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A Pictorial Review of the Fall 2007 Meeting of the Ohio Section of the MAA

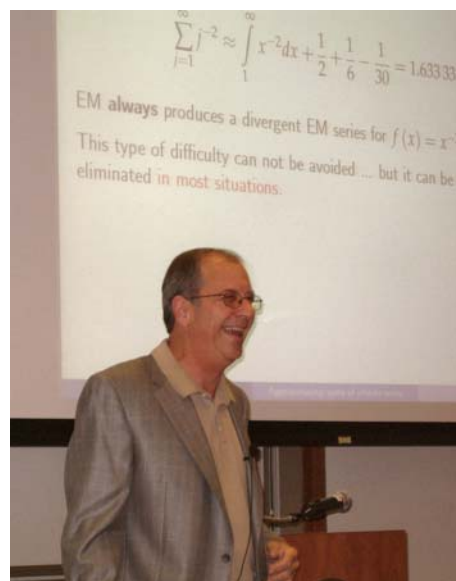


The Fall 2007 Ohio Section meeting took place at Wittenberg University, on October 26-27. The invited addresses and contributed papers were held in the Barbara Deer Kuss Science Center.



Section President Bill Higgins opened the meeting.

Don Hunt, Program Committee Chair, introduced the speakers.



The opening talk, titled "Approximating Sums of Infinite Series," was given by Tom Price, the 2006 recipient of the Ohio Section teaching award.



Thanks to the beautiful weather on Friday, some participants chose to catch a few rays outside during the break. Others found the conversation and the snack table inside to be irresistible.



Break over, the audience listened to Mihai Caragiu, of Ohio Northern University, speak on "Geometry with Complex Numbers."

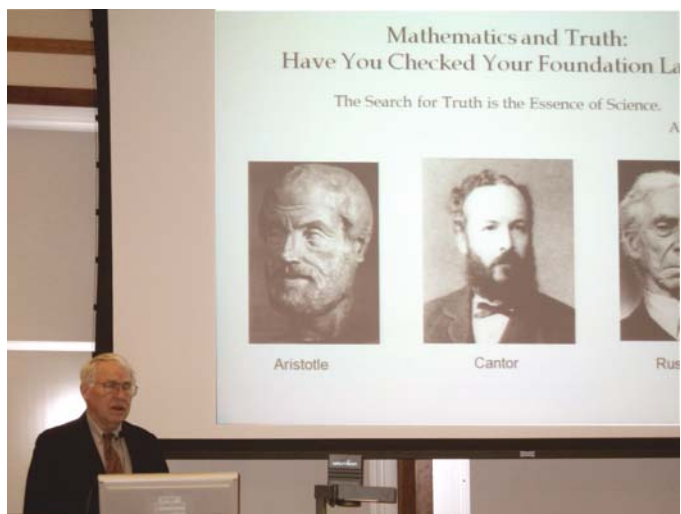


After the banquet, we were treated to Frank Ryan's delightful reminiscences in his talk, titled "Resolved, that a Football is a Mathematical Object."

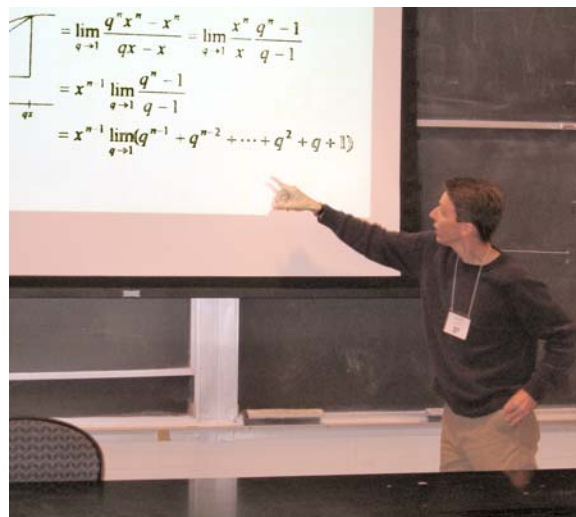


After his talk, Frank Ryan autographed the Ohio Section's official NFL football.

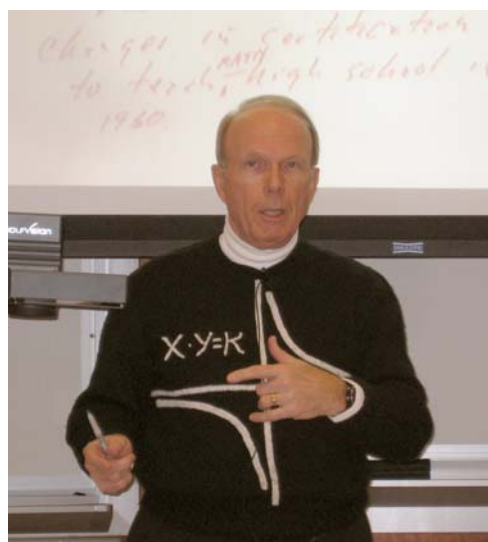
Some of you may remember Frank playing QB as number 13 for the Cleveland Browns in the 1962-68 seasons. In 1964 Frank, the only Ph.D. in mathematics ever to play in the NFL, led the Browns to the League title.



On Saturday morning, Frank Ryan spoke about the formal decidability of conjectures such as Goldbach's in various axiomatic systems, in his talk "Mathematics and Truth: Have you Checked your Foundation Lately?"



There were also many interesting contributed papers, including talks by Jon Stadler of Capital University, and Krista Hands of Ashland University.



The final talk of the meeting, by Dick Little of Baldwin Wallace College, was titled "Surviving the Whitewater Rapids at the Confluence of the Mathematics Curricula for High School and College."



Don't miss out on all the action and the great talks at the Spring 2008 Ohio Section meeting!

There will be talks by Carl Pomerance (Dartmouth), Lew Lefton (Georgia Tech), and Bill Higgins (Wittenberg), as well as loads of contributed papers and fun activities for your students.

Mark your calendar now for

April 11-12, 2008
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