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## NEWS RELEASE

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Mathematics is alive and well at Cariboo College! Two of Cariboo College's mathematics students, Brian McGhee and Rick Brewster, placed in the top 25 per cent in a recent mathematical competition open to college and university students from across North America. Another student, Gerry Furseth, placed in the top 30 per cent.

The 44th William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition was held on December 3, 1983 under the sponsorship of the Mathematical Association of America. It is open to full-time undergraduate students from the United States and Canada and is considered by many to be the most prestigious mathematics competition in North America. Over 2000 students from 345 colleges and universities participated. Of these there were 256 colleges and universities competing as teams. Cariboo College ranked 93rd as a team, largely due to the efforts of the above students. There were no 2-year colleges in Canada with students having higher marks than that obtained by McGhee and Brewster.

"We hope that this fine showing by our students will prompt other promising mathematics students to enroll in mathematics at Cariboo College, and will further challenge them to participate in the competition this fall", said Dr. Jim Totten, who coaches the students and coordinates the competition locally.

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