To: Section Newsletter Editors

From: Alfred B. Willcox, Executive Director

Date: October 13, 1988

Re: Student Chapters

Dear Colleague:

Letters have been sent to Department Chairs and Faculty Advisors of college and university mathematics clubs informing them of the establishment of MAA Student Chapters.

I enclose a sample of the materials which were included in this mailing in case you would like to write an article for your newsletter about the new Student Chapters program.

We hope that by this time next year there will be MAA Student Chapters in every Section and that the number will grow steadily during the coming years. We also hope that your Section will find ways to involve the local student chapters in many of your professional activities!

cc: Committee on Student Chapters

The MATHEMATICAL ASSOCIATION of AMERICA

Leonard Gillman, *President*

October 14 1988

Dear Professor:

It is time to organize an MAA Student Chapter!

Your department received a letter in May explaining the purpose, and I am enclosing a poster and a brochure to help you get started. Briefly, MAA Student Chapters are intended to provide students with an opportunity to learn about mathematics as a career and demonstrate serious interest in mathematics by becoming involved in a professional organization.

The Chapters are open to all students with an interest in mathematics, regardless of major or academic record. Thus, they are not honor societies; indeed, the two types are complementary and should be mutually supportive. Honor societies are nevertheless one source of members for an MAA Chapter, and we hope that such societies will welcome the opportunity to help form one so that all students interested in mathematics may enjoy the benefits of association with the MAA.

The first step in organizing your Chapter is to display the poster prominently and talk things up. When you have garnered some student interest, send the tear-off portion of the brochure to

Student Chapters • Math. Assoc. Amer. • 1529 18th Street NW • Washington DC 20036

We will then send you an application form. On receiving the completed application, we will provide a resource packet containing suggestions for activities, names and addresses of faculty advisors in your area, and the name and address of the MAA Section Coordinator of Student Chapters.

Early birds get something special. Student Chapters whose applications arrive by June 30, 1990 will be designated as Charter Chapters, and each such Chapter will receive a certificate to that effect at the 75th Anniversary meeting of the MAA, August, 1990, at Ohio State University in Columbus.

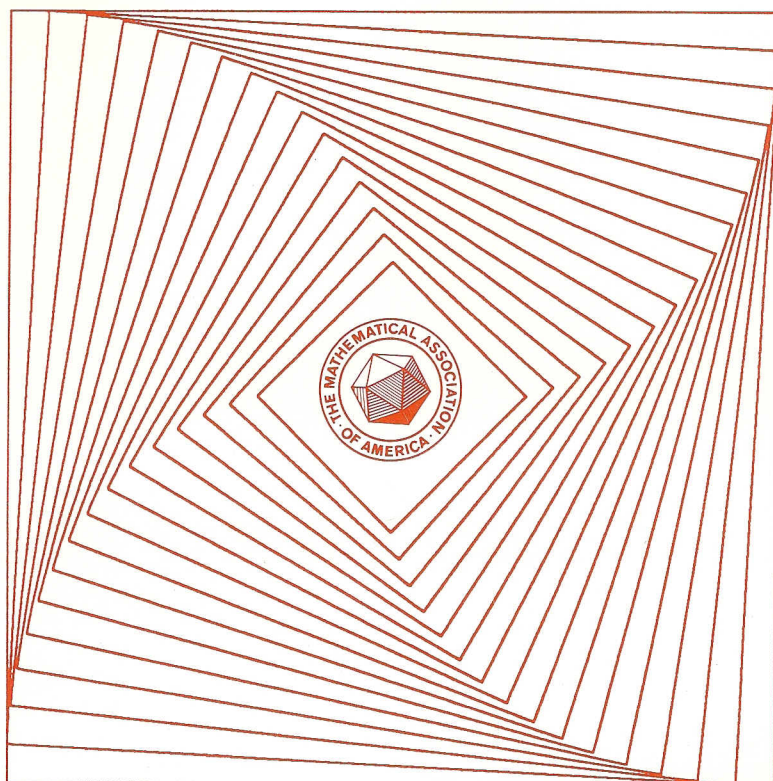We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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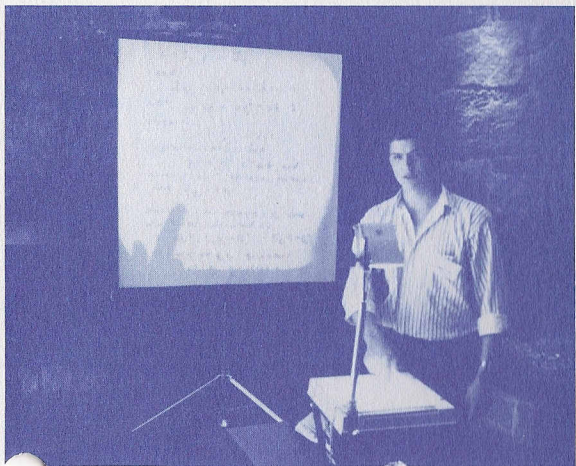# MATHEMATICAL
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- Career Information
- Help With Job Placement or Graduate Application
- Contact With the Mathematics Community
- Lectures, Films, Discussions of Mathematics at Work in the World
- Opportunities to Meet Students With Similar Interests in Other Colleges
- Broader Perspective on Mathematics

For information
contact:

Getting Started

If your college or university already has a mathematics club with at least five students wishing to become student members of the MAA, the faculty advisor should fill out the tear-off portion of this brochure and mail it. Upon its receipt, the MAA National Office will send an application form for an MAA Student Chapter.

