**What is this Mess?**  The MSCS Mess, now in its 44th year, is our department’s weekly newsletter. Watch it for information about MSCS-related doings, people, courses, events, and more. The Mess is available online [here](http://wp.stolaf.edu/mscs/mscs-mess/). Or e-mail [martinep@stolaf.edu](mailto:martinep@stolaf.edu) to get it weekly by e-mail.

**Problem Solving Group returns.** The Problem Solving Group’s first meeting of the academic year will take place on Wednesday, September 23 at 5 p.m. in RNS 206. Come join us for plenty of problems and pizza! The Math Problem Solving Group meets regularly to have fun thinking about a variety of problems and to discuss problem-solving strategies. Additionally, students may use the meetings to prepare for several contests that take place throughout the year. This is an excellent opportunity for students pursuing careers in math education, contemplating graduate mathematical study, or who just want to have some fun thinking about interesting problems! All interested students are welcome, regardless of courses taken.

**MSCS Math and Stats Clinics begin this Sunday.** Looking for a little help with mathematics and statistics? Try attending one of these helpful clinics!

**M & M Conference here on Saturday October 3.** Don’t miss the 2015 Math and More (M&M) Conference, brought to you by the BSM (Budapest Semesters in Mathematics program; ask your favorite math professor for details). The M&M Conference is a joint undergraduate research conference and BSM reunion. The Conference includes undergraduate research and alumni presentations, keynote addresses, a career panel for math majors, and a talk on the “History of Math” by Professor Paul Hunke. For more information, check out the [BSM web site](http://wp.stolaf.edu/mscs/mscs-mess/).

**Get your photo taken.** Students with majors/concentrations in MSCS who need a photo taken for our MSCS photo board should stop by RMS 307 on Wednesday, September 30, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**Do you have something to add to the Mess?** If you would like to submit an article or event to be published in the MSCS Mess, email [khan@stolaf.edu](mailto:khan@stolaf.edu).