Mayhem Year End Wrap Up

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December already! How the time has flown. We have continued to see increased contribution to Mayhem by the readers, and for that I say a heartfelt “Thank you”. Mayhem is really a function of its readers, and their contribution is invaluable to making the journal what it is. We hope that in 2005 we will continue to gain more readers (and contributors), and still hear from our regulars.

At this point I must thank the people without whom I would have had a nervous breakdown long ago! First, and foremost, I would like to thank Mayhem Assistant Editor, JOHN GRANT McLoughlin. John has continued to supply us with very interesting problems and has provided me with guidance and support at every turn.

Next I must thank those who are leaving us and won’t be returning in 2005. The first is PAUL OTTAWAY, who started the feature we call Pólya’s Paragon. His informal articles were a great addition to Mayhem. Paul is continuing his graduate studies. Paul, your contributions will be missed. Also leaving us is LARRY RICE, who assisted with the Mayhem solutions. Thanks, Larry. We wish all the best to Paul and Larry in their future endeavours.

We have a new face: IAN VANDERBURGH joined us in September and has resurrected the Problem of the Month. Ian’s columns have really added to Mayhem. I look forward to more of his columns and to working with him in 2005.

I also need to thank those people who have been so helpful behind the scenes: RICHARD HOSHINO, DAN MACKINNON, BRUCE SHAWYER, and GRAHAM WRIGHT. They were always there when I was in need, and they always came through. Thanks everyone!

All the best of the season to all our readers and contributors! I hope that you have a great year in 2005 and that you will help us continue to make CRUX with MAYHEM grow and improve. Happy problem solving! We’ll see you in 2005.