The COMAP Mathematical Competition in Modelling is taking place (February 10–14) and this year we have three teams! Participating students are: Amany Abdul-Baki, Rahila Amlany, Fei Guo, Tailia Manashirov, Farnaz Navid-Ehsani, Terry Ng, Peter Nguyen, Maninder Sarai and Weimin Yang.

Monday, February 14

◊ Dissertation Colloquium: Zhi Chen will speak on “Basis of Diagonally Alternating Harmonic Polynomials of Low Degree” at 11:00a.m. in N627 Ross.

◊ Mathematical Biology Candidate Talk: Seyed M. Moghadas, National Research Council of Canada, will speak on “Modelling of Infectious Diseases: New Mathematical Approaches with Practical Applications to Public Health” at 11:30a.m. in N638 Ross. Refreshments and a chance to meet the candidate will take place in N620 Ross at 11:00a.m.

◊ Administrative Staff Absence: Susan will not be in.

Tuesday, February 15

◊ Mathematical Biology Candidate Talk: Jin Yu, University of Alberta, will give a talk entitled “Can a Species Spread and Persist in a Stream” at 11:30a.m. in N638 Ross. Refreshments and a chance to meet the candidate will take place in N620 Ross at 3:00p.m.

◊ Applied Algebra Seminar: Nishan Mudalige, University of Guelph, will give a talk on “Normal Compressions of Higher Rank Numerical Ranges” at 1:00p.m. in N638 Ross.

Thursday, February 17

◊ Statistics Seminar: Georges Monette, York University, will continue his talk on “Understanding Statistics Elliptically” at 2:30p.m. in N638 Ross.

Friday, February 18

◊ Agenda Items: Please email srainey@yorku.ca before 1:00p.m. today if you have an item or two you would
like on the agenda for the upcoming Department Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 22.

Monday, February 21

❤ Family Day: The University will be closed.

Reminders/Announcements:

❤ Reading Week: No classes will be held from Tuesday, February 22 until Friday, February 25 inclusive.

❤ Please make an announcement in your classes regarding the upcoming Mathematical Contest in Modeling (MCM). The MCM will take place on February 10–14, 2011. If students have any questions regarding the MCM they may email jmheffer@mathstat.yorku.ca or go to www.comap.com/undergraduate/contests/. If they are interested in participating they should email by December 23. There will be an information/training session in January.

❤ Keep informed of seminars and colloquia by checking http://www1.math.yorku.ca/new/event-date.

❤ Check www.registrar.yorku.ca/importantdates for full details on important dates and religious observances. University event planners and faculty members are encouraged to take these days into consideration when scheduling classroom events.

❤ For details regarding Fields Institute seminars go to www.fields.utoronto.ca/programs. For upcoming York University activities supported by Fields, please go to www.fields.utoronto.ca/programs/scientific/partner/PSU-York/.

❤ Oscar Pool: See Susan for full details.

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I wanted to make it really special on Valentine’s day,
so I tied my boyfriend up.
For three solid hours I watched whatever I wanted on TV.