WELCOME TO NINE NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS:

VURAL (AL) AKSAKALLI earned his BS in Mathematics from Orta Dogu Technical University in Ankara, Turkey and his MS in Industrial Engineering & Operations Research from North Carolina State University. He has been employed as both an Operations Research Analyst and an Optimization Engineer with Manugistics, Inc.

HSIAO-FANG CHOU, a native of Taipei, earned both her BS and MS in Mathematics from the National Taiwan Normal University.

XUE LIN, a native of Huang Gang, China who earned her BS in Mathematics from Wuhan University in 2002.

HUIDI HOU comes to the Department from the Shandong Province of China. She earned her BS in Computational Mathematics from Lanzhou University and her MS in Nonlinear Analysis from Yunnan University.

GUILLEME OBOZINSKI, a native of Brussels, Belgium, earned both his BS in Mathematics and Computer Science and his MS in Mathematics from the Ecole Normale Superierure de Cachan in France.

KIMBERLY TUCKER of Turlock, CA earned her BS in Mathematics from California State University at Long Beach in 2002. She is the recipient of both the 2002-2003 Abel Wolman Fellowship and a Dean’s Fellowship.

TONG WANG earned his BS in Applied Mathematics from Northeastern University in Shenyang, China.

HAO WU, a native of Nanking, earned her BS in Statistics from Peking University in 2002.

XIAOGANG ZHONG comes to us from Zhouzhou City in the Hebei Province of China. He earned his BS in Probability and Statistics from Peking University.

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FRED TORCASO earned his BA in Mathematics from the University of Connecticut at Storrs and his Ph.D. in Mathematics from the University of Maryland, College Park. During academic 2001-2002, he was an Assistant Professor in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

And a New Faculty Member...

GREGORY EYINK joins us as a Professor in the Department of Mathematical Sciences from the University of Arizona. He holds both a BS in Mathematics and Philosophy and a Ph.D. in Physics from Ohio State University. Research interests include statistical mechanics, fluid mechanics and turbulence, stochastic analysis, dynamical systems and differential equations.
New Undergraduate Programming Offices:
Due to the growth of our undergraduate programs, we have reorganized our office to better serve you. Marybeth Camerer is now the program coordinator for the Carey Entrepreneurship and Management Program. For Mathematical Sciences undergraduate issues, please see our newest staff member Kristin Bechtel. You'll also note that we've added signs outside each office to better direct you to the person best able to handle your question. Stop in and see us in 104 Whitehead.

Sabbatical News:
Professor Shih-Ping Han will spend the Fall 2002 semester on sabbatical. He plans to devote himself to his research on the development and analysis of algorithms for numerical optimization. He will also work on a second project on facility location problems.

Our globetrotting faculty return——
Professor John Wierman returns to campus after a two year sabbatical. During that time, he traveled extensively, giving talks at Cambridge University, Mambucaba, Brazil, Oberwolfach, Germany, Uppsala and Linkoping Universities, the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm and Goteborg University and the Chalmers Institute of Technology in Goteborg, Sweden.

Not to be outdone, Professor James Fill spent part of his sabbatical giving presentations. Locations included: Tatihou Island, France, Seoul, Korea, Oberwolfach, Germany, Lunteren, The Netherlands, Caracas, Venezuela, Eindhoven, The Netherlands, Strobl, Austria, and Cambridge, UK.

Majors from the class of 2006
Welcome to early decliners: Marc Chan, Joshua Kinney, Peter Mannisi, Ryan Mayes, Terrence McGill, Corinne Tinacci and Jiemin Wong.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
- Attention all Math Science Majors: Watch for an email from Kristin Bechtel inviting you to lunch with the Chair. Professor Scheinerman will host several of these events throughout the fall.
- Don't forget: Our weekly seminar series is held every Thursday from 3:30—5:30 p.m. in Room 304, Whitehead Hall. Information regarding the schedule will be posted on our web page and on the bulletin board outside 104 Whitehead Hall. The first seminar will be held on September 12.
- Graduate Student Orientation/Welcome Meeting: will be held Thursday, September 5, at 3:30 p.m. (refreshments) and 4:00 p.m. (meeting) in Room 304 Whitehead Hall. All faculty and graduate students should attend.

New Course Offerings:
The following new courses will be offered this fall. Please see the catalog or the website for further information:
- Internet Marketing. Taught by Leslie Kendrick
- Law and the Internet. Taught by Doug Sandhous
- Statistical Methods for Computer Intrusion Detection. Taught by David Marchette
- Don't forget this year's Intersection Course on Entrepreneurship and Management, January 13-17, 2003.

Best Wishes for a Happy and Productive Academic Year!