The Mathematics Department is pleased to announce our new home on the third floor of the renovated Chambers building. After 6 months of being scattered around the campus, faculty are excited to have their offices clustered together again. The Department now has an attractive and convenient common area in which to gather before Math Coffees. With its two separate seating areas, a work table, and a large white board, the space is a productive and comfortable place for students and faculty alike. A Crockett Johnson poster donated by J.B. Stroud, a copy of the Charlotte Observer story on John Swallow, and a painting of Jackson Court (a former Departmental home) by the Society’s namesake Richard Bernard complete the décor.

Fundraising for the renovation is ongoing and there are a number of naming opportunities available, several of which involve spaces used by the Department. To learn more about the renovation and to discuss a gift of any amount, please contact George Guise in College Relations at geguise@davidson.edu OR 704-894-2919.

As you may have noticed in previous editions of this Newsletter, Professor Ben Klein chaired the Faculty-Staff Working Group for the Chambers Renovation Project. The mathematics department joins the entire college community in thanking Ben for his hard work on this committee.
The 2003 Bernard Lecturer was Professor Edward Scheinerman of Johns Hopkins University, who presented a lecture entitled "Mathematics Through Games."

Author of several books, and one-time passenger of NASA's zero-gravity training plane (A.K.A. the "Vomit Comet") Dr. Scheinerman has worked on a wide variety of applied mathematics problems.

This fact is reflected by lectures he gave to several Davidson classes during his visit, preceding the Bernard Lecture. Dr. Scheinerman spoke to Dr. Heyer's Probability class in a lecture on random graphs, and to Dr. Molinek's Proofs class about the accuracy of decimal evaluations. Dr. Scheinerman also held several informal meetings with students and professors during his stay in Davidson.

Preceding the lecture, as usual, was the annual Bernard Society Dinner, where new members of the society are inducted.

Immediately following the dinner was Dr. Scheinerman's lecture to the Society. Dr. Scheinerman went beyond the usual lecture by calling for audience participation throughout his presentation. With each new game, he asked either to have members of the audience shout out answers or sometime has them come forward and compete head-to-head in various brain-teasers and logic puzzles.

Several students walked away from the lecture one dollar richer, having deduced the correct response to one of Scheinerman's riddles. Bernard Society member Chris Schamper '05 matched wits with Dr. Molinek's son Rudy in a triangle-drawing game. Chris managed to best Rudy despite the younger man's earlier victory in another of the games presented that evening.

In his lecture, Dr. Scheinerman touched on topics ranging from the Liar's Paradox to the classic computer game Minesweeper. When the solutions were revealed, they were often surprising. Dr. Scheinerman summed up the best strategy overall when he reminded the audience to "Keep the goal in mind."

The 2004 Bernard Lecture, “Ladies of the Ring,” was presented by Prof. Georgia Benkart of the University of Wisconsin, Madison on Oct. 21. Details will be in the next newsletter.

Save the date

The 2005 Bernard Lecturer will be Prof. Ron Graham of the University of California, San Diego. Prof. Graham is president of the MAA, past president of the AMS, and former president of the International Juggler’s Association. His lecture will be on Sunday, September 4, 2005.
Math Coffees

The Bernard Society sponsored a very active Math Coffee series during the 2003–2004 academic year, hosting 20 talks. Topics ranged across a wide spectrum of mathematical subjects, including geometry, number theory, logic, analysis, probability, and topology, and crossed into several other fields of study, including biology, physics, computer science, economics, art, and literature.

Many visiting speakers gave informative and often entertaining talks this year at Davidson. Dr. Rudy Horne from UNC–Chapel Hill spoke about the mathematical modeling of light pulses in optical fibers and techniques for the numerical solution of the nonlinear Schrödinger equation.

Dr. Ron Taylor of Berry College in Georgia talked about the unusual properties of the Cantor set, a subset of the real line that has uncountably many elements, yet contains no intervals.

Dr. Eric Marland of Appalachian State University, in the second annual joint Mathematics and Biology Colloquium, discussed mathematical models for carbon sequestration, an important topic in the analysis of greenhouse gases.

