

MATHEMATICAL MAYHEM

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Mayhem Editorial

Jeff Hooper

Welcome to another year of Mathematical Mayhem! I must apologize for my greetings not appearing in the first issue of 2007. Although the first issue of *CRUX with MAYHEM* appears in February of each year, the editing of material for this issue actually occurs in November. With the changeover in duties and the usual rush of late fall, I simply missed doing this.

Before introducing myself as the new editor of Mathematical Mayhem, I wish to thank my predecessor, Shawn Godin. In the middle of last year, Shawn reluctantly decided to step down as Mayhem editor. Shawn is an Ottawa-area high school teacher and education consultant, who has managed to squeeze in all of his Mayhem duties on top of his already heavy schedule. He also recently decided to return to university to work toward his doctorate. With all of these commitments and a young family, Shawn felt that it was the proper time to step down.

It would be difficult to overstate Shawn's contribution to Mayhem. Over his years of involvement, he has kept Mayhem alive and true to its original purpose as a source of mathematical problems and problem-solving ideas suitable for high school students. We will continue down that road. We will miss you, Shawn, and we wish you well with your new challenges! You are welcome back anytime!

Now, a few words about your new Mayhem editor. I am an Associate Professor in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at Acadia University in Nova Scotia. Before that, I spent several years at the Universities of Cambridge, Durham, and Waterloo. My main area of mathematical interest is number theory, but I also have an interest in mathematics education. This educational slant has led me down a number of other paths, including curriculum consulting for the Nova Scotia Department of Education and serving