PERSONAL ITEMS

Ma Michael Brennan of Our Lady's Bower School has been appointed to a position in the Regional Technical College, Waterford.

Da Soo Bong Chac of New College (USF), Sarasota, Florida, is visiting the UCD Department of Mathematics from September 1984 to January 1985. Dr Chae is interested in functional Analysis and Set Theoretic Topology.

Dr Stephen Gardiner has taken up a position in the Department of Mathematics at UCD. Dr Gardiner formerly held a joint appointment with the Northern Ireland Department of Agricultural Biometrics at Queen's University, Belfast. His special interests include Classical Potential Theory and the design and analysis of experiments.

Da Roderick Gow of the Mathematics Department, UCD, is visiting the Department of Mathematics at the University of Wisconsin (Madison) for the academic year 1984-85.

Dr Wolfgung Heusgen is visiting the Mathematics Department, UCD, for the academic year 1984-85. Dr Heusgen comes from Munich and is interested in Function Theory, Banach Spaces and Functional Analysis.

Da Mohammed Kazim Khan of the Mathematics Department, Kent State University, Ohio, will visit the Mathematics Department, UCD, from January 1985 to June 1985. Dr Khan is interested in Statistics and Software Reliability.

Da Maciej Klimck has been appointed to a position in the Department of Mathematics, UCD. Dr Klimck is from Cracow, Poland, and his interests include Complex Analysis, Polar Sets and Plurisubharmonic Functions.

Dr Gerard J. Murphy has been appointed to a position in the Mathematics Department, UCC. Dr Murphy did his undergraduate studies at TCD, got his Ph.D. at Cambridge University and

comes to UCC from a position at the University of Oregon. His special interests are in Operator Theory.

 $M_{\rm F}$ Paul Relinsen who is completing a Ph.D. for Warwick University is replacing Richard Timoney at TCD this year. His interests are in Symplectic Geometry and Geometric Quantization.

 $p_{\rm A}$ Jeanne Ng-Stynes of the Waterford Regional College has been appointed to a position at the Cork Regional Technical College.

Dr Martin Stynes has been appointed to a position in the Mathematics Department, UCC. Dr Stynes did his undergraduate studies at UCC, got his Ph.D. at the University of Oregon and comes to UCC from the Waterford Regional Technical College. His special interest is Numerical Analysis.

Da Richard Timency of the School of Mathematics, TCD, is visiting the Mathematics Department, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, for the academic year 1984-85.

CSO scoops Nobel mathematics prize

THIS YEAR'S Nobel Prize for advances in Pure Mathematics has been awarded to Ireland's Central Statistics Office.

The Nobel committee, sitting in Stockholm, cited the CSO's "highly imaginative techniques" which led to the discovery of the famous £500 million 'black hole'. The judges also paid tribute to the "truly original" methods employed in assessing the more recent milk quotas.

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