

## Re: JSH: Math society against amateurs

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jstevh@msn.com wrote:

- > *My latest research is on factoring integers.*
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- > *But if you do much of an Internet search you will be told that I am a*
- > *math crank claiming to have proven Fermat's Last Theorem.*
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- > *Also, consider that as of now I have a paper, and a really basic Java*
- > *program implementing my factoring research showing that it DOES factor,*
- > *though at this point my program doesn't factor everything, and I don't*
- > *know exactly why.*
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- > *Basic research is needed.*
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- > *Now what do you think the reaction of math society will be?*
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- > *My guess is, quiet. While you'll see a few people on sci.math who will*
- > *berate my research or me, and act like it's all just crap.*

When your program *\*always\** factors *\*everything\** correctly and quickly, we'll be impressed. When you admit it doesn't always work, it lacks something.

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