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Editorial: It's voting time again!

The time has come to vote for the *Fifth Annual Mathematical Gazette Writing Awards*. Please use the address carrier from this issue of the *Gazette* to identify the articles and notes of 1999 that impressed you most. The *Index* for 1999 will remind you of the many good submissions.

There will again be a prize draw among those who respond. The prize, worth about £30, will be a copy of the book *Mathematics: frontiers and perspectives*, edited by Vladimir Arnold, Michael Atiyah, Peter Lax and Barry Mazur (AMS, 2000).

Previous Annual Mathematical Gazette Writing Awards

Year	Best Article	Best Note
1996	Colin Fletcher <i>Two prime centenaries</i>	David Fowler <i>A simple approach to the factorial function</i>
1997	Ann Hirst and Keith Lloyd <i>Cassini, his ovals and a space probe to Saturn</i>	Colin Dixon <i>Geometry and the cosine rule</i>
1998	Robert M. Young <i>Probability, pi, and the primes</i>	Robert J. Clarke <i>The quadratic equation formula</i>

Please indicate, in the spaces provided on the voting form, the titles of your 3 favourite *Articles* and your 3 favourite *Notes*. Note that *Matters for Debate* count as *Articles*. Alternatively, you can just write your choices in a letter or on a postcard. Each vote will be given equal weighting. The results will be announced in the July 2000 issue.

Return the form as soon as you can, and definitely by 31st May 2000 to:

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