

math NEWS

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Roman

One-Handed

Hell-Yeah

Crossover

Cheater

Binary

Decimal

Hexadecimal

30 Years Well Wasted

Conquer the Campus

Scunt Winter 2003

As a second year mathie, it was with pride that I stood up for my faculty and participated in my second Scunt. I was surprised at the outcome. Some of our better scunters (ok, well, so we did beat them in Name That Tune (BIG TIME!)) decided to form their own team. They will subsequently be referred to as OLD mathies (we were YOUNG mathies), but the biggest disappointment was the frosh involvement ... there were two froshies that did participate (to my knowledge ... sorry if you helped and I did not see you!) and of the two, only one really stayed the length. As always, though, we upheld our tradition of coming in second (YAY YOUNG mathies!), this time to the 1B Soft Eng.

With any luck, we'll see a better turnout for Summer 2003 Scunt, and looking forward to Scunt Fall 2003!

Scunt's Ahoy!

Scunt - The Place To Be

- 1 Theme
- 4 Teams
- >5 People per team
- 15 Gods
- + 30 Hours without Sleep

= A Great Time

On Friday, January 24th to Saturday, January 25th, the race was on as 4 teams (the Young Math Team, The Old Math Team, the 1B Software Engineers, and the Mech's) competed in the W03 Scunt hosted by the 2A System Design Engineers.

The goal to Conquer the Campus was more difficult than it seemed, and in the end, the 1B SoftEng team controlled the majority of the territories and won the Scunt. They will be running the scunt in F03.

For all of you who did not come out, you don't know what you missed. I have had many memories of scunts past, where the older students have told us many stories of things that have happened on campus (crickets in the Engineering buildings, for example). I have been a part of every scunt that has been offered since my 1A term and have fun memories from each of them.

It's a great time to meet your fellow students, and if you have not been involved in a scunt before, I would highly recommend taking part in a future one. Many a great memory are made and many a great people are met.

"Till September,

Diligent Scunter

What You Did

For a small but dedicated group of people, January 24th was a time to unwind and take a load off. The range of contributions varied greatly. Whether you stayed all night, went to a few events, answered some trivia, popped out of a box, got beat with a sword for an hour, or even just gave us a mirror to use as an acquisition, your help made a difference and for that we are forever grateful.

Lino Demasi
Gregory Hines

lookAHEAD

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January 31	Issue #2 being accused in a suit
February 10	Issue #3 Production Night 6:30 pm, MathSoc (MC 3038)
February 14	Issue #3 swamped by greeting cards

Math Faculty

February 28	WD Deadline
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MathSoc

Thursdays	Movie Night
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MGC

Wednesdays	Pizza
Today	Last Day for buying Yearbooks
February 14	J. Alan George Award Nominations due
March 8	Grad Ball

PMC Talks

February 4	Marcoux talks 4:30 pm, MC 2038
February 11	McKinnon talks (NOT Ian) 4:30 pm, MC 2038

Co-op

February 5	Job Fair
February 12	Interviews End

Miscellaneous

Jan. 31–Feb. 7	International Celebration Week
February 1	Chinese New Year
February 2	Groundhog Day 60% chance of deep freeze continuing
February 6–8	FASS
February 6	Bob Marley Day
February 7–12	FEDS Elections There's a reason to vote this time
February 14	Valentine's Day

It's FASS-tastic!

So you all remember The Muppet Show, right? Those cute little Muppets, like Kermit and Miss Piggy, and my personal favourite, Gonzo. Well now's your chance to see these lovable characters personified by a dashing and talented troupe of actors (many of whom are in Math!)

Next Thursday, Friday, and Saturday in the Hagey Hall Theatre, Waterloo's FASS (Faculty, Alumni, Staff, and Students) Theatre Company will be showing "The New FASS Show", a musical comedy loosely based on The Muppet Show. Tickets are \$8 (\$6 on Thursday or for groups of six or more) and are available from the Hagey Hall box office.

So if you like pirates (yearrrgh!), ninjas, chickens, or perhaps a pleasant combination of all three, come out to FASS!

random FASSie

Pitch Fast Women!

