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Weekly Colloquium

There will be no MSCS Colloquium on
February 22, 2011.

Problem of the Week

Continuing our historical theme, the following very old problem appeared many years ago on a prestigious national mathematics exam. But it's readily doable by standard calculus methods.

A point P (not the origin) is given on the curve $y=x^3$. The tangent at P meets the curve again at Q . Show that the slope of the curve at Q is four times the slope at P .

Email solutions to zorn@stolaf.edu.

Card & Board Games

Do you enjoy playing cards and playing board games? Take a break from studying and have some fun! If interested let Prof. McDougall know (mcdougall@stolaf.edu) and he'll add you to the 'gaming' email list.

Problem Solving is Back!

Weekly meetings of Problem Solving start again on Wednesday February 23, from 6-7pm in RNS 204, and every Wednesday after that.

MSCS Recital

The N-th Annual MSCS Recital will be held at **7:00pm on Wednesday, April 6th in the main lounge of Ytterboe Hall**. This is one of THE big social events within MSCS. The word "recital" hardly begins to convey the feel of this amazing experience. Imagine tables of good. Imagine a room full of people of all ages, from young children to, um, more senior faculty, milling about in a fun, relaxed setting; Tina Garrett telling bad jokes in a dog suit; Steve McKelvey trying, yet again, to get through a short flute tune without blowing it; your favorite prof being mercilessly parodied; your most talented classmates performing truly remarkable pieces of music, poetry and theater; discovering an important aspect of a friend or teacher that is usually hidden during class.

All who consider themselves to be friends of the MSCS Department are welcome to attend and/or perform at this event. If you have a talent, big or small, that you'd like to share, please do so. If you'd like to talk about performing, please contact Steve McKelvey at mckelvey@stolaf.edu.

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