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### **National AMATYC in Minneapolis**

**Nov. 1-4, 2007** “Building a Better Tomorrow”—discount registration through Sept 30, 2007. [www.amatyc.org](http://www.amatyc.org)

Minneapolis is so close—I hope you can come! Some of you teach from McKeague: he will be opening Thursday with “What a Difference Five Minutes Makes” Pete Wildman, our area vice president, will be telling Saturday how to become an AMATYC Traveling Workshop Facilitator (remember the great Statistics one we had in Kearney?!!) Some of us are interested in Dual Credit, and Steve Wilson will be sharing on that Saturday morning. My personal heart is in Placement and Assessment, with a Themed Session Thursday morning). There’s even *Calculus: The Musical!* for Friday night, with a lead-in by local jazz ensembles.

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## **IN MEMORIAM**

To all friends & family of Constance Mary Ranard-Chandler

Connie has been staying at the Hospice House in Omaha. She left us at 4:40 am on the 1st.

We'll have a vigil on Tuesday, Sept. 4th, at 7pm at the Heafey-Heafey funeral home on 78th and Center in Omaha, Nebraska.

The memorial service will be Wednesday, 1pm at the same location.

Thank you for all the letters and prayers, Jeff, offspring #1.

I am very sorry to report that Connie Ranard-Chandler, full-time Math faculty member and past district coordinator of Phi Theta Kappa, passed away over the weekend. – Jody Tomanek, Metro Community College

Connie Ranard-Chandler was a member of NEBMATYC, and served as past treasurer, as well as helping us with forms, planning, and more. If you would like to send a card to the family please send it to the Math Department c/o Mary Reasor, Metropolitan Community College, P.O. Box 3777, Omaha, NE 68103-0777. Mary is our secretary, and said she would then see that the family received it.

### Why, this class is too easy!!!

Today, the first day of Intermediate Algebra, involved some review. We were going over graphing lines, the rectangular coordinate system, slope, and midpoint. Two students were whispering, and paging through the book. I asked them what were their questions, and they said they weren't sure this was the right class. "Isn't this pretty much beginning algebra?" "Yes, it is. Are you worried that this class is too easy?" "Yes." "Well, it might be, and if so, I will help you get into College Algebra. However, here's where we're going. When you're done, you will be able to figure out that  $\sqrt[3]{5x^2} \cdot \sqrt{2y} = \sqrt[6]{200x^4y^3}$ , and how to solve  $(3x - 7)^2 - 5(3x - 7) - 8 = 0$ , and other things. Now, if you know all that as well as you know this graphing stuff, you probably do need to be in College Algebra." The two decided to stay.  
-C. Buller



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### We Get Letters! (student credit hours x3 + work hours)

Connie et al,

I used the students hours idea in my classes today. I think community college students tend to overload themselves sometimes to extremes. It is the nature of the beast. I had quite a few with very wide eyes after the exercise.

Thanks for the idea,

Beth Edmonds

Note: The original idea came from a colleague named Alice Kaseberg

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