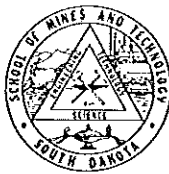


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Dear Prof. Niven:

At the recent Summer Meeting (1983), I was able to attend the MAA Contributed Papers Sessions. These were very well done, enjoyable and a quite valuable part of the program. Please continue them and perhaps expand them to the Winter Meeting.

I understand that the establishment of these sessions was a "warm" issue at several governor's meetings; there were many various concerns about quality, attendance, need, etc. The quality was high and, more importantly, highly suitable for the audience in question. They were well attended and the persons there felt they met a need.

Sir, it seems that the strength and backbone of the MAA is from the college "teachers". The MAA programs and invited papers have been very appropriate for this group. I believe that the contributed papers have expanded the MAA program and made it even more attractive. Would it be possible to have the sessions at the Winter Meeting so an even larger group could attend? It is highly likely that these sessions will even increase your attendance.

Sincerely,

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