurts to watch — Pete Love]

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Fire is Bad, it Burns things

OR

Getting your friends drunk for the first time

So last Christmas, I went to the Dominican Rep. It's very sweet. Sun, babes, lots of fun, and no school. Ah, a rest from the stresses and hassles of Waterloo, not that I was at Waterloo before Christmas, but I like to complain, lots of guys here do, and it's not just because all the girls are taken (they're not really, it just seems that way sometimes). Right, so back to the Dominican Rep, well not actually, although I could use another vacation. Rum is really cheap there. I mean my hotel gave me an unlimited supply, that was nice even though I was with my parents so I didn't get plastered, and now, I can't drink at all, oh well, that's life. So cheap rum, but some of it is really pretty bad, well, I suppose cheap is a better word, but in the sense that aside from being inexpensive, it is also poor quality. But the really impressive thing is that it is 151 proof. That means it contains more alcohol than rubbing alcohol, which means, that's right, it burns. Hmm, well, I suppose you could say tequila, or hot sauce burn too, but what I really mean is that you can set fire to it.

Right, so I've introduced the first title of this article, FIRE. I kind of like fire. It can be fun, not that something being fun implies that it is good, after all, I know things that are both fun and evil... but I digress... I like fire, and burning things, not in a physical sense so much as in a Crazy Russian sense. If you don't know what Crazy Russian is, (which if you're just here for Campus Day, I suppose, is excusable) it is a highly enjoyable card game, which, of course involves 'burning'. Well, that's enough about Crazy Russian, I've written it far too many times by now, and I don't feel like explaining anymore about it, so

you'll have to ask someone who knows, or me, later, as in not now, since the sentence (or perhaps sentence fragment) I am now writing, is the sentence you are NOW reading. Notice that the two 'now's in the preceding sentence refer to different times, so if you want to ask me now, (yours not mine) that's ok, but right now, I'm done writing about Crazy Russian. Whoops, I said it again...

Back to the burning, or fire. Campfires are nice, but I suppose I should be talking about how fire is bad, since after all, that is the title of the article. This one time, I was at a camp, and we had a big hut sort of structure built out of bales (of hay, or straw, I don't remember) so it was pretty near to where our fire was. Add a few moments of inattention (on my part, as well as other people) Right, recipe for disaster, do I need to say more? I don't think so...

Well, it looks like I didn't get around to my friends, or getting them drunk, but most of my friends have already been drunk (being younger than everyone else doesn't help) So I guess I'll have to make new friends, and get them drunk. (Next years frosh perhaps?)

That's it, I'm done, and in less words than Raymond (I assume, it just doesn't seem like much [*Yes, surprise, Ray wrote another novel of an article... poor trees — Pete Love*]) So I have to leave now, but I'll be back, perhaps, or perhaps not... Let me know stuff, or just email me for fun (no Marshall, this is not an invitation for you to spoof everyone again) bwilson@student.math.uwaterloo.ca

Ben

BEING FROSH IS FANTASTIC

I'm sure that most of you who picked up this edition of mathNEWS at campus day are in the same boat as I was last year. For a few years I'd known that I wanted to be U of W math frosh. I knew that there was a pink tie, that it served as some type of symbol. I knew that I was excited about coming to University but I really had no idea what a fantastic experience I would have this year as frosh. You may have mixed feelings now about being "frosh". As awesome as university could be you're on the top rung of the ladder at high school, and even though you can't stay there forever, it's a pretty comfortable position. You might be thinking that when you get here you are going to be just a frosh. But being just a frosh is great! Things get kicked off with frosh week. This is the best week of the year, I loved my frosh week so much I've signed up to be a leader next year. Trust me, all the leaders are there to make sure you have a blast because they want to have fun too. It's great when all the frosh get right into cheering and soaking their leaders with water balloons, or hanging out all night with them at tie gaurd. It's all fun and games where you can get right into the spirit of being in math, meet the people who you'll be in class with and make some connections with upper year students who will be around to give you advice later in the term too.

Once classes get started you will begin to acquire the knowledge you are seeking, but if you think you won't have a good time in class just check out some prof quotes. No matter how much the profs say math shouldn't be fun they just can't help but be entertaining as well as informative. You will learn more than just integration, Fermat's Little Theorem and Java in your first year however. One valuable thing I've learned this year is that cotton candy does not make a good breakfast. How, you may ask, did I learn such a valuable lesson? Participation is the answer. Getting involved with events being held around the math building always provides plenty of opportunity for a good time and opportunities to learn interesting life lessons.

The math faculty is a great faculty to be a part of. We never lack the presence of interesting people, or a good time. Hope to see everyone for frosh week.

Catherine "Puddin' Head" Moore

"There's another guy named Troy Vasiga who gets in mathNEWS all the time. I don't know anything about him."

Vasiga, CS 241

What not to do when applying to UW

OR

How I got here

Sure, I want some...

So I wanted to go to University. So I guess you actually have to apply, but see, there are deadlines. So I decided I had to eventually apply sometime before the deadline. It was sometime in November, or December sometime, and it was the deadline...

So, I headed down to the guidance office, and I grabbed a form from the guidance counsellor. So at that point, I picked which universities, since it was due in half an hour, and I'm a slow writer. So I figure it took me 15 minutes to fill out the form, so I spent about 5 minutes per university deciding, 1 of which was UW, the others were, U of T, since it's decent, and Carleton, because well, really there are only 2 good universities in Ontario, but 3 cost the same as 2, so I applied to 3 anyways.

So the form was sent off, and around January, the U of W sent out a "yay we got your app" letter, so fill out 4 pages of forms, and references, and mail them back so we can see what you're like. I considered filling out the forms, but really, you need a stamp, and finding a stamp takes at least 2 seconds of thought, and I wasn't gonna spend that time, so it hung out in my backpack for 6/7 months.

