

From the Colleges

Phillip Hotchiss: Westfield State College (MA) had 3 and 1/2 retirements this past year: **Dianne Haber, Warren Hill and Robert McGuigan** retired as full time members of the Mathematics Department. In addition **Anne Pasquino**, who had a joint appointment with the Computer & Information Sciences Department retired in December. Two people were hired as replacements. **Dr. Anne Schwartz** (Ph.D. UC San Diego) comes from Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania and **Dr. Karin Vorwerk** (Ph.D. Clemson University) will become full time this year after teaching as an adjunct in the department last year. Also, **John Judge** was elected chair of the department upon the retirement of **Robert McGuigan**.

John Lutts: Umass-Boston lost 5 full-time faculty because of the state's early retirement incentive. They had lost one the year before and hope to be recruiting for three positions this year. On the bright side, **Maura Mast** received tenure. He also reports that he and **Dennis Wortman** are pondering how to continue their work at Dorchester HS this year. It is not clear that what they have been doing has been of any help. They had planned to monitor a special 9th grade group through its 4 years at Dorchester HS and they started this summer with 12 promising students from the 8th grades in Boston. The results of their efforts were mild and very few of the group will be going to the school as was hoped. He is asking for suggestions of alternative ways. **Lloyd Simons: St. Michael's College (VT)** hired **Joanna Ellis-Monaghan** as Assistant Professor of Mathematics. Jo received her PhD from the University of North Carolina (1995) and her primary research interest is in algebraic combinatorics.

Ed Connors: Umass-Amherst lost fourteen (14) faculty from the Mathematics and Statistics area including seven that took early retirement. Among these was **Ed Connors**, who is now emeritus.

Arthur Copeland: University of New Hampshire's Donovan von Orsdol took early retirement. He was MAA Associate Secretary (preceding **Jim Tattersall** and following **Ken Ross**) from 1994 through 1997; Associate Executive Director of the AMS from 1989 through 1991, being most visible in that position as editor of the Notices; chaired the Mathematics Department from 1987 to 1989 and from 1991 to 1993. He coauthored a paper with **David Burton** that appears in the MAA publication "Learn from the Masters" and has published in the Monthly.

Ron DeGray: St Joseph College (CT) Associate Professor **Dorothy Mazaitis** has retired. She chaired the Department of Mathematical Sciences since 1999. Associate Professor of Mathematics **Ron Degray** has been appointed Department Chair effective fall 2002. **Joseph Manthey** has joined the department as Visiting Assistant Professor of Mathematics. Joseph has a B.S. in Mathematics-Physics Education from the University of Wisconsin, Eau-Claire, a M.S. in Applied Mathematics from the University of Central Florida and a Ph.D. in Applied and Computational Mathematics from Old Dominion University.

Barry Schiller: Rhode Island College has recognized the outstanding service of **Helen Salzberg**, now starting her 14th year as Math/CS Department Chair, by awarding her the Patrick J O'Regan Distinguished Service Award.

Though on temporary full-time appointments, the Department also welcomes back **Dr. Donna Christy** (who had left for child care) and **Dr. Peter Andreozzi** (retired Seekonk Prinicipal). Finally, it notes its 2002 Math Awareness Day celebration was highlighted by a talk by Mt. Holyoke's **George Cobb**, entitled "Women, Mathematics, and Academic Salaries: Victims of Numbers?"

Bonnie Shulman: Bates College welcomes **Meredith Greer** from Vanderbilt University, who joins the department in a tenure track position, replacing **Robin Brooks**, who has retired. **Jeff Hildebrand** has a one-year appointment replacing **John Rhodes** who is on leave, enjoying his Phillips Fellowship. Finally, **Warren Johnson**, who was a one-year replacement last year, will be staying on for another year.

Roger Williams University has appointed **Dr. Barbara Leasher** as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Mathematics.

Gerald M. Leibowitz: UConn welcomed **Professor Vadim Olshevsky** to the faculty in Fall 2002. Visiting faculty include **Ravindra Bapat** and **Taiping Ye**. And although a number of post-doctoral fellows have left for (more) permanent academic and business positions, the Department hired eight new post-docs: **Ines Armendariz, Fabiana Cardetti, Zhixiong Chen, Jennifer Hill, Moritz Kassmann, Kyle Kniesl, Dahae You, and Zhenbu Zhang**. They join continuing post-docs **Yasar Sozen** and **Alexander Stokolos**. **Chuck Vinson** adds that two new Assistant Professors will be joining the Department in January after spending fall semester in Bielefeld, Germany on the final semester of their NSF postdocs - **Maria Gordina** and **Alexander Teplyaev**. Finally, the Department anticipates final approval this fall by the state Board of Higher Education of a new **Professional Master's in Applied Financial Mathematics**.

