Title: If This, Then That

Abstract:
Critical thinking is an integral part of technical careers. There are many ways to improve your critical thinking skills, but most of them are boring. Why not have fun while improving that skill? The Mathematics and Computer Science Department run several activities that are both fun and dramatically improve your critical thinking skills. Competitive programming tests not only your programming ability but also your creativity, while the Putnam exam pushes your proving skills to the limit.

I will talk about these events and how advancing to the world championships (twice) has prepared me for a future in industry.