Some people think it's a requirement to get into UW, but it's only a 0 to 5 percent bonus added to your marks. So I just let it slide. Now I sort of thought I needed to apply for a big scholarship. You actually did need to apply, but I didn't know this until June. So back to this later.

So after I didn't send it in, the next thing is the Descartes,

Now the descartes happens, I write it, I do math contests, so whatever. I write. I assume I do good, okay I think I had a pencil or two, I didn't have a calculator, and it's hard to read my

writing, but no matter, I'm dave. I get a 19 % bonus...

Months later, like May, on the 18th, I get a package, acceptance, no scholarship. I expected at least 8000, maybe a bit cocky but as I said, I'm Dave. So I can be cocky...

Now, I'd already got acceptance from U of T, no scholarship. Carleton gave me 10 000 based on 87 % average...

So whatever. I applied for honours math coop, but unfortunately at UW my marks aren't good enough for coop. Boofreaking hoo, coop sucks, you'll realize this after a day. I thought maybe I'll just get a scholarship later, but no more letters, and in the meantime, I had the stupid CS tests, cs 130/4. I said, let me in 134, because I've done no programming before, but hey, I'm Dave..... Back to typing...

So the 130 test I did in 15 minutes because I knew basic, and really, I had to look up in the manual to do input/output, because I'd never done it before. 134 had to be done in java or c++, and really, I had no compilers for either language, or any reference books on either. So I called my brother who is like a CS pro. He confirmed my belief that the test would be easy, but I failed to get around to writing the test.

I did end up submitting the 130 test with no worries. Now Around May 28 I was worried about lack of scholarship since I had to decide before June 1st. So I went to guidance for the second time since entering highschool, and said to the head of guidance to ask UW about it. He called and said "Hook Dave up with some cash yo". UW said whatever sure. So then I got some scholarship, but still less than what Carleton was offering. So then June 2, I made up my mind and sent off my acceptance to UW (note this is now 1 day past the deadline for acceptance). I also asked for residence at this point and sent my deposit. So the next week I was in Waterloo, and with an associated dean I had this conversation

-Dave I'll hook you up

-Cool

-Don't you worry

-Sweetness

[Time passes]

-Dave would our big scholarship be fine with you

-Thanx, that's cool

I am paraphrasing but whatever.

Later that summer after going on vacation I received mail from UW saying accepting residence late means that I am neither in residence nor on the waiting list. So I call and ask to be put on the waiting list. They say No. My dad tells me call again. I call the next day and beg. They tell me they CANNOT do it, the seventh time though they give in. It's only a slim hope though. So in mid August I mosy on down to Waterloo and start looking for somewhere to live. Would you believe most places are full by April or May for sure by June?? The first place we head to after checking the ads was WCRI. A sweet off campus res, after my tour I said it was sweet, then we head inside and are told we got the last room! The person behind us in line was turned away.

The moral of this story is basically this, most if not all deadlines can be bent if not ignored, especially if you're Dave!!!!

Dave the luckiest man Alive

Fifty hours for life

In order to raise money for cancer and cardiac care, the President of MathSoc Paul "Pushka" Royston and the Vice-President Financial Ed "What the hell am I doing?" Schmidt will each spend fifty hours (!!) living and sleeping inside trophy cases located on the third floor of MC (yes they can leave to go to the washroom). The event will begin at 10:00 am on Monday and end at noon on Wednesday. This crazy pair will serve as a resource to the students and parents (you!) visiting for Campus day.

Donations to the St Mary's Cardiac Care Centre and the Grand River Cancer Care Centre will be collected on site and pledges can be made by calling 888-4567 ext. 2324. Every five dollar donation will be entered in a draw to win prizes including: a caffeinilicious can of Coke every day for a year, gift certificates from the University of Waterloo Bookstore, math cheat shirts, and a wide range of University of Waterloo merchandise. Be generous and get cool stuff!

Ed Schmidt

Mathie Landmarks: What's of Note Besides the Washrooms

OR

Everything is Abbreviated, and I Have No Idea What They Mean

Being a Mathie means that you must know where to go, and when to show up. But you can't show up unless you have a direction on where to go, so here's a preview of where you might end up today, or might end up later in September if you do decide to regale Waterloo with your academic prowess. Notice that everything in here is abbreviated. One distinct Mathie trait is that we keep everything as short as possible, just like java/C++ code.

William G. Davis Computer Research Centre; aka DC; aka Davis Centre

The Davis Centre is affectionately known as the DC to UW Mathie students everywhere. The DC is best known for its DC Library, which is by far the most comfortable place to study, although the scenery really does suck. Besides housing books, the DC is also home to 2 large decending lecture halls, the "FishBowl" presentation room, and the ICR (Information Computer Research) Technology Lecture Hall. DC also houses offices for the Computer Science Department, staff, and tutors alike. While the first 3 floors are easily accessible, the fabled 4th floor has a lot of high tech security. I hear that it is the home of our supercomputers and other neat toys.

Math and Computing Centre; aka MC

The MC is where most Mathies reside during their days at UW. The MC has a total of seventh floors, home to all of Mathie lecture rooms, professor/TA offices, computing staff offices, student government/club offices, and the grand atrium that is the closet office of *mathNEWS*. Venturing up to the fifthth floor, navigation becomes difficult as extra hallways are created to partition to maximize closet (Sorry, I meant office) space. Navigation becomes completely and insanely impossible as students reach the sixth floor, as rooms labeled 6015 can be found beside room 6150 and 6094. A word of advice, the 6th floor is like a black hole, that swallows students whole. Don't even try the seventh floor.

Mathematics Society Office; aka MathSoc

MathSoc serves all the students in the Faculty of Mathematics, both socially and academically. MathSoc traditionally has a say in how the Math programs are handled and directed. Besides the academic aspect, MathSoc, along with its 4 exeutives, serves the student community by looking after the normal Mathie's social life as well. MathSoc arranges events, provides funding for Math clubs, and supports the volunteer movement in the student community. In addition, MathSoc sells Mathie memorabilia such as cups and shirts [*and shot glasses! — Pete Love*] to Mathies at a reduced price. The MathSoc office can be found across the C&D, which is....

