

EDITORIAL

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As was pointed out last month, I experienced some equipment problems last year. This led to some **Mayhem** solutions being overlooked. I apologize for the oversight, and would like to acknowledge the following solutions that were received, but never acknowledged: DANIEL LOPEZ AGUAYO, Institute of Mathematics, UNAM, Morelia, Mexico (M489, M491, M493); AGAUSILIA DINDA ASMARA, student, SMPN 8, Yogyakarta, Indonesia (M482); GHINA ZHAFIRA ASTRIDIANTI, student, SMPN 8, Yogyakarta, Indonesia (M482); FLORENCIO CANO VARGAS, Inca, Spain(M481); ANDHIKA GILANG, student, SMPN 8, Yogyakarta, Indonesia(M482, M483, M484); GUSTAVO KRIMKER, Universidad CAECE, Buenos Aires, Argentina(M500); DAVID E. MANES, SUNY at Oneonta, Oneonta, NY, USA(M482, M484, M485, M486, M487); MUHAMMAD ROIHAN MUNAJIH, SMA Semesta Bilingual Boarding School, Indonesia(M483, M484); CARLOS TORRES NINAHUANCA, Lima, Perú(M484); AARON PERKINS and ADRIENNA BINGHAM, students, Angelo State University, San Angelo, TX, USA(M483, M484, M486); LAURENTIA ROSA RENATA, student, SMPN 8, Yogyakarta, Indonesia (M482); and MIHAÏ STOËNESCU, Bischwiller, France(M470, M471, M472, M473, M474, M475, M495, M497, M498, M499).

If you don't usually read the **Mayhem** section, you may want to check out problem **M506**. We received over 200 "solutions" from nine different solvers. The readers found solutions that were beautiful for their simplicity, like

$$343 = (3 + 4)^3 \quad \text{or} \quad 144 = (1 + 4)! + 4!,$$

as well as solutions where some creative thinking was used like

$$152 = \sum_{n=1}^5 n! - \phi(2) \quad \text{or} \quad 512 = \sqrt[5]{\sqrt{2} \div .5},$$

and even a couple of infinite families like

$$121 = 11^2, 12100 = 110^2 + 0, 1210000 = 1100^2 + 0 + 0, \dots$$

It was hoped that **Mayhem** and **Skoliad** would return in 2013 in an online journal aimed at high school students. Unfortunately, at this time, it doesn't look like that will happen in the near future. There is still some hope that it will return in one form or another, but the project is on hold at this point in time. We will let you know when any **Mayhem** plans are known.

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