The Women's Fast Pitch Team is starting open workouts for the 2003 season on Saturday, February 1st at 10:30 AM in the Columbia Icefields Gym. Any female full-time student can contact me at vpfergus@uwaterloo.ca or visit the fastpitch website at <http://www.uwaterloo.ca/~vpfergus/fastpitch> for more information.

Vicki Ferguson

Your Social Triumvirate

Veni Vidi Portavi Pinkum

Greetings, citizens of the MC! It's your local friendly social director here, except your social director is schizophrenic with split personality disorder and three personalities and six names. This term you do in fact have *three* times the socialite goodness, embodied in the forms of Meaghan Stoll, Christopher Thompson-Walsh and Travis Goldfeldt, forming your Social Triumvirate.

We have lots and lots of stuff planned this term, and are indeed confident of success in running our Publicity director off her feet (sorry Soo.) But you wouldn't want that to happen to her, would you, so why don't you save her some trouble educating you and read down for some of the upcoming events this term, as well as how *you* can run *us* of our feet.

First and foremost is **CoveNight!** And it's free! This means you can game for free! From 7:00pm at *night* on Wednesday the 5th of February, you get unlimited gaming, free, at The Cove, solely because you're such good mathies! (or at least because you're mathies, anyways!) Free — that's like, you pay nothing each game! That's like, additive identity in Z! (Artsies and anyone who doesn't know what an additive identity is pay \$3.) Otherwise, free, free, free as the exclamation marks in this paragraph!

Right, now that's out of my system... (Hey, I said I was schizophrenic...) Come out to CoveNight.

We have lot's of other events throughout the term... Traditional favourites such as **Pi Day** (3/14) are back, as will be all **nightLaserQuest** (Feb. 28).

Also, on February 26th, we will be having **nightskiing** at Blue Mountain, for the global minimum price of the slope, \$26 (including ski rentals). We should be leaving campus about quarter to 3, and arriving back at the University about half past *midnight*. (Beginning to notice a pattern here? Good.)

On March 11, we'll be going **{Cosmic?} Bowling**... details to follow. (But yes, night will be involved.)

Various other timely pick-me-ups are scheduled throughout term, such as **Pancake Tuesday** (on, er, Pancake Tuesday — Mar 4) and the usual assortment of Cotton Candy Days, Valentine **CandyGrams**, competitions with Professors (**QuizBowl** [Feb 23]... no, **Pints with Profs** [sometime April] is NOT a competitive event, tho' it is happening, somewhere), office matrathons, alien abductions (it's literally a pick-up) and close encounters of the $\ln(2)$ kind...

For full details, please see the list which will soon be materializing on the glass on the third floor outside the Comfy lounge (that's South Side, for all you labrats...) Plus, there are more events scheduled, and still to be announced (really!).

If there's anything more or else you think we really really have to do, or even better, something you think *you* really really have to do, feel free to approach us. We want to make MathSoc as socially useful as possible. We're socialites. Break out the Martini glasses. (Say, could someone work on Novelties for that?) The best way to find us is to, well, find us (3rd floor MC; aska round the 'soc office); but alternatively, feel free to email us at social@mathsoc.uwaterloo.ca

Cheers,
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VPAS Specs

Horrid Continuity

The ongoing naming of the VPAS column based on my past writings continues.

First off, "Gong Hai Fat Choi" to all who are celebrating Chinese New Year on Saturday. To celebrate this festive occasion, I will be giving out random candy and Chinese sweets from the MathSoc Exec office (MC 3039). If you see me, come say "Gong Hay Fat Choi" and I'll give you candy! You really CAN'T LOSE!

And now ... on to the news.

Social Events

We have social events up the ying-yang this year. It all kicks off on January 30 with a **Cotton Candy Day** on the third floor. We have **Cove Night**, where The Cove (You know ... the place with ARCADE GAME GOODNESS in the SLC) will be opened to ALL Math Students (providing you didn't ask for a refund) for FREE GAMING. Watch for posters going up around the MC this week on times. There will be games, games, food, more games, drink, and possibly more games.

I'll let the MathSoc Triangle of Social Goodness (Your Winter 2003 Social Coordinators) explain more in detail about the goodness you will experience this year.

Mentor Week

We are currently working with the Faculty of Math to start up a mentorship program for high-school students who are coming into, well, the Faculty of Math. Details are being ironed out, and more details should be available by next week.