The Right Angle Cafe; aka Math Coffee and Donuts; aka C&D

The C&D is a MathSoc funded cafe that serves every food imaginable. From sushi (Yes, it's actually good sushi) to authentic Indian cuisine, the C&D caters to every Mathie's needs and provides this service at a subsidized price. Food here is cheap, tasty, hot/cold (whatever you like), cheap, nicely packaged, safe, cheap, and cheap. Did I mention cheap?

Comfy Lounge; aka Comfy BEWARE: COMFORTABLE COUCHES AHEAD! The Comfy is the place to hang between classes, put up your feet, and take in the air of all that is Mathie.

Besides the occasional visitor, The Comfy is also home to the Comfy Regulars, which can be easily identified by their board/card games. Settlers/Knights of Catan is the most popular game played there, while bridge comes in a distant second.

iMAC Labs; aka Evil Place #1

No matter what people say, the iMac labs are pretty at night. Sure they look pretty, but whatever computing hardware without a removable floppy drive. To those coming into UW into the CS120 course, the iMAC lab will be your home. I know the mouses are round and flat, but they sure are pretty.

Windows Labs; aka Polaris Labs

WARNING: WINDOWS CRASHING AHEAD! Contrary to popular belief, Windows is a rather user-friendly interface everyone can enjoy, and to those coming into CS130 or CS134 next term, this is the place where you will spend most of your time doing your assignments. As time pushes on, you will get acquainted with the Windows labs even more as the 2nd term algebra course uses the Windows Labs to compute Matrix problems.

Unix Labs; aka place of less evil

Actually, we have 3 large Unix labs on the 3rd floor, two large Unix labs on the 2nd floor, and 2 large Unix labs on the 5th floor. When push comes to shove, many students find the Unix labs fast, efficient, and cleaner to use than the Windows workstations. Some claim that Unix labs are less evil, while that still needs to be scientifically proven.

Math/CS Tutorial Centre; aka Tutorial Centre

These tutorial centres, located on the 4th floor, are the last bastion of hope to get your assignment questions answered. Whether you're completely stuck on a problem or just want to verify an answer, the tutors at the TC will help you on your way to academic success, or at least, one less panic attack or stroke. The assginment dropoff boxes are also at the tutorial centre, so there is no way you can miss it.

Mathematics Undergrad Office; aka MUO

The MUO is where you go to get your schedule changed, drop off offical forms, and basically anything else connected to the logistic smooth running of your academic career. The CS and Math advisors are also there to help you, discuss courses, or just have a friendly chat.

TEN BEST THINGS ABOUT MATHSOC

10. The office, the ceiling is especially nice.
9. 5 Cent Photocopies
8. Coloured Chalk
7. Control of the CD Player
6. Novelties (from pens to t-shirts [*to shot glasses! — Pete Love*])
5. Web Site <http://www.mathsoc.uwaterloo.ca>
4. Friendly Office Workers
3. Social Events (Pint With A Prof, Cotton Candy Days, Capture the Flag)
2. Exam Bank
1. Orientation

The Frosh Cornered

Friends Don't Let Friends go to Western, or UT, or....

It was only a year ago when I first stepped onto the UW campus. The only thing I remembered from the campus day was that I was in a building that was modeled after a computer chip. That pretty much brings me to my point: I should actually have paid attention to my tour guide a year ago.

Welcome to the University of Waterloo, temporarily that is. I know you all have your doubts and questions about university in general, and that's why the tour guides are here: They're here to address your concerns (duh), and of course, sort of biasly sway your decision to come to the University of Waterloo.

I feel that before I continue, I should introduce myself. I was a frosh not that long ago. I only became a full fledged Mathie in Fall of 2000. Back in the good old days (6 months ago), we enjoyed the warm autumn sun as we forayed in games and activities of brotherly friendship. However, I didn't see myself as a Mathie until I actually stepped on campus. Nothing, not even Campus Day, can prepare for the instantaneous change from being a normal, everyday person into a full-fledged pink-tied Mathie frosh.

I'm getting off topic. Enough of this nostalgia already.

You must be wondering, why did I choose to come to the University of Waterloo? Frankly, I came here because of the academics. I was completely blinded from the social and interpersonal implications that UW has to offer. My scope at the time when I entered UW as my first choice was: I want a CS degree. I didn't even know what being a Mathie was all about. I learned what being a Mathie meant, and how a BMath can open doors for me in the future, during Frosh week. Although I have absolutely no regret coming to UW Math, I feel that the only mistake I made is that I learned too late. I should have been informed about the Math faculty and its related implications before I stepped into campus.

To eliminate that possibility for you all, I shall give you a taste of what being a true Mathie is all about, properly sectioned off for easy reading. *[Oh God, this is going to drag on, again, isn't it... — Pete Love]*

What is the Faculty of Mathematics? Why haven't I heard of this before?

University of Waterloo has the only Faculty of Mathematics in all of Canada. Since all life revolves around math, it only seems prudent to understand and study the thing that perpetually runs our universe. What is the universal constant of planetary orbit *[There's no such thing, what you talkin' about Ray? — Pete Love]*? What is the maximum amount of alcohol a healthy man can drink given a normal consumption rate of 3 beers per hour *[I think I'm healthy, so at least 47, one more to go, and I can do 2 cases! — Pete Love]*? How many times will Windows crash *[A lot! — Pete Love]*? All these questions can be answered with Math (And in the case of beer, you can prove that theorem by demonstration). By studying Math, you'll be able to answer those questions, but more importantly, you'll know why these questions are asked and truly understand the meaning of the question, and the answer.

