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# For Your Information

## Call for Nominations for Nemmers Prizes

The Frederic Esser Nemmers Prize in Mathematics and the Erwin Plein Nemmers Prize in Economics are awarded by Northwestern University. Each of the 2003–04 Nemmers Prizes will have a value of \$125,000. Each prize recipient will deliver a public lecture and participate in other scholarly activities at Northwestern University for ten weeks during the 2004–05 academic year. Nominations for both prizes will be accepted until **December 1, 2003**. Nominating letters of no more than three pages should describe the nominee's professional experience, accomplishments, and qualifications for the award. A brief curriculum vitae of the nominee is helpful but not required. Nominations from experts in the field are preferred to institutional nominations; direct applications for the Nemmers Prize will not be accepted.

Send nominations to: Secretary, Selection Committee for the Nemmers Prizes, Office of the Provost, Northwestern University, 633 Clark Street, Evanston, IL 60208-1119, USA.

*—From a Northwestern University announcement*

## Gauss Prize Established

The International Mathematical Union (IMU) has announced the creation of the Carl Friedrich Gauss Prize for applications of mathematics. The prize will be awarded for outstanding mathematical contributions that have had significant practical applications outside of mathematics or for achievements that have made the application of mathematical models to areas outside of mathematics possible in innovative ways: for example, via new modeling techniques or the design and implementation of algorithms.

The prize, awarded jointly by the IMU and the Deutsche Mathematiker-Vereinigung (DMV), will be given every four years at the International Congress of Mathematicians (ICM); the initial award will be given at ICM 2006. The prize consists of a medal and a cash prize of 10,000 euros (about US\$9,000).

Further information about the Gauss Prize can be found on the Web at <http://elib.zib.de/pub/Gauss/>.

*—From a DMV announcement*

## Celebration of Everett Pitcher's 90th Birthday

The Pitcher Lectures are held in honor of Everett Pitcher, who served in Lehigh's Department of Mathematics from 1938 until 1978, when he retired as Distinguished Professor of Mathematics. He was secretary of the AMS from 1967 until 1988.

A special lecture in honor of (and on) Pitcher's 90th birthday will be given at Lehigh by Joan Birman of Barnard College, Columbia University. The title of the lecture is "Recognizing the Unknot". The lecture will be directed towards a general audience.

Place and time: Neville Hall III, 3:00 p.m., Thursday, July 18, 2002. Reception following the lecture: 4:30–5:30 p.m., lobby of Neville Hall.

For more information see <http://www.lehigh.edu/~math/current-pitcher.html> or call the Lehigh Department of Mathematics at 610-758-3731.

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