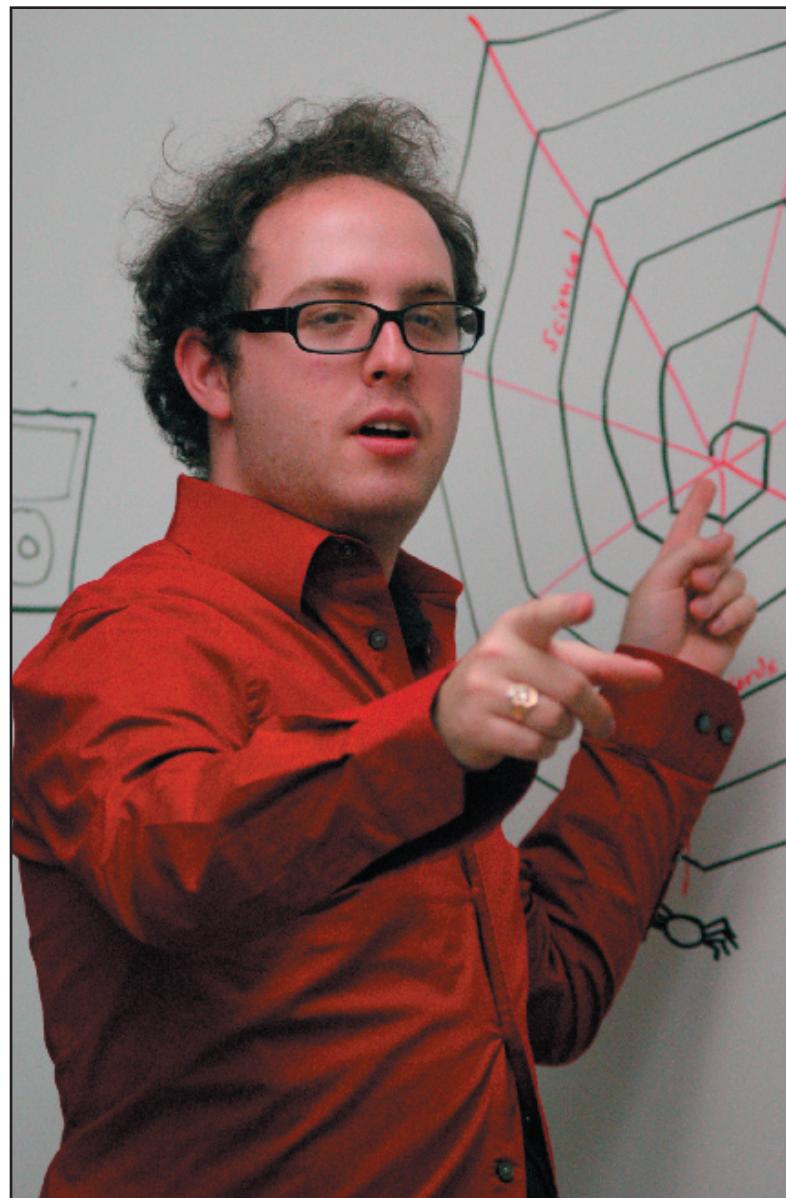


# MIT Invents the Interweb



MATTHEW GLASSMAN-THE TECH

Professor Joobs explains his new Interweb invention, which seeks to network computers to expedite information transfer.

## Infinite Corridor Not Actually Infinite

By Nicholas Semenko  
STAFF REPORTER

A geological survey discovered last week that the architectural formation known as the "infinite corridor" on the MIT campus is in fact a mere 251 meters long. After a review by Dr. Brickshaw Ferguson, a prominent mathematician at Yale University, this number was found to not be equal to infinity, and is in fact significantly more finite than many lengths including 300 meters, a mile, and 1000 feet.

Dismayed by the news, MIT administrators are considering renaming the hallway the "Pretty Long Corridor" or "The Corridor Formerly known as the Infinite Corridor which is now known to be 251 meters long."

The survey was performed by a team of MIT, Harvard and United States Geological Survey scientists after a request by some physicists to measure the width and height of the corridor so

it could be used in experiments.

Stephen Spitting, a professor of high energy physics, explained "We thought if the corridor is that long we could use it for, you know, lasers and (stuff). Like, how awesome would it be to see how long it takes light to go an infinite distance? That would be awesome!"

After the survey team arrived, one USGS worker noticed that when she walked from one end of the hallway to the other, it didn't seem to take an infinite amount of time. Other workers confirmed her findings by noting they could also do the same. Initially the physics department wanted to test the geologists to determine how they could move super-fast.

"I just couldn't figure out how they did it," said Spitting. "I kept checking my calculations, but something wasn't right."

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By Peter John  
STAFF REPORTER

In order to facilitate the transfer of information between researchers, engineers at MIT have created a linked network of computers called "the Interweb." The network would connect computers all over the world through phone lines already in place, allowing them to exchange computer mail, or "computer-mail," which could be used to share information faster and more efficiently than could be done before.

"We called it the Interweb because in essence each computer is connected to each other computer, in a sort of web of information. And because Infoweb sounds weird, we decided to emphasize that the computers are interconnected, just like all living things," said MIT computer science professor and environmentalist A. Arnold Gore.

The buzzword is catching on all over the country, as it appears there are a number of commercial and entertainment uses for the new invention. Students are using the Interweb to read news as it happens and do research for papers and auto insurance companies believe they can use this new invention to compare prices instantly.

When asked about the new invention, undergrads at MIT and Harvard reacted positively.

"Cool, I can look at pornog... art, I can look at art on this new Interweb," said an MIT undergrad who asked to remain nameless. Williams Q. Prescott

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## Architects Deem Campus 'Unfortunate'

By Ignatious Kennedy  
STAFF REPORTER

An inspection team from the American Architects' Guild (AAG) proclaimed the MIT campus to be "weird, depressing, and unimaginative" after a visit on Thursday.

The inspection took place in the afternoon, when the buildings were partially covered with snow. Bill Dings, the President of AAG, said, "it's a good thing that it snowed – if the buildings look so terrible when covered in snow, I can't imagine what they must look like when all of them are seen!" The team seemed particularly appalled by the vast bareness of gray walls, the loud humming of machines coming from within them, and the industrial, spiritless feeling of the campus.

The inspection took place after the AAG was contacted by various Boston real estate companies, which complained about the negative effect that the MIT campus produced on the property values in the area. Sally House, a real estate agent from Boston Properties, said, "we've been watching carefully the development of campus and could not remain silent anymore. The campus has always been a gray, soulless thing that seemed to suck out all happiness and joy from Boston. Now, the terrible thing is expanding."

The campus is, indeed, expanding. The new campus development program, which includes construction of the Center for Cancer Research and the Media Laboratory building, will

continue MIT's goal to evolve and take over Boston, Massachusetts, America, and ultimately the world. In the last few years, several buildings were built on campus, including the Brain and Cognitive Sciences Complex, the Simmons Hall, the Stata Center, and the Zesiger Sports and Fitness Center.

Dings noted that the Stata Center had a lot of potential to improve campus, yet it failed miserably in accomplishing such a goal. "The building is a work of genius, but it is misplaced in the endless boring boxes that make up the campus. In their context, it just looks like somebody chewed up a building and spit it out." He was especially disappointed, however, by the Simmons Hall.

"The hall looks like a giant sponge. A sponge with little ants living in it. Creepy," commented Dings.

The inspectors concluded that the MIT campus is unacceptable and strongly suggested that something is done to change the overall style and mood of the place. Karen Caring, a member of the AAG and a psychologist, explained the implications of an unwelcoming campus.

Said Caring, "The depression of campus definitely rubs off on the students. They are already beaten to a pulp by all the classes, and here the buildings just loom on them, threatening to squash them with their mass of glass, steel, and sadness."

The AAG requested that the insti-

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## Facebook leaves students friendless



JONATHAN TSAI-THE TECH  
MIT freshman Mark Silverman mopes after reading a news release that most Facebook friends are not actually friends in real life. For the story, please see Page 10.

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I read in the Tech the other day that Charles Vest, our former President, has been chosen as our graduation speaker. I assume this is because we are attempting to emulate the California Institute of Technology which had David Baltimore, their outgoing President, give the speech at last years graduation.

Although this is of course an excellent course of action in most situations, perhaps we should consider how obvious our attempts are. The plan would likely work if Baltimore himself could speak at our graduation, but I've heard he no longer cares for us.

Maybe we could get a cultural luminary, one who has shaped the minds and souls of the current class of graduates, someone like Lindsay Lohan or Paris Hilton or Reggie Bush. Oh, and I've heard good things about Kevin Federline. He not only is a musician and performer of great skill, but has his own search engine and so would be able to relate to our use of the Interweb.