Cove Night

This is SO important, it warrants ANOTHER section. Math Cove Night is this coming Wednesday. Bring your DDR dancing shoes, your ichy trigger finger, and your pizza loving appetite. Oh, don't forget to bring your Watcard. Math students are free, so bring your Watcard. Non-Math students entry is \$3, and must be accompanied by a Math Student.

That's all from your VPAS this week. Remember, thousands of brain cells are killed daily due to poor logic — use no logic at all. That solves ALL problems.

Raymond Lai
VPAS, MathSoc W03

Attention Grads of 2003

Our final winter term is quickly moving along and there is a lot happening with your Grad Committee. Here is the information you need to be informed.

Yearbooks

Today is the last day to order a yearbook. Yearbooks are \$35 and are filled with valuable memories of your time here at UW. Yearbooks will be on sale from 10 am till 4 pm at the table across from the Math C+D.

Grad Ball

Math Grad Ball will take place on March 8th, 2003. The theme of the Ball is Unmasking our Future and will be a masquerade ball. Tickets are currently on sale now until Feb 7th. They are on sale on the 3rd floor of MC across from the C+D. Tickets are \$40 per person, 8 people to a table. This may seem like a lot of money but think of what you get for that \$40: 3 course meal, wine, photos, a small gift and endless memories. This is the last chance as undergrads to have a formal party with you fellow grads. There will be a DJ and songs can be requested at the time of ticket purchase as well as at Grad Ball. This is your celebration ... you don't want to miss out!!

J. Alan George Award

Nominations for the J. Alan George Award are now available in the MGC office (MC 3029). The J. Alan George Award is awarded to the grad who best satisfies the following criteria:

1. enhanced the profile of the Math faculty on campus.
2. fostered communication between students, faculty, staff, and administration university-wide.
3. contributed to the social aspects of the Math faculty.
4. improved the academic environment of the Math faculty.
5. shown an ongoing effort in university-wide activities and groups.

Application are due Feb. 14, 2003 by 4:30 pm

J. Alan George Award Selection Committee

Selection Committee Nomination forms are now available in the MGC Office (MC 3029). The selection committee is made up of 4 students (1 — stream 4, 1 — stream 8, 1 — regular, 1 — MGC representative) as well as 4 faculty members. If you are graduating in 2003 then you can apply to sit on the committee that selects that recipient of the J. Alan George Award. Selection Committee forms are due Feb 14th, 2003 at 4:30 pm.

Brewery Tour

We are going on a brewery tour. We have 30 spots available for a brewery tour of Brick Brewery. The tour will take place Feb 20th (the Thursday of Reading Days). The cost will likely be \$5 per person. If you are interested in going email mgc@student.math.uwaterloo.ca.

As always check out the MGC website <http://student.math.uwaterloo.ca/~mgc> for the most up to date information.

Daryl McEachern
2003 MGC Chair

Do You Know There Are Women In Math?

We're fairly sure...

Waterloo, Ontario (WIM) — 100% of female students surveyed at the WIM meeting classified themselves as women in Math. Says the surveyor: "This was an astonishing result. We didn't realize there are actually women in Math."

The Women in Math Undergrad committee, a social committee funded by the Math Society, organizes social and academic events for section of the Math student population without the Y chromosome. Such events include self-defence classes, bubble tea socials, and academic talks that target both math and non-math female students.

The male Math population are encouraged to attend WIM events. Men will NOT be used as targets for the self-defence class.

Information on events will be updated on a constant basis on the WIM Undergrad bulletin board next to the Windows Lab on the 3rd floor, and detailed information on WIM and its activities can be found at www.student.math.uwaterloo.ca/~wimugrad. The next WIM meeting will be on Feb. 4th, at 5:00 pm.

Come on out and experience the other half of Math!

Women In Math Undergrad Committee

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At *mathNEWS*, we receive numerous letters from readers concerned with aspects of our publication. The standard response to these queries is to think, "Gee, it was nice of them to take the time to write that," and then go off and eat some pizza. While this technique has served us well for thirty years, we've decided to eat the pizza first, then respond to some of the letters...

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We encourage you to reread Jason 'the Screamer' Lau's particular article you mentioned in your letter, as well as some of his previous articles; you will see that we are not at all likely to cause confusion or damage to your official web site or trademarks.

