March 2015 Joke Contest
Honorable Mentions

Extra Credit (2 pts): Johns Hopkins declared to build upper-classman dormitory, expected finished by 2016. Consider the example of Charles Street construction, Hopkins tennis court construction and the lack of memory property, when do you expected the new dorm will be finished?

Dr. Wierman actually uses an indicator function to determine whether a student passes his class or not where you pass if your birthday comes after his and fail if it comes before. The birthday problem is how he determine which side you’re on.

Why do we learn counting with cards, when counting cards is illegal?

Q: What is the probability that you won’t have to take the optional final in professor Wierman’s class?
A: 100%. It’s optional so no one “has” to take it. But everyone will say that they have to take it with probability 100%.

(Taken from an actual conversation with Mommy Dearest) Mom: “So, what classes are you taking this semester, again?” Me: “Oh, Microeconomics and Intro. to Probability and then some others.” Mom: “For God’s sake, you’re a sophomore, isn’t it time to stop taking intro. classes and get serious about your major?” Me: “…"

I wonder if Bernoulli took his classes pass/fail.
Finalists

Question: if Issac Newton got hit by an apple in the head and discovered Newton's law of universal gravitation, what would happen if a statistician had the same experience?

Answer: Law of UNCONSCIOUS statistician

You know you are an AMS major at heart when your professor says to email your paper as a PDF and you spend all night trying to figure out the distribution function to differentiate.

If this class is not graded on a curve, how can we be sure that Professor Wierman and the TAs truly understand probability?

Ode to a Venetian TA

Veni is an angel,
a goddess sent from Greece.
We seek the fruit of Veni's knowledge,
as the Argonauts sought the fleece.

When first I came to section X,
E[X] was very low.
She raised my expectations
(Var(X) practically equals 0!)

She schools us in the mysteries
of masterful solution.
We twist the hands of fate
to beat the normal distribution.

But all things do end. At the fall of spring,
when Veni ceases to teach in section,
we'll water σ fields
with our tears of uncountable dejection.