Please, reconsider our choice to copy Caltech by choosing Vest!

Sincerely,  
Nicolas Richman

Dear Editor,

Please send me more copies of the Tech. I need them to ~~burn~~ improve my mind, as fuel. Fuel for my learning, not the bon-fire I've built to keep myself warm. I need to read the Tech because I am very, cold, metaphorically, as in I need to warm my mind with thoughts. Send the extra copies to my apartment at 455 Holliston Street. If you have any trouble finding it, it is by the bonfire of papers I have been burning that are not copies of the Tech.

Sincerely,  
I.C. Mahn

Dear Editor,

The Boston Celtics are so close to getting a good draft pick, but now they're WINNING ALL THEIR GAMES. When I wanted them to win, they always lost and now that I want them to lose, they always win! I don't know what to do. Should I get into voodoo? Should I kidnap [star player] Paul Pierce? Should I threaten to take off David Stern's toupee if he doesn't rig the lottery?

Sincerely,  
Sori Looser

Dear Editor,

I am writing because I believe there is a vital problem threatening to destroy American society. The government is allowing too much immigration, and not the good Mexican kind that allows naturalized American's to avoid manual labor.

I am also not referring to immigration from Asia or Europe or Africa or Antarctica or any other continents there may be. I'm referring to immigration from our very own continent, America.

If we keep allowing Canadians to come into America and take our jobs, pollute our schools with their foul misuse of vowels and delicious alternative types of bacon we risk becoming Canadian ourselves.

Is it safe to assume we can listen to Canadian music, read Canadian literature, make fun of Canadian's on TV and yet not become Canadian ourselves? If we do not close our northern border we may wake up one day and go oot and aabout, or as Moose. I hope that if we work together we can close the border before it is too late.

Sincerely,  
Monty Fobic

## Cult movies overrated and no fun

Dear Editor,

I know we go to a tech school, so a lot of this probably comes with the territory, but WHAT IS EVERYONE'S DEAL WITH LORD OF THE RINGS?!?! I saw the movies and they were ok, but I can't stand the whole population's obsession with this sorry excuse for an epic trilogy.

Everyone says that the three Lord of the Rings films were captivating experiences, but I can honestly say that the 9+ hours I spent in the movie theater were about as exhilarating as a PBS televised lobotomy. I somehow managed to complete the holy-triumvirate of movie-going experiences by falling asleep during Fellowship of the Ring, The Two Towers AND The Return of the King.

There were a bunch of poorly shaven Neanderthals with bad British accents flaring their nostrils for minutes upon minutes. As much as I love hairy, disgusting, tiny, dancing creatures, I feel that I got my fill from "The Safety Dance" video from the 1980s. And seriously, what was the deal with those stupid trees? They saved the world from the bad guys in Isengard, but they only did it because the short dudes tricked them. What's up with that? In fact, how does a tree walk around a forest without destroying all the surrounding soil? And if a tree falls while battling, does everybody laugh?

Now do not get me started on the dead creatures from The Pirates of the Caribbean that made a random appearance in LOTR. Let's think about this logically—you have an army of creatures that are already dead, cannot possibly be killed, and for some reason are perfectly capable of inflicting damage upon the tangible, living orcs.

So, how could you ever lose with AN INVINCIBLE ARMY? This is like turning on the cheat codes in Mortal Kombat or World of Warcraft (I think). If I'm the King of Gondor, I make sure I sit back, let my men chill, and tell the dead dudes to beat the elephants and the scary ring men. I guess it makes for a less interesting movie, but its tactical errors like this that cause so many unfortunate deaths in fantasy movies. And you can't bring dead people back in movies...except for the Magneto guy.

As long as we're on the subject of asinine plot holes that ruin the sanctity of the viewing experience, why would the evil Sauron create the boss ring man so that it was invincible to men, but not invincible to women? From experience, I can tell you that the line between man and woman is very often blurred and you can go through your life not knowing the gender of a person living in your own home. That being said, if Sauron was all-power-

ful and had the ability to make his scary ring man invincible to men, how hard would it have been to make him invincible to women? Someone obviously didn't pay attention to Title IX.

To be fair, I did enjoy Episodes 4-6 much better than the new, bastardized trilogy. I did find it very strange when Sam appeared in Season 5 of 24. He was such a wonderfully loyal, albeit plastic character in this trilogy but as soon as he graduated from the Middle World and entered the Real World, he pretty much lost all of his moral values. His irresponsibility put CTU in complete jeopardy and put Jack Bauer's life in doubt. And if Jack Bauer is dead, who will kill all of the terrorists? In conclusion, Jack Bauer would have defeated all of the bad dudes and would not have needed to destroy the ring in the Mountain of Doom because he would have destroyed them with his mind! The End

Sincerely,  
Dazed and Confused

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**Letters to the editor, columns, and editorial cartoons** are written under the influence of controlled substances in some cases, and under the control of influenced substances in others, so who knows if they have anything to do with the people who have to do with the newspaper. If you know what I mean. If you want to submit something you can send it by pigeon, telegraph or by capturing a Tech staff member and tattooing it on their skin in some location that will only be exposed during nude staff meetings. Submit things before midnight, or your submissions will turn into pumpkins. Evil pumpkins!

You probably want to sign your stuff, and we can change it if you want, and we won't tell you. We might even change it, then change it back to how you had it before, so you'll never know it's different, but it is, oh it is.

**Guest columns** are rather a silly idea, don't you think? Might as well just say the person is part of the staff, and have the only write the one thing. Just more efficient that way.

