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Happy St. Patrick's Day, March 17th

Spring Seminars

Titles & Abstracts: TBA

March 29th - no seminar

April 5th

Speaker: John Storey (Biostatistics and Genome Sciences)

April 19th

Speaker: Tilmann Gneiting, Statistics Department

April 26th

Speaker: David Yanez, Biostatistics Department

May 3rd

Speaker: Martin McIntosh, FHCRC & Biostatistics

May 10th

Speaker: Title & Abstract: TBA

May 17th

Speaker: Xiao Song, Biostatistics Department

May 24th

Speaker: Charles Nelson, Economics Department

Out-of-Town

Julian Besag 3/10-3/28, Singapore & South Korea

Peter Guttorp 3/14-17, North Carolina State University for a review of their Statistics Department.

3/27-4/1, workshop in Glasgow

Jon Wakefield 3/22-4/1, United Kingdom. He will speak at a symposium at Imperial College, Mathematics Department in honor of John Nelder's 80th birthday.

General Exam

Speaker: William C. L. Stewart

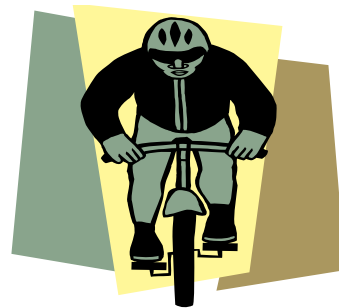
Title: *Map estimation and genotype error detection from genetic data on pedigrees*

Date: Wednesday, March 17, 2004

Congratulations

Marloes Maathuis has won the ASA Computing/Graphics section Student Award for her paper, "*Reduction Algorithm for MLE for the Distribution Function of Bivariate Interval Censored Data.*" She will present the paper at the Joint Statistical Meetings in Toronto in August.

Congratulations to **Connie Sugatan**: Connie has been nominated for the UW Distinguished Staff Award. This award is given to five outstanding individual staff members each year at the University. We wish her luck and hope she wins.



January 2004 Ride in the Rain

The first University of Washington Ride in the Rain Program took place from January 1st to 31st. Teams of University of Washington bicycle commuters were in competition under categories (miles, new commuters, round-trips, rain rides). The Department of Statistics & Biostatistics team, "*Random Stats in a Robust State*" ranked 36 out of 96 teams for total team mileage (1053 miles), 12 for total team round trips (123 round trips), and the team did 76.5 rides in the rain. This program won the Silver award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).