I've heard Mathies have no life, is that true?

Being a Mathie goes beyond the academics. Yes, Mathies are known for being smart (why else do employers come from all

over the world to hire us?), but we're also known to be an extremely fun and exciting group to hang with. However, the amount of socializing depends on your tastes on university life. Some people prefer to focus on their academics, while the majority of Mathies prefer to mix academics with a social life. There's no need to worry about being swamped in work. Yes, if you leave all 5 assignment until the last day, you will be working until 5AM in the morning.

What is the workload like?

Simply put: demanding, but you'll only find it impossible if you don't manage your time. Being in university is not just about learning new knowledge. The academics you gain at UW or at any other university is only a side effect in comparison to the true learning you will do here at UW, which is to learn to learn all over again from scratch. You have to learn time management, life balancing, and prioritizing. Once a Mathie has grasped those 3 traits, the academics will begin, but without the root knowledge to learn, one cannot learn in ANY academic institution. However, the work is far from impossible. The assignment and tests will be challenging, and help will be given at every step of the way.

Profs don't care, do they?

As a matter of fact, Professors at UW DO CARE about your academic success, but only if you care as well *[Buying them a beer doesn't hurt either, trust me... — Pete Love]*. Academics, like a good relationship, is a two way street. If you ask a professor serious questions and really listen attentively in lectures and tutorials, then the prof will care about you passing the course.

I've heard of people getting lost forever on the sixth floor. Is that true?

Absolutely. The sixth floor is full of professor offices, so only people who know the blueprints of this place knows how to navigate that black hole. If you're a student, I HIGHLY recommend you begin your descent on the stairs if you see the words 6th Floor in front of you. Don't say I didn't warn you.

So, that basically covers the burning questions usually asked during campus day. I'm sure there are more questions, like how good the food is at the C&D, or if the Comfy Lounge is really that comfortable, or if the people who work at MathSoc is insane. Those questions are better directed at your campus day orientation guide.

Have a fun, exciting, eye-opening, safe, and eventful day here at the University of Waterloo Faculty of Mathematics. If you would like to ask any specific questions regarding mathNEWS, general Mathie life, or course information, I would be happy to help you out. Email your concerns to r3lai@student.math.uwaterloo.ca.

If you do decide to stick around next year, I bet you, you will not regret it. I didn't, and I'm enjoying every second of this Mathie experience. I hope you will too.

Froshily yours,
Raymond CT Lai
The Cornered Frosh

The HorrorScope

It makes absolutely no sense

Normally, the HorrorScope provides a two week look into the future for UW Mathies and UW students alike according to Math program of faculty. Every two weeks, we would publish the HorrorScope for all 10 undergrad Math programs and 4 non-math Faculties (Arts, Science, Engineering, and Applied Health Sciences). Since these categories really don't apply to the OACs coming in for campus day, we have devised a special edition of the HorrorScope, just for you, for you to enjoy!

From the aurora borealis localized inside the closet office of mathNEWS, we bring you the decrypted messages of the funny looking lights that often blind our better judgement.

JOCK

Your visit to UW will bring new numbers into your life. 10-digit numbers starting with 416 is a definite possibility. Resist the urge to release you anger on orientation tour guides. They are only human, you know.

An epic conflict will ensue with the CHESS JOCK over the use of the word JOCK. Avoid conflict whenever possible, as chess piece projectiles do hurt.

Your lucky number is a potential prom date's phone number

CHESS JOCK

A visit to the UW Comfy Lounge will conjure urges to sit and play chess. Expand your horizons and check out other comfy games such as Settlers. Prepare for your UW career by training for a 24-hour Settlers playing marathon.

JOCK may disagree with you on the wording of your category. Retaliate with a chess piece slingshot. Aim for the nose.

Your lucky number is 0 hours of sleep, playing Settlers.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Coming to UW may develop your taste for university politics. That exec office sure does look nice. Resist urge to take over dictatorship of MathSoc when you arrive on campus, as any insolence will bring upon the wrath of the all powerful MathSoc president: Paul. Wait, he's stuck in the trophy case for 50 hours, so he can't hurt you.

The LIBRARY PEOPLE are jealous of your impending power. Take away their funding.

Your lucky number is 2 years until you can officially take over MathSoc

TEACHER'S PET

Don't be shocked that UW Profs are immune to your bribes. You knew it was coming. Instead, focus on ways of bribing your teaching assistants and markers, who mark your exams and assignments. Compliments just doesn't work. Think along the lines of good homemade food, expensive computer supplies, and information to discredit their enemies.

Pump COUNCIL PRESIDENT for incriminating information

Your lucky number is 100%

BOARD GAMES JUNKIE

Those years of playing Settlers of Catan pay off if you decide to visit the comfy for extended periods of time. Note the popularity of the game with the comfy loungers as you may become one of them one day. Prepare to introduce other board games to the Mathie population as their tastes for games is rather limited.

BOOKWORM seems to be lonely. Assimilate him into your collective. Suck him into your games.

Your lucky number is 48 hours Settlers marathon.

PARTY ANIMAL

So, you woke up, yet again, in some place, with someone. But, don't worry, it wasn't your friend's mom. You have to learn to relax a little and slow down on your partying, at least for the next 48 hours. If you did wake up beside your friend's mom, stop drinking for 72 hours.

Engineers may be jealous at you for your alcoholic resistance. Show them how.

Your lucky number is 2 days of recovery time.

BOOKWORM

After seeing the intense workload, your mouth waters at the chance to actually exercise those brain muscles in your head. Try not to overdo it, as you may very well go insane. Also, interaction with other people may force you to take showers, which is a good thing.

Unlike high school, girls may find you attractive. Remember to take showers.

Your lucky number is a 90% average.

LIBRARY PEOPLE

Leaving your high school library may be a painful thing to do, but the switch to the DC library may bring about positive change. It's still back breaking work, but at least now people are actually reading the books you are shelving.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT may hold a higher position, but you can still refuse to sign out books for him.

