March 27, 2002

The Twentieth Annual Friends of Mathematics Awards Banquet will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2002. Professor Cameron Gordon of the University of Texas at Austin will be one of our distinguished guests.

Professor Gordon will speak on "The Classification of Knots" in Throckmorton 1018 at 2:30 p.m. that afternoon. Containing some discussion of knot theory, Professor Gordon's lecture should be accessible to non-mathematicians.

The evening festivities will begin with cider and conversation on the Concourse of the K-State Union at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. in the `K-S' Rooms of the Union. Following the dinner our Distinguished Alumnus, Wayne O. Evans will speak to us on "What I Learned At K-State That Helped Me In Industry", and after the presentation of awards, Professor Gordon will speak to us on "The Poincare Conjecture: A Million Dollar Math Problem". These talks will be comprehensible to most diners.

For students and their guests, the price of the banquet is $7.50 per person. For others, the price of the banquet is $15.00 per person.

Because Friends of Mathematics bears the cost of the banquet for the one-third of the diners who are honorees, ticket sales do not cover the cost of the banquet; and so, we request contributions beyond the price of the tickets in honor of our special guests. We are often asked about a donation amount, and we suggest paying for one honoree's dinner for each ticket purchased for yourself and your guests. Donations should be made on a separate check; the KSU Foundation will not acknowledge donations that cannot be easily distinguished from payment for services rendered.

We invite all friends and alumni to join us for this important event. Reservations should be made by Wednesday, April 17, 2002.

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Notes on Distinguished Speakers - Gordon and Evans

Cameron Gordon

Cameron Gordon received his B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. (1971) from the University of Cambridge and has been a professor of mathematics at the University of Texas at Austin since 1977, where he now holds the Sid W. Richardson Foundation Regents Chair in Mathematics. He has also been a Sloan Fellow and Guggenheim Fellow and held visiting positions at the University of Chicago, University of Cambridge, MSRI, Institute for Advanced Study, UCLA, UCSB, UC Berkeley and IHES, as well as a temporary position at Florida State University. His area of interest is low dimensional manifold topology with an emphasis on classical knot theory and Dehn surgery. Professor Gordon has delivered numerous invited lectures around the world including an address at the 1990 International Congress of Mathematicians in Kyoto. He has also served on NSF panels, organizing committees for topology conferences and the editorial boards of several journals. He has over 60 publications and has directed 23 Ph.D. theses and 9 Masters degree theses.

Wayne O. Evans

Wayne Evans received his MS in Mathematics from Kansas State University in 1964 and worked at the IBM Rochester, MN, development laboratory from 1964-1991, where he designed and implemented operating systems and security features for the IBM AS/400 (Application Server/400) and S/38. Since 1991 he has worked as an independent consultant on IBM OS/400 (Operating System/400) security and travelled the world speaking at computer conferences and to user groups and conducting security audits. He has authored several articles on AS/400 security as well as a series of security training video tapes. In 1997 he published the book "Wayne O. Evans on AS/400 Security". In 2001 he joined PentaSafe as a Security Consultant.

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$_____ for ____ regular reservations ($15.00 each) and/or

$_____ for ____ student reservations ($7.50 each)

$_____ total

for the 2002 Friends of Mathematics Awards Banquet.

I wish my name tag and the name tags of my guests to read as follows:
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of $_____ as a contribution. Donations should be made on a separate check; the KSU Foundation will not acknowledge donations that cannot be easily distinguished from payment for services rendered.

*The meal will be roast beef. Please let us know if you have special dietary needs by circling one of the following: **Vegetarian Garlic Pasta Primavera** #__ or **low cholesterol chicken** #__ .

Due Date: Wednesday, April 17, 2002