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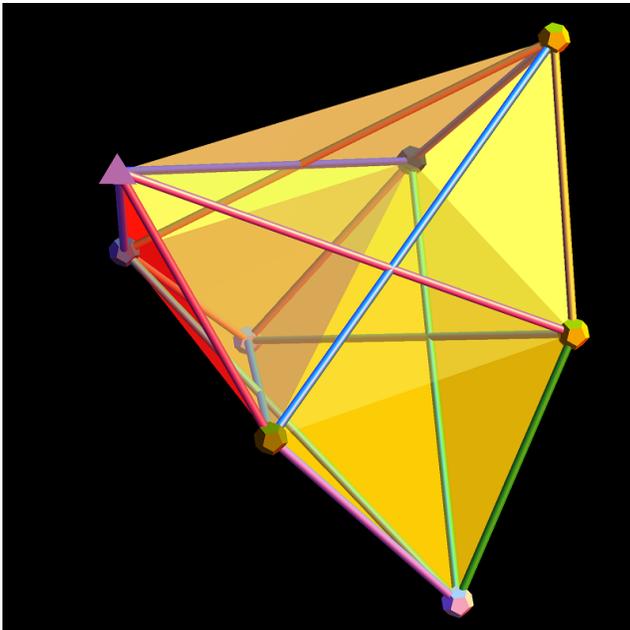
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Next Monday's Colloquium

Title: What's an Amplituhedron?
Speaker: Cam Marcott '12
Time: 3:30 PM
Date: October 8
Place: RNS 310

About the talk: Cam will introduce the amplituhedron, focusing on why the suffix "hedron" is justified.

About the Speaker: Cameron Marcott is finishing a Ph.D. in Combinatorics and Optimization at the University of Waterloo. He graduated from St. Olaf in 2012, majoring in Mathematics and Music.



No Research Seminar Next Friday.

MSCS Tailgate Party!

With the arrival of fall comes the arrival of this year's MSCS tailgate party! Included in this event are feasts of knowledge, entertainment, and of course awesome food prepared by our MSCS faculty! It will be held on Thursday, October 18 in TOH 280 and a BBQ will follow. To register, go to the MSCS department website and fill out the form linked under "Events & News" by October 12. One student described the event as "a super fun way to connect with professors and eat lots of good food!" Another reportedly described the event as "The premier fall event at St. Olaf, maybe even better than those Defeat of Jesse James days." Regardless of whether one event is superior, you should RSVP for the MSCS tailgate.

ExploreCSR Women in Computing

The University of Minnesota is holding a free research workshop to encourage and support women in computing. Participants will have an opportunity to work on small research projects in teams under the supervision of CS faculty and graduate students. All are welcome to attend.

When: Saturday, October 6 from 9am to 4pm.

Check In for Workshop: 8:30-8:45am.

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/ExploreCSR-Registration-Form>

Contact Maria Gini (gini@umn.edu) or Shana Watters (watt0087@umn.edu) for more information.

Curious about Linux?

Are you new to Linux? Are you confused or curious about the white window you open on the link machines that lets you do everything? Do you have something you want to do on the terminal but are unsure on how to do it? Come to this event and find out more about Linux, The Terminal and some cool tips and tricks to make the most out of this powerful tool and make your life easier!

What: Demystifying the Linux Terminal

When: Sunday, October 7 from 5-6PM

Where: RNS 202

Who: Anyone who's interested! Bring your friends!

There'll be snacks!

If you have questions about this event, send an email to Anway (de1@stolaf.edu), Thong (vo4@stolaf.edu), or Harry (skalsk2@stolaf.edu).

To submit an article, event, or anything else for publication in the mess, email jadkow1@stolaf.edu; to receive the Mess digitally each Friday, email habero1@stolaf.edu; visit <http://wp.stolaf.edu/mscs/mscs-mess/> for a digital archive of previous MSCS Mess issues.

Weekly Theorem

ABBA Theorem: ABBA's first fans were in fact sheep.

Proof: Recall Abel. He was a shepherd, so his flock of sheep would form an abelian group. Then, their bleats would be commutative, so the product of two BAs would be equivalent to ABBA. It would be odd if the quantity of their bleats was not divisible by two, so they would have been bleating AB-BAs. Given their commitment to bleating ABBA, they were undoubtedly fans. It would be absurd to think that there were ABBA fans before these sheep, so the sheep must have been ABBA's first fans. \square

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