Call for Papers (revised)
MAA MathFest - Burlington, VT
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Contributed Papers session MAA CP F1

Using Popular Culture in the Mathematics and Mathematics Education Classroom

Friday afternoon, August 2, 2002

This session invites presentations on how appearances of and references to mathematics in popular culture, including music, movies, television, artwork and other media, have been used creatively and effectively in mathematics and mathematics education courses. Of particular interest are descriptions of how the materials reduced math anxiety and motivated students to explore significant mathematics. Presentations detailing student reactions, educational benefits and difficulties encountered, and the effect of the pop culture math activities on teaching and learning are especially encouraged.

Speakers will have the opportunity to submit papers, based on their presentations, for possible publication in a special thematic issue of PRIMUS devoted to using popular culture in mathematics instruction.

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You may remember us from such talks as
“Dr r: Engaging Students with Significant Mathematical Content from ‘The Simpsons’ ”
and “The Simpsons Rule: Mathematical Morsels from ‘The Simpsons’ ”

Please submit one-page proposals by Tuesday, May 4 to:

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