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## And There Was Much Rejoicing!

by Peter Alfeld

By the time you read this our move into our new buildings, the refurbished Leroy Cowles Building and the new T. Benny Rushing Mathematics Student Center, will be almost complete. The entire Department of Mathematics will be housed in a complex (consisting of JWB, MC, and LCB) that is essentially one building. Compared to what used to be spread over five quite separate buildings (JWB, South Physics, INSCC, Kennecott, and Mines) our office space will be modestly increased, and everything else, classrooms, computing labs, conference rooms, and, most of all, student facilities, will be vastly improved. Students will be able to hang out, study, read, compute, and obtain help from tutors in the precise center of mathematics in the Rocky Mountain region, and next to our library. We hope that the new facilities will create and strengthen a feeling of community among our undergraduate students. There are study rooms you can use to meet with groups of students that are too large for your office. If appropriate you can run your classes in a computing lab dedicated to classroom use. At the same time, students can work individually in our drop in lab. Angie Gardiner can give you more information about these facilities. Paula Tooman can schedule your meetings in one of our new conference rooms. You may already be teaching in one of our new classrooms, and your future classes may well end up there. Efforts are underway to secure the funding needed for making the attic of LCB fit for occupation and to transform that area into additional mathematics gathering space. As the finishing touch, artwork by Anna Bliss will soon be installed.

Finally occupying these new facilities marks the culmination of a long process (about 25 years) and the dedicated, determined and creative work of many people. There will be a festive dedication on April 5. We hope to see you there!



Hugo Rossi teaches a class in the LCB



Students at work in the drop-in computer lab



Students making good use of a group study room



A worker installs tables in the computer classroom.

## Staff Member Honored



Eleen Collins was recently recognized for her 25 years of service at the University of Utah at a special luncheon given by President Machen. Eleen has spent fourteen years with the Math Department, and has also worked for the departments of Computer

Science and Geology and Geophysics. Let's give a big THANK YOU to Eleen for the good work she does here.

## Graduate Minicourses

This Spring, the Math Department will be hosting two minicourses. The first will be devoted to Complex Hyperbolic Geometry and will take place May 13 - 24, 2002. It will be conducted by Richard Schwartz of Maryland and Jim Carlson and Domingo Toledo of Utah. The second, held May 28 - June 8, 2002, will cover Variational Methods and Nonlinear PDE and will be conducted by Jean Mawhin of Belgium and Klaus Schmitt and David Hartenstine of Utah. The courses are designed for graduate students with some background and interest in the respective subjects. Some financial support is available from the department's VIGRE grant. For more information contact Sarah Strong (581-8341) or visit [www.math.utah.edu/vigre/minicourses](http://www.math.utah.edu/vigre/minicourses).

## Dean's List

Congratulations to all of our undergraduate majors who made the Fall 2001 Dean's List, earning a GPA of 3.5 or higher: Lisa Andrews, David Ayala, Maria Bell, Nicholas Buckley, Brian Budge, Jamie Burgon, Daniel Burn, William Cano, Rhett Christensen, Kari Christiansen, Pedro Coronel, Elizabeth Dea, Afton Duncombe, Traci Eldredge, Amanda Ellis, John Faust, Monica Hills, Wei-Shou Hsu, Joel Kramer, Predrag Krtolica, Hyang-Soon Lee, David Lindsay, John Minuth, Asami Oka, Jeremy Pecharich, Jeremiah Perry, Haley Petersen, Robin Plachy, Ryan Pratt, Alex Reinecke, Ryan Rettberg, Brent Sallay, Mindy Scott, Cynthia Shepherd, Katie Spencer, Jeanette Thacker, Paul Watkins, and Michael Woodbury.

## Upcoming Events

**Thursday, March 7** – Paralympics Opening Ceremony. Campus closes at 2:00 p.m.

**Friday, April 5** – LCB/Math Center Dedication 3:00 p.m.

**Saturday, April 13** – Calculus Challenge 9:00 - 12:00. Undergraduates are invited to compete for cash prizes!

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