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The program of the 2011 Mathfest's opening banquet was "MAA—The Musical!" Produced by Annalisa Crannell and starring the "MAA Players" (active MAA members all), it highlighted activities of the Association and of Mathfest itself. This song represents the journals. It was sung by past editor Frank Farris to the tune of "A Wand'ring Minstrel I," from Gilbert and Sullivan's *the Mikado*.

**The Editor:** An editor am I  
I hope you read our journals,  
we've pithy, mathy kernels  
And tales of e and pi.

Our catalog is long  
From CMJ to LOCI  
The Monthly and singular FOCI,  
Mathematics Magazine!  
Mathematics Magazine!

Are you inclined to referee  
We've work for you!  
Oh, bless you!  
We need reports in depth, you see!  
And on time too.  
Oh, bless you, bless you!  
We'll use your expertise  
in strange geometries.  
But pray you keep in mind  
Be firm but kind!  
Oh bless you, bless you!

And if all electronic's your selection  
You can read the Monthly and the CMJ  
And the Magazine and LOCI every section  
With only one low fee for you to pay!

Our backlogs all in JSTOR are assembled  
You can access them—perhaps for a small fee.  
And I shouldn't be surprised if you should stumble  
Upon a cache of papers of high pedigree!

**Chorus:** We shouldn't be surprised if we should stumble  
(and be truly charmed)  
Upon a cache of papers of high pedigree!

- The Editor:** And if an author you would be  
Why send your paper round!  
We'll log it in and send it off  
and have it refereed for free?  
Hurrah if the work is sound!
- Chorus:** Yo ho! Heave ho!  
We hope that our work is sound.
- The Editor:** To see your work come out in print  
Will tickle your chair or dean.  
But the happiest hour an author sees  
Is when she's down  
At a coffee shop in town  
With her laptop on her knee, yo ho!  
And the TEX flowing bold and free.
- Chorus:** Then let's be authors—off we go!  
As the editor drums us round.  
With a yeo heave ho,  
And a rum below,  
We'll hope that our work is sound!
- The Editor:** An editor am I  
I hope you read our journals  
with pithy, mathy kernels  
And tales of  $e$  and  $\pi$ .  
And 3.14159,  
 $e$  and  $\pi$ .



*Frank Farris sings to an adoring cast of MAA Players. Left to Right, these are Jenny Quinn, Talithia Williams, Annalisa Crannell, Jennifer Beineke, Alissa Crans, Norm Richert, Dan Kalman, Matt DeLong, Francis Su, and Art Benjamin's hand. Photo by Laura McHugh.*