Dr. Van Henson, from the Center for Applied Scientific Computing at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, talked about computational challenges posed in solving enormous linear systems that arise in scientific simulations. (Dr. Henson had one of the year's best titles too: A Big Kid's Playground: What Can You Do with Linear Algebra, Differential Equations, and Thousands of Processors?)

Dr. Adrian Rice, from Randolph-Macon College in Virginia, described the life and works of the Oxford mathematician Charles Dodgson, better known by his pen name of Lewis Carroll, highlighting some of the mathematical allusions in his literary work, and discussing some of his mathematical contributions in linear algebra (try Googling Dodgson determinants).

Dr. Rob Harger from High Point University described some results in number theory, including a proof that the expression $n/\pi(n)$, where $\pi(n)$ denotes the number of prime numbers between 1 and $n$, covers the set of positive integers as $n$ ranges over all positive integers.

Three Davidson alumni returned to campus this year to give talks. Andy Schultz '02, now a graduate student in mathematics at Stanford, discussed the role of apparent paradoxes in shaping the development of mathematics.

Joe Rusinko '01, a graduate student in mathematics at the University of Georgia, showed how some techniques from algebraic number theory can be used to determine all rational solutions to certain equations.

Hunter Monroe '84, a senior economist with the International Monetary Fund visiting Davidson for his 20th reunion, talked about the famous P vs. NP question, one of the million-dollar problems sponsored by the Clay Mathematics Institute.

Current Davidson students also spoke about their work. Kristin Nickel '04, Bernard Society president in '03-'04, described her experiences in Hungary with the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics program. Alex Sibley '04, another society officer, talked about his research project in dynamical systems with Dr. Neidinger. Grey Wicker '04 discussed his project in game theory with Dr. Heyer.

Several students and faculty presented some engaging mathematical card tricks and games in a Math Coffee inspired by the visit of our Bernard lecturer, Dr. Scheinerman. Dr. Heyer's Probability class presented some conundrums in the subject in skit form in a “mathodrama”, with memorable costuming. And Dr. Heyer's Mathematical Modeling students presented their results on a problem in the 2004 national modeling competition on designing a better “QuickPass” scheduling system used at amusement parks.

The students in Dr. Neidinger's class, Exploring Mathematical Ideas, presented their projects on probability, combinatorics, topology, and other topics in an open poster session.

Finally, some Davidson faculty presented Math Coffees this year. Dr. Larry Ligo of the art department talked about how mathematical developments helped shape the art and world view of the Renaissance. Dr. Chartier showed how knowledge of vector geometry and the Persistence of Vision (POV) software package lets one design
beautiful and interesting pictures. Dr. Mossinghoff talked about stop signs: among all octagons with unit diameter (the diameter of a polygon is the length of the longest line segment connecting two of its vertices), which has the largest area? The answer is not the regular octagon of the familiar stop sign!

Students Present Work at Conferences

Two students traveled to conferences to present their research this spring. Alex Sibley ’04 gave a talk at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Section of the MAA, held in Clarksville, Tennessee. Alex spoke about research he did with Dr. Neidinger during the previous spring and summer. The title of his talk was “Dynamical systems of composite logistic functions.”

Grey Wicker ’04 presented his research at the Furman Undergraduate Research Conference in Greenville, SC. Grey studied optimal strategies in a card game as part of an independent study with Dr. Heyer in Game Theory. The title of his talk was “Seeing outside the Trap.”

Special Guest Lecture

Dr. Michael Starbird, professor of mathematics at The University of Texas, gave a special public lecture in Spring 2004. In his talk, entitled “Cutting Cake for Greedy People,” Starbird proved that it is possible to divide a resource, like a cake or a tract of land, among three rivals, each with their own goals, in such a way that all three people are satisfied that they obtained the best of the three choices. While at Davidson, Starbird visited Professor Neidinger’s MAT 118 class, met with students and faculty, and spoke at the Phi Beta Kappa induction banquet.

Problem Corner

Every day, the shares of the corporation “Soap Bubble, Ltd.” on the stock exchange either increase or decrease by \( n \) percent, where \( n \) is an integer, \( 0 < n < 100 \) (the price is calculated with unlimited precision). Does there exist an \( n \) for which the price can take the same value twice?