The *mathNEWS* editors,
Chris 'Krease' Harasemchuk
& Louis 'Waldo' Mastorakos

Good afternoon,

As an alumni of waterloo, I was recently shocked to hear that

the bombshelter may be closing.

How can this be?

Is it true?

Your response is appreciated

rob estey
BMath '86

Not only may it be closing, it already is closed. UW Administration has decided that the Bombshelter and Fed Hall need different management before they are reopened, in light of an incident that took place this past New Year's. You can read more about it at <http://www.uwstudent.org/story/14175>

KreasEd

Ugh, mathies can't get it right?

OK, I'm a mathie. And I have a major issue with mathies that can't write numbers correctly. In the last mathNews, I noticed that you put a space to separate thousands, as in "30 000". This is completely wrong for Canadian English. Thinking that you might be Frenchie supporters, I looked over and noticed that you use a period to indicate the decimal... That is the correct way in Canadian English, but the wrong way in French (1,9 is the French way). So, since we are MATHIES, in Ontario, speaking English, would it be too much to ask to write numbers the correct way in the future, as in 3,943,327.42245. I mean, I'd hate to see the engys do it correctly and us mathies not...

Have a good one...
Johann Joubert

Wow, somebody actually noticed that. Why don't you help us proofread our articles before we make any more mistakes? Seriously though, there's an open invitation to anyone who wants to help out mathNEWS — our next production night is Monday February 10th starting at 6:30 PM in the MathSoc Office.

KreasEd

Have something to say? Don't like the cut of our jib? Or perhaps you just want to vent? Send *mathNEWS* a letter! You can

- put it in the BLACK BOX between the C&D and the comfy lounge

- email it to mathnews@student.math.uwaterloo.ca
- snail-mail to: *mathNEWS*, MC3041, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, N2L 3G1

Challenge to the Math Grads of 2003

How Pink Are You?

This is the official launch of the Pink Tie Pledge. This is the Math portion of the campus wide Grad Class Challenge. Each year the graduating classes of each faculty are challenged to pledge as much money as they can. Officially the goal is \$60 000; however, the unofficial goal is to be the first class in Math to raise more than the Engineers ('cause we all know we are better).

I would just like to make two points clear. *THIS MONEY DOES NOT GO TO THE UNIVERSITY!!* ... it goes to help incoming students ... in fact you get to determine where your donation is spent. Also, this is a pledge to donate money ... donations will not start until one year *after* you graduate (May 2004).

The Pink Tie Pledge is our opportunity to leave an indelible mark on Math! It represents our commitment as graduates to current and future Math students. The graduating class of 1990 initiated the Pink Tie Pledge to donate money to specific projects in the Faculty of Mathematics. Our donations will allow students who follow us to maintain the high quality of learning and the atmosphere that we were able to enjoy (maybe even better).

There are 4 main levels at which you can pledge:

- **The Dean's Prime Number Club** (\$151 per year for 3 years)
- **The Ralph Stanton Pledge** (\$20.03 per month for 3 years)
- **The Pi Pledge** (10π per month for 3 years)
- **The Dean's Challenge** (\$2003 over 3 years — \$103 Year 1, \$900 Year 2, \$1000 Year 3).

There are receptions and small thank-you gifts for donating at the different levels.

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE ... that's right you get money back from pledging.

Currently \$5000 has already been pledged ... come out and join in. Try and challenge your friends ... who can pledge the most??

Many UW alumni have contributed to the quality of our education at Waterloo. We have benefited from their generosity



Make Daryl Pay!!

The Pink Tie Pledge has started and I am not convinced that Mathies will donate to this. So I am challenging all grads of 2003 to prove me wrong. **Make me pay!**

For every measly \$10 pledged I will put in \$e/pi.

So if you can reach the goal of \$60000 over the more than 800 members of the Class of 2003 you will make me pay more than \$5000.

BUT WAIT!! THERE IS MORE!!

From Today (Jan 31st) until Reading Days (Feb 19th) I will match 10% of all money pledged.

There are many reasons to give money to the Pink Tie Pledge ... but here is another ... if you don't like me you can make me pay a lot of money to the pledge!!!

I ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO HELP OUT AND PLEDGE!!!

