BLOWN AWAY:
WHAT KNOT TO DO WHEN SAILING
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A Presentation by
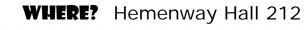# COLIN ADAMS, WILLIAMS COLLEGE

Being a tale of adventure on the high seas involving great risk to the tale teller, and how an understanding of the mathematical theory of knots saved his bacon. No nautical or mathematical background assumed.

This presentation is open to all math fans--young and old alike--as well as those who are curious about what knots have to do with mathematics.

Knot theory, a branch of topology in mathematics inspired by observations of knots, is concerned with the abstract properties of theoretical knots, that is, the spatial arrangements that could be assumed by a loop of string.

Are you intrigued? Then, this is the talk for you!.

WHERE? Hemenway Hall 212   **WHEN?** Wednesday, May 02, 2007, 8:00 – 9:00 pm