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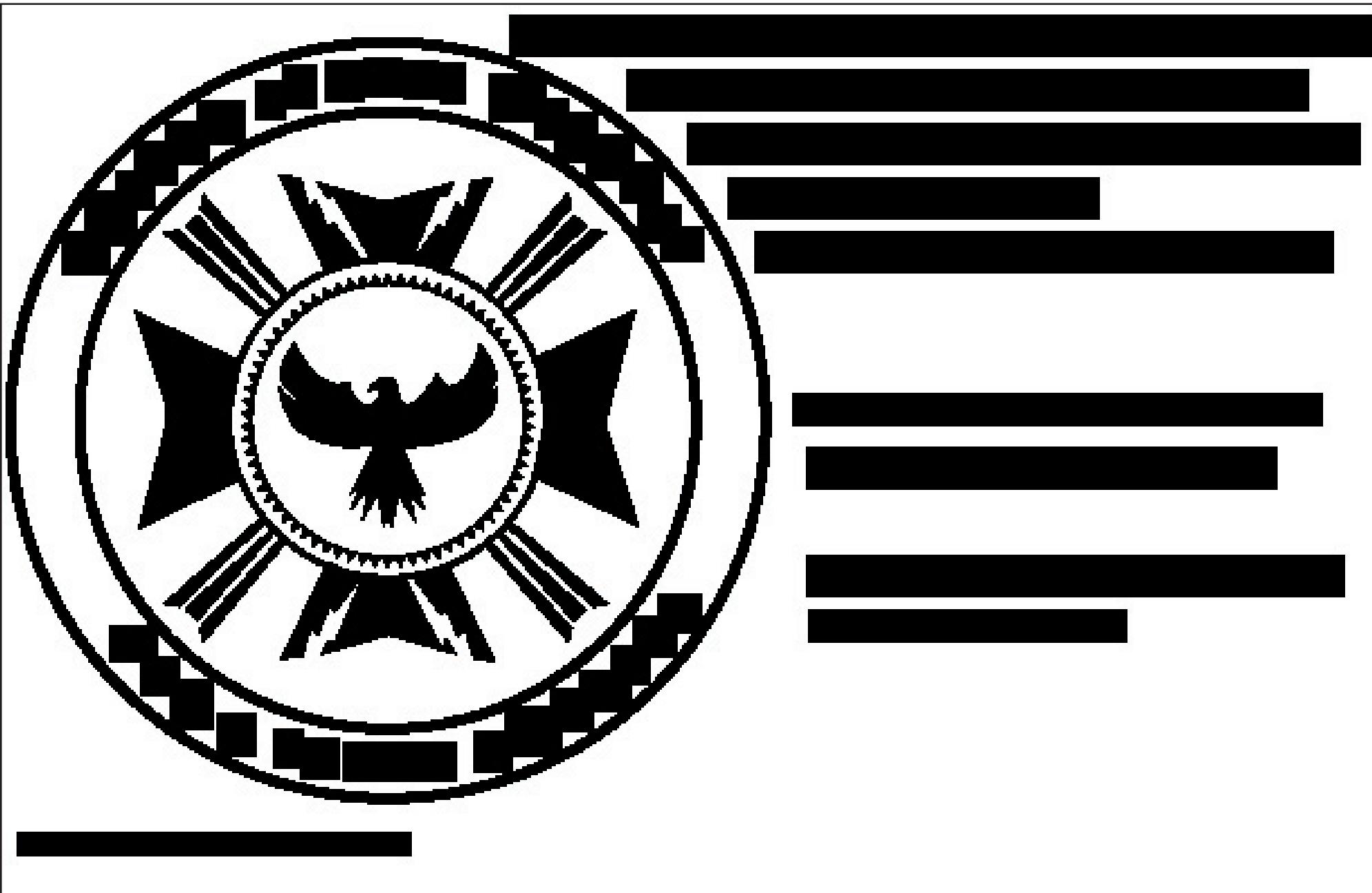
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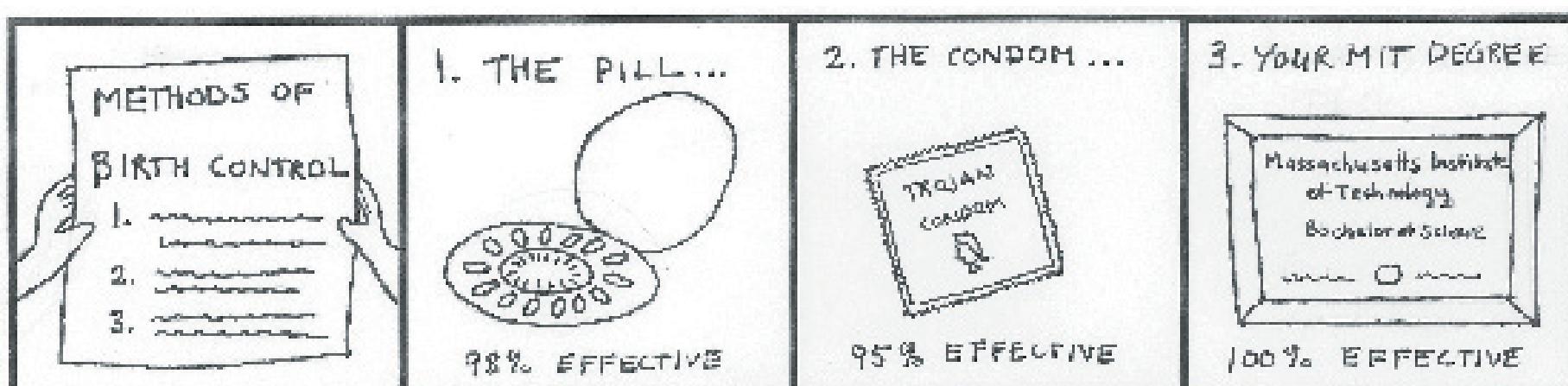
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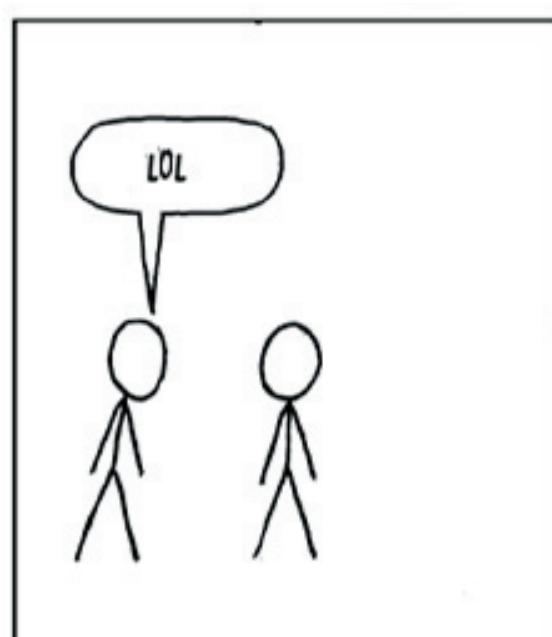
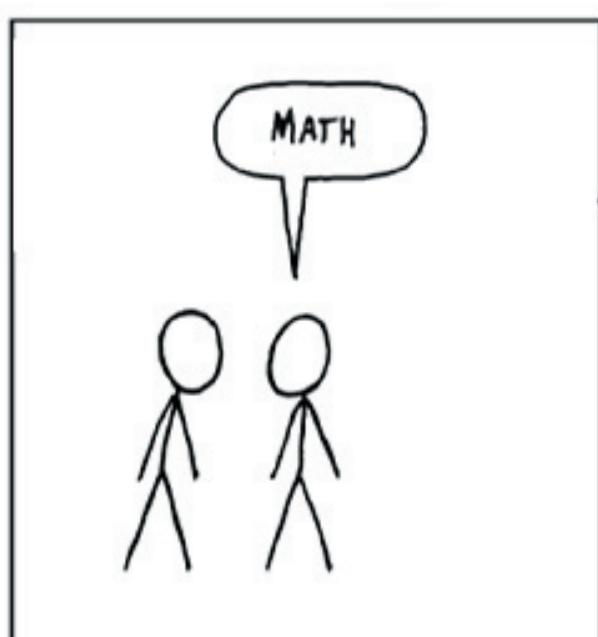
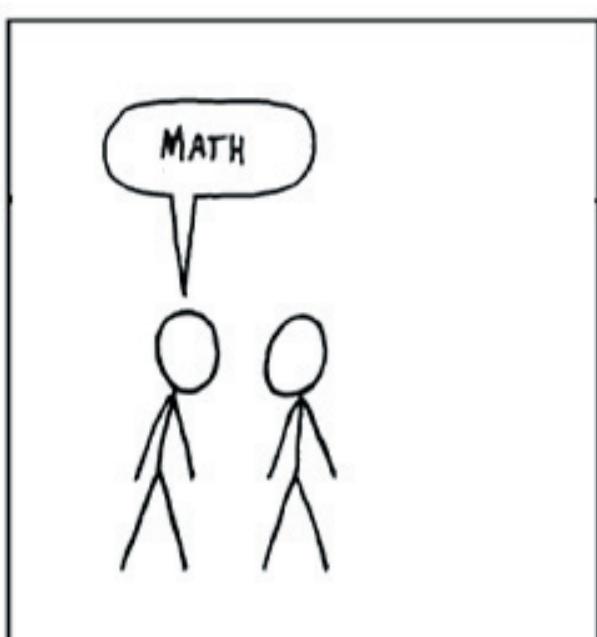


## LEGEND

- Flower
- Baseball
- Star
- Clock
- Book
- Apple
- Sunshine
- Abraham Lincoln
- 1974 Camaro
- Upside-down umbrella



Anne Pantsky



Bob Carl and Harold Mart, altered from XKCD

# NERD JOKES

*...twists on old classics*

## Wife or mistress?

A lawyer, a doctor, and a physicist were sitting at a bar, discussing whether it is better to have a wife or a mistress. "Clearly, it is better to have a mistress," said the lawyer. "That way, if you want to break up with her, there are no legal entanglements, and everything is much cleaner."

"No, it's better to have a wife," said the doctor. "A wife is a stable relationship that will promote long term stress-reduction, happiness, and general well-being."

"You're both wrong," said the scientist. "It's best to have both."

"Both?" asked his friends. "How could it be best to have both?"

"I dunno, just seemed like something to say," said the physicist. "It's not like I've ever been with a woman anyway." He paused to consider this a moment. "Life's a bitch," he added.

## Missing electron

"I think I've lost an electron," said Sodium.

"Are you sure?" asked Chlorine.

"Yeah," said Sodium.

"Did you try checking with the lost and found?" asked Chlorine.

"Yeah," said Sodium.

"Cause sometimes it's with the lost and found," said Chlorine.

"Yeah, already tried it," said Sodium.

"Oh, I don't know then," said Chlorine.

"Any other ideas?" asked Sodium.

"Negative," replied Chlorine.

## Cold

Researchers in Fairbanks, Alaska announced last week that they had developed a room-temperature superconductor. Those lying sacks of shit.

## Differential operator

$e^x$  was walking down the street one day when he ran into his friend the number 8. "Run, a differential operator is coming! If he gets me he'll turn me into nothing!" cried the number 8.

"I'm not scared; I'm  $e^x$ ," said  $e^x$ . So he kept walking down the street. Soon he saw the differential operator, and he said, "Hello differential operator. You don't scare me. I'm  $e^x$ ."

But the differential operator didn't say anything, because he was the strong silent type. The cool, controlled confidence of his steely gaze spoke for him, and  $e^x$  backed down, awed by the sheer commanding presence of this effortlessly-dominant differential operator.