Daryl McEachern
2003 MGC Chair

lets do the same for the students who will follow.

You can direct your pledge to a benefactor of YOUR CHOICE with in the University:• **Math Tutorial Centre** — to help maintain and improve service for incoming first year students.

- **MEF** — to help fund academic improvements like course-note creation for core courses to new servers and computer labs.
- **Descartes Scholarship Endowment** — to help provide more scholarship funding to incoming students.
- **MGC Award Scholarship** — to help recognize the students who during their first 3 years at UW have contributed to the community. Or any other group that will help future and current Math students.

How to make a pledge

Pledge Cards can be picked up from the MGC office (MC 3029), MathSoc office (MC 3038) and outside the C+D (near the thermometer). Return the completed pledge card to the MGC office (or the MathSoc office — MGC mailslot) before April 1st. An on-line pledge card will be available at <http://www.student.math.uwaterloo.ca/~mgc/PTP/>. You will be contacted one year after graduation, in May 2004, about how to make your actual donation.

There will be a thermometer posted outside the C+D so you can watch the progress of the Pink Tie Pledge.

More information on the Pink Tie Pledge is available at <http://www.student.math.uwaterloo.ca/~mgc/PTP/>.

Class of 2003 Pink Tie Co-ordinator

You Can Make A Difference

For As Little As 42 cents A Day

For less than 42 cents a day, you can make a difference in the education of a future Mathie! Fill out your Pink Tie Pledge cards today and make a difference.

Your 42 cents will go towards helping to provides tutors in the Math tutorial center, providing more workstations to do assignments or check email.

Your money is needed, not by the University ... by little Bobby who will be a mathie in 2005. You can make a difference in his life!

A little can help a lot. Your donation can change a life.

Pledge now ... and make a difference!

Pink Tie Pledge Co-ordinator

We Want To Give You \$500!!!

Yes it's true!

Are you in your second to last year of study (most likely third year)? Then you may be eligible to receive one of the at least three awards, valued at minimum \$500 each.

The MGC Award was established by the Graduating Class of 2001. This award is to recognize students who will be entering their final year of study in an Honours Math program and have demonstrated leadership and involvement in the community while maintaining at least a 70% cumulative academic average. The awards are being presented for the first time this year.

Nomination forms are available in the MGC office (MC 3029) or outside the MathSoc office (MC 3038). Instructions are on the form as to what is needed to apply. Applications are to be submitted to the student awards office in Needles Hall.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY FEBRUARY 15th, 2003.

Good luck and I hope to see a lot of applications.

Daryl McEachern
2003 MGC Chair

Election Time!

So who's out there running for positions? Well, let's run through the list quickly and alphabetically: For President there's Dan Colquhoun, Andrew Dilts, Chris Edey, Andrae Martin, and Alex Matan; for Vice-President, Administration & Finance there's David Capper, Tracy Haynes, Robert Robson, and Rob Schmidt; for Vice-President, Education there's Aaron Lee-Wudrick and Liam McHugh-Russell; and finally, for Vice-President, Internal we have Leo Dominguez, Janna Hickson, and John Fedy.

Some of this guys are running together too. Tracy, Andrew, Liam, and Leo are "The Party," as seen on green posters and ski tags. I think they should be team TALL. I miss the acronyms from last year. Plus Liam's tall.

Chris, David, and John are a group as well, with all the red posters. Sadly, Che Guevara is not running with them like last year's red ticket. Maybe they'll put pictures of Trotsky on some of their posters ...

Alex, Rob (Schmidt), and Janna are also running together. Their bright orange posters are easily identified, as are their bright orange toques. Could this be a ploy to make it appear that hunters support them? I hope so.

Dan is a new face, but I'm sure you'll see his name a lot ... if you look at his poster. Andrae, well, I don't know anything about her. I hope she's as funny as SCTV's Andrea Martin. Or is SCTV's Andrea Martin. Rob Robson is back. He ran last year. His favourite condiment was Cheez Whiz. Some of his posters are held up by magic. Aaron is the first candidate alphabetically. He's a regular Imprint columnist, but will he say, "You! On my campaign!" to get supporters? I hope not, it sounds kinda silly.

There's also a couple Senator at Large positions to vote on. Derek Chan, Liam McHugh-Russell, and Andrew Milne are running for the two-year position while Kevin Tran and Siyan Li are vying for the one-year job.

