This Week:

**PAPER ACCEPTED**

*Simona Vita*

**CONGRATULATIONS**
Congratulations to Britte Basse who has been awarded departmental research funds for two months of further research work with us (May, June).

*Mike Steel*

**THANK YOU**
We have received a letter from Bob Long thanking the department for software support he has received for FXDraw 2. This is, but a small token, of our appreciation for the many years Bob has put into the Maths Olympiad and inspiring local talent.

*Julie Daly*

**SEMINAR**

**Friday, 23rd May 2003 at 2.10 pm in MSCS Room 446**
Mr. Alistair Smith (PhD Candidate, Department of Mathematics and Statistics) on *Optimal Marine Farm Structures*

*Graeme Wake*

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An astronomer, a physicist and a mathematician (it is said) were holidaying in Scotland. Glancing from a train window, they observed a black sheep in the middle of a field.

"How interesting," observed the astronomer, "all scottish sheep are black!"

To which the physicist responded, "No, no! Some Scottish sheep are black!"

The mathematician gazed heavenward in supplication, and then intoned, "In Scotland there exists at least one field, containing at least one sheep, at least one side of which is black."

A biologist, a statistician, a mathematician and a computer scientist are on a photo-safari in Africa. They drive out on the savannah in their jeep, stop and scout the horizon with their binoculars.

The biologist: "Look! There’s a herd of zebras! And there, in the middle: A white zebra! It’s fantastic! There are white zebra’s! We’ll be famous!"

The statistician: "It’s not significant. We only know there’s one white zebra."

The mathematician: "Actually, we only know there exists a zebra, which is white on one side."

The computer scientist: "Oh, no! A special case!"

A certain student had just finished his Ph.D. at Princeton, and he was looking for jobs. After a year with no success, he finally landed a job with the zoo as a zookeeper.

One day, the bear in the zoo died. The zoo was facing the same financial crisis as the universities, and so they could not afford to buy another bear. So they asked the student to dress up in a bear costume and pretend that he was a bear.

Well, the salary they offered was definitely an increase, and so he took this job. He was put into a cage, and with time he became very good at imitating a bear.

But he had one worry. The bars between his cage and the next cage were loose. And in the next cage was a very ferocious looking lion. One day, his worst fears were realised, and the bar broke loose. The lion jumped through the bars, and ran up to the student. Extending his paw, the lion exclaimed, "Hi, I'm Phil, a physics major from UC Berkeley."

Bill Taylor