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## Editorial

This second issue of the *Gazette* in 2004 is a reflective one, both on the past and on the future of Australian mathematics. We have been pleased with the willingness of our contributors to initiate a debate on matters that concern us all, and readers are invited to contribute to a constructive discussion. You can read a response to the previous issue of the *Gazette* in the new **Letter to the editors** section.

In **Math matters** Tony Dooley tries to paint a picture of mathematics departments 50 years from now. Combining the wit of G.H. Hardy with the iron logic of Arnold Schwarzenegger he reaches some rather radical conclusions.

Some people never learn, and in **Mathellaneous** Daniel Mathews tells of a duel on life and death between Évariste Galois and the elusive twins Sol and Insol. Will Galois, for once, be the last one standing?

Philip Broadbridge is the second author in our series about the **brain drain**, relating on his current life abroad and on the differences between mathematics in the United States and in Australia. You will read why he left and what — apart from the housing bubble to burst — it would take for him to return.

Keeping up with current DIY trends, we are pleased to present an article by Henk van der Vorst that will help boost your no doubt already impressive citation scores.

Finally we say goodbye to our local correspondents Noel Barton and Michael Deakin. We thank them for their efforts and welcome aboard their successors Tom McGinnes and Simon Clarke.

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### Deadlines for submissions to the *Gazette*

Volume	Number	Deadline
31	3	15 June 2004
31	4	10 August 2004
31	5	12 October 2004

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