## Neutron in a bar

A neutron walks into a bar and orders a beer. "How much," he asks the bartender. "For neutrons, no charge," said the bartender. "Sweet!" said the neutron. He got roaring drunk, danced around on top a table, drank more, complained about his crappy job and the lack of hot women in this town, then fell asleep in a pile of his own vomit in the back alley.

## Heisenberg certainly owned

Heisenberg was driving his new Mercedes when he was pulled over by a police officer. "Do you know how fast you were going?" asked the officer. "No, but I know exactly where I am," replied Heisenberg. "You little smartass," said the officer, beating the snot out of Heisenberg with the butt of his Luger. "How long will this beating last?" asked Heisenberg. "I don't know, but I know exactly how much energy I'm expending," said the officer.

## Descartes

Rene Descartes went to dinner at a restaurant in Paris. When he placed his order, the waiter asked if he would like wine with his meal. Descartes replied, "I think not."

Immediately, nothing happened, except the waiter was confused, because he didn't speak English.

## Scalers and vectors

Q: What do you get when you cross a mosquito with a mountain climber?

A: Nothing. What are you, retarded?

## Planck in a bar

So Max Planck walks into h-bar.

## Riddles

Q: What is orange and sounds like a Parrot?  
A: A carrot.

Q: What is brown and sounds like a bell?  
A: Dung.

Q: Why was Six afraid of Seven?  
A: Because Seven was a registered sexual predator.

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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these 4 Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form 4 ordinary words.



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E H T C



T E C H



H C E T  
Now put the letters in the circles below!



## MIT buildings drive down property values

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tute contact Bonnie Khang-Keating, a head architect of California Institute of Technology, for suggestions in regard to future construction on campus. "It would be nice to bring in some sunshine and happiness," said Dings.



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Simmons Hall, above, is one of the offending buildings.

## 1377ER5 debuts on NBC; rivals Caltech's Numb3rs

*Network consults MIT Department of Linguistics*

**By Nick Semenkovich**  
STAFF REPORTER

After losing its title of Most Watched Network in America to CBS last year, NBC is trying to regain some of the magic that made it a powerhouse throughout the 1990s. The first step to NBC's revival is complete, as it has agreed to finance 13 episodes of the new serial mystery show, *Letters*, also known as *1377ER5*.

The premise of *1377ER5* is that letters are everywhere in the world and the understanding of letters can be utilized for a multitude of special tasks. While it is probably possible to use other tools such as mathematics, forensics, and common sense to solve crimes, the show suggests that the most important

crime solving tool might be, in fact, a great knowledge of languages.

Because accuracy is the most important factor in the success of this show, NBC officials have confirmed that they will utilize the MIT linguistic department as consultants for the show.

Lottado explains, "We understand that other networks have consulted with Caltech on certain television shows, and while we would have loved to work with them as well, this simply wasn't an option. While Caltech is a great place for math, science and engineering, MIT has a top linguistic department for some reason. Consequently, the Boston institute was a natural fit."

This notion might seem confusing to the average person, but NBC chief

## Corridor measured to be 251 meters

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The physics department eventually accepted a suggestion to measure the length of the hall. After use of a laser range finder, a tape measurer and 251 metersticks all found the same length, Ferguson was flown to the Cambridge campus to measure an independent assessment of the infiniteness of the found length.

Many on the MIT campus are sad to lose their legendary corridor and others are angry that they were fooled for so long as to the actual length of the corridor. Still, some students are still looking at the bright side of things.

"Sure, we don't have an Infinite Corridor anymore, but lots of things are believed to be infinite," said EE major Henry Jones Jr. "How many things can you name that are exactly 251 meters long? Just one, our corridor!"

## Interweb could be educational

*May keep kids off streets, drugs*

**Interweb**, from Page 1

III, a Harvard sophomore, said "Why, I can compare the prices of various auto insurance companies on this Interweb, as well as read news as it happens and research papers that I am writing!"

The new invention does have some drawbacks, as it has a limited capacity. "It isn't a truck," said Senator Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, explaining that it was not in fact a dump truck. Rather, Stevens said, "It's a series of tubes," which of course can be too full for computer-mail to get through quickly. The U.S. Government plans to control these tubes, possibly as a means of transporting oil, and could use a large amount of the available space, leaving little for data from private users. Still, the overall effect should allow a new age of information transfer.

Professor Tanuj Joobs, one of the leaders of the Interweb creation project, will tour the country over the next several weeks, lecturing on the

advantages of using the Interweb and assisting academics in connecting to the network. Said Joobs, "The World Wide Net, as some call the Interweb, will help people produce peer reviewed papers much faster, as well as allowing universal access to important data." He will also be attempting to raise funds to allow non-academics ways to access the Interweb. Joobs believes that if underprivileged children could be connected with tutors and books electronically, they could make up ground on the academic advantages currently enjoyed by those with wealthier children. "If we can get these intercity kids on the Interweb, maybe for just a few hours after school, I think it could keep them away from the gangs and the drugs and the hip-hop music that keeps sabotaging their future" said Joobs.

Said one MIT researcher, "Yeah, this Interweb should be awesome. Ideally we'll hook it up to the internet so we can get to more computers."

young actors and a story that appeals to crime buffs, bookworms and intellectuals alike. I have no doubts that this program will succeed."

MIT officials are excited about the publicity that *1377ER5* will bring to the renowned institution. Says the head of the linguist department Mi So Sm-Rt, "MIT has always enjoyed attracting the best and brightest from the world of Hollywood. The linguistics department is housed in Stata Center which was built to be a movie set anyway, so the marriage between NBC and MIT is a natural fit. It feels like our department was created expressly to help with this show, I'm so excited."

*1377ER5* will air on Fridays next year at 10/9c on NBC.

executive Ivanna Lottado assures the public that the idea will work by saying, "This is a very original idea and we think that *1377ER5* will be a unique show in a nighttime lineup full of copy-cat shows."

The show centers on a CIA detective (played by Hollywood superstar Christian Slater) who is struggling to solve a number of bizarre mysteries. His first case involves a serial killer who bases his killings on deaths in Shakespeare's plays. The killer commits his first crime by coercing a young girl to fall in love with him and faking his own death by poisoning,

which leads to her committing suicide.

**Gnome Chomsky**

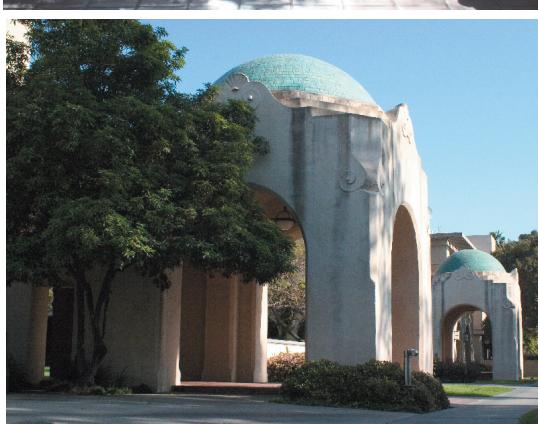
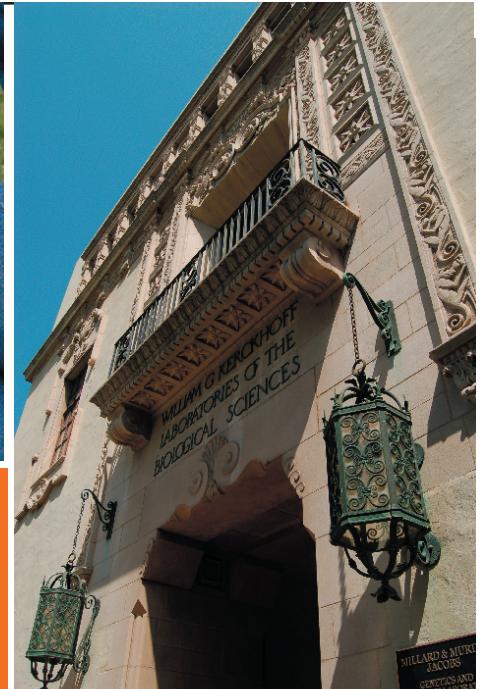
Confused by the killer's notes which include a number of words from foreign languages among which are ("c'mon", "LOL", and "madd"), the detective decides to consult his linguist sister (Paris Hilton) who teaches at Cambridge Institute of Technology (CIT), which is loosely modeled on MIT.

The premise might seem a little narrow to the average viewer, but show writer Fuller Garbaj suggest this will not be the case.

