



Math & Stat Club News

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Message from our President...

Hello everyone! I would like to welcome you to a new year of the Mathematics/Statistics Club. I would like to encourage both new and returning students to take advantage of this opportunity to meet new people and help create a strong community bond within our department. We are very excited about our upcoming events, including the monthly meetings with inspiring guest speakers and the department picnic. I hope to see everyone throughout the year! Good luck with your studies, and don't forget to smile!

The Math & Stat Club would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members this year – we are glad you've joined us!

Attention all students: please remember that for the Spring, 2007 semester, tutoring is available from several graduate teaching assistants in the following subjects:

Math 211, 212, 307, 312, 316, 401, 418.

Please refer to Dr. Kaneko's email of January 12, 2007 for details, or you may call the math office for further information.

Math and Stat Club Next Schedule Meeting

February 15, 2007

Speaker: Dr. Duc T. Nguyen

Title: MULTIDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Time: 12:30-1:30 pm

Location: Constant Hall Room 1047

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

Colloquia/Seminars

January 18, 2007 12:30 pm – Dr. Mark Dorrepaal: "Traveling Tournament Problem" (Part 2)

February 15, 2007 12:30 pm – Dr. Duc T. Nguyen: "MULTIDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH ACTIVITIES: Mathematics/HPC/Biology/CFD/Structural/Acoustics Applications"

Colloquium Requirement

Those Masters students and Doctoral candidates who are financially supported by the Math Department in the form of stipends, grants etc., must complete the colloquium requirement of 16 colloquium synopses. Reports should be emailed to Dr. Kaneko upon completion. All other students are exempt from this requirement, but are welcome and encouraged to attend the colloquium seminars.

If you did not receive the email from Dr. Kaneko containing the colloquium.doc file, which contains the form used for completing the colloquium reports, 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 January meeting of the Math and Stat Club was a great success, with over 35 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 like to give a big welcome the following new students to ODU:

Alexander Kolomyichuk, holds BS and MS from Odessa National Polytechnic University, Ukraine
Juli Hooper, holds BS from Virginia Tech, Virginia
Shu Liao, holds BS from Chengdu University of Technology, P.R. China

We are glad to have you join us!!

Attention all graduate and undergraduate students!!

Test your skills with the monthly Math Contest, and 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 have the advantage, because they can attempt the grad problem as well! Congratulations to R. Patrick Stephan, who won November's undergrad contest, and Anne Fernando who won the graduate contest – way to go!! George Pahno also submitted a correct undergrad solution – well done!

Good luck everyone!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Graduate Student Research Forum, February 2007 (please contact Dr. Kaneko for further info if you are interested)

Departmental Spring Picnic (hosted by the math & stat grad students - details will be given later in the school year)