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Preliminary Announcement

Fall Meeting, November 13-14, 1992

Coppin State College, Baltimore, Md.

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## NOTES FROM THE CHAIR:

# Back to Baltimore in November, 92 . . .

the Joint Meetings in Baltimore last January! Mark your calendars now for a full weekend November 13-14: Friday afternoon workshop and Saturday invited address and contributed paper sessions on the campus of host Coppin State College; Friday evening dinner and invited speaker at Cross Keys Inn just off I-83; and fun around the Inner Harbor Friday night! For those staying at Cross Keys instead of near the Inner Harbor, Cross Keys will provide shuttle service to the Inner Harbor area. Be alert to the need for observing the guidelines for reserving overnight accommodations, as there is another conference in town competing for hotel rooms that weekend.

A reminder: it's not at all too early to be preparing nominations for the Section Award for Distinguished Teaching of Mathematics. Time and effort are required to obtain specific supporting evidence of teaching excellence and effectiveness from former students, colleagues and administrators. Beginning now allows ample time to decide on nominees and then to compile solid documentation on each before the January 1 nomination deadline arrives.

Helen Christensen, RSM

# DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES;

Enclosed is the CALL FOR PAPERS for the fall meeting of the MARYLAND / DC / VIRGINIA section of the MAA.: please give this notice wide circulation in your department. Persons submitting a talk should mail a copy of the notice to me at the address given there. I'd appreciate getting one copy for each proposed talk.

Your effort is central to having a variety of quality presentations for the upcoming fall meeting that will be of interest to all of us. Thanks in advance for your help.

Due to printing requirements, the deadline for application will be strictly enforced. Late entries will be placed in a "reserve pool" of papers: these may be chosen for presentation if some primary selections drop out or cancel. In this event, we will contact the author to acknowledge that she/he will be able to present the paper at the fall meeting.

If a "reserve pool" paper is not chosen for presentation at the fall meeting, its author will be given the choice of remaining in the full pool for the next (in this case, spring) meeting. Such authors will be notified in writing.

Thanks again for your support to the section.

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13: the room will be placed back in the hotel's hands on Oct. 14. of November 13 & 14. Try to get your hotel reservations in by Oct. There is a large convention downtown the weekend

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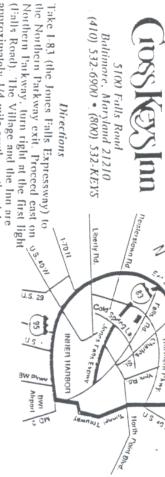
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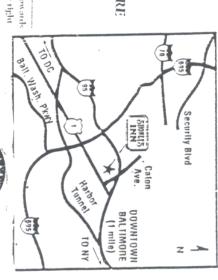
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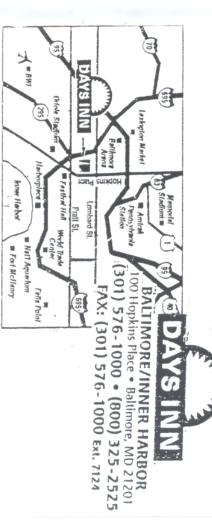
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# Call for Papers

**Mathematical Association of America** Maryland / DC / Virginia Section 1992 Fall Meeting

November 13 - 14, 1992 Baltimore, Maryland Coppin State College

Deadline for Papers: | September 8, 1992

(the vita need not be formal: it will merely be used to introduce you properly) Please attach a brief abstract and a vita

Send - no later than September 8, 1992 - to:

403 Lexington Drive J. Kevin Colligan Silver Spring, Maryland 20901-2644

## INVITED SPEAKERS

Subject to her doctor's approval (her baby is due in January), Professor Aparna Higgins, of the University of Dayton, will conduct a workshop Friday afternoon on "How to Pick Topics For, and Encourage Participation In, <u>Undergraduate</u> Research".

Or. Lee Neuwirth, of the Center for Communications Research at Princeton, N.J., will speak at the banquet Friday night on "Braids on the 2-Sphere." Dr. Neuwirth has authored several papers on a variety of mathematical topics, including one on knot theory several years ago in Scientific American.

Professor Patricia Rogers, the Director of the Center for Support of Teaching at York University, Canada, and a new MAA Polya Lecturer, will speak Saturday on a topic yet to be determined. For further information on Professor Rogers see the most recent issue of Focus.

## NOTES FROM THE EDITORS

This Preliminary Announcement is being sent ONLY to Departmental Representatives (by first class mail). We are counting on you to duplicate and/or circulate it to all your colleages and students.

Helen Christensen is in the process of asking all department chairmen in our section to confirm or replace their MAA Departmental Representatives or to appoint one if, as in the case of several schools, they do not currently have one on record. If you know of a school that is not receiving this newsletter, please let us know so that we can try to make contact with them.

We may also have a problem with M.A.A. members who do not presently have an academic connection; for example: retirees, those who work for government or industry, and even those who teach in high school and other non-college settings. Any help you can give us in reaching them would be appreciated.

Please notice the form on the last page of this announcement requesting Campus News Items. Last year membership in our section dropped by 300 between our Fall and Spring mailings, but only four changes were submitted to us for inclusion in the newsletters -- three of them from the Co-Editors' home school.

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## Name of School

specialty, where graduated, etc.) New Department Members (may want to include rank

Faculty Members on Leave (may want to include location)

Visiting Faculty (include home institution)

Promotions, Tenure, and Emeritus Status

New Programs/New Courses

Other News