March 28, 2003

The Twenty First Annual Friends of Mathematics Awards Banquet will be held on Thursday, May 1, 2003. Professor David Hoffman of the MSRI, Berkeley (and Emeritis of the University of Massachusetts) will be one of our distinguished guests.

Professor Hoffman will speak on "The Geometry of Minimal Surfaces" in Throckmorton 1018 at 2:30 p.m. that afternoon. The lecture will be illustrated by computer simulations and animations, and will touch on some applications of minimal surfaces to engineering problems.

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, Mr. Donald Brining, County Administrator for Saint Lawrence County in New York, will speak to us on "Getting to the Top Is More Than Just Being the Best Mathematician," and after the presentation of awards, Professor Hoffman will speak to us on "Mathematical Images and the Image of Mathematics". 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 23, 2003.

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