Lots of information on www.feds.ca and around campus. But what's kinda useful is if you learn about the candidates and make an semi-informed decision come the election in about a week. Or, that you ask me who to vote for and my favourites win.

Simon L'Avier

mathNEWSquiz

Hi Everybody!!

Welcome to another installment of your beloved squiz. I would like to first start out by appologizing for the abundance of hockey trivia in the last squiz. I got busy and left it to the last minute, and it is easy for me to come up with hockey trivia. Anyways, I am going to try and work with out the sports trivia safety net this time. I hope you realize the difficulty ... The superbowl was yesterday (since for me it is still Monday). So I set out to start the squiz before Tuesday (ya ya ya, I know production night is Monday ... I try).

Last issue was the first of the term and we had two hard copy and one electronic submission. Runners up were Ben Miller with 21 and Kyleneol with 22. The winner were the team of HLG, Kyphosis, DGW, Ah-lun who scored a perfect 25. Here are the answers: LYRICS — 1) Matchbox 20, 3am; 2) Nelly, Air Force Ones; 3) Five For Fighting, Superman (It's Not Easy); 4) Eminem, Lose Yourself; 5) Our Lady Peace, Clumsy; LEAFS BY THE NUMBERS — 1) Tom Fitzgerald (#12); 2) Harold Druken (#23); 3) Paul Healy (#26); 4) Ric Jackman (#55); 5) Alexei Ponikarovsky (#22); HOCKEY TRIVIA — 1) Hayley Wickenheiser; 2) Jordan Tootoo #22; 3) Carlo Coliacavo; 4) Wayne Gretzky; 5) Canada; MOVIE QUOTES — 1) XXX; 2) Days of Thunder; 3) Remember the Titans; 4) Spiderman; 5) Not Another Teen Movie. The winner can collect their prize in the MathSoc office.

Scoring is the same as always. Lyrics — 1 point for song title, 1 point for artist, Movie Quotes — 1 point for movie, Trivia — 1 point for answer (unless otherwise specified)

Good Luck to all ... remember the winner will receive a \$5 gift certificate to the C+D

Movie Quotes

1. You know what the real tragedy of this day is? I'm not even supposed to be here today!
2. I cannot jump the distance. You'll have to toss me. Don't tell the elf!
3. There's a monster outside my room, can I have a glass of water?
4. Her name's Naomi. That's "I moan" backwards.
5. Person 1: "Are you OK"

Person 2: "I don't know I am pretty fucked up in general, so it is hard to tell"

Lyrics

1. You told me you loved me
Why did you leave me, all alone
Now you tell me you need me
When you call me, on the phone
2. I've got a smile on my face and I've got four walls around me
I've got the sun in the sky, ah, the water surrounds me
I'll win now but sometimes I'll lose
I've been battered, but I'll never bruise... it's not so bad
3. A place to spend my quiet nights, time to unwind
So much pressure in this life of mine, I cry at times
I once contemplated suicide, and woulda tried
But when I held that 9, all I could see was my momma's eyes
4. Another turning point, a fork stuck in the road.

- Time grabs you by the wrist, directs you where to go.
So make the best of this test, and don't ask why.
It's not a question, but a lesson learned in time.
5. I had my hands in the river
My feet back up on the banks
Looked up to the lord above and said hey man thanks
Some times I feel so good I gotta scream She said Gordie baby
I know exactly what you mean

Entertainment Trivia

1. Which member of Great Big Sea left the band due to the stress of 10 years touring?
2. Who preformed at this year's SuperBowl half time show?
3. When are the nominees for the 2003 Academy Awards announced?
4. Which actress has been in the following movies: Summer Catch, Girl Interrupted, 8 mile, Riding in Cars with Boys, and Clueless?
5. The Bachelorette, Trista Rehn, was a former dancer for which NBA team?

Who are they?

