

Solutions to Math 477 “QUIZ” for Lecture 24

1. Who is Rutgers University named after? What was his (or her) first name?

Ans.: Henry Rutgers.

Comment: About half of the people got it right.

2. Who is the Hill Center named after? What was his (or her) first name? What did he (or she) do to deserve that honor?

Ans. George William Hill, one of the greatest astronomers of the 19th century, and a graduate of Rutgers University.

Comment: No one got it right!

3. Who is Frelinghuysen Road (and Frelinghuysen Hall in College Ave.) named after? What was his (or her) first name? What did he (or she) do to deserve that honor?

Ans.: Theodore, president of Rutgers University, and Whig party candidate for vice-president of the US.

Comment: Five people guessed(?) correctly that he was president of Rutgers. No one got his first name.

4. Order the following mathematicians from oldest to youngest, and indicate their century.

Abel, Archimedes, Cardano, Fermat, Galois, Gallileo, Kepler Laplace, Leibnitz, Newton, Pascal, Pereleman, Turing, von Neumann, Wiles, Zeilberger, Zeno,

Ans. Look them up in wikipedia!

Comment: Quite a few people got it approximately right.