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April 16, 1992

Dear Dr. Loser-

It was a pleasure to meet you at the recent gathering of Rocky Mountain Section of the Mathematical Association of America. I, and my fellow officers of the Section, congratulate you and your colleagues at Adams State for bringing so many students to this meeting. Adams State is one of only six colleges in our Section which have student chapters. We hope you personally will continue in your valuable role as MAA Student Chapter Sponsor, encouraging and enabling young people to observe and become involved in mathematics.

Because of your college's long involvement with the MAA, as well as your interest in student participation, it gave me and Laurel Rogers, the Section Chair, a special sense of satisfaction when Dr. Armando Gingras came over to our table at the banquet Friday evening and offered us the hospitality of Adams State and his good offices for the 1993 Section meeting.

The officers had hoped that some college would volunteer a location, but we had not expected the offer on Friday evening. It was indeed a very welcome surprise.

At dinner, Dr. Gingras suggested that an excellent person to be the Program Meeting Chair would be your wife Marilyn, as I told you when I saw your name tag at the meetings on Saturday morning and came over and introduced myself. While I have been familiar with your name for several years, I had never noticed the name "Marilyn Loser" on our mailing lists. Dr. Gingras said he was suggesting her name in order that she might become more "involved."

I have checked my records and Marilyn's name does not appear. If there is an error, please let me know and I will investigate the matter. While I realize your department is small, I think it would be better if the Meeting Chair were an MAA member. There is no immediate need to list a Program Meeting Chair, but I would appreciate your keeping me informed of any developments. Incidentally, should I be corresponding with you or Dr. Adams?

At our 1991 meeting on the campus of the University of Northern Colorado, and at our recent meeting, students have been quite valuable in organizing and running the conference. With their aid, and the promised support from Dr. Gingras, I hope you and your colleagues at Adams State can host one of the finest meetings of the Rocky Mountain Section of the MAA.

Sincerely,

William C. Ramaley
Secretary/Treasurer
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Bill - your copy

April 21, 1992

Dr. Ronald E. Loser
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Dear Ron:

I am sorry to hear about the problems that have occurred regarding the possibility of having next year's Rocky Mountain Section meeting at Adams State.

As Chair-elect this past year, I was hopeful that an institution would extend an invitation to host the 1993 section meeting. In fact, I had planned on talking to you or Ed Adams at the Colorado Springs meeting about the possibility of having the 1993 meeting at Adams State. At the banquet on Friday evening, Laurel Rogers informed me that she had just received an invitation from Dr. Armando Gingras to have Adams State host the 1993 meeting. I thanked Armando for the invitation, and asked him if he had discussed this with you or Ed. He told me that he had not, but he would try to contact one of you and have someone at the business meeting on Saturday morning. As you recall, I told you, your wife and Ed about the invitation after the business meeting.

Please extend my thanks to Ed for calling me this morning. I am sorry your department will be unable to host next year's meeting but a special thanks for considering hosting a later meeting.

Sincerely,

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April 22, 1992

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Dear Ron,

You asked that I write you, describing the circumstances of the invitation to the Rocky Mountain Section of the MAA offered by Armando Gingras to have next year's meeting on your campus.

I was seated at a table at the banquet on Friday night (April 10), with Bill Ramaley on my left and Leonard Gillman on my right. Also present at the table were John Watkins and a Colorado College math student. A man approached the table and stood between me and Bill; I later learned that it was Armando Gingras. He said that he understood that the section would look favorably on an invitation to Adams State to meet there in 1993. I was delighted to hear this, and replied "Bless you!" He then asked what he needed to do in order that this be accomplished. I replied that he had just done all he needed to do (meaning that he had invited us). Bill Ramaley reminded me that he or someone from Adams State should come to the meeting of the Executive Committee, which was to be held the next morning at breakfast. Armando said that he couldn't be there - in fact he would not even be at the MAA meeting because he had a prior Saturday commitment. He suggested that we contact your wife (whose name I am sorry to say I have forgotten), who was also a member of the math department, because he felt she would be a good program chairperson. All of us looked around at who was there at the banquet, but saw no one from the Adams State math department. As a result, the Executive Committee met the next morning (before the business meeting of the entire section) without a representative from Adams State.

I hope that this description is sufficient; I'm sorry I don't remember more details. I suggest that you contact Bill Ramaley, and perhaps even John Watkins.

Yours very truly,

Laurel Rogers