



May Meeting of the Metropolitan New York Section

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Officers of the Section for 1979-80 are Delia Koo, Eastern Michigan University, Chairperson; Harold Slaby, Wayne State University, Vice-Chairperson; Joel Cohen, Oakland Community College, Vice-Chairperson; Robert Chaffer, Central Michigan University, Secretary-Treasurer; and Yousef Alavi, Western Michigan University, Governor.

ROBERT CHAFFER, *Secretary-Treasurer*

#### MAY MEETING OF THE SEAWAY SECTION

The Seaway Section held its spring meeting at S.U.C. at Oneonta, Oneonta, New York, May 4-5, 1979. Approximately seventy people were in attendance. Section Chairman Violet Larney presided. On Friday the Section's Executive Committee and Departmental Representatives met to consider future activities of the Section. This was followed by a banquet with Ross Honsberger of the University of Waterloo as speaker. His talk was titled: *Some Mathematical Morsels*. The Saturday Sessions included two invited addresses: Professor Christopher Nevison, Colgate University spoke as a representative of U.M.A.P. on *Modules in Applied Mathematics: Some Examples and Sources for Materials*. Professors A. R. Bednarek, University of Florida was the Twelfth Annual Harry M. Gehman Lecturer and spoke on *Relational Structures and Theoretical Computer Science*. The following contributed papers were also presented: *The Optimal Assignment Problem, An Application of Elementary Mathematics to Economics*, W. H. Reynolds, S.U.C. Cortland

*A Model of Population Diffusion*, A. C. Green, S.U.C. Buffalo  
*Optimal Capital Accumulation in a One Sector Economy*, B. L. Warren, SUNY Binghamton  
*Coexistence of Species Competing for Shared Resources*, C. W. Kohls, Syracuse University  
*A Heine-Borel Theorem is Equivalent to a Parallel Postulate*, R. B. Kollgrove, S.U.C. Geneseo  
*New York State's New Curriculum for High School Mathematics*, and *The College-Bound Student*, R. Escobales, Canisius College

*A Cute Linear-Algebra Proof of the Four-Square Theorem*, C. Small, Queens University  
*Testing: The New Frontier for Consumers*, R. D. Larsson, Schenectady Count C.C.

At the business session of the Section the following officers were elected under the newly revised election scheme: Chairperson (two years); Howard Bell, Brock University. First Vice-Chairperson (one year); Kenneth Magill, SUNY Buffalo. Second Vice-Chairperson (two years); Harriette Stephens, SUNY College at Canton. Also Mabel Montgomery, S.U.C. Buffalo is the newly elected Section Governor. Continuing in service: Dennis Martin, S.U.C. Brockport, High School Contest Chairman. Donald Trasher, S.U.C. Geneseo, Secretary-Treasurer and Newsletter Editor.

The Section recognized Geoffrey Mess of the University of Waterloo as the winner of the Section's prize for highest score in the Putnam Competition.

D. W. TRASHER, *Secretary-Treasurer*

#### MAY MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SECTION

The 38th Annual Meeting of the Metropolitan-New York Section of the MAA was held at Adelphi University on Saturday, May 5, 1979, with approximately 150 persons in attendance. Professor Robert J. Bumcrot of Hofstra University, Chairperson of the Section, presided at the meeting. Dean Clifford Stewart, Dean of the Faculty of Adelphi University delivered the address of welcome. The business meeting began with the presentation of reports from the following: Section Governor Harold Shapiro of New York University, Section Committee for Two-Year Colleges, Editor William Orr of the Section Newsletter, Director Howard Kleiman of the Speakers Bureau, and the Treasurer, Howard Kleiman, Chairperson, Sandra Pulver of the MAA High School Contests (by Dr. Harry Ruderman), and Chairperson Theresa Barz of the MATH Fair Committee. The following officers were elected: Chairperson of Section, Professor Godfrey L. Isaacs, Lehman College, CUNY; Vice-Chairperson for Four-Year Colleges, Professor Theresa J. Barz, St. Johns University; Vice-Chairperson for Two-Year Colleges, Professor Leo M. Levine, Queensborough Community College, CUNY; Vice-Chairperson for High Schools, Dr. Harry D. Ruderman, Hunter College High School; Secretary, Professor Lily E. Christ, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY; Treasurer, Professor Howard Kleiman, Queensborough Community College, CUNY.

The following awards consisting of the MAA membership were presented: (1) The Charles Salkind Award to the highest regional scorer in the MAA High School Mathematics Contest to Mr. Louis LoBalsamo; (2) The Section Award to the highest regional scorer in the William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition to Mr. Boris A. Datskovsky, Columbia University. The 39th Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 4, 1980 at Mercy College.

The two invited lectures were: *Finitely Presented Groups and Recursive Functions*, by Gilbert Baumslag, City College, and *A Pedagogical Potpourri: Exercises in the Art of Survival*, by Professor Warren Page, New York City Community College. The afternoon session concluded with the following contributed papers given in four parallel sessions: *Some Results on the Informal Power Series*, by Joseph Arkin New York Academy of Sciences; *A New Proof of Uniform Continuity*, by David M. Bloom, Brooklyn College of CUNY; *The Role of Triple Algebras in the Development of Quaternions*, by Alan Chutsky, Queensborough Community College; *Choosing Polynomial Coefficients to Force Zeros in a Two-Person Game*, by Michael W. Ecker, Pennsylvania State U; *Generalization of a Counterexample in Braid Theory*, by Betty Jane Gassner, Interactive Market Systems; *An Alternative Approach to Graphing*, by Martin E. Glashman, Bard College; *The Computer in Mathematics Courses*, by Tom Hasiotis, Pete Herron, Rochelle Meyer and Art Shindhelm, Suffolk County Community College; *Discrete and Continuous Models in Demography: Part 2*, by John Impagliazzo, SUNY at Farmingdale; *Orthogonality Relations for Matrices*, by Maurice Machover, St. John's University; *Discrete and Continuous Models in Demography: Part 1*, by Walter Meyer, Adelphi University; *Two Ideals on the Line—A Comparative Study*, by Jay Schiffman, St. John's University; *Individualized Instruction in Finite Linear Mathematics*, by Sylvia Svitak, Adelphi University; *How to Join a Flat Earth and an Infinitely Distant Sun*, by Aaron R. Todd, St. Johns University; *The Use of Certain Separability Measures in Normal Classification*, by Marvin Yablon, John Jay College of Criminal Justice/CUNY and John T. Chu, Polytechnic Institute of New York.

LILY E. CHRIST, *Secretary*