

Conference 2005: “Mathematics for Teaching”

Conference Report

Conference 2005 was held November 3–5 at the Fantasyland Hotel in Edmonton. We chose the theme “Mathematics for Teaching” in recognition of the specialized and complex knowledge mathematics teachers bring to their craft.

The conference was enthusiastically received by teachers from all over Alberta and even some from British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and the territories. More than 60 sessions were offered to meet a wide range of needs—from those of the experienced elementary or secondary teacher to those of the first-year teacher teaching Grades 5–9 in a rural school. This year all the sessions were 90 minutes long, allowing for more in-depth investigation of topics. Keynote speakers Brent Davis and John Allen Paulos gave inspiring talks on mathematics for teaching and mathematics for living a well-informed life.

This year we didn’t even try to compete with the shopping and entertainment available at the West Edmonton Mall. Participants and their families were spotted enjoying activities throughout the mall. I hear that some even pursued the mathematical possibilities offered by the roller coaster and the waterslide.

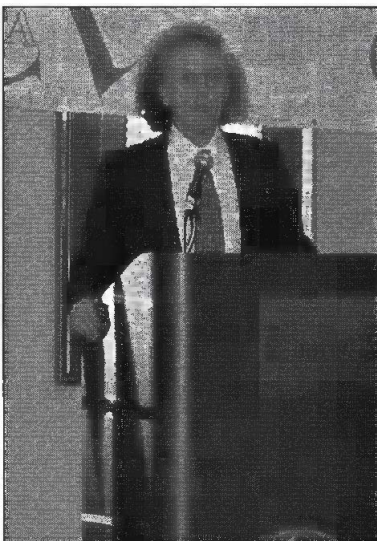
The Dr Arthur Jorgensen Chair Award is presented annually to an education student in Alberta to encourage continued commitment to mathematics education. The award includes a one-year term on the MCATA executive and an opportunity to attend the annual conference. This year’s recipient was Rebecca Steel, a student at the University of Calgary.

Through Friends of MCATA awards, we recognize those who have given generously of their time and expertise to support the work of MCATA. This year’s recipients were Chenoa Marcotte, Susan Ludwig, Scott Petronech and Jodee Brennan-Frois.

We hope you will be able to join us October 20–22 for Conference 2006 at Jasper Park Lodge in Jasper!

Janis Kristjansson

Photographic Memories



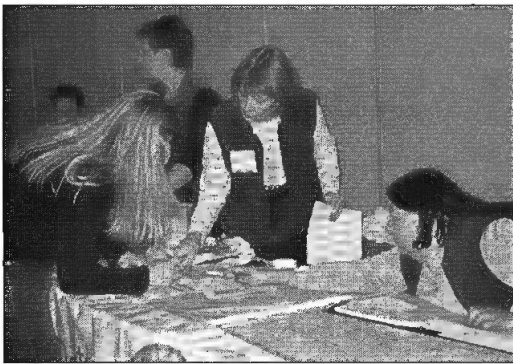
John Allen Paulos, Saturday's keynote speaker



Brent Davis, Friday's keynote speaker



Art Jorgensen presenting the Dr Arthur Jorgensen Chair Award to Rebecca Steel



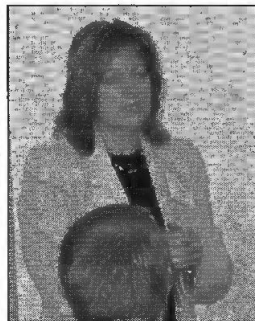
The registration desk



*Participants at Florence Glanfield's workshop
Multiple Representations of Fraction Knowing*



Katherine Willson



Lynda Burgess



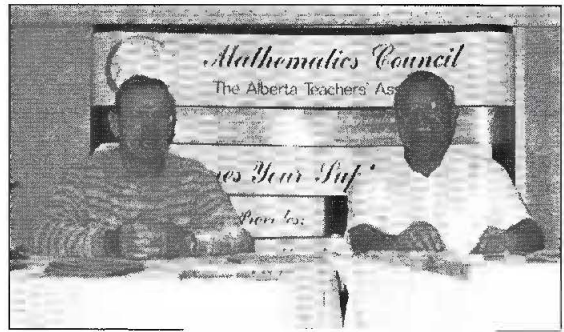
*Participants at Jennifer Krueckl and Rosalind
Carson's workshop The Adventures of Rene D!*



Participants at Joanne Currah's workshop Double Dare You



Florence Glanfield with workshop participants



Displays by our MCATA friends

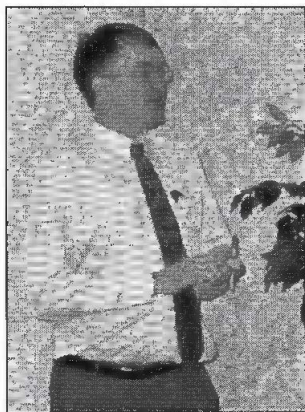


Jennifer Krueckl with workshop participants

Participants at Elaine Simmt and Florence Glanfield's workshop Teaching Mathematics for the First Time?



Lissa Howes



Ralph Mason



Participants at Ralph Mason's workshop Teaching for Understanding: Decimal-to-Fraction Conversions