



Math & Stat Club News

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Message from our President...

I would like to welcome all new members to the Mathematics/Statistics Club and thank everyone who has helped to get us started on the right foot. We are all very excited about the current year and look forward to what possibilities lie ahead. This club is intended to be a means for meeting new people, as well as fostering a community environment amongst graduate/undergraduate students in the Math/Stat department. If you are a returning student, please take every opportunity to connect with new students; if you are a new student, please accept our welcome. Thanks again, and good luck in your studies!

The Math & Stat Club would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Graduate Program Director, **Dr. Hideaki Kaneko**.

The Math and Stat Club would like to express our sincerest appreciation to Dr. John Adam for his excellent talk on "The Population Dynamics of Teabags". Thanks, Dr. Adam, for starting things off with a great mixture of mathematics and statistics.

Math and Stat Club Next Scheduled Meeting

November 17, 2005
Guest Speaker: Terri Grant
12:30-1:30
Location TBA

Note: Meetings of the Math & Stat Club will take place on the third Thursday of each month during activity hour and will include a guest speaker.

Upcoming Colloquia

The following persons will be interviewing for an assistant professor position in Statistics. Please take note of the following dates, and refer to the department website <http://sci.odu.edu/math/>, for other details concerning each talk.

- Mr. Norou Diawara, Auburn University, Friday November 4
- Ms. Kirsten Doehler, North Carolina State University, Monday November 14
- Ms. Siuli Mukhopadhyay, University of Florida, Friday November 18

Colloquium Requirement

Masters students are required to submit a minimum of 8 half-page synopses prior to graduation. Doctoral candidates must submit 8 additional synopses for a total of 16. Reports should be emailed to Dr. Kaneko upon completion.

If you did not receive the email from Dr. Kaneko containing the colloquium.doc file, please let him know and he will forward it to you.

Any student who will be graduating shortly and will not have a chance to attend the required number of colloquia may substitute reports on the monthly meeting talks.

The October meeting of the Math and Stat Club was a great success, with over 30 people in attendance. Everyone's interest and support for our new organization is very much appreciated. We hope to see even more of you at our next meeting.

We would also like to thank Dr. Dorrepaal for providing pizza for the October meeting, along with Barbara and Gayle for reserving the meeting place and making sure the pizza was ordered and delivered on time.

This newsletter will be distributed monthly after each club meeting. If you have any questions or suggestions, or just have something you would like to say, please contact Andrea Jones (adjones@odu.edu).

Attention all graduate and undergraduate students!!

How would you like to earn recognition within the department or better yet, a prize? Each month from now until May there will be *two* challenging problems (one for undergraduates and one for graduates) posted on the department website. Each person submitting a correct answer will be recognized and the people with the most correct answers by the end of May will win a prize. And undergrads, you have the advantage, because you can attempt the grad problem as well. A more detailed announcement will be sent out shortly.

Good luck everyone!!

1st Annual Departmental Picnic

(Hosted by the math & stat grad students)

Date: Friday, November 11, 2005

Time: 12-3

Location: Behind E&CS Building

*Cost: \$3 per person (free for children)

Please RSVP to Andrea Jones by Nov. 9

*During our October meeting, a vote was taken to determine whether we would prefer a catered or a potluck picnic. The majority of people in attendance said they would prefer to incur a cost of \$3 per person for the ease of a catered lunch. If you plan to attend the picnic, please get your money to one of the club officers listed at the top of this newsletter no later than Wednesday, November 9.

Spouses and children are also invited.

Hope to see you all there!