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## From the Editor

I want to welcome and introduce the new Production Manager, Matthew Fluet, who was Assistant Production Manager last year. Matthew is a sophomore at Harvey Mudd College and a very capable production manager, which is evident from the appearance of the printed journal and the graphics. We are very fortunate to have Matthew on the job.

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Our friend and colleague, Thomas Tymoczko of Smith College died last August after a brief battle with stomach cancer. Many will know Tom from his two essays in *Essays in Humanistic Mathematics* (MAA Notes #32), "Humanistic and Utilitarian Aspects of Mathematics," and "Value Judgement in Mathematics: Can We Treat Mathematics as an Art?" Two of his books were *New Directions in the Philosophy of Mathematics* and *Sweet Reason: A Field Guide to Modern Logic* (with Jim Henle). His paper "The Four-Color Problem and its Philosophical Significance" argued that the increasing use of computers was changing the nature of mathematical proof.

Tom was one of the thirty who gathered at the 1986 conference in Claremont to consider whether mathematics is a humanistic discipline, and launched the HMNJ.

He was a student of Hilary Putman at Harvard and is survived by his wife and three children.

He will be greatly missed.