1056-Z1-483Sommer L Sprowls* (sprowlssl@washjeff.edu), 50 S. Lincoln St., Box 1265, Washington, PA15301, and Chelsea Cerini and Roman Wong. The Mystery of the M&m Sequences.

In a 2005 CMJ article, Shultz and Shiflett introduced the idea of M&m sequences. Start with any three numbers x_1 , x_2 , and x_3 . For $n \ge 4$, x_n is defined to be the number such that the mean of (x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n) is equal to the median of $(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_{n-1})$. In the article, they proved that any M&m sequence can be transformed into a sequence beginning with 0, x, x + 1 where $x \ge 1$. They showed that these sequences always stabilize with length 73 when $x \ge 21.3125$ and they conjectured that every M&m sequence stabilizes. In our research, we extend their result further and find new observations of our own. We also reveal the mystery behind the number 21.3125 and its significance with M&m sequences. (Received September 09, 2009)