
For Your Information

New AWM Executive Director Appointed

The Association for Women in Mathematics (AWM) has appointed Carol A. Tascione as executive director, effective at the start of this year. Tascione taught mathematics at Okaloosa-Walton Community College in Niceville, Florida. For the past several years, Tascione has been a graduate student in mathematics education at American University and received her Ph.D. there last year. In addition to her work at AWM, she teaches part-time at Marymount University.

—*from AWM Announcement*

Humanistic Mathematics Network Journal

The *Humanistic Mathematics Network Journal* is a semi-annual publication devoted to the expression of thoughts and ideas about mathematics as a humanistic discipline. The journal carries a wide variety of articles, graphics, poems, puzzles, and other material that reveal the human side of mathematics. It is refereed and circulates worldwide.

The journal publishes articles about what mathematics shares with the humanities—art, music, poetry, etc. Examples of such connections are found in the nontechnical works of such mathematicians as Hardy, Poincaré, Weyl, Wilder, Bronowski, Hadamard, and Whitehead, to name a

few. The purpose of the journal is to discuss the processes of creating, learning, and teaching mathematics and the similarities and points of contact it has with other humanities. Intuition, values, teaching and learning, and emotions all play a role in this perspective on mathematics.

Among the offerings in the most recent issue are a piece by J. D. Phillips on “Mathematics as an Aesthetic Discipline”, a piece by Reuben Hersh on “A University Mathematician’s View of What’s Wrong with University Mathematics Education”, and some poems about mathematics. Earlier issues have had essays by Philip J. Davis, Gian-Carlo Rota, Paul Ernest, Clarence Stephens, Rosemary Schmalz, Sherman Stein, JoAnne Growney, and many others.

The Humanistic Mathematics Network is supported by a grant from the Exxon Education Foundation. Subscriptions to the journal are free of charge. To subscribe, send a letter or e-mail indicating your postal address to: Alvin White, *Humanistic Mathematics Network Journal*, Harvey Mudd College, Claremont, CA 91711; e-mail awhite@hmc.edu.

—*Allyn Jackson*

Educational Grants from Toyota USA

The Toyota USA Foundation has awarded grants totaling \$240,000 to implement innovative educational programs.

The University of Montana will receive \$100,000 to develop a portable instructional laboratory to train kindergarten-through-grade-12 teachers in the state in the use of

technology to enhance mathematics and science instruction.

A \$60,000 grant will provide seed money to expand the Summerbridge program for top students from seventh grade to college in Atlanta and Houston. Each site will select students with strong academic potential who face a variety of obstacles and enroll them in a two-year academic program of six weeks each summer.

Economics America of Louisville will receive an \$80,000 grant for Economics at Work in Kentucky. The program will train Kentucky high school teachers in the use of a comprehensive curriculum based on fundamental economic concepts.

The Toyota USA Foundation is a \$25.3 million charitable endowment dedicated to supporting unique education programs serving kindergarten through grade 12 in the U.S., with special emphasis on mathematics and science.

—from Toyota USA news release

Everett Pitcher Lectures

The next series of Everett Pitcher Lectures will be held April 30, May 1, and May 2, 1996, on the campus of Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. The speaker will be Carl Pomerance of the University of Georgia. The title of his talk will be "Primes: A Computational Perspective".

The lectures, which are open to the public, are held in honor of Everett Pitcher, who was secretary of the AMS from 1967 until 1988. Pitcher served in the mathematics department at Lehigh from 1938 until 1978, when he retired as Distinguished Professor of Mathematics. Further information can be obtained by writing to Pitcher Lecture Series, Department of Mathematics, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA 18015, or by calling 610-758-3753.

—Department of Mathematics, Lehigh University