March 6, 2006

The Twenty-Fourth Annual Friends of Mathematics Awards Banquet will be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2006. Professor Colin Adams of Williams College will be one of our distinguished guests.

Professor Adams will speak on "A Pictorial Introduction to Hyperbolic 3-Manifolds" in Throckmorton 1018 at 2:30 p.m. that afternoon. Containing some discussion of low dimensional topology, Dr. Adams's lecture should be accessible to non-mathematicians.

The evening festivities will begin with cider and conversation on the 2nd floor 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, Gary Gabrielson, of the Raytheon Corporation will speak to us on "Travels of a Kansas Farm Boy - With A Mathematicians Eye," and Professor Adams will speak after the presentation of awards. 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 Monday, April 17, 2006.

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Notes on Distinguished Speakers - Adams and Gabrielson

Colin Adams

Dr. Colin Adams received his Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, in 1983. He is presently the Francis Oakley Professor of Mathematics at Williams College in Massachusetts. Dr. Adams is an expert on low dimensional topology and knot theory, and he has 38 publications on such topics as maximal cusps and lengths of geodesics in hyperbolic 3-manifolds, tunnel numbers, and almost alternating links. He has written two introductory texts on knots, "The Knot Book" and "Why Knot?", and he is a columnist for the Mathematical Intelligencer. Dr. Adams has been the thesis advisor for 14 Ph.D. students.

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Gary Gabrielson

Gary Gabrielson received his B.S. in mathematics in 1963, and his M.S. in mathematics in 1968, both from Kansas State University. He is currently a Senior Systems Engineer at Raytheon Corporation, and he has also worked as an engineering and math specialist and computer programmer for the U.S. Air Force, and as a systems analyst for Saudi Arabian Airlines. Gary Gabrielson has also taught mathematics, science, and computer science at Pikes Peak Community College and the Denver Technical College in Colorado Springs, and at high schools in Colorado and Kansas.

Please return this form by Monday, April 17th to:

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I have enclosed a check payable to *Friends of Mathematics* in the amount of

$____ for __regular reservations ($15.00 each) and/or

$____ for __student reservations ($7.50 each)

$____ total

for the 2006 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 filling in the number of dinners for the following:

Vegetarian Spinach and Artichoke crepes #____or **low cholesterol chicken** #____.

Due Date: Monday, April 17, 2006