

# MATH, CAKE and PIZZA

## Celebration of Mind

an event to celebrate Martin Gardner's birthday

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### Motivations

Have you heard of M.C. Escher? Origami?  
The widespread popularity of these and many other intellectual staples of popular culture is largely due to one man: **Martin Gardner** is said to have turned on more mathematicians than any other person in history, through his numerous books and long-running recreational math column in *Scientific American*.

The prolific author, columnist, amateur mathematician, puzzler, magician and philosopher popularized mathematical themes around the world. Widely revered among mathematicians, many of whose first exposure to logical problems came from his writings, Gardner passed away in 2010. However, with over 50 books in print and more still waiting to be published, his influence and legacy continue to inspire us to approach seemingly intractable problems from unconventional angles.

The UK Math Club will celebrate Gardner's birthday on Friday, October 21, from 4 to 6 p.m. in room POT 745. Cake and pizza will be served, as well as confections for the mind. We will watch David Suzuki's

The Nature of Things  
1996 television documentary about Gardner.

*All students  
with an interest in Mathematics  
are welcome to attend!!*

**Date:** Friday, October 21, 2011

**Time:** 4:00pm - 6:00pm

**Room:** 745, Patterson Office Tower



Martin Gardner  
(October 21, 1914 – May 22, 2010)

**UK Math Club**  
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