Source: Spring 2004 International Tournament of Towns
Student Awards and Honors

Math Horizons: In the fall semester, Michael Flake ’06 joined a small group of undergraduates from across the country on the Math Horizons Student Advisory Group, and Dr. Chartier was named to the Editorial Board of the same publication. Math Horizons is published by the MAA, and has nearly 20,000 readers per issue, mostly undergraduate math majors and their professors.

Members of the Student Advisory Group share input on a variety of issues and topics regarding the publication. Michael is currently writing a review of the book How to Win More: Strategies for Increasing a Lottery Win by Henze and Riedwyl.

Math Jeopardy: Four students traveled to the annual meeting of the Southeastern Section of the MAA to compete against in the second annual Math Jeopardy Contest. Nicholas Cain ’06, Frank Chemotti ’05, Kristin Nickel ’04 and Beka Steorts ’05 faced off against teams from 11 other colleges and universities in the region, answering questions from the categories Discrete Math, Calculus I, Calculus II, Linear Algebra and Differential Equations.

Davidson scored nearly twice as many points in the preliminary round than did their closest opponent. The final round, pitting the top four teams against one another, saw Davidson and Furman running neck and neck. Furman edged out Davidson with a correct solution to the Final Jeopardy question: “The number of zeros after the last non-zero digit in 10,000!” This story, complete with pictures, can be found at http://www2.davidson.edu/news/news_more.asp

Mathematical Modeling: Three teams of students competed in the international Mathematical Contest in Modeling in 2004. One team, Erin Jacob ’04, Garrett Monda ’06, and Kristin Nickel ’04, was awarded Honorable Mention. Another team, Johannes Norling ’04, Steven Root ’04 and Peter Strand ’05, was awarded the first Meritorious designation in the history of Davidson’s participation in the contest, placing them in the top 16% of the 599 teams from around the world.

The 2004 contest problem was to design a fair and efficient “Quick-Pass” system for amusement parks. The system allows park visitors to obtain a special pass for a particular attraction at a specified time, reducing their wait time over the course of a day.
Faculty News

➢ Professor Irl Bivens was on sabbatical in the fall semester of 2003, working on the new edition of the Calculus text with Stephen Davis and Howard Anton. This summer, their work on the new edition will focus on adding new exercises and editing the text to make it more accessible to students. Bivens returned to teaching this spring with two sections of introductory calculus and a seminar on problem solving and the history of mathematics. Apart from his work on the calculus book, he's working on some research in differential geometry, including continuing projects with Professor Emeritus Richie King and Rob McLean ’03. Between calculus and differential geometry, he still finds time to juggle and hopes to give a math coffee soon on some "juggling theorems," such as a theorem for determining if a sequence represents a feasible juggling pattern. His son, Robert, completed his first year at University of North Carolina at Charlotte in 2003–2004.

— Kristin Nickel ’04

➢ Assistant Professor Tim Chartier has enjoyed his first year at Davidson College although he admits that he is still adjusting to life in North Carolina. Heralded as a mime and a mathematician, Chartier has not disappointed his colleagues and students in either respect. He and his wife Tanya have mimed together several times since arriving in Davidson, most notably at Davidson’s Vaudeville Extravaganza in September. Chartier also has interests (and responsibilities) beyond the stage. He has taught both Calculus I and II along with Differential Equations and the upper-level computer science course Numerical Analysis. Chartier is a member of the department’s computer science committee in addition to co-organizing the Math Coffees with Michael Mossinghoff. He also recently secured a grant from the Department of Energy, which will allow three students each year for the next three years to work with Chartier on undergraduate research. This work will be in addition to his own research, which currently involves creating self-improving numerical methods for solving partial differential equations.

Chartier’s thoughts and free time are usually occupied by his family including Noah, his 18 month old son, who has recently developed an affinity for running around the math offices in the renovated wing of Chambers. The Chartiers enjoy neighborly fun with Rudy and Sullivan Molinek (Donna and Frank take a close second) and taking walks through Davidson, which usually include a visit with Oswald, the Swallow family’s dog.

— Michael Flake ’06

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Professors Mossinghoff and Chartier with Vinson Mathematics Award recipient Garrett Monda ’06.

