Editorial

Once again we apologise for the lateness of this issue. Please bear with us while we sort out the bugs. Because we are so late, we are pleased to be able to tell you of the people who were successful in this year's UNSW Mathematics Competition - turn to page 25 and see if you recognise any names there.

As mentioned last issue, we have been able to bring you two articles on Applied Mathematics. One of these is by Peter Coutis, who has been an associate lecturer at UNSW, on how to solve a real-life problem using Mathematics. The other is by Frank Reid on the reasons why some fast bowlers have so much success with a cricket ball. Frank usually teaches at St. Ursula's College, Kingsgrove, but is spending 1996 teaching at UNSW. As you can see from his article, he is making a valuable contribution to the School of Mathematics here.

But we still do not know what **you** want. Why not write an article yourself - or at least suggest something you would like to see. You can write to me or email to

parabola@maths.unsw.edu.au

We will print anything (mathematical) that you want to say, or any comments you have about Parabola. For example, I want to thank Daniel Sathianathan for his comments below.

Hoping to hear from you, R. James Editor

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

I have a great interest in your publication, and I am keen to explore the complex world of mathematics. Your "Parabola" editions have been highly beneficial to my studies in that it has helped me to gain a better insight into the genious of mathematics, especially in relation to the 4U HSC Mathematics course.

I am currently in Year 12 at Epping Boys' High School. Daniel Sathianathan