If your campus has a mathematics honorary organization, such as Pi Mu Epsilon, it may be a base from which to start your MAA Student Chapter. However, interest in mathematics is the only requirement for membership in an MAA Student Chapter. There are no scholastic requirements. Membership in your honorary organization could be reserved for those members with the required grade-point average; joint activities are encouraged.

If your college or university does not have a mathematics club, find five interested students and a faculty advisor. Request the faculty advisor to fill out and mail the tear-off portion of this brochure. No bylaws are required for an MAA Student Chapter, though examples are available from the MAA National Office.

The application to start an MAA Student Chapter can be made at any time. There is no institutional fee.

Student Membership

Membership in an MAA Student Chapter is intended primarily for full-time undergraduate students, but decisions on membership will be left to your college or university. Students need not be majors in mathematics or have a particular class standing or grade point average. The cost of membership to each student is $15.00 per year for a student who chooses to receive *The College Mathematics Journal* or *Mathematics Magazine* and $20.00 for a student who chooses to receive *The American Mathematical Monthly.*

Any student who presents a paper at an MAA Section Meeting will receive a complimentary one-year membership in the MAA.

We invite students to join the more than 26,000 active members of the MAA who regularly receive these benefits and more. A request for an application form is attached to this brochure. Simply fill in the requested information and return the form in the mail. We will send you an application form which will ask for the names of the five or more interested students and their choices of journals. As soon as the application form, accompanied by the students' dues, is received, we will arrange for their election to membership and begin their membership benefits within 4-6 weeks.
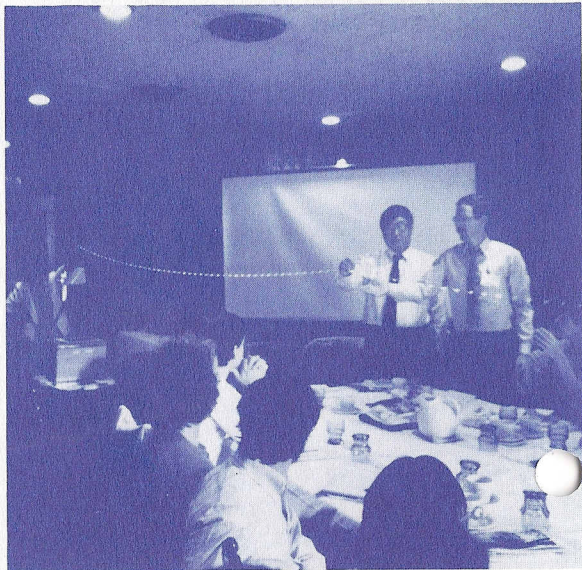
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A New Opportunity
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Benefits of having an MAA Student Chapter

- A Resource Packet with ideas and materials to help with planning and publicity for Student Chapter activities

- Opportunity for students to begin the tradition of membership in a professional mathematics organization

- Meetings with nearby chapters at MAA section meetings

- Information about MAA films, speakers, and minicourses

- A network of Student Chapters across the nation

- A national perspective on mathematics
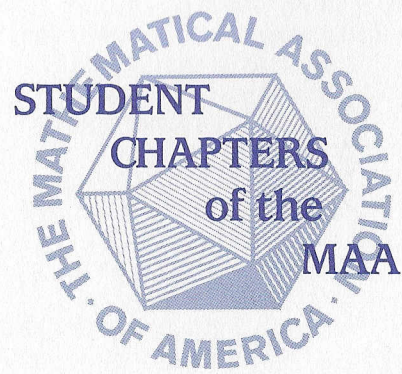
THE MATHEMATICAL ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (MAA) is the world's largest organization devoted to the interests of collegiate mathematics. Members of the MAA receive many valuable benefits for modest dues. These benefits are designed to stimulate interest in mathematics by providing expository books and articles on contemporary mathematics and on recent developments at the frontiers of mathematical research, and by exchanging information about important events in the mathematical world. We welcome to membership all who are, or want to become, interested in mathematics.

We provide these benefits in three of the world's most respected journals, over 100 expository books and monographs, *FOCUS,* the national newsletter, two national and about 40 regional meetings annually, frequent reports on curricula and the teaching of mathematics, and a wide variety of public service projects.

Membership in your MAA Student Chapter brings to each student

- A discount on student MAA membership dues

- Discounts on registration fees at national and section meetings

- Discounts on MAA books and journals

- The MAA newsletter, *FOCUS,* and a choice of one of *The College Mathematics Journal, Mathematics Magazine,* or *The American Mathematical Monthly*

- Student paper sessions and other activities at MAA meetings

- Information about mathematics-related careers

MAA Student Chapters

Yes, our department is interested in forming an MAA Student Chapter. Please send application materials to our faculty advisor:

NAME:_____ DATE:_____

INSTITUTION:_____

MAILING ADDRESS:_____

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TELEPHONE NUMBER:_____