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Professor Davis enjoys his library carrel while on sabbatical.

— Marc Park '04

After three summers of working with students on MAGIC Tool, a graphical software used for biological data analysis by students, King Assistant Professor Laurie Heyer traveled across the nation to promote this new program. She was in Sacramento at a California State University System conference with Dr. Campbell from the Biology department. The two were the main instructors for the workshop, teaching MAGIC Tool to the faculty who would eventually bring it back to their colleges and universities for their students' use. In Seattle, Washington, she met with a group of Biology faculty members at a GCAT conference to plan for a summer 2004 workshop at Georgetown University, which would also be introducing MAGIC Tool. Both this conference and the previous one received NSF funding. Finally, in Boulder, Colorado, Heyer attended a meeting of the MAA and taught a mini-course for mathematics professors, giving them an introduction to topics in her field of bioinformatics. Last fall, Heyer taught one Probability and two Calculus classes, and helped lead a Game Theory Independent Study. Heyer spent her Spring Break relaxing at Pawley’s Island in South Carolina. Davidson was never too far from her thoughts, for she and her husband spent several days in Charleston watching the Wildcats take on opponents at the Southern Conference Basketball Tournament. Perhaps her most exciting (and well-deserved) trip was the weekend of April 30, to Wilkesboro, North Carolina for “Merlefest,” where she spent four days camping, grilling, and listening to dozens of well-known (and some not-yet-so-well-known) bands.

— Claire DeBord '05

Professor Ben Klein is Davidson’s Dolan Professor. This is an endowed chair set up by the multi-industry company, Textron, on behalf of their retired CEO Beverly Dolan. Although Dolan never attended Davidson, he gained a great admiration for the school when his son was a student. Dr. Klein has a particular connection to this chair having both known Mr. Dolan and taught his son, Will. Recently, Dr. Klein, along with several other professors and a few students, traveled to Tennessee for a conference put on by the Southeastern Section of the Mathematical Association of America. Dr. Klein continues to serve as Governor of the Section. In spring 2004, Dr. Klein was a part of the committee that evaluates proposals for the National Science Foundation to promote science and mathematics around the country. The foundation will award 5-year multimillion-dollar grants to universities in partnership with local schools for the training of Math and Science professors. Even with his busy schedule, Dr. Klein continues to act as Table Leader over the grading of the AP Calculus exams. Over the course of 2 weeks 600 college and high school professors grade 200,000 AP Calculus tests. As the construction of Chambers comes to an end, Dr. Klein will be finishing his position on the Faculty/Staff Committee that oversees these renovations. Both students and faculty will be excited to see the completed project.

— Rebecca Beverly '04

During the 2003–2004 school year, along with continuing her work with the connections between Dynamical Systems and knot theory, Associate Professor Donna Molinek has taken on many other impressive projects. Her work with Rose Feor '06, along with Psychology Department's Dr. Ramirez, is delving into modeling the behavior of Parkinson’s disease by studying rat behavior. This summer, the group continues to grow the collection of trophies won at math meets held at Duke and the College of Charleston.

— Marc Park '04
met up with students from Wellesley to further study the subject, with a concentration on neurogenesis. As science begins to find that, contrary to prior belief, neurons do grow over time, Molinek will be on the frontier of studying this bridge between biology and mathematics. Molinek also helped lead an independent study of Game Theory for Jimmy Roberts '04, Alex Sibley '04, and Grey Wicker '04. This summer, Molinek will go to Ghana with a Davidson program that she will lead in 2006. She is going to add a math curriculum to the program of study for the students in Ghana. Having never been to Africa, she hopes to establish many contacts and network internationally to further her research. Molinek relaxes by making pottery and exercising with Dr. Heyer.

