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## Holiday Party Highlights

On Wednesday, December 12 we had the annual department holiday party, with lots of good food and some fun entertainment. Mark Avery emceed the program, which included a vocal solo by Nancy DeMello, piano duets by Aaron Bertram and Renzo Cavaliere, a piano solo and calculus rap by Mark Avery, a Twelve Pains of Christmas performance, and a kazoo choir. The program ended with carols sung by a choir, and anyone else who wanted to participate.



Aaron and Renzo performed two Christmas duets.



"12 Pains of Christmas" performers: Brenlyn, Mary, Ken, Mrs. Craw, Charlie, Renzo, Peter



Nancy DeMello singing the "Christmas Waltz"



Mark Avery performed one of his own compositions as well as a calculus rap and topped it off with a back flip.



The fabulous mathematics department kazoo choir: Brenlyn, Renzo, Jim, Charlie, Angie, Peter, Mary, Annetta, David, Eleen, Marilyn.

## Obituary

Travis Clifton Johnson, a senior majoring in Math and Physics, passed away on December 24th from injuries sustained in an accidental fall. He was on the President's Honor Roll every semester he was at the U and was a member of the Golden Key Honor Society. He was also in the Concert and Chamber Choirs and aspired to be a high school teacher. Travis is survived by his parents, Dennis and Ina Faye Abel Johnson, his brother and sister-in-law, nephew, and grandmother. Funeral services were held on December 29th.

## VIGRE Coordinator will be missed

On Thursday, December 27th Brenlyn Thiriot wed Kale Rodabough, a musician in the Air Force Band of Mid America. Brenlyn and Kale headed back to Illinois this week, where Kale is stationed. We wish them the best of luck. Brenlyn was the department's VIGRE coordinator and was also an instructor. Sarah Strong will be taking over Brenlyn's VIGRE responsibilities.



Airman Kale Rodabough

### WeBWork Fact

On average, there are 4,500 student problem submissions per day using WeBWork.

## Student Services Info

The Mathematics Department free tutoring center will open Wednesday, January 9th. The hours will be 8:00 am – 8:00 pm Monday through Thursday and 8:00 am – 2:00 pm on Friday. The tutoring center is closed on weekends, University holidays, and during the Olympic break. For now, the tutoring center remains in Mines 210. We hope to be in the new Math Center in March. The tutoring center services students in algebra, trigonometry, calculus, statistics (1040, 1070, 3070, and 3080), linear algebra and differential equations (2250, 2270, and 2280), and complex variables for engineers. Please let your students know about this valuable resource. A list of private tutors is available from the Math Department office or from University Tutoring Services (330 SSB).

The Math/Physics computer lab (205 South Physics) will be staffed 8:00 am – 8:00 pm Monday through Thursday and 8:00 am – 6:00 pm on Friday beginning Monday, January 7th. To reserve class time in the computer lab, please contact Angie Gardiner.

Graders will be provided on request to classes below the 3000 level with at least 30 students. Graders will also be available for Math 1250, 1260, 2270, 2280, 3210, and 3220. If you plan to use a grader this semester, please contact Angie Gardiner as soon as possible if you haven't already done so.

## Upcoming Events

**Jan. 21:** Martin Luther King, Jr./Human Rights Holiday - University closed

**Feb. 1:** Classes end for extended semester break

**Feb. 2–26:** Semester break

**Feb. 27:** Classes resume

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