

# NEWSLETTER

Department of Mathematics & Statistics

Friday, 20th September 2002

**This Week: DEPARTMENTAL VISITORS  
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COMMONWEALTH VACANCIES  
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## DEPARTMENTAL VISITORS

Let us welcome Dr Rua Murray, a visitor from University of Waikato arriving on 19<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2002. He will be visiting the department for two weeks and can be contacted at Ext. 7694 in Room 710.



## PUBLISHED PAPERS

Wake, G.C., with Louie, K., Lambert, M.G., McKay, A., and Barker, D. A delay model for the growth of rye grass-clover mixtures: Formulation and preliminary simulations. *Ecological Modelling*. v155, 2002: 37-48.

Wake, G.C., with Shorten, P.R., Vetharaniam, I., Soboleva, T.K., and Davis, S.R. Influence of milking frequency on mammary gland dynamics. *J. Theoretical Biology*, v218, 2002:521-30.

*Graeme Wake*

## RETIRED ACADEMICS TARGETED TO FILL COMMONWEALTH VACANCIES

The Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) is setting up a database of retired academics from around the world who are willing to take up short-term contracts at universities in Africa, Asia and the Caribbean. The scheme known as the Retired Academics Database or RAD is prompted by shortages in key areas such as business and accounting, mathematics, computing, medicine and the sciences. ACU envisages putting the retired academics into vacant posts for between two months and two years, allowing the universities time to find a permanent person. For more information, visit the RAD website at [www.acu.ac.uk/adverts/rad](http://www.acu.ac.uk/adverts/rad).

*Douglas Bridges*

## HONOURS III STUDENT RESEARCH PROJECTS PRESENTATION

The above presentation will be held on **Friday, 27 Sept. 2002 from 2.30pm to 3.30pm in Room 445** as follows:

2.30pm – 3.00 pm	On the axiom of choice by <b>Philip Daniel</b>
3.00pm – 3.30pm	Applications of combinatorial structures to information technology by <b>David Corbett</b>

ALL WELCOME

*Qui Bui*

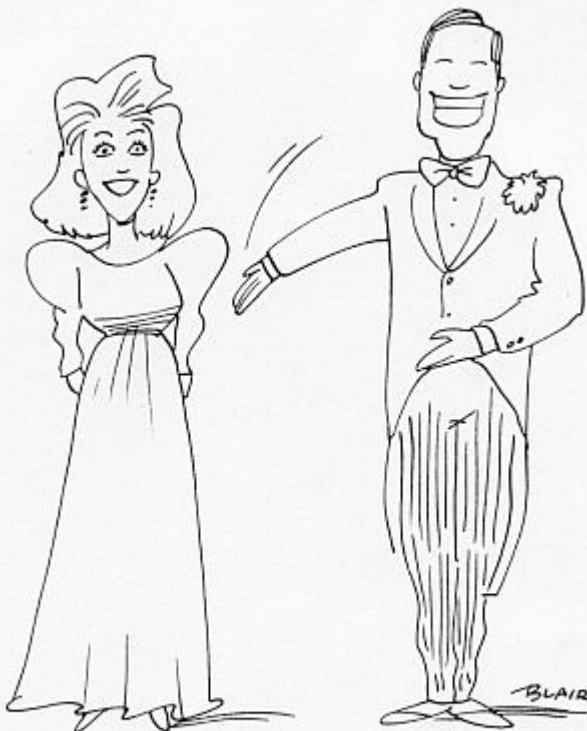
### MATH COMICS



"For God's sake, Edwards. Put the laser pointer away." (Executives sit in boardroom around table. Presenter has just blown head of one guy off with laser pointer.)

by Leo Cullum

*"For God's sake, Edwards. Put the laser pointer away."*



"AND NOW, FOR HER TALENT, MISS MISSOURI WILL SOLVE  $2x^2 - 7x + 3 = 0$  USING THE 'QUADRATIC FORMULA'."



*"X isn't the only thing that's unknown."*