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DEPARTMENTAL RESEARCH FUNDS

John Hannah has been awarded conference funds to attend the Delta03 conference to be held in Queenstown in November.

Julie Daly

CONFERENCE AT VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON

There is an interesting conference at Victoria University of Wellington on Feb 9-13, 2004

See <http://www.mcs.vuw.ac.nz/~mathmeet/vic2004/special.shtml>

Lots of prominent Australians and Israelis attending and several branches of math are represented.

Have a look maybe there is something of interest to you.

Rick Beaston

DEPARTMENTAL VISITORS

<u>Current Visitors</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Room No.</u>	<u>Ext. No.</u>
Wim Hordijk	Santa Fe Institute	720	8337
Assoc. Prof. Peter Lockhart	Massey University	616	8876

<u>Visitors due to arrive</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Visit Date</u>
Gyou-Bong Lee , Prof	Paichai University, Korea	15-Jul-03
Brian Sleeman , Prof (Erskine Visitor)	University of Leeds	15-Jul-03
Richard Laugesen , Prof	University of Illinois	14-Jul-03

PROBLEM CORNER

Show that $(K!)/(K!)^{(K-1)}$ is an integer for all natural numbers K .

Bill Taylor

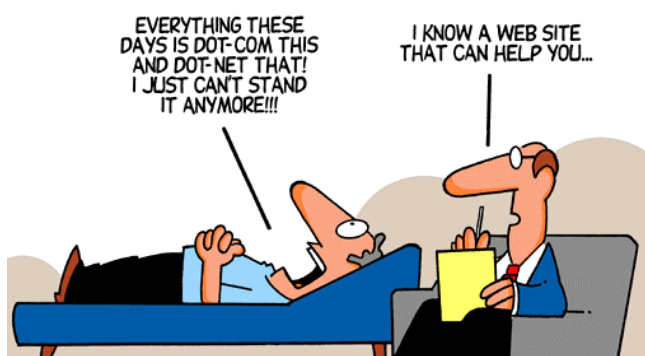
CARTOONS AND JOKES



"You don't look anything like the long haired, skinny kid I married 25 years ago. I need a DNA sample to make sure it's still you."



"Your computer gets a steady diet of spam every day. Spam is a low-carb food. Low-carb diets make you lose weight. That might explain why your computer is shrinking."



New Math?

A boy was teaching a girl arithmetic, he said it was his mission.

He kissed her once; he kissed her twice and said, "Now that's addition."

In silent satisfaction, she sweetly gave the kisses back and said, "Now that's subtraction."

Then he kissed her, she kissed him, without an explanation.

And both together smiled and said, "That's multiplication."

Then her Dad appeared upon the scene and made a quick decision.

He kicked that boy three blocks away and said, "That's long division!"

Redefining Words

Abdicate – v. To give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.

Carcinoma – n. A valley in California, notable for its heavy smog.

Esplanade – v., to attempt an explanation while drunk.

Negligent – adj., describes a condition in which you absent-mindedly answer the door in your nightie.

Lymph – v. To walk with a lisp.

Gargoyle – n., an olive-flavored mouthwash.

Bustard – n., a very rude Metrobus driver.

Coffee – n., a person who is coughed upon.

Flatulence – n., the emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are runover by a steamroller.

Balderdash – n., a rapidly receding hairline.

Semantics – n., pranks conducted by young men studying for the priesthood, including such things as gluing the pages of the priest's prayer book together just before vespers.

Marionettes – n., residents of Washington D.C. who have been jerked around by the mayor.

Oyster – n., a person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddish expressions.