Your lucky number is thousands and thousands of books to be shelved, in one hour, by yourself.

CAFETERIA TRANSIENT

Even though the comfy has no servery, it is close to the C&D, so the Comfy will be your new home/hangout when you come to UW. The only distinguishing factor between you and the regulars is that you take showers, so you don't smell.

BOARD GAME JUNKIE may be angered by your invasion of their territory. Fight them off with soap and deodorant.

Your lucky number is \$1.03 for a bar of Zest.

Amadaeus & Co.

Math Orientation 2001

You have now had your first look at the University of Waterloo and the Faculty of Math. Pretty big eh! You probably took a lot of tours during your visit and were more than slightly overwhelmed. Am I anywhere close yet? Well guess what? The campus isn't going to shrink between now and next September, and there won't be any less people walking around. You don't need to worry though, we have an entire week where you can meet new friends, explore the campus and learn about all aspects of life at university. Of course I am talking about Orientation week, or if you prefer, Frosh Week. This is your best chance to get acquainted with your new home, so don't miss out. You will be receiving more information this summer so keep an eye out for it, and we will see you in September. Oh, and if you have any questions, feel free to email us at orientation@mathsoc.uwaterloo.ca.

Doug Edwards

Director, Math Orientation 2001

profQUOTES

What are profQUOTES? Well, basically, they are funny things that profs have said during lectures. Students scribble them down, and send them to *mathNEWS* to share with all the other math students.

"Hip Hip Array!"

Barry, CS 445

(Says something that isn't funny, but pretends that it is) "I'm trying to get into *mathNEWS* next week."

Chateasuneuf, Math 136

(At the end of a lecture about symmetries of various objects, a tennis ball and a baseball have been circulated around for some time...) "Where are my balls? Who's got my balls?"

Gilbert, PMath 336

"It's harder to draw in n -space, unless you're smoking funny cigarettes."

Best, C&O 367

"Anything is possible when you're on drugs."

Willard, PMath 330

(Reading his quote above) "I couldn't have said that..."

Willard, Math 137

"A beer would help, but I have something else in mind."

Willard, Math 137

"Two hours ago, I recall saying something about pie and a beer." (Sees pie and beer on desk) "Obviously I should've asked for something more expensive."

Willard, Math 137

"Isn't it illegal to serve a beer in class? I'm breaking the law then,... no, wait! One of **you** is breaking the law!"

Willard, Math 137

"What the heck am I doing? Well, I've had a little to drink"

Willard, Math 137

"I wonder what's on the board — did somebody throw up on it or something?"

Downey, PSCI 231

"How many of you want me to prove it to you? And how many don't give a togy my higy damn? Good! No One!"

Jackson, Math 235

"Under the influence of powerful drugs, I get an intuition."

Tenti, AM 361

"Start of term, gotta go to the beer store and rent a truck."

Troy Vasiga, CS 241

(Prof is trying to solve problem, stares at the ceiling to ponder) Pete Love: "Yeah, keep staring at the ceiling, maybe it'll tell you the answer..." Prof: "Where's my gun?" (Pad's himself down) "Where is it? I had it yesterday..."

Troy Vasiga, CS 241

"I almost feel like saying don't write this garbage down."

Jackson, C&O 330

"Time goes fast when you are having fun, and slows down when you are approaching the speed of light..."

Tenti, AM 261

"If you're a student, and you don't have much income, you'll have to settle for cheap wine."

Kardasz, ECON 102

"Does anybody read what I write up there?"

Lewis, MATH 136

Compiled by Pete Love

Life, the Universe, and Andrew's Sister

Relationships

A lot of people find their "soulmates" during their university career, but you have to be careful about how you go about doing your searching. I have a friend Andrew, Andrew's a big boy, goes to the gym all the time, etc. Let me tell you, don't joke around with lines like "Bow Wow Wow, yippee yo, yippee yeah, where's Andrew's sister at?"

You lose teeth.

On a brighter note, University is a very social place, where you can walk up to random people and strike up conversations. There are lots of social hangouts (The Bombshelter, FEDHall, SLC, etc) where you can meet people. You'll make tons of friends (literally!) during orientation (Frosh week), and you don't have to be worried about being lonely when you move to university. We all were, but I've met some really cool people here. If I can make friends, then so can you.

Fridges

I like to eat, feed my body, fuel for the gym, all that good stuff. A hedgewizard needs these things. Well, most students have interesting fridges with interesting products. Let me tell you, don't eat random things from your fridge. My latest incident involved 'cloudy' coke. It looked wierd, but hey, I was thirsty, so I drank it...and well, went to the bathroom afterward.

So, whatever you do, check the expiry date on the food, and don't eat anything that looks, feels, or smells spooge. Lastly, don't ever forget that pop can go bad... yuch!

Peter Love

Snuggles Sez

things.

Point/CounterPoint: Which Faculty Should You Go To?

From the Grand Atrium that is the mathNEWS Closet (Office)

"UW Engineering is Better"

vs

"UW Arts is Better"

UW Engineering is Better

With an astronomical entrance fee, you can win a chance (Get the fine print: WIN A CHANCE) to gain a UW Engineering degree that will make all your friends envious, or kill you in anger, or both.

Engineering Frosh recieve nice yellow plastic construction hats to avoid anything academic from entering their brain upon entering the UW campus on their first day. We also introduce the Engineering frosh to "The Tool", where they must learn to worship it, clean it, adore it, and use it when necessary. What is "The Tool"? Well, nobody actually knows, maybe it doesn't exist.

In Engineering, we don't actually have to prove anything as long as some Mathie proves it before we do, which happens a lot. Once assigned, all engineer students will be placed in a class where they will stay in that class with the same classmates for 5 whole years. Even if you don't like the person who sits beside you, you will have to sit beside him for five years. Isn't that nice?

