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**1. SUMMARY**

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**2. SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES**

- A. Major conferences and workshops:** *Calculus of Variations and Nonlinear Material Behavior:* C. Dafermos (Brown U.), J. L. Ericksen (U. Minnesota), I. Fonseca (CMU), R. James (U. Minnesota), D. Kinderlehrer (CMU), B. McLeod (U. Pittsburgh), V. J. Mizel (CMU), W. Mullins (CMU). *Motion by Mean Curvature and the Evolution of Phase Boundaries:* F. Almgren (Princeton U.), G. Caginalp (U. Pittsburgh), G. b. McFadden (NIST), R. Sekerka (CMU), H. M. Soner (CMU), E. Souganidis (Brown U.), P. Voorhees (Northwestern U.). *Perspectives in Analysis:* W. Fleming (Brown U.), A. Friedman (U. Minnesota), J. Glimm (State U. N.Y. Stony Brook), R. Glowinski (U. Houston), D. Kinderlehrer (CMU), J. L. Lions, (College de France), P. L. Lions (U. Paris-Dauphine), A. Majda (Princeton U.), W. Mullins (CMU), G. Sell (U. Minnesota),

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- B. **Research Workshops:** *Evolving Phase Boundaries*: M. E. Gurtin (CMU), T. Ilmanen (U. California), S. Koike (MSRI), H. M. Soner (CMU), P. E. Souganidis (Brown U.). *Whiskered Microstructures*: M. Debe (3M), T. Einstein (U. Maryland), A. Pohorille (U. California & NASA Ames), F. Rosenberger (U. Alabama), M. G. Worster, (Northwestern U.). *Highly Non-equilibrium Dynamics of Interfaces*: J. Agren, (Royal Institute of Technology), M. Aziz (Harvard U.), W. Boettinger (NIST), M. E. Gurtin (CMU). *Nonlinear Problems with Critical Growth*: S. Alama (CMU), F. Pacella (U. Rome), G. Tarantello (CMU), Y. Li (Rutgers U.). *Calculus of Variations*: L. Boccardo (Rome I.), B. Dacarogna (Lausanne), C. Evans (U. California), W. Gangbo (CMU), T. Iwaniec (Syracuse U.), S. Luckhaus (U. Bonn), A. Lutoborski, (Syracuse U.), J. Manfredi (U. Pitt, M. Slemrod (U. Wisconsin). *Convergence and the Skorohod Problem in Optimal Control*: M. Chiarolla, (U. British Columbia), P. Dupuis (Brown U.), U. Haussmann (U. British Columbia), J. Lehoczky, (CMU), L. Martins (CMU), M. Soner (CMU), L. Wein (MIT).

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- A. **Workshops for undergraduate students from Historically Black Colleges and Universities:** at hampton University, November 1991, with minicourses by W. Hrusa (Calculus of Variations), M. Soner (Evolving Curves); for the Consortium of HCBU's in Atlanta, October 1972, with a minicourse by W. Hrusa (Calculus of Variations). Both workshops included a panel discussion on preparing for the succeeding in graduate school.
- B. **Summer Undergraduate Mathematics Institute:** This is a four-week program for students who have completed their junior year, with participation by women and minorities especially sought. The primary goal is to prepare students for and interest them in graduate work in applied mathematics. Six students were accepted for the inaugural program held during June 1992. The core of the program was two courses, one in real analysis and the other in numerical solutions of differential equations. Each course had one hour of lecture per day, and a two-hour, problem-working session once per week. In addition, there was a computer laboratory in which students learned to use the symbolic programming language Maple. Carnegie Mellon credit was awarded for successful completion of these

courses. In conjunction with the courses there was a regular series of seminars in which faculty presented applied mathematics research topics.

- C. **Nonlinear analysis seminar:** A program of weekly seminars in nonlinear analysis with strong focus on applications.
- D. **Interdisciplinary courses:** Evolution of Phase Boundaries, Calculus of Variations, Homogenization and Optimal Design, Stochastic Differential Equations, Introduction to Continuum Mechanics, Advanced Topics in Analysis, Min/Max Methods, Advanced Topics in Partial Differential Equations, Deformations of Fractured Continua, Advanced Topics in Harmonic Analysis, Interpolation Spaces and Singular Integrals.

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