

Math/CS Department Newsletter (April 2000)

Announcements

Arthur Sparks has been chosen as the College of Science and Technology Year 2000 Alumnus of the Year at Georgia Southern University. He received the award at the Alumni Awards Dinner on April 1st, 2000. (Arthur received his undergraduate degree from Georgia Southern College in 1960.) Arthur came to Ga. Southern as an Instructor in 1964. After teaching two years he took a three-year leave of absence. He returned to Ga. Southern in 1969 after receiving a Ph.D. from Clemson University.

Professional News

Pat Humphrey and **David Stone** presented "Consecutive Integers in Lotto - Analytic vs Empirical Probabilities" at the MAA Southeastern Section Meeting, March 11th, 2000.

Pat Humphrey attended Project NExT seminar sessions in conjunction with the MAA Southeastern Section Meeting.

Xiezhong Li gave a presentation titled "An Improvement On The Perturbation Of The Group Inverse And Oblique Projection" at the 24th Annual Meeting of the SIAM Southeastern Atlantic Section at the University of Georgia March 24th -25th, 2000.

Bruce McLean attended the WebCT retreat at St. Simons Island March 1st - 3rd, sponsored by the Georgia Southern Center for Excellence in Teaching.

Janet O'Brien attended the 24th Annual National Association for Developmental Education Conference in Biloxi, Mississippi on March 14th - 18th. Curtis Ricker and Janet are co-chairs of the Placement Committee, so they organized and conducted the Job Fair at the conference.

Mary Sikes attended the Mathematical Association of America Southeastern Sectional meeting which was held at the University of North Carolina in Charlotte on March 10th -11th, 2000. Mary also attended the GSU Differential Equations Conference on March 31st - April 1st.

Departmental Committees

Pat Humphrey, speaking for the search committee, would like to thank all the members of the department who helped with hosting and escort duties for the numerous math interviews. We have acceptances in writing from Liancheng Wang from Mississippi State, Steve Damelin, currently at Penn State, and Yan Wu from the University of Akron. The fourth position has been verbally accepted, but we have yet to receive the paperwork. Now that the process is over, I think we can say that our people helped us in convincing our top candidates to come to GSU. We still have a few interviews for the computer science position - more news on that later.

Personal News

Bruce McLean's daughter, Emily McLean, took the South East Bulloch's mathematics contest third place trophy on April 1st, 2000. Dad was the assistant coach for William James Middle School.

April Birthdays

Meredith Tomlinson	7
Goran Lesaja	28
Richard Grayson	28

Here are some pictures of the modeling contest.

