

MSCS MESS

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Wednesday's Candidate Talk

Time: Wednesday, April 19, 3:30pm
Place: RNS 410 (not 310 this week!)

About the talk: This Wednesday, MSCS will host another talk by a faculty candidate, which students are especially encouraged to attend. The talk should be fun, food is provided, and student feedback is valuable to the department. We hope to see you there!

MSCS Recital

This year's MSCS Recital is scheduled for 7:00pm on Wednesday, April 26th in Ytterboe Lounge, and we are looking for students and faculty to contribute acts. Contact Ellen Haberoth (habero1@stolaf.edu) if you are interested. Spectators are more than welcome, too!

Congratulations to MSCS faculty and students!

Congratulations to Professor Kay Smith who was this year's recipient of the Gertrude Hilleboe Award for faculty involvement in student life. The award recognizes what those of us in MSCS have known for a long time: that Kay is dedicated to student learning and achievement.

Congratulations also to senior mathematics major Annie Malcom who was given an *Established Leader* award by demonstrating "out-

standing personal growth through leadership and strong involvement in both campus and community life."

And congratulations to MSCS majors, concentrators, and students who were nominated for a variety of student leadership awards that were given out at a ceremony on April 12.

MSCS Trivia Night

Honor. Glory. Fun. All of these things could be yours and more if you decide to attend the MSCS Trivia Night. We invite both students and faculty to join us on Wednesday, April 19th from 7-8:30pm in the RMS 6th floor lounge for a fun night of trivia! Snacks will be provided and the winners of the trivia night will be honored with a MSCS Trivia Night trophy. We hope to see you there!

National Poetry Month

April is National Poetry Month, and we at the Mess would like to entertain you with some MSCS-related poetry. If you would like to submit your own work or suggest a favorite poet's work, email brooke@stolaf.edu. This week, Prof. Paul Zorn has graced the Mess with the recommendation of a Groom (a short, pithy, sometimes aphoristic poem) by the mathematician and prolific writer Piet Hein. Certainly, MSCS students and faculty can particularly understand and appreciate the sentiment of this poem, which is attached overleaf.

THE ROAD TO WISDOM

by Piet Hein

The road to wisdom?—Well, it's
plain
and simple to express:

Err
and err
and err again,
but less
and less
and less.

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