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## Editorial: Vote, vote, vote!

Once again I invite you the reader to vote for your favourite articles and notes of the last year in the *Third Annual Mathematical Gazette Writing Awards*. To encourage more of you to vote I am offering a **prize draw** among those who respond. The prize, worth about £15, will be a copy of the book *A primer of mathematical writing*, by Steven G. Krantz (American Mathematical Society, 1997).

This issue of *The Mathematical Gazette* includes the *Index* for 1997, which you can use to remind you of the various notes and articles of the last year. Previous winners have been delighted to receive recognition for their efforts, so I urge you to use your vote without delay.

### Previous Annual Mathematical Gazette Writing Awards

Year	Best Article	Best Note
1995	<b>Kiril Bankov</b> <i>Applications of the pigeonhole principle</i>	<b>Nigel Backhouse</b> <i>Pancake functions and approximations to <math>\pi</math></i>
1996	<b>Colin Fletcher</b> <i>Two prime centenaries</i>	<b>David Fowler</b> <i>A simple approach to the factorial function</i>

The address carrier sheet has a voting form on the back. Please indicate, in the spaces provided, the titles of your three favourite *Articles* and your three favourite *Notes*. Note that *Matters for Debate* count as *Articles*. Alternatively, you can just write your choices in a letter or on a postcard. Each vote will be given equal weighting. The results will be announced in the July 1998 issue.

Return the form as soon as you can, and definitely before the end of May 1998 to:

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