YEAR END FINALE

How a year can fly by! It only seems like yesterday that I was persuaded to take on the mammoth task of being Editor-in-Chief of CRUX. Yet it has been a job of great satisfaction, getting to know better many of the world’s keenest mathematical problem solvers.

CRUX has gone on-line! This is an exciting development and has led to renewed interest and new subscribers. Thanks are due to LOKI JORGENSEN, NATALIE SINCLAIR, and the rest of the team at SFU who are responsible for this. As mentioned earlier in this issue, CRUX and Mathematical Mayhem have joined forces. I am delighted to welcome NAOKI SATO and CYRUS HSIA to the reconstituted Editorial Board. I have known both these young men for many years and have had the privilege or working with them when they were on Canada’s IMO team.

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