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## Bob Brooks Retires

Bob Brooks is retiring this year after a long career here at the University of Utah. Bob received his Ph.D. at Louisiana State University in 1963, and then spent four years at the University of Minnesota before joining the faculty at the Math Department here in 1967. Bob served as the Associate Chair for the department for two terms, from 1986-1990 and 1995-1997. His area of specialty has been in analysis. He has published more than twenty research papers, and has supervised six Ph.D. students, as well as several honors theses. Bob is known as an excellent teacher. In recent years especially, he has taught many analysis courses, as well as courses in probability and statistics. We all wish Bob a happy retirement!

## Science Fair

by Jody Ostrander

The Salt Lake Valley Science and Engineering Fair (SLVSEF), a regional science competition for students in grades 5-12, is now run by the Center for Science and Mathematics Education (CSME). The regional fair was previously run by the Utah Science Center and The Leonardo from 2005-2009 but moved to CSME in January 2010.

SLVSEF celebrates the achievement of all young scientists and is dedicated to motivating students about math, science and engineering. Students from the Canyons, Granite, Murray, Park City, Salt Lake, and Tooele school districts participate by competing first in their school science fair. Students then advance to their district science fair and the top projects are selected to advance to SLVSEF, one of four regional science fairs in the State of Utah.

The fair has had significant growth in the past six years! In 2005, there were a total of 187 projects; however, up to 600 projects are expected for the 2011 fair! Students are judged by grad students, post docs and experienced professionals in 17 categories to determine the final winners. The

top three high school projects are selected to represent Salt Lake City at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, which will be held in Los Angeles in May.

Volunteer judges are needed for the fair, as well as volunteers to help with the event. By volunteering as a category judge, you will not only help choose the winning projects, but you will have the opportunity to encourage excellence among our region's future scientists, doctors and engineers.

The 2011 fair will take place at Rice Eccles Stadium and tower on March 23-25. If you are interested in serving as a judge or volunteering to help with the fair, please contact Jody Ostrander at [jody@math.utah.edu](mailto:jody@math.utah.edu) for additional information or go directly to the SLVSEF website to register at [www.slvsef.org](http://www.slvsef.org).

## Holiday Party



Department members enjoy visiting at the holiday party.



The audience enjoys a twist on "A Christmas Carol."



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