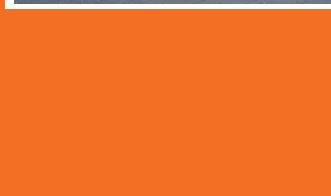
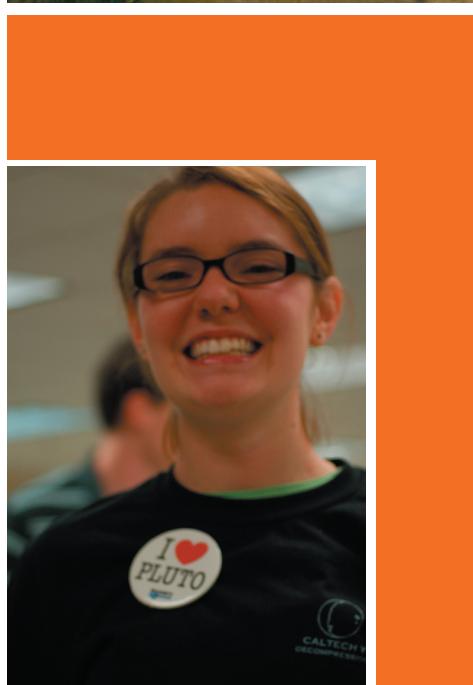
"If *The OC* could stay on the air for 4 years, our show should be good for at least 1. We have a great group of hot



# Pasadena California



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# Math Dept. Hires Rising Star



New math professor Matt Damon enthusiastically accepts his post

**By Harrison Stein**  
STAFF REPORTER

MIT announced today it will expand its mathematics department, with its eyes squarely set on the award winning mathematician Matt Damon. The bold move comes after suspicions were confirmed that three of the institute's top professors were leaving Boston for the California Institute of Technology.

Despite not possessing a bachelor's degree, a professional degree, or any tangible math skills, the Oscar winning Damon is considered a rising star among MIT professors.

"At the interview, Professor Damon completely blew us away," said fellow professor Manny Tscold. "He really seemed like he knew his stuff. He was confident and charismatic, and although we didn't check his work, it was pretty clear that he had a mind for math."

Professor Damon, a Boston native, got his start in mathematics on the set of Good Will Hunting. As the genius janitor, he embarrassed MIT's undergraduate population as well as a Fields Medal mathematician actor with his uncanny intellect.

Damon had no problem accepting the job offer.

"I think it's still hard for me to turn down work if it's really good because for so many years I was so desperate to

get a job and couldn't, and so it's kind of an anathema for me to turn down work."

Said Professor Ts cold, "He used anathema in a sentence. To be honest, that was enough for me."

But despite the new hire, the math department says it's still recovering from the three professors lost to Caltech.

Said Math Department head Hugh Jed, "We are very proud of our mathematics department, so you can understand our shock when we found that three of our professors were using MIT as a stepping stone in their career path to

the top of their profession. We obviously disagree with their decisions, but we cannot ignore the growing sentiment that Caltech is an incredibly desirable option, for both academic success and an increased standard of living. We have great pride in our institute, and fully expect all of our hires to feel the same way."

Disappointed in the lack of loyalty showed by the departing faculty, the MIT officials determined that any fu-

ture hires had to demonstrate a proclivity to remain at the Boston institute.

"We had to hire a Boston native who would resist the urges of fleeing to sunny California out of loyalty to his institute and his city," said Jed. "In addition, we wanted to hire someone with a high-profile to show that we are willing to play hardball and remain competitive in an ever expanding field."

Damon has been given a few months to tie up any professional loose ends before beginning at MIT. He was busy at work when he was asked to comment on this stunning development. Professor Damon seemed somewhat confused by the whole conversation and responded belligerently. "Do not call me Matt Damon! I need to stay in character. Until we finish this shoot, Matt Damon does not exist. My identity is Bourne." He followed this stirring speech by proclaiming, "MATT DAMON!" four times when asked if he had anything else to add.

*"He used anathema in a sentence. To be honest, that was enough for me."*

*-Professor Ts cold  
Hiring professor*

# Facebook leaves students friendless

## Facebook friends not actually real friends

**By April Lin**  
STAFF REPORTER

Hundreds of MIT students were devastated last week to learn that most of the hundreds of "friends" they have on facebook.com, the revolutionary social networking website, are not in fact their actual friends.

A social science research project showed beyond a reasonable doubt that people who had "friended" each other on Facebook were as likely to behave in a friendly manner towards strangers as to each other. Soon after the release of the study there came the sound of undergraduate students gnashing their teeth, pulling out their hair and wailing as they discovered how unpopular they really were.

One physics major believed that he had over 300 friends, many of them

female, only to find out that very few were "technically" female, and only four of them would be willing to speak to him in a public place. "I tried to call one of my Facebook friends to complain about this stupid lying study, but it turned out the listed number was actually a phone sex line. For pedophiles," reported one dejected student,

"That's when it really hit me that all these friends were just castles made of sand, ready to be washed away by a hint of real social interaction." Another student added "I actually already knew I was a loser, so it wasn't that big a deal. Although I'm disappointed that Jesus T. Lincoln probably isn't a real person."

The study came as less of a surprise to students outside of MIT. Many students are willing to "friend" nearly anyone just in case they ever wanted

to interact with them again, but realize that in the vast majority of cases they will never want to think about those people again.

"Yeah, this one time I went to a party at Harvard, and there were some sort of pale guys there, I guess they were emo or from MIT, whatever, and I got really drunk, like, I think I blacked out," said Kandy Vakant, a student at Boston College.

"So the next day I had like ten friend requests on facebook, so I totally just accepted them all, cause I remember one of the guys being really cute. Although that could have been on TV, it was hard to tell cause I was really drunk."

# Media Lab robot has existential crisis

**By Fred Asimow**  
STAFF REPORTER

MIT's Media Lab's latest innovation has been spotted reading German philosophy and smoking cigars in W-20, one week after researchers discovered the robot could question its own existence.

"We knew we were on to something when we kicked it one day, and it said 'Robot hell is other robots,'" said Media Lab expert Michael Tran.

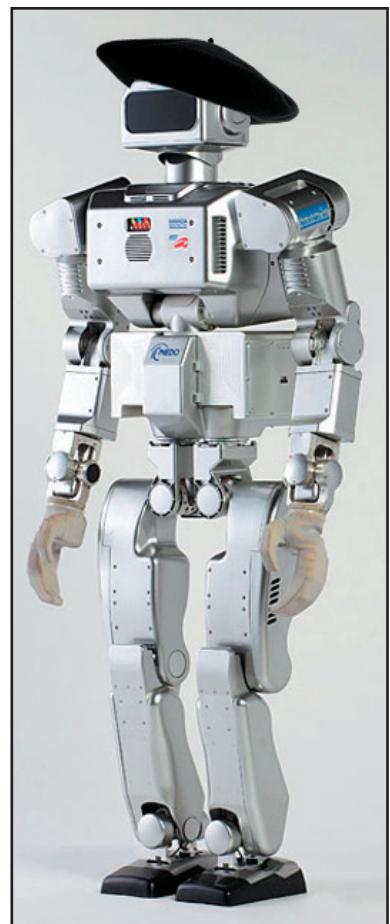
The Media Lab is unsure why the hardware problem caused such a philosophical change. The lab is currently trying to induce similar changes on the same line of robots, an endeavor that has cost the lab \$2.1 million in broken equipment.

Though MIT has been unsuccessful in duplicating the robot, researchers have kept a close watch on the progression of the philosophical robot.

"He started out with a mild interest in Sartre and Camus, about when he refused to take off his beret," said Tran, "but then he grew fascinated by Kierkegaard and Nietzsche. He was a real ass around then."

The robot is known for hanging around cafes in Boston to strike up debates with customers on existentialist novels.

"We knew we had made a major breakthrough when he started avoiding Starbucks in favor of independently owned cafes," said Media Lab employee Noah Vawter. "We can't even train people to do that."



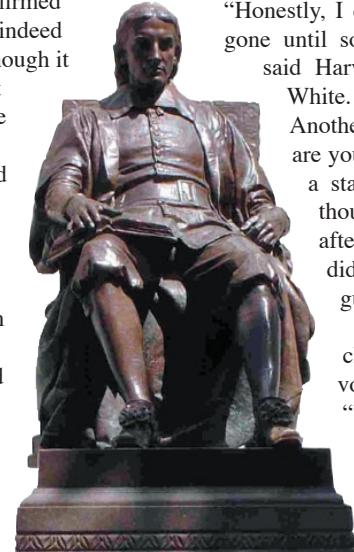
The existential robot in question one week after his enlightening transformation.