7 hours of classes every day, plus another 4 hours of work at home, and you HAVE to fit in 3-4 hours of binge drinking everyday. You may find your wallet being debited for your alcohol consumption. All engineers will have to learn the engineer's dancing pose.

In Engineering, you will have to learn never to socialize unless there is beer involved. In Engineering, you will learn through osmosis or else you'll never catch up to the rest of the class. In Engineering, you will lose all your hair.

UW Arts is Better

Two words: we don't actually work. Wait, that's 3 words. Whatever.

Here at UW Arts, you will gain a well-rounded education with a flare for the subtle. I don't know what that means, but I saw it in DaGloboPost once, and I thought it would be nice to use it here.

UW Arts students develop into leaders of tomorrow. You never know, a UW Arts graduate will run Canada someday. Just like Jean Chretien, our UW Arts students are all currently studying indecisive thinking (UW Arts Logo is still not yet finalized), and complaining loudly for that fateful day in the Canadian parliament.

There is no happy medium here at UW Arts. You're here to get an education while having fun. Although courses are challenging in their own way, it is definitely less insane than the courses at the Math building. By the way, their C&D really serves good sushi.

UW Arts will forever be the last bastion of human leadership. Learn and prosper from our indecisiveness. Maybe one day, we can actually decide on the official UW Arts logo, and then cancel it and design a new one again.

Lesson Learned: Go to UW Math. It is good for the soul. It is challenging. You'll receive a good education. Best of all, you'll get *mathNEWS*, the bastion of Canada's Mathie thought.

An Engineering frosh and an Arts frosh,
as interviewed by Amadaeus

WHY I HAVE MATH-ENVY

by an unspecified Bio Broad

1. I think I LOVE math about as much - or in some cases, particularly 4th years or Paul Royston - more than most mathies. I'm not kidding. Don't laugh. Just ask that CS major next to you how much he/she LOVES his/her major....Don't worry...Just wipe the drool off and they'll snap out of it.
2. Most student societies would require you to hold a position before you take over their office space doing squat all day, occasionally interrupted by some promotional work (READ: taping a sign to my back and yelling at strangers to buy cotton candy)...not MathSoc!
3. It's cool to be a geek.
4. I know Pete Love personally... He IS a bit of a hedgewizard...
5. Their logo isn't reminiscent of artwork in a 1970's hick-

town hockey rink, wing-ding pizza delivery man.

6. Everywhere on campus I am ostracized, violated or otherwise beaten to a bloody pulp as a result of my antics and/or attire...Everywhere but MC that is... Last week I came in wearing a studded choker, fairy wings, 1/2 a pinata closely resembling a breasticle (worn on my head) [What is a breasticle? — Pete Love] and a whip. Not only were people unphased by this but they were further impressed when they discovered that this was completely unprompted...well...with the exception of the litre of Benjamin Moore that I bonded with earlier.
7. Who else labels their photocopiers 0!, 3 choose 2, and e to the power of ln2?
8. They're not Engineers.

Everyone's Favourite intergalactic-smack-fiend,
Ralph

What Is THIS plan

mathNEWS proudly presents this quick blurb on each of the plans within the Math faculty. We give you a short excerpt from the official student undergrad calendar. Then we give you a different perspective, one that hopefully provides a little bit more information about the plan you're interested in. These blurbs are merely short representations of the plans and are meant only to give a brief glimpse of the plan. The best way to find out about a plan is to ask a student currently enrolled in it! Read on to check out your plan...

General Math

They say - ...Three-Year General Plan

The unofficial take - Take the core courses, take a few electives and get out of here! This is pretty much the shortest plan in the faculty, and you'll probably have a lot of fun getting this degree. The workload isn't as extreme as some of the other plans, but not to worry, it isn't a cakewalk either.

Actuarial Science

They say - ...the application of mathematics and statistics to financial problems and particular emphasis on life insurance, casualty insurance, and employee benefit plans.

Short form: ActSci, pronounced "Act-Sigh"

The unofficial take - Essentially, an actuary uses probability and statistics to place a price on a risk. A practising actuary must have a professional designation given by the Society of Actuaries. But that's all formalities. As a student, you can expect to be writing professional exams to achieve your professional designation. Your courses will specialize to Actuarial math in second year, as well as a bunch of Statistics, economics and life insurance courses. A tough plan, but co-op usually results in a good position.

Applied Mathematics

They say - ...motivated mathematics, or mathematics to a purpose.

Short form: AM, pronounced "Eh-Ehm".

The unofficial take - Really like calculus? Much of the coolest math and calculus is done in AM. A lot of stuff you won't understand right now, but expect to see some of the stuff Newton himself worked on. Courses begin to specialize in second year with names like Differential Equations, Complex Analysis and Applied Real Analysis.

Combinatorics and Optimization

They say - ...the study of discrete structure and their properties. It includes coding theory, combinatorial design, enumeration theory, graph theory and polyhedral theory.

Short form: C&O, pronounced "See and Oh".

The unofficial take - Sort of difficult to describe until you get there. Has lots of applications to many of the problems in found in computing and solving them efficiently. Apply to the plan in second year, and see courses like Mathematical optimization, Enumeration and Cryptography. Lots of students take these courses as electives as the material is usually interesting, challenging and applicable to other problems.

Computer Science

They say - ...concerned with the nature and properties of information, its structure and classification.

Short form: CS, pronounced "See-Ess"

The unofficial take - Most students seem to apply to CS, but it's not for everyone. There are a lot of courses involving computers, some with assignments on paper, some with assignments involving programming. The plan has a reputation for being a lot of work, but depending on who you talk to it can be quite manageable to horribly difficult. Good study skills are a must! The cool material may not show up until second or third year, but when it does, expect to be taking courses like Graphics, Operating Systems and Distributed Programming.

