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The Twenty-Fifth Annual Friends of Mathematics Awards Banquet will be held on Thursday, April 26, 2007. Professor Ronald Douglas of Texas A&M University will be one of our distinguished guests.

Professor Douglas will speak on "Operator Theory and Complex Geometry" in Throckmorton 1014 at 2:30 p.m. that afternoon. Containing some discussion of operator theory, Dr. Douglas' 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, Dr. John Lewis, of the University of Kentucky will speak to us on "Mathematics as a Career", and Professor Douglas will speak on "Some Mathematical Vignettes" after the presentation of awards. These talks will be comprehensible to most diners.

For students and their guests, the price of the banquet is $9.00 per person. For others, the price of the banquet is $18.00 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 16, 2007.

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Notes on Distinguished Speakers - Douglas and Lewis

Ronald Douglas

Dr. Ronald Douglas received his Ph.D. in mathematics from Louisiana State University in 1962. After teaching at the University of Michigan, he spent 27 years at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, serving as chairman of the math department as well as Dean of the Division of Physical Sciences and Mathematics, and Vice Provost of Undergraduate Studies. In 1996, Dr. Douglas moved to the Texas A&M University, where he is presently Distinguished Professor and Counselor to the President. Dr. Douglas is an expert in operator theory, and he has over 100 publications on such topics as Hilbert modules, Toeplitz algebras, and Hardy spaces. He studies operator theory using tools from homological algebra and algebraic geometry. Dr. Douglas has written several books, including the text ``Banach algebra techniques in operator theory".

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John Lewis

Dr. John Lewis received his B.S. in mathematics in 1965, and his M.S. in mathematics in 1966, both from Kansas State University. He then received his Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1970, and he is presently the Edwards Professor in Mathematics at the University of Kentucky. Dr. Lewis is an expert in partial differential equations and harmonic analysis, and he has 79 publications on such topics as the Hausdorff dimension of a p-harmonic measure, quasi-regular mappings in space, fractional powers of dissipative operators, and the heat equation.

Please return this form by Monday, April 16th to:

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If you are unable to get the form to us by the date above, please call (785-532-0556) or email (math@math.ksu.edu) with your reservation information.

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

$____ for __regular reservations ($18.00 each) and/or

$____ for __student reservations ($9.00 each)

$____ total

for the 2007 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 16, 2007