# MIT Students Claim Responsibility for Missing Harvard Statue

**By Mark Eichenlaub**  
STAFF REPORTER

Several notes claiming that the famous statue of John Harvard has been stolen have been received by Harvard students and administrators. The notes suggest that the statue has been missing for well over a week and that students at MIT are responsible. As of the deadline for printing this issue it has not been confirmed that the statue had indeed been removed, although it was confirmed that as of last month the statue did exist.

Several Harvard students reported to Harvard security that they were being "hassled" by MIT students again after receiving e-mails and printed letters. Upon investigation, the security team discovered the letters claimed that a piece of Harvard property had been stolen.



Said one security guard, "Those kids at MIT are always doing this kind of (thing). I think it's just a cry for attention, but I wish they would stop." The head of Harvard Security, Alex J. Murphy, said that no action would be taken, because "If they did manage to steal something, they'll probably give it back, but we don't want to encourage this kind of behavior by paying any attention to it."

The note also claimed that the statue was famous and that Harvard students were very attached to it, and would surely miss it if it were gone. When asked about the statue, students expressed a range of emotions, from apathy to confusion. "Oh yeah, I heard we had a statue, I guess if it went missing I'd check to see if those guys at Caltech took it, I heard they're always doing fun pranks" one student said. "Honestly, I didn't even know it was gone until someone told me today,"

said Harvard sophomore Brandy White. "What's an 'MIT'?" Another student added "What are you talking about? We have a statue of John Harvard? I thought Harvard was named after a place or something, I didn't know there was some guy!"

An MIT student that claimed to have been involved in the "hack" said "We stole their statue, we stole it good! They are gonna be so mad when they realize we took it. Unless this is like last time, when they don't notice and eventually we put it back without a fuss."

The Harvard University Security Department and the Cambridge Police ask that if you have any information on the missing statue that you keep it to yourself, as no one cares if MIT took some stupid statue that they'll give back in a few days anyway.

# Student Tries to Ford Charles; Several Oxen Die

**By Prester John**

STAFF REPORTER

MIT undergraduate Jebidiah Matthews only wanted to cross the Charles to find cheap land, a new life and a restaurant he heard about from a friend, and was willing to brave the long journey to not only achieve these goals but also to fulfill MIT's manifest destiny of having settlers living from sea to shining the side of the MIT campus.

Unfortunately Jebidiah was forced to turn back and lost all of his investment in going into greater Boston when his oxen died.

"I figured, why bother to waste the time to go all the way down to the bridge when I could just ford the river?" said Matthews, adding "I can't believe my [unpleasant word used by pioneers and pirates] oxen died again, this happens every [gosh-darn] time."

Although dismayed at the delay, Matthews plans to cross the river again in an attempt to get into Boston.

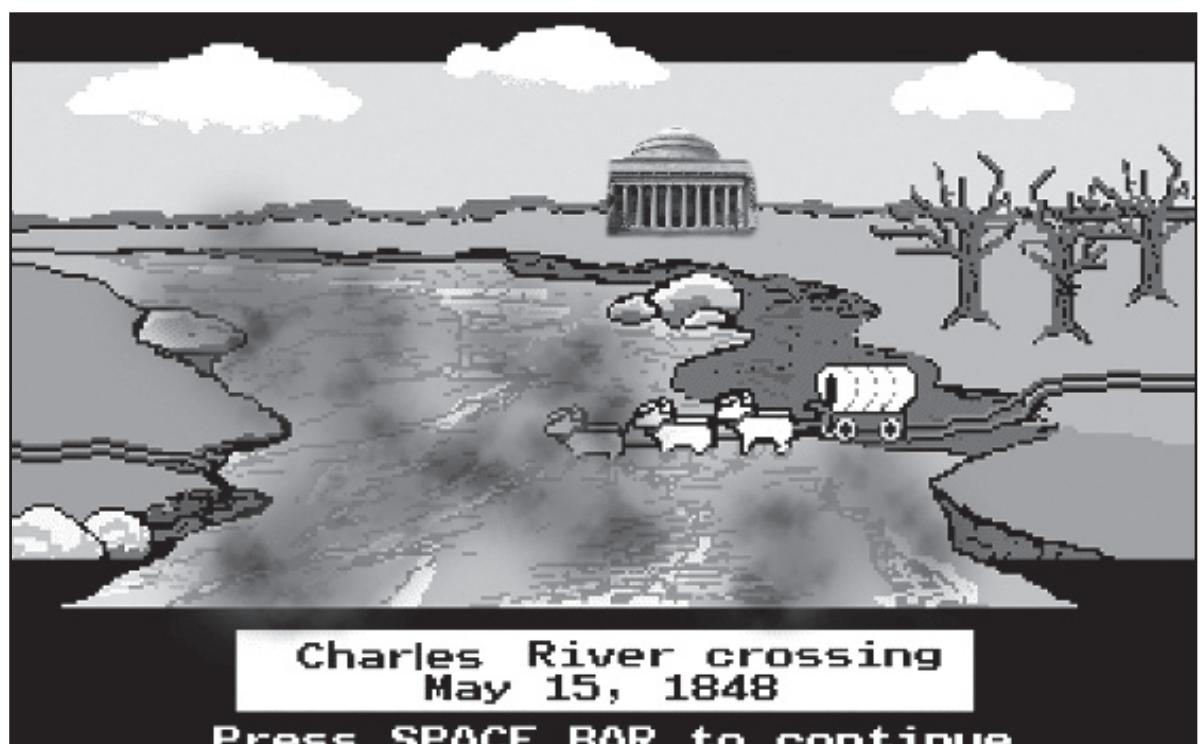
He is unsure if he will attempt to ford the river again, or if he will take the longer route to the bridge, or perhaps hire a ferry.

Still, one thing Matthews is sure of is that he will eventually make it to Boston with his family to start life anew.

"Yeah, I figure I'll just save up and get some new oxen and stuff, and then try again."

Other MIT students had varying opinions on Matthews' strategy. "He shouldn't try to cross the river anyway. I just spend all my time hunting, which is way more fun than actually trying to get all the way to Boston," said Bartholomew Robertson, a Jr. in Pioneering.

Added Rebecca Smith "I don't know why he doesn't just get a car, instead of all this business with oxen and carts and whatever. Some of these guys are just morons."



A helicopter view of Jebidiah Matthews' attempt to ford the Charles River.

# Pranksters stoked over dirty hack; trash points to CA

**By Doris Toole**

STAFF REPORTER

Those crazy MIT pranksters have done it again! In an epic feat of sparkling genius and soaring creativity, a group of over 100 MIT students has pulled off one of the greatest pranks in the history of the age-old MIT-Caltech rivalry.

The students, backed by \$73,000 of alumni funds, pulled off a heist of the contents of hundreds of trashcans on the Caltech campus.

Using a moving van specially painted with the name "Deb Ree Moving Co", the students snuck on to the Pasadena campus in the middle of the night, running from trash can to trash can in an attempt to hit them all before dawn.

"We mapped out the locations of all their trash cans ahead of time, using Google Maps" said Fay Kanaim, who led the student effort. "Then we solved the simple problem in graph theory of minimizing the transit time for the path between the cans, and monitored the progress of our agents with real-time GPS tracking from the back of our van as the night went on."

Heading back for Cambridge just before dawn with nearly all of Caltech's trash in tow, the triumphant team began a celebration.

"We really got them now. I can just imagine the looks on their faces when they woke up the next morning and headed to the nearest trash can only to find it completely empty!" said Ann Otherfakename, who worked in computer station in the van as part of the central brain of the prank.

Said team member Josh Yu-guys, "hacking [he means pranking]

Caltech's detritus was definitely a huge rush. I mean, at one point we even had to evade their ace security guards. I was holding two broken half-pencils in my hands that I had just picked out of a trash can outside the dining hall, but I just stuck them behind my ear and they didn't even notice. Man, I felt so alive."

"Yeah, it was better than sex... I think," Kanaim added. "Well anyway it was better than watching pirated copies of Junk Wars alone in my room with the lights off and a zucch... oh shit, I'm doing it again, aren't I?"

The students involved will be telling stories of their adventure for many years. "In one of the cans where we were picking the trash, I found a Mars bar that was only half eaten, and I was just like, Bonus! Score!" said Lefty Over.

The Caltech trash was removed on the 20-hour anniversary of the last time Caltech's trash cans were deprived of their contents, that time by the Caltech janitorial staff. The trash has been conglomerated in a huge pile in McDermott Court, and made to point in a giant arrow back towards Caltech.

"I've seen some ingenious hacks [translation: pranks] in my time, but never anything like this," said Susan Hockfield, president of MIT, as she waded through an enormous pit of putrid, rotten filth on her way to her office.