— Grey Wicker '04

> In keeping with the fact that this year saw a sizable number of underclassmen interested in Computer Science, Assistant Professor Michael Mossinghoff has been working with the department to increase the program’s course offerings and rework the curriculum. He will be teaching three CS courses in '04–'05, two of which have arisen from a split of his old “Data Structures and Algorithms” course. A couple of his research articles were published this year -- one in the London Mathematical Society Journal of Computation and Mathematics and the other in the Bulletin of the London Mathematical Society - - both of which were in the intersection of number theory, analysis and computation. He also wrote a paper in collaboration with a mathematician at the University of Vilnius in Lithuania, whom he has never actually met! Furthermore, Mossinghoff has been spending some time traveling and giving talks: number theory meetings in Charleston SC, Monterey CA, and Toronto; trips last summer and this summer to Simon Fraser University in Vancouver; and a trip to the University of South Alabama in Mobile to give a colloquium. All the trips were really good and he has a hard time picking a favorite, though his Vancouver trips are always really productive. In '04–'05, he looks forward to attending meetings in Las Vegas, Columbia (SC), and Atlanta.

— Parul Karnik '04

> Professor Richard Neidinger is currently the professor of MAT 118, Exploring Mathematical Ideas, and MAT 300, Intro to Proof. MAT 118 is an exceptionally interesting and abstract mathematical route for non-majors to fulfill their math requirement. Instead of taking endless derivatives or manipulating matrices, students delve into the weightier ideas of mathematics like non-Euclidean geometry, cardinality, fractals, and much more. Neidinger enjoys teaching MAT 118 because it is conceptual and is free of much of the symbolic manipulation.
America Stadium cheering on his favorite team. Go Panthers!

— Chase Lovellette ’06

Kimbrough associate professor, John Swallow, had a busy year spending quality time with daughters, Ruth, 7, and Sophie, 5, and with his wife, Cameron going back to work to teach middle school algebra. Last fall, he attended a conference in Banff on quadratic forms, algebraic groups, and Galois cohomology with Andy Shultz ’02, and the two are currently working on a generalization of Andy’s senior thesis in mathematics. Swallow was featured in an article in the Charlotte Observer last fall that praised his paper, “Brauer groups of genus zero extensions of global fields” which he finished after years of work with colleague, Jack Sonn. After teaching Humanities 151 for the past four years, Swallow was excited to expand his teaching outside of the mathematics department to Humanities 150. This spring, he was also honored to serve as an interviewer for the prestigious Belk scholarship and meet some students of the future class of 2008.

— Maria Beery ’05

Although Visiting Assistant Professor Robert Whitton ’66 retired from his computer software business in 2004, he is happy to continue gracing Davidson students with his teaching abilities. He has recently enjoyed leading a special section of calculus for students with no previous exposure to the subject. This spring, Dr. Whitton is teaching differential equations and calculus II. Although feeling busier than ever, Whitton’s door is always open to students as he has been conducting office hours comfortably in the Alvarez Student Union. Thanks, Dr. Whitton, for your positive influence on students and congratulations on your retirement.

— Winston Kohler ’05

Klein Recognized with Teaching Award

At the 2004 commencement ceremony, Professor Ben Klein was honored with the Hunter-Hamilton Love of Teaching Award. This award is given to two Davidson professors annually, recognizing them for their dedication, enthusiasm and talent. Dr. Klein was lauded for his patience, integrity, and gift for “explaining the inexplicable.” The complete citation can be found on the Davidson web site. Congratulations, Ben!

Heyer Named Inaugural L.R. King Professor

At spring Convocation, Professor Laurie Heyer was named the inaugural holder of a new endowed professorship given by the Kimbrough family in honor of our beloved retired colleague, Professor Emeritus Richie King ’59. The professorship is designated for a pre-tenure faculty member in any discipline. Dr. Heyer gave a public lecture on October 18, 2004 to celebrate the inauguration of the L. Richardson King Professorship.
Alumni News

In keeping with tradition, we surveyed the “odds” this year:

Richard Aycock, Jr. ’39 is retired after 33 years of owning and operating Aycock Propane Gas Service, and thankful to be walking again after breaking a hip.

J. Milton “Bronco” Bailey ’49 retired as Professor Emeritus of Electrical Engineering at UT-Knoxville, and is now a part-time employee of Oak Ridge National Laboratory. One of his two grandchildren is Ray Hill ’97.

Arthur Griffin, Jr. ’55 is retired after 10 years with GE and 30 with NASA. He is an active volunteer and antique automobile enthusiast.

John Hunter ’57 is a retired systems engineer and cofounder of ARGD Systems. He serves as an elder of his church and on the boards of two companies.

