In this issue: a couple of opportunities, some miscellaneous news, and a couple of jokes.

**Opportunities**

Dr. Luca Petrelli is applying for a grant for Undergraduate Research to be conducted here at the Mount during the next Academic year. He is soliciting students to apply to be part of the research team. To apply you must be a sophomore or a junior during AY 2008-09 and be willing to devote some of your time to doing research. Each student will receive a $3000 stipend plus an allowance to travel to some conferences during the year. In addition students might be eligible to receive credit for their research work. Email Dr. Petrelli if you are interested, or for more details. Deadline to apply is Monday March 10.

On April 4-5 the MAA MD-DC-VA regional conference will be held at James Madison University and Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, VA. The Department is organizing the trip. Anyone who would like to attend the conference should put his/her name down in room 118 on the sign-up sheet provided. We will be departing the Mount around 2-3pm on Friday and will assist the Keynote Lecture “Mathemagics!” and the banquet on Friday night. On Saturday students will have the chance to take part in a game of Jeopardy. There will be student and faculty talks and a lot more. We should be returning sometime Saturday’s afternoon. For more info, a link to the program, and what you need to do to present your own talk visit the website of the MD-DC-VA MAA section.

On Wednesday March 12 from 11:30 am until 2:00 pm in Patriot Hall the Career Center will be holding an Internship and Job Fair. There will be over thirty (30) employers in attendance. Most of them are local, this is a great chance to grab a summer internship and/or find the perfect job after graduation. Contact the Career Center for more information on this.

**Miscellaneous**

From the Department:

Students **Caitlin Fitzsimmons, Matt Litvinas, & Matt Parantha** took part in the Mathematical Contest in Modeling (MCM). They had a long weekend to work on a problem involving the creation of Sudoku puzzles. They worked hard on the problem in the middle of many midterm exams but they managed to meet their
deadline. If you get the chance, congratulate them on their effort. If you want to know more, or maybe participate in the contest next year here is a link to the program website.

Dr. Melanie Butler is holding a professional development workshop for in-service and pre-service mathematics teachers this spring. The workshop is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 19th from 8:30-12:00, and the tentative topic is cooperative learning in mathematics. Any Math major or Secondary Ed major who is interested in teaching after leaving the Mount is welcomed to apply. Participants will receive a $50 stipend and breakfast. Space is limited. More information will be forthcoming (or you can contact Dr. Butler).

The 2008 Spring Research Festival is approaching. Deadline to submit a proposal is March 28 and the Festival will be held on April 6. Any type of research result is welcomed. Contact Dr. Fred Portier for more info.

Useful links: Association for Computing Machinery, American Mathematical Society, American Statistical Association, Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, Mathematical Association of America, Society Of Actuaries, National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, Pi Mu Epsilon Honor society