Matt Coleman: Fairfield University held the conference "Technology, Pedagogy and Course Redesign, II" this past June 13-15. There were 54 attendees, from New England, NY and NJ.

Matt Coleman has become Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences on a one-year appointment.

Mary Platt: In the summer of 2003, **Salem State College(MA)** will be a satellite site for a **Reconnect conference for DIMACS** (The Center for Discrete Mathematics and Theoretical Computer Science at Rutgers University). Reconnect exposes faculty teaching undergraduates to a current research topic relevant to the classroom through a series of lectures by a leading expert. The

participants then write materials that are useful for their classrooms. Participants have the possibility of following up by preparing these materials for publication in the DIMACS Educational Modules Series. Planning for Reconnect 2003 at Salem State is underway and for more information contact **Professor Maura Murray** at mmurray@salemstate.edu. Three members of the Department retired at the end of the Spring 2002 semester. All had served the College for many years. They are **Harold Harutunian, Woon-Chung Lam, Thomas Kyrouz**. The Department welcomes two new colleagues this Fall. **Christopher Boucher** is an Assistant Professor and comes from Illinois Wesleyan University. **Michael Nourai** is the new Computer Science/Mathematics Laboratory Instructor.

Ann Kizanis of **Western New England College** has become Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences.

Philip K. Hotchkiss: Mary Ann Connors of **Westfield State College(MA)** is a member of the Editorial Panel of the National Council of Teacher of Mathematics 2005 Yearbook, entitled *Technology-Supported Mathematics Learning Environments*. The 2005 yearbook guidelines are now online and can be viewed at the following web address:

<http://www.nctm.org/publications/yearbook.htm>. She was the guest on the call-in talk radio show, Math Medley, on July 27, 2002 hosted by **Dr. Pat Kenschaft**

(<http://www.csam.montclair.edu/~ksenschaft/WALEsched.html>). It broadcasts live from Phoenix

at 9:00 AM at 1100 on the AM dial and is syndicated to Providence at noon at 990 on their AM dial. The title of the show was "Using Technology to Teach Mathematics."

Jim Ward: Bowdoin has hired **Thomas Pietraho** (B.A. and M.S. from the University of Chicago, Ph.D. from M.I.T.) as a tenure track Assistant Professor, and **Jennifer Taback** (B.A. from Yale, Ph.D. from the University of Chicago) has joined as a Visiting Assistant Professor. Thom spent last year as a Scott Assistant Professor at the University of Utah and specializes in the representation theory of real reductive Lie groups; Jennifer is on leave from the University of Albany and specializes in geometric group theory and large-scale geometry. Among their other accomplishments, Jennifer and Thom are wife and husband. **Sarah-Marie Belcastro** has left for a tenure track position at Xavier University in Cincinnati.

Ross Gingrich: Southern Connecticut State College hired four new people in the last two years. **Emmett Dennis** and **Cindy Gubitose** are in their second year, and **Ray Mugno** and **John Scheuermann** are in their first year. Emmett and Cindy are in Mathematics Education and were hired to help with the Developmental Mathematics program. Ray is a statistician, and John is an applied mathematician. In the same period, four people left the department. **Leo Kuczynski, Kerry Grant, and Bob Nowlan** retired after the end of the 2000-2001 academic year. Also, **Francine Roy** left Southern and took a new position at the University of Rhode Island. **Terri Bennett and Richard DeCesare** have been granted tenure. Terri, Rich, and **Alain D'Amour** have been promoted to the rank of Associate Professor, and **Gerald Schultz** was promoted to the rank of Professor. **Terry Sandifer** was on sabbatical leave last year and **Marty Hartog** is on sabbatical leave this year. And, **Ross Gingrich** is now the Mathematics Department Chairperson. Finally, Southern is in the middle of several major construction projects. In the summer of 2001 the Department had to move to temporary quarters in a different part of Engleman Hall due to renovation work in their old wing in Engleman. They are scheduled to move to brand new offices in a newly constructed wing of Engleman Hall in January 2003.

Gerald T. LaVarnway: At Norwich University(VT), Professor Cathy Frey has assumed the duties of chair of the department. In addition, Norwich welcomes **Dr. Dan McQuillan** as a new member of the department. Dan has accepted a tenure track position and came on board in July. Dan completed his graduate work at the University of Western Ontario with a specialty in Algebra. Recent developments around the department include successful implementation of on-line mathematics placement testing, resurrecting the monthly colloquium series, integrating technology in a variety of ways to improve teaching and learning at the undergraduate level, and a weekly mathematics and physics seminar.