Part 2 : N - Z

P

Papachristou, Peter [Doxiades' character] (: epitaph english translation)

On our family grave, under the name and the dates that define uncle Peter's life are written with my adherence a couple of words, which are another addition in the collection of epitaphs that make the First Athens Cemetery claim the title one of the more poetical in the world:
Every even number greater than 2 can be expressed as a sum of two primes.

Plato's Academy epigram   (: English translations)

The inscription over the entrance to his school ran "Let none ignorant of geometry enter my door" (...)
Ball 2, p. 43

Over the entrance of his lecture room his students read the telling inscription "Let no one destitute of geometry enter my doors".
Herbert Western Turnbull, The Great Mathematicians. In: Newman, p. 95

Over the door of the Academy was written:
Let no one unversed in geometry enter here.
http://www-groups.dcs.st-and.ac.uk/~history/Mathematicians/Plato.html

Plutarch's Marcellus excerpt   (: English translation)

And though he =Archimedes made many elegant discoveries, he is said to have besought his friends and kinsmen to place on his grave after his death a cylinder enclosing a sphere, with an inscription giving the proportion by which the inclunding solid exceeds the included.

Plutarch, Marcellus
In: Newman, p. 184. See also: Moritz, p. 139, #910

S

Southern' poem (: Internet site)

http://www.nutis.ac.uk:80/~pam/Poetry.html

T

Thales' epitaph (: English translation)

The tomb is little, but the glory (fame) is sky-high.

Theorem, Archimedes' Sphere - Cylinder (: Greek text)

Πας κυλινδρος βασιν μεν εχων τον μεγιστον κυκλον των εν τη σφαιρα, υψος δε ισον τη διαμετρω της σφαιρας, ημιολιος εστι της σφαιρας και η επιφανεια αυτου μετα των βασεων ημιολια της επιφανειας της σφαιρας.

Tomb of Archimedes (: rediscovery)

Date: Thu, 19 Oct 1995 11:55:00 -0400
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Thirty years ago today was when the rediscovery of the tomb of Archimedes was announced. Let me quote, in its entirety, a note from Historia Mathematica, volume 5, pl 93:
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THE TOMB OF ARCHIMEDES?
In the London Times for October 19, 1965, p. 9 it was reported that Professor Salvatore Ciancio "an archaeologist connected with the care of antiquities in east Sicily" had discovered a tomb "which he believes may be the burial place of Archimedes . . . " The find was reported in S. Ciancio, La tomba di Archimede, un sepolcro con cononetta alle porte di Acradina. Rome (Ciranna), 1965, 65p.
Have historians of mathematics checked this out? What is the present status of the claim? At Syracuse, postcards showing the tomb are sold today. We would be glad to publish further information on this.
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Now some of my comments:
1. This is the same book that has been mentioned on the list several times. I have not seen it.

2. As far as I am aware (but I have not checked) there was no follow up on this note (by the editor, Ken May) in Historia Mathematica.
3. I have not looked up the announcement in the London Times. But from the sound of an earlier posting, Howard Eves may well have.
4. If any of you get to Syracuse, do send me one of those postcards.

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As I promised I asked Prof. Howard Eves about the whereabouts of Archimedes tomb. He said it was on display to the general public in a museum on the _mainland_ of Italy. He did not recall exactly where (he said he had it written down at home). He said he had never seen it either but that he would like to take a trip to visit it as well.
(...)

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A friend of mine, Barbara Bass, a retired high school math chair and teacher from the Richmond, Va area, visited Sicily about 10 or so years ago. She told me that she visited a hotel where they were supposed to have found the tomb of Archimedes.
Barbara is an amature mathematics historian, as am I. I have no doubt in her word. I would suggest that if you are interested in her story to write her at barbass@aol.com. I spoke with her last week to make sure I had the right information. I only touched on a bit of it above. She is most willing to share her adventure.

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His = Archimedes tomb, which has a mathematical diagram on it, was rediscovered in 1965, during excavations for a hotel in Syracuse.

Davis, p. 17

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From: Vincenzo La Rosa
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Date: 10 - 31 -1995

"(...) there isn't any identification [for Archimedes tomb] scientificaly sure, because don't found the inscribed symbols which Cicero had had seen (...)
There are only suppositions for some tombs of different hellenistic necropoleis at Syracuse. (...)"

Note-Ed: My translation

"Tomb of Archimedes, Reputed"

A black-and-white photograph with this title see in:
Stoddard, p. 148

V

Voulgaris, Eugene (: biographical note)

Greek clergyman, theologian and mathematician.
Biographies:
1. In French: Vretos
2. Ελληνικη: Γουδας Β,   σσ. 1-42

Voulgaris'   School epigram (: English translation)

To geometrize, come; I don't hinder (impede).
If   wouldn't geometrize anyone I will close for him the doors.

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