In this issue: some internship/job opportunities, the MAA regional conference, and some miscellaneous news.

Opportunities

November is government month, and three government agencies will be coming to campus for some information sessions and to accept applications. Here is the schedule for next week.

**Wednesday, November 5** - **National Institute of Health**, 3:30pm, O’Hara dining room

**Thursday, November 6** - **National Security Agency**, 3:30pm, O’Hara dining room

**Friday, November 7** - **Federal Bureau of Investigation**, 3:30pm, O’Hara dining room

The NSA in particular is looking to recruit Math & Computer Science Majors for Intelligence Analyst positions, Acquisitions and Security. Get there prepared, follow these links to the three agencies webpages: [NSA](http://www.nsa.gov), [NIH](http://www.nih.gov), and [FBI](http://www.fbi.gov).

Applications for the SMART (Science, Mathematics And Research for Transformation) scholarship are being accepted until December 15. Check their [webpage](http://www.smart.syr.edu). Don’t forget to check the Career Center (McGowan 2nd Floor) [website](http://www.msmary.edu/careercenter) as they often have jobs and internships announcement. You will now find an opening for a programmer at FEMA in Emmitsburg by visiting [college central](http://www.collegecentral.com).

The following is taken from a new report from the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE). The Summer 2008 issue of [NACE's Salary Survey](http://www.naceweb.org/salarysurveys) showed that, in general, average starting salary offers to 2007-2008 bachelor’s degree graduates are on the rise. Salary offers to computer science graduates rocketed up 13.1 percent over last year to an average of $60,416, in the Fall 2008 issue they were up to $61,110. Mathematics graduates earn an average of $49,736 in the Summer 2008 issue and $49,759 in the Fall 2008 survey.

MAA Regional Conference

If you haven’t signed up yet to attend the Fall regional MAA conference, this year held at Hood college on November 7 and 8 let us know as soon as possible as time is running out to register. The department will organize for transportation to the

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conference both Friday and Saturday. Friday evening the conference kicks off with a Banquet and a keynote speaker, while Saturday there will be plenary talks, students presentations and Math jeopardy! Visit the MD-DC-VA MAA website for more into on this and past meetings.

**Miscellaneous**

1. More **Small Talk** on the way. This **Friday, November 7** Dr. Brian **Heinold** will try to make complex things simple and simple things complex in his “When simple isn’t so simple” talk. On **Friday, November 21** Dr. Luca **Petrelli** will tell us “How to cut a cake and make everyone happy”. If you would like to give a talk or just know more about this talk series please contact **Dr. Portier**. All talks are in room 117 at 2pm and some refreshments are served.

2. **Dr. Heinold** is putting together teams of 3 for the **COMAP** math modeling competition in the spring. Contestants will have a weekend to work on a real-life problem. Dr. Heinold did the competition twice as an undergrad and really enjoyed it. Past Mount teams have received an "Outstanding Designation" - the highest possible. For more info about the competition follow this [link](https://email.msmary.edu/owa/?ae=Item&a=Preview&t=IPM.Note&id=RgAAAAAh7YH...)

3. Laughing about ourselves… a few **quotes** by famous people.
   - A mathematician is a blind man in a dark room looking for a black cat which isn't there. -- **Charles R Darwin**
   - Mathematics is the art of giving the same name to different things. -- **J. H. Poincare**
   - A mathematician is a device for turning coffee into theorems. -- **P. Erdos**
   - Mathematicians are like Frenchmen: whatever you say to them, they translate it into their own language, and forthwith it means something entirely different. – **Goethe**
   - The good Christian should beware of mathematicians and all those who make empty prophecies. The danger already exists that mathematicians have made a covenant with the devil to darken the spirit and confine man in the bonds of Hell. -- **St. Augustine**

**Links**


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