
A f t e r m a t h

Prof. Glaser Retires

Professor **Leslie C. Glaser**, who has served as a member of the departmental faculty for 34 years and as Undergraduate Advisor for 24 years, is retiring at the end of the year. He has been granted emeritus status. After his undergraduate education at DePauw University, he attended the University of Wisconsin, earning first an M.S. (1961) and then a Ph.D. (1964). After four years as an Assistant Professor at Rice University, Les came to the University of Utah in 1968. His research focus has been Geometrical Topology. He has directed two senior honor theses and three master's theses, and has served on many Math Department and University committees. His many friends wish Les a long and happy retirement.

Service Award



This month **Pieter Bowman**, Senior Systems Analyst for the Math Department, is receiving an award for fifteen years of full-time service at the University. Pieter has actually worked for the University much longer than fifteen years, but his first few years were on a part-time basis. Pieter began working for the College of Science Computer in 1981, and moved to the Math Department in 1987. We are all very grateful for the work Pieter does in keeping the department computers up and running.

Holiday Celebration!

Don't forget the Math Department's International Holiday Celebration, Wednesday, December 11 from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm in the faculty and staff lounge, JWB 228. Please bring something to share – a favorite traditional or international dish, treat or confection. A selection of deli food and drinks will be provided. Fukiko Shimomoto will perform from her operatic repertoire, accompanied by Renzo Cavalieri. We hope to see everyone there!

Librarian will be missed

Vince Fredrick of the Mathematics Library was struck by a car and killed Wednesday evening, November 27. Vince was the longest serving library employee, and probably one of the longest serving University employees. He worked at the Math Library, Physics Department Reading Room, and Marriot Library. A memorial service will be held Dec. 6 at 1:00 pm in LCB 219. There will also be an informal "Vince Fredrick Bootleg Memorial Gathering" at the Uinta Brewing Company (1722 S. Fremont Dr.) this Saturday, Dec. 7, at 4:00 pm. Vince will be missed.

REU Positions Available

There are still REU positions available for the Spring Semester. Applications for these positions are due Wednesday, December 11. Please pass this information on to any of your students who may be interested.

New Position

The department has had a long standing need for a computer professional who will introduce and improve processes to design and maintain web sites and create web-based databases within the department, and to work with staff and faculty to achieve objectives on the Department website. The development and maintenance of an effective website is crucial to our teaching and research missions, and for attracting potential students and faculty to our department. We feel we have found such a person in **Ruth Kazanski** who assumed these responsibilities December 1. We are excited to have Ruth join our computing staff and are looking forward to new and exciting changes on our web pages.

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