Pure Mathematics

They say - ...the pursuit of knowledge for its own sake and because of its beauty...

Short form: PM, pronounced "Pee-ehm"

The unofficial take - Loving mathematics for the fun of it. There's a lot of really cool problems you'll look at in PM. If you can describe the solution of a problem as pretty, fun, or cool, then PM is probably for you. Even if you can't say that now, once you start the plan, you'll probably be saying that in the end. Apply to the plan in second year and take courses like Complex Analysis, Rings and Fields and Mathematical Logic.

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So many Computers. What to Use?

Or the computing environment of UW

As you walk along the corridors of the 3rd floor of the MC building, you will probably notice that each computer lab is very different from another. In fact, the computers in different labs are of different types.

Here at UW, the computer labs are equipped with either iMac's (Macintosh), PC's, or Unix machines. Which machine one gets to use depends on what courses one takes.

The iMac's and the PC's are mainly for those who take first-year CS courses (and a Linear Algebra course). Once you get to your second year, you would probably work with Unix machines exclusively. You may or may not have worked with the Unix operating system before. Some of you may not even know what it is. Be not afraid. UW does offer tutorials on how to

work with these machines. So if you are worried about not being able to learn to use a new OS, be at ease, they are not going to let you hang in the dry.

Beside the usual workstations, there are a few labs which serve special purposes. For instance, there is a statistical computing lab where one can process and analyse large amounts of data in mere seconds. There is also a graphics lab which transforms students' code into stunning images on the monitor.

This is just a brief description of the UW computing environment. If you have any inquiries, not be afraid to ask your guide, because in University, if you don't ask anyone, nobody will know that you have a question.

Jason "the Screamer" Lau

From previous page.

Statistics

They say - ...deals with the collection and analysis of data.

Short form: Stats, pronounced like it looks

The unofficial take - Apply to this program in second year. It's one of the most overlooked programs. Can be pretty confusing, but once you figure out that everything you deal with all comes down to costs you'll probably love the program. A lot of the work involves computers and using them for analysis. The program has the fewest required courses, so you get to have a well rounded degree with a wide variety of electives.

Math Accounting

They say - in co-operation with the School of Accountancy and the Departments of Economics and ... Short form: Math Accounting, pronounced the "good version" of accounting. The unofficial take - Essentially the same as Arts accounting but taken with a lot more Math courses. Depending on which perspective you prefer, the arts, or the Mathematical, both Accounting programs will give you excellent background for post-grad studies and Accounting in general. You won't spend much time taking regular Math courses past first year as the program is fairly specialized.

Math Business

They say - ...opportunity to combine courses in Actuarial Science, Computer Science, Optimization and Statistics...

Short form: MathBus, pronounced "Math-Biz"

The unofficial take - For the love of God, do not start a conversation on why Alan Greenspan refused to lower interest rates last week, because they will literally go into detail why the puppet master of the universe (scary, some MathBiz ACTUALLY have conversations, referring to Alan Greenspan as the puppet master or the high priest of the world.) had plans to slow the US economy with people panicking... you get the idea. With economics, accounting, and business courses from both UW and Wilfred Laurier University, MathBiz is the way you want to go if you want to know how the markets are manipulated worldwide and why Alan Greenspan is called the Chief Priest of the Financial sector. You can apply for this in the 2nd year, but it is rather convenient to take care of some of the core courses during the first year, namely economics and business.

Math Teaching

They say - ...combines an academic program in mathematics, teaching experience in secondary schools, and professional training...

The unofficial take - Apply in second year to this one too, but enrol in first year. It's essentially a launch in to the world of teaching, with a breadth of courses in all the above programs. By taking this program, you'll get a good understanding of all the aspects of the faculty, but this can be a lot of work due to the lack of specialization in a field.

Kevo & RayAmadaeus

Talking to the Insane: An Interview with the UW Mount Everest Expedition Team

As observed last week, a group of peculiar, but warmly dressed students, took up residence outside the MC where the Tie Guard would be during Frosh Week. However, they weren't there to vigilantly guard the Pink Tie, but they were there to sell chocolates. *mathNEWS* braved the blistering cold and trekked out to where the UW Mount Everest Expedition Team set up camp to conduct a quick interview, before we froze our collective butts.

As we approached the team, a warmly dressed member of the Team came up to me to solicit the purchase of a chocolate bar to help fund their expedition. After hearing that we had no money, and were only here to conduct an interview, the Team became less hostile at the fact that we did not have the financial ability to purchase their delicious chocolate bars. Our first observations of the team is that they were all accomplished UW students with . Thus, the interview began in earnest. The UW Expedition members present were: Titia Praamsma, Joel Ziegler, Leanne Jewitt, Kevin Wolf, and Leanne Valley.

mathNEWS: Are you actually going to do this???

Mount Everest Expedition Team:

Kevin: We wouldn't be here, freezing our asses in the cold, if we weren't going to do this.

Joel: Yes, we're leaving on the 26th of April, and there are going to be 2 teams: One is educational, and one is environmental. They're going up to the mountain and bringing down bags and bags of garbage.

mathNEWS: How far up are you guys going?

MEET:

Leanne J: We're not going all the way up to the top. Only up to base camp, about 5450 metres.

mathNEWS: Have you guys gone completely zonkers?

MEET:

Kevin: Sometimes, we are cooking Kraft Dinner, outside, in -20 degrees weather. You be the judge.

Joel: We're completely nuts.

Titia: And we're sleeping outside here tonight too! hahaha

mathNEWS: Name one thing that is important to you that you are taking up to Everest

MEET:

PINK TIE! And Calculators too!

mathNEWS: Any final words you would like to say to the Mathie community?

MEET:

Leanne: Buy our chocolates at the turnkey desk! Support our cause!

Joel: Even though climbing Everest is a challenge, it's still easier than MATH107

As a side note, the MEET will be taking a Pink Tie up to Mount Everest, which will set a new world record as the first Pink Tie to step foot on the highest peak in the world. Photos will be taken and will be published in the Fall term.

Raymond Lai

Frosh Week From A Frosh Leader's Perspective

(Or how I came to love Capture The Leader)

It's Time! It's Time! It's Time! It's Time!

I'm painfully groggy after being awoken from a deep slumber to the sound of buzz buzz buzz buzz (or alternatively someone kicking me telling me we have to get going). The frosh aren't here yet, well they are but I won't see them for a couple of days. Today we begin preping our bodies for early mornings and late nights... Oh for the love of free coffee!!! I didn't like coffee until I became a frosh leader, now I can tell the difference between three or four C&D gourmet blends. MMMmmm... sugar, there's also sugar, I know I'll get this most every morning but each time it's a new experience. Later today I'll find out that no one has made any cheers for the team but a half hearted attempt at making something rhyme... this is why we like frosh who make their own cheers, it's really better than coffee. So hyped on caffeine and high on sugar We cheer, We Shout, WE MAKE LOTS OF HAPPY NOISE!!! And we PARTY!!! After stuffing kits :)

BUZZ BUZZ BUZZ BUZZ, SLAP

I'm up! Okay another day. Today we get to meet frosh!!! Not necessarily our frosh but some frosh. Yes you get to sleep in, this really is the last day we get to, we officially have no obligations today but we like to help, and we like to play. Wow, I get to stand around and look leader like... or gang like depending on what they did to the Leader Uniforms (TM) this year. If I have a hat or a hood I'm happy because it keeps me from getting cold... I'm jealous of the FOC People, they have fleece vests, it looks warm... Inflating large amusing things takes a long time, but you get to be the first one to test them out.

BUZZ BUZZ BUZZ BUZZ!!!!

Need Coffee!!! NEED Sugar!!! The frosh are coming! The Frosh are coming! ... I'm awake, they're still asleep... or soaking wet depending on who got to them first. Look there's one!! Pick me! Pick Me!!!! I feel like I'm in the humane society. At least some of the other frosh leaders have arrived. Do we remember our cheer... no... we'll make another one up and hopefully we'll be able to remember all the other ones that have been drilled into our heads over the past few years... The frosh are coming out of no where now... Everybody is up in arms... They have the "I'm bored and I'm not sure I want to be here, where's mommy/daddy" look. Yeah, cheers are the only thing we really have to get them started... Laringitis my only friend... Lets find a game that's legal to play!!! Okay, most of that's vocal, but some frosh usually has an interesting history...

They're gone... sweet merciful sleep...zzzz

ONE MORE TIME!!!

Okay today I think the Ties UP!!! That means earn your time and my all time favorite game Catch The Leader (This game is unrated) Life and death lie in the frosh hands. :) LETS GET EM!!!! ... Wow I'm exhausted... They're gone for a little while. Huddle, does any of us know who any of the frosh are... a couple good! Lets go rest relax and find someplace to have food for the rest of the week. Make them pay, we'd like to but most have food plans. Subs... sounds good enough to me, just be careful with the grater...

THESE FROSH ARE GETTING ROWDY

I think my shirt went rancid... I knew I should have washed it yesterday... I'll grab another shirt and wear my jacket/vest/leotards my frosh will know who I am even if I don't. By this

point in time I have crossed the sanity line... I also can't speak. If my frosh leaders have been so lucky one or two of the frosh have self-appointed themselves the ring leaders of the team and everything holds together... if not well, that means there's less frosh to look after or every body is insane... Everybody tends to be insane.

Last night was my first night at the Tie, and it won't be my last... My frosh make me so proud! They over cheered the entire mob of people of some faculty I no longer recall. They made up a cheer and came in first for spirit... Frosh are like a drug, the more around you the more you feel like frosh week is a good thing the more you cheer the more you shout the more good you feel the more dead you're going to feel when you stop... Yes the frosh crash... it hits hard and the landing is right into classes...

Beyond Tie guard there's something like betting and dancing... I'm someplace far far above the frosh and they're all waving to me... I'm either on the roof and they want me to jump or it's casino night... (time blur) It's scunt... Eat PI? But that's a number!!! Oh not that PI... Why do they make these clues so hard? MORE CHEERING! Since when do we use frosh leaders as battering rams? (time blur) MMT (The Magical Mystery Tour) Seeped in history and myth ahh... sitting out in the sun (or rain) Water bombs, gummy worms, Bizarre attempts at human sculputre... CATCH THE LEADER!!! (Or I just began running around being chased by a horde of frosh... they really should make they boundaries bigger) (Time blur) Huddle... does any of my fellow leaders remember our own names? No? How about some of the frosh? Yes? Okay they'll be our super frosh because we don't know who anyone else is... MMM... Fire.. I hope no one jumps into the fire this year... poor Bill... we lost Bill and all his hard coverdness to the flames... ah well...

YAYYYY!!! AWARDS and ...

(Grin!) I'm usually asleep during the ceremony... even if I'm talking, don't believe what you see, it's unreal anyways... or rather surreal... Most of the frosh are asleep... The last chance to CHEER!!!! Well who were those (non)icebreaker like people who went up stairs... I'm not a leader anymore.. really I'm not.. so I can't tell you what happens with those people and the water that falls... Oh who started that! Whose fault was it! Okay give me the chocolate!!! I'll get them!!! (Yumm!!!)

What do you mean it's not frosh week anymore?

Cubby Three Kenob

Cheap Plug for mathNEWS

For a lot of time wasting, please visit:

www.mathnews.uwaterloo.ca

This site is unbelievably useless, and contains more rants and raves by bitter people than you can shake a stick at. It also has a lot of profQUOTES. Now those are funny, and then there is the FSM (Finite State Machine) that involves Turkey (the country), Prof. Vasiga, and my parents. On second thought, don't go to the above website, ever.

Pete Love