

# KNOT MAN

ISSUE #1

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IT WAS A NORMAL DAY, LIKE ANY OTHER IN THE MATHS DEPARTMENT.

BLUH BLAH BLAH KNOT COMPLEMENT BLAH WHY CAN'T I GET THIS BACK BLACKBOARD TO WORK?

$\pi_1 X = (a, b]$   
Theorem =         
 $\text{Vol}(\tau) = \pi$



THEODORE J KNOTT WAS BASKING IN THE WARM GLOW OF KNOT THEORY SOCKS AND SANDALS AND MUNCHING ON HIS FAVOURITE SNACK IN CLASS...



mmm... GENUS-1 HANDLEBODIES!

MEANWHILE, OVER AT LATRASHKIN UNI, THE EVIL VICE-CHANCELLOR \$ WAS PLOTTING WITH HIS ECONOMIC RATIONALIST HENCHMEN.



AND SO YOU SEE THE DOWNTURN IN DEMAND ELASTICITY OF OUR STOCK PROFIT IS POSITIVELY CORRELATED TO...

... KNOT THEORY!

AH, YES KNOT THEORY HAS GOT TO GO!

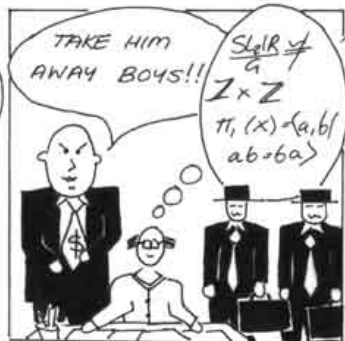
JUST KNOT PROFITABLE ENOUGH HA HA HA.

PURE MATHS DEPARTMENT

... YES, SOON THEY WILL ALL BE DEPARTING!



$H^3/\eta, \Gamma/\text{CPSL}, \pi$   
 $\otimes/(x, t)(z, \eta) \times I$   
 $\pi_1(M^3)$   
 $\exists \pi, \tau, M \rightarrow \pi, \tau, M$



TAKE HIM AWAY BOYS!!

$\text{Slab } \gamma$   
 $Z \times Z$   
 $\pi_1(x) = (a, b]$   
 $ab = ba$



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$\text{Vol}(\tau) = \eta(Z)$   
Theorem =         
QED.

AND ALL THE PROFESSORS WERE TAKEN AWAY AND LOCKED UP IN THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.



... AND YOU WILL ALL STAY HERE UNTIL YOU EACH PRESENT ME WITH YOUR OWN BUSINESS PROPOSAL!



NEVER!!!

SAY, THESE ECONOMICS BOOKS ARE ALL TRIVIAL.

WHERE'S THE COFFEE?

THESE ASTROLOGY BOOKS SEEM TO MAKE MORE SENSE.

THEODORE J KNOTT AND HIS MATHSY FRIENDS WERE ENGROSSSED IN CONVERSATION.

PARADOX HAS A NEW COMIC! COOL, HUH?

I WONDER IF PEOPLE IN THE COMIC WILL TALK ABOUT THE COMIC... OR ABOUT THEMSELVES TALKING ABOUT...

HEY GUYS! LISTEN TO THIS!



... AND THEY'RE ALL LOCKED UP IN THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT!

EWWW!



WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP?

HOW WILL THEY SURVIVE?!

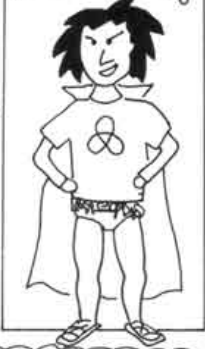
HOW DO YOU PRONOUNCE THAT \$ GUY'S NAME ANYWAY?

THIS SOUNDS LIKE A JOB FOR...



AND SO, WITH A MOUTHFUL OF HIGH ENERGY GENUS-1 DONUTS, AND DONNING HIS TOPOLOGICAL UTILITY BELT... THEODORE J KNOTT BECOMES...

KNOT MAN!



AND SO WITH TREFOIL T-SHIRT AND REPLETE WITH SOCKS AND SANDALS KNOTMAN SETS OFF TO LATRASHKIN UNIVERSITY.

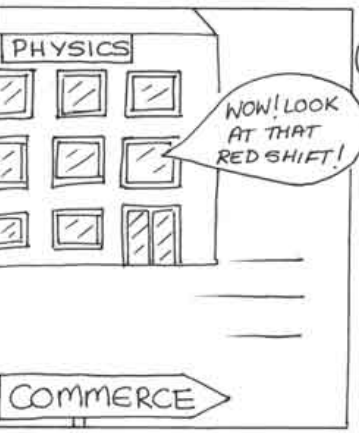


... BY TRAIN OF COURSE, LIKE EVERY OTHER UNI STUDENT.

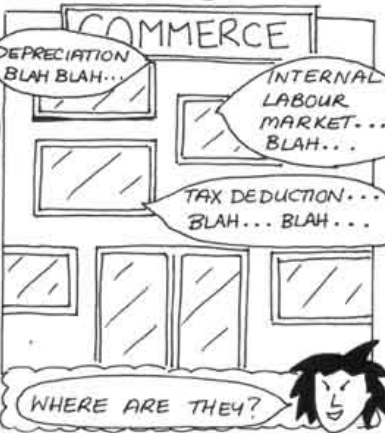
HEY! NICE CAPE, MAN!



**BRIGHTER** THAN A MEDIUM-SIZED SUPERNOVA...  
**FASTER** THAN A CRAY SV1  
**TOUGHER** THAN THE RIEMANN HYPOTHESIS...  
**MORE ELEGANT** THAN EUCLIDEAN GEOMETRY...  
**MORE DARING** THAN A ROOM FULL OF PHYSICAL CHALLENGES...  
**UNBENDING** AS THE THIRD YEAR ALGEBRA EXAM...



NOW! LOOK AT THAT RED SHIRT!



DEPRECIATION BLAH BLAH...

INTERNAL LABOUR MARKET... BLAH...

TAX DEDUCTION... BLAH... BLAH...

WHERE ARE THEY?