The prank was executed just in time for Caltech's Prefrosh Weekend. "Now hundreds of prospective students will show up on campus to be greeted by nothing but pure emptiness - the emptiest trash cans they've ever seen," Kanaim gloated, rubbing her

hands with glee. "Let's see how those Caltech kids like a taste of their own medicine," she added. When asked what she meant by this, she clarified, "umm, I'm not really sure, uhh... what?"

As for where the idea came from, "We don't really like to come up with original pranks of our own, so we normally just rip them off of Harvey Mudd, even if we don't really understand why they did it in the first place. This time though was different. Where do ideas like this come from? Who knows. Maybe it's just something you have to be born with."

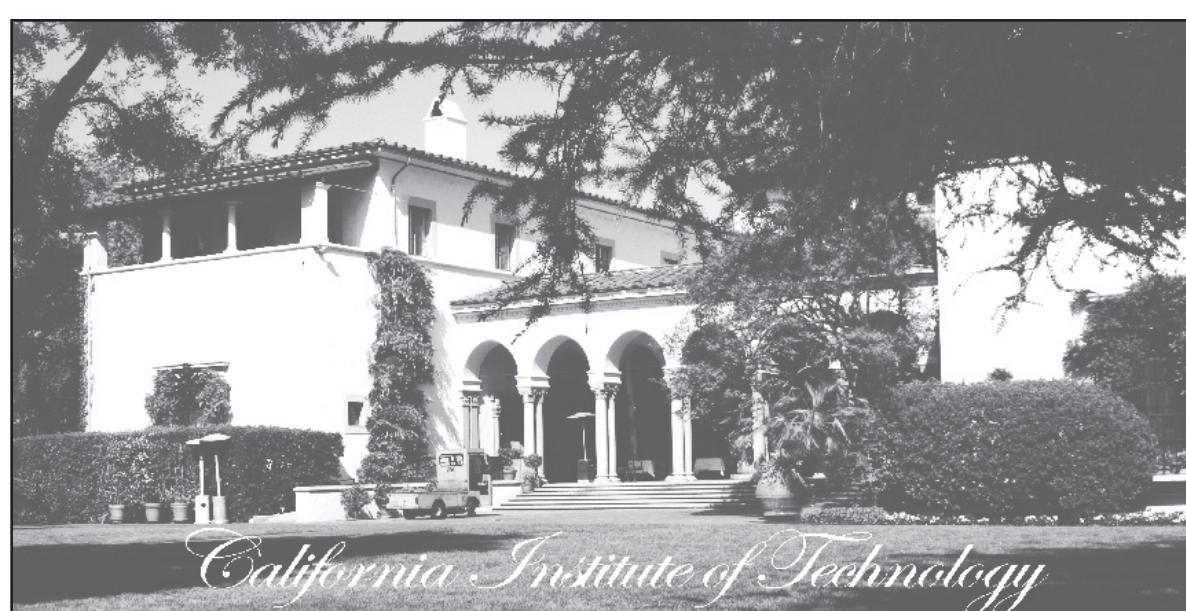
The prank took a mere three months of planning. "We're not going to tell them for about a week where their trash is. We want them to stew over it a bit and get good and worried first. We're not cruel, though. Once they've suffered enough they can pay to come out here and take their trash back," said Kanaim. "It's all in the spirit of good fun."

Caltech, too dumbfounded to think of an appropriate response, has so far pretended not to even notice, a façade that clearly will not last.

As to whether all the work that went into carrying out the prank was worth it, Kanaim says "Definitely this hack [prank] was worth it. Every time I walk by McDermott and my senses are assaulted by the disgusting, reeking mass of trash piled up there, I get a little jolt of satisfaction to know what we can accomplish when we all put our minds together."



MATT GLASSMAN-THE TECH  
Empty trashcans could be found all over the Caltech campus the night of the heist.



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# Police blotter

Bear ravages East Campus  
 John Harvard bridge stolen  
 Pirates commandeer sailing team  
 Serial killer murders Trix rabbit;  
 Captain Crunch

# LA Phil beats Boston Pops on stage and off

**By Harmony Williams**  
STAFF REPORTER

The Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra won the Musical Performance Association of America Bi-Annual Acoustic Competition earlier this week, upsetting the heavily favored Boston Pops. After the show, the LA Philharmonic beat the Pops again, this time in the parking lot, using their fists, feet, and in at least one case using an upright bass as a bow and arrow.

One Pops member reportedly called out that the LA group had cheated and bribed the judges. Another was heard to have shouted insultingly, saying "Pahk the Cah in Hahvahd Yahd" repeatedly. After a vicious taunting, the musicians from Los Angeles decided enough was enough and beat the Pops members with their fists, feet, and in at least one case using an upright bass as a bow and arrow.

"We just couldn't let them defame our good name in that manner, so we were forced to take action," said a viola player for the LA Philharmonic, adding, "Sometimes, a man's just gotta lay down the law, ya know?"

Police are investigating but no charges are expected as a large number of witnesses have claimed the Pops started it, and they got what was coming to them.

The competition has been growing in prestige for a number of years, and featured such musical superstars as the Philadelphia Orchestra, The Trans-Siberian Orchestra, The New York Metropolitan Orchestra of Art, the Royal Oxfordshireon Players of Instruments, and U2. The Boston Pops had won the last three competitions, and many critics recommended leaving right after the Pops performance, as it would surely be the champion. The LA Philharmonic Orchestra had never performed in the competition prior to this one, and was only invited after winning the western regional qualifying competition. U2 has been showing up for years without being invited, but no one wants to be the one to tell Bono he can't come anymore.

The LA Philharmonic played a stirring set of original pieces, and was rewarded with several standing ovations and the first place prize. The Pops performed a rendition of Stars and Stripes Forever, keeping with their tradition of playing the same song at every one of these competitions, and finished third, behind the LA Philharmonic, and a really hot guitar solo by U2's "the Edge." Chad Denko, one of the judges for the competition said "Wow, those guys from southern California really took my breath away with their music. I mean, I got the shivers it was so good. Plus, no one wanted to give it to the Pops again, what with their Sousa [stuff] every year. What a bunch of jerks."

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**Welcome Prefrosh!**  
**See you next week.**

# Caltech pranks moon using rockets

**By Tao-Tao Gao**  
STAFF REPORTER

Students at Caltech activated a signal that finalized a prank more than twenty years in the making earlier this week, writing "MIT SUCKS" on the moon in letters large enough to be seen from earth with the naked eye. The prank, started in 1979, when Caltech students first noticed MIT existed, and decided to show them how much they "sucked."

The Caltech prank used a number of small rockets as well as payload space bought on larger commercial rockets to send small robots to the moon. Once

on the moon the robots built factories that used materials naturally occurring on the moon to create a large amount of thin sheeting. The sheeting was

"This has impacted global warming in a terrible, terrible way."

-Al Gore

then erected in such a way that at certain times of night the shadows would be long enough to be visible from earth spelling out MIT SUCKS.

The prank was meant to show the

entire world which Institute of Technology was the dominant one. The resources at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, associated with Caltech and NASA, aided in the prank, as did the genius of a large number of Caltech undergraduates.

Said one astronomer at Palomar Observatory, "There is no way you could get something on the moon big enough to see from earth with the naked eye. The idea of something like that is... Oh wait, there it is, I can see it!" Another astronomer said "Yeah, MIT does suck."



The prank message can be seen at night.

## Professional League Formed for World of Warcraft

*First games next week*

**By Benjamin Chen**  
STAFF REPORTER

The popular massive multiplayer online role playing game World of Warcraft, or WOW, will found the WOW Professional League, in order to compete with the NFL, NBA and MLB. The league will feature teams of 12 WOW players in competitions with each other and outside forces in the fictional world of Warcraft.

Steve Toole, a professional WOW player and co-founder of the league, believes that within a week of the opening games the WPL will surpass the NHL and professional bowling as major sports in the United States.

Games will be televised locally, on

Versus and ESPN News for the first season, and hope to be viewable on major networks within a decade. Toole said "We really think that we can make a ton of money from this. If the NHL can keep from going under, we should rake in the cash."

The league's first game, a double-header with the Waco Wizards vs. the Ocean City Orcs, will air on Versus next Tuesday at 7 PM Eastern Standard Time, and the Newark Elves vs. the San Jose Sages at 9 PM. Further game times can be found in local listings.

## Charles River to Be Renovated

*Swamp to undergo beautification project*

**By Walter Kennedy**  
STAFF REPORTER

The Charles River is scheduled to be renovated over the course of the next two years in an effort to beautify the surrounding areas of Boston and Cambridge as well as in an environmental effort to clean the polluted river and prevent it from poisoning all that it touches.

