## My Philosophy of Teaching by C. F. Stephens

- 1. I believe in my students and care about them.
- 2. I continue to seek ways to improve the quality of my teaching.
- 3. I make an attempt to know the different levels of mathematical maturity and understanding of my students. This knowledge is used to determine my method of teaching them.
- 4. I try to improve the environment, which will nurture mathematical learning.
- I set high standards of achievement for my students, as high as I
  am able to inspire and to help them to be successful in
  accomplishing.
- 6. If my students do not reach the high goals I had hoped for them, I do not blame myself, or my students and/ or their preparation, or my colleagues, or the course I am teaching, or my college and its location.
- 7. At all times I do the best job teaching I know how to do and I never apologize for the quality of my teaching.
- 8. While I am always willing to share my philosophy of teaching through discussion with others, I never insist that others adopt my philosophy of teaching for I believe strongly that each teacher should have the freedom to develop his or her philosophy of teaching and to be responsible for the quality of his or her teaching.