John Denham ’59 is enjoying reading, music, art, traveling and nature after suffering a major stroke in 1992.

Richard Hodel ’59, Associate Professor of Mathematics at Duke University, works in set-theoretic topology, set theory and logic. His interests include hiking, racquetball, gardening, reading, modern art and classical music.

James Anderson ’61 retired in 1998 from his position as vice president and treasurer of USWest, ending a 35 year career in the telecommunications industry. He and his wife Bette now live in Wilmington NC, where they enjoy the beach and boating.

F. Hutton Barron ’61 is retired after 30 years of teaching Operation Research.

Jack Hardman ’61, after completing an MBA at UNC Chapel Hill, joined what was then Wachovia Bank. After 19 years with Wachovia, he became the CFO of a company in Charlotte. Six years later, he joined what was then First Union in Jacksonville Florida as Commercial Banking Manager. He recently retired from what is now called Wachovia with a total of 35 years banking. He and his wife live in Ponte Vedra FL.

Robert Llewellyn ’63 became Dean of the College at Rhodes College in 2000, after serving as professor of Philosophy at Rhodes since 1969. His hobbies include woodworking, kite-building/flying, photography, and travel.

Thomas Leslie ’67, president of Georgia Engineering Alliance, Inc, is a lobbyist and trade association director.

Jerry Huller ’75 is currently System Test Lead Manager for Raytheon Company on the National Polar-orbiting Operational Environmental Satellite System (NPOESS), the next-generation weather and climate monitoring satellite system. He was recently able to scuba dive in Australia.

Neil Imus ’75 has two children in college, one yearning to go; wife Abby back in college for a second degree. He is an antitrust lawyer, primarily representing companies involved in mergers and acquisitions before the Federal Trade Commission and the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice.

Bob Lautensack ’75 is an actuary and Chief Risk Officer at The Phoenix Companies, Inc. Daughter Katie is a member of the class of 2008.

Dana Beach ’77 is Executive Director of the Coastal Conservation League in Charleston, SC, and author of Coastal Sprawl: The Effects of Urban Design on Coastal Ecosystems. Her hobbies include natural history, hiking, bird-watching, travel, tennis and running.

Dean Eklund ’79, an aerospace engineer, uses computational fluid dynamics to model fluid flow within scramjet engines. He taught at the Royal Inst. of Technology in Stockholm, Sweden from 1995-1998.

Mark Polhill ’79 credits his solid math background for helping him get started in his career of Fixed-Income Proprietary Trading at Lehman Brothers, Inc., where he is now Managing Director, focusing on Liquid Markets and Derivatives.

Aubrey Humphries Brawner ’84 teaches 7th grade math at a private school in Georgia.

Will Cardwell ’85 lives in Espoo, Finland, where he is a Ph.D. student in Corporate Strategy at the Helsinki University of Technology, senior advisor
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Dhruv Mubayi ’95 spent 2001/02 working as a postdoctoral researcher in the theory group at Microsoft Research, and then began a tenure track position in the department of Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science at the University of Illinois Chicago. He and wife Tarini had their first child on July 1, 2004.

Amy Scalcucci Carrico ’97 is a general dentist in Cincinatti. She and husband Matt met while Amy was in dental school at the University of Kentucky, and married in July 2003.

Beth DeWitt ’99 is in her third year of graduate school in mathematics at the University of Michigan. In addition to school, she enjoys attending country music concerts.

Brian Cooke ’01 married Erin O’Laughlin ’03 in June 2004. Anthony Albert ’01 was best man. Brian is in his last year of medical school in St. Louis, MO, and plans to head back to the east coast for a residency in psychiatry.

Anne Kirkpatrick ’01 is a computer programmer for Accenture in Tallahassee, FL. Most of her time outside of work involves church activities, various hobbies, house and yard work, and tending to her old dog, of whom she shares joint custody with her parents.

Ashley Alderman ’03 enjoyed her first year at law school at the University of Georgia. She misses the small school atmosphere, but appreciates how well Davidson prepared her for law school.

Rob McLean ’03 is a government intern working in computer security. For fun, he plays soccer, basketball, and softball and hangs out with all the Davidson grads in the DC area.