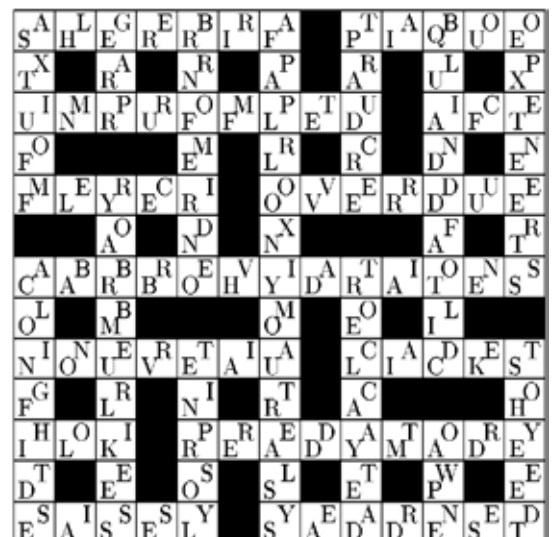
Give the common name of the person listed, eg: Demi Gynes is Demi Moore):

1. Reginald Kenneth Dwight
2. Eilleen Regina Edwards
3. Carlos Irwin Estevez
4. Paul Hewson
5. Lee Jun Fan

Good luck and see you next issue,

Daryl McEachern

Last Issue's Grid Solutions



gridCOMMENTS

Geoff Strikes Back!

One issue gone by and we already have an error. I'm sure the editors will have a note about that below (or above) *for between*. Sorry about last issue! I accidentally replaced the clue for 5 in the conventional with the clue for 3 and totally wiped out the correct clue for 5. The answer was *TRUCE* for anyone wondering — *Waldo*) and I can't stress enough that ... it was NOT MY FAULT! However we will not hold that against you because I'm a nice guy. See it's all about me and me being a nice guy ... ME! (not him ... ME! MEMEMEMEMEMEMEMEMEMEME!)

So those with correct submissions are Dawn & Joey (No answer ... meaning no gift ... WHAT?!?), and Mission Bananarama (spam spam spam spam spam spam) for the conventional clues and Mike Huang (A submission for the cryptic), Don Rosart (Nothing ... AGAIN! WHAT?!?), SJU Crew (YOU! YOU! YOU!!!), and Big Banana and Little Bitch (Carbohydrates). The official winners are (drumroll please) Mission Bananarama and SJU Crew! Unfortunately I already have myself ... and my inbox is full of spam already ... but thanks for the offers. You can pick up your C&D gift certificates at the MathSoc office. You can take a look at the answers on the previous page.

This weeks *gridQUESTION* is "How do I get rid of the squeak in my one shoe?" (remember it's all about ME!). And here's this week's *gridWORD* (hopefully mistake free :)) Once again please have your submission in the **BLACK BOX** by Monday February 10th.

Geoff (now one year older)

Grid Clues (Cryptic)

Across

1. Cringed like one craven, they say (7)
5. Profanely fearless corrupted tower (5)
8. How I feel as sun sets over my ruins (7,6)
9. Trophy for getting the heck out of checkups (3)
10. Arrangement of seed grids wandered (9)
12. Ground meals sound like plants (6)
13. Diverse choice but it all sounds the same (6)
15. Too much detail in negative balance (9)
16. Dimple reveals rascal (3)
18. Upsetting it concerns dig (13)
20. Lament: Discouraged without American cod (5)
21. Confederacy turned Afro-free for respectability (7)

Down

1. One who finds fault in fancy niceties (5)
2. "Text handler revised prose," crows Rod (4,9)
3. Sent for more grass to put around club (9)
4. Amount to take of party herb (6)
5. Every other party snoop (3)
6. Sitting like a flower corrected poisonous tilt (5,8)
7. Angry after refusal, 101 turn up roving (7)
11. Oddball Eric takes in light speed coin (9)
12. Deluged food led astray (7)
14. Damaged can rid of stale fat (6)
17. Greedy one who went to market (5)
19. Must pay for pruning bower (3)



Grid Clues (Conventional)

Across

1. What we call _____, Americans call Smarties
5. Feet covers
8. The Earth's is approx. 40 000 km
9. Second person
10. Most lovely
12. Shoves
13. Improve
15. British flat
16. Limb
18. Britannica and Encarta
20. Overturn
21. Reaches out

Down

1. Sly movie
2. Conditions
3. Apparatus
4. Bear
5. Knight or officer
6. Mental effort
7. More sugary
11. Cure
12. Level ground
14. Boob Tube device
17. Wear them on your face
19. Slice