The project was suggested after complaints from students at Harvard and residents of Boston reached an all time high, and the Boston Times ran a story featuring a number of kittens who had taken a sip of the river water and either died or mutated into hideous killing machines. The current board of directors for the project, to be funded by the cities of Boston and Cambridge and by state of Massachusetts, believes that for a mere 1.4 billion dollars the river can be returned to its pristine

state, or even improved.

Changes would include changing out the water for fresh spring water from the mountains of California, sterilizing the soil beneath and around the current river, altering the rivers course to include attractive meanders and replacing all of the current wild life and replacing it. The goal will be to make a river that resembles a mountain stream in the Sierra Nevadas or perhaps the foothills of the Alps.

If all goes well, the board claims that the steam may be indistinguishable (except for constantly freezing and being covered in snow) from a stream flowing through the Throop Garden in Pasadena, California.

"If we could make our river like that one at Caltech, that would be just tops" said one board member and Stanely Banks, the chairman of the Charles River Restoration Project, added "We

hope to make it so you'd never know it was among the ugliest bodies of water in the world before our project took over."

The new river will loop through the various college campuses and business districts that sit of the shores of teh current one and will often be split into to or more streams. It will have grassy banks with large trees full of friendly squirrels, chipmunks and otters, as well as be populated by ducks, brightly colored fish, dolphins, friendly pirates and more otters.

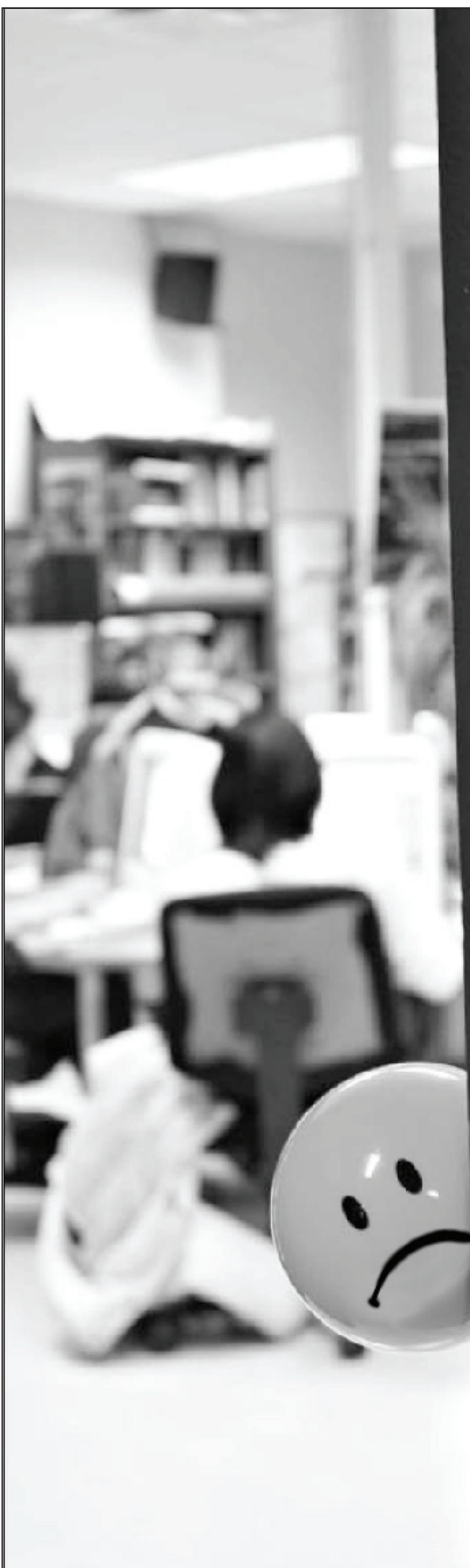
The river will also be heated in some places to help reduce the constant icing over that currently occurs, and encourage swimming in its crystal clear waters. The new river is expected to increase property values in the surrounding area, and by the year 2743 should pay for it self.

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# SPORTS

## MIT Loses 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Caltech-MIT Football

**By Nick Semenkovich**

STAFF REPORTER

MIT football suffered another foot-ball defeat last week after playing the California Institute of Technology in an attempt to turn an academic rivalry into an athletic one. The Caltech team had been a heavy underdog due to the smaller size of Caltech as well as its lack of a coach, organized team and enough pads and helmets for all the players.

The Caltech team was invited by MIT despite being an NCAA Division III team that hasn't existed since 1993. Prior to the game the athletic department had been accused of inviting Caltech in order to achieve an easy win, while others had claimed that the MIT administration was attempting to embarrass the Caltech team after the California school repeatedly embarrassed MIT in a series of academic competitions. Investigations of both claims were dropped by NCAA officials after the game. Said NCAA director of improper athletic relations, "We're still not sure MIT was not engaging in unsporting practices, but did you see how they got destroyed by the

Caltech defense? I think the national embarrassment of getting owned in that game would be worse than any sanctions would could impose." The MIT athletics director refused to comment on whether or not the game would be continued in future years.

The game started well for MIT as they drove down to the Caltech 3 yard line before three consecutive sacks by the Caltech defense forced an attempt at a field goal. After the ensuing kickoff was returned for a touchdown despite Caltech only fielding 7 players on special teams, things kept getting worse for MIT. The starting quarterback, running back, left tackle and punter were all hurt on the following drive, which ended with an interception. Caltech's offense was efficient and nearly mistake free, although the fact that the offensive line averaged 207 pounds a person limited the running game. Despite their lack of size, the Caltech team did manage an 11 minute drive in the fourth quarter to run out the clock on a disheartened MIT squad.

Said one Caltech fan after the game "What do you mean we won? We don't even have a football team! Those guys at MIT must be terrible to lose to us."



Caltech quarterback rolls out before completing a pass downfield.

### Recent Scores

**Football:**  
Caltech 38, MIT 9

**Basketball:**  
Bard College 81, MIT 52  
Wellesley 63, MIT 61

**Baseball:**  
Dartmouth 14, MIT 3

### Upcoming Games:

Tennis (Men's) vs. Boston College  
April 17th

Tennis (Women's) vs. Ithaca College  
April 17th

Baseball vs. Yale  
April 16th  
vs. Washington College  
April 18th

## Red Sox Pitcher Defies Newton's Laws of Gravitation

*Matsuzaka wreaks havoc in physics community*

**By Nick Semenkovich**

STAFF REPORTER

After spending over 100 million dollars to acquire the rights to Japanese superstar Daisuke Matsuzaka (affectionately known as Dice-K), the Boston Red Sox are on Cloud Nine as it has become clear that no major leaguer can hit his mysterious gyroball.

The latest challenger to flail and miss at Dice-K pitch of choice is none other than the vaunted MIT physics department.

After Dice-K's mesmerizing effort against Kansas City left the New York Yankees quaking in their overpriced boots, owner George Steinbrenner secretly commissioned MIT physics professor Ila Visics to study the dynamics

of the mysterious gyroball, in order to afford his players every unfair advantage available.

Unfortunately, Visics was literally flabbergasted by the unique motion of the pitch.

"I watched the pitch over and over and over again. And I have to say, surely you're joking Mr. Matsuzaka. He has clearly violated the laws of physics. I'm starting to believe that gravity is not all it's cracked up to be."

The news sent shockwaves throughout the academic community, as physics departments across the country have pulled numerous all-nighters trying to confirm Visics's controversial results. No one has stepped forth just yet, but Visics is confident that his monumental

discovery will stand.

In an exclusive interview, Visics says, "It's pretty clear that Mr. Matsuzaka's pitch has an unusual amount of whirrlyness. The vast side-to-side movement contradicts the 'No-Wobble-Condition' that states that the sum of all wobbles in the universe has to be conserved. Clearly, this unusual amount of whirrlyness would add a net wobble to the system unless there is no gravity. Since, the 'No-Wobble-Condition' is a stronger doctrine than the 'Laws of Gravitation' my theory must hold."

MIT students are understandably upset with the results, but are prepared to move on with their lives. Sophomore physics major Johnny Gomez

laments, "Physics for was my life for the last two years, so yes, this result is pretty heartbreaking. Since I've lost all faith in the values I held dear, I think it's time to switch majors. I've heard good things about Writing and Humanistic Studies."

However, the news that centuries of scientific breakthroughs may be for naught is not enough to faze Mr. Steinbrenner. Through all the uncertainty, he is still able to see the big picture.

"Gravity may or may not be wrong but that is of no concern to me. I'm not here to talk about the past. I'm here to win a World Series and frankly, if it takes violating laws of physics to bring another championship to the Bronx, that's a sacrifice I'm willing to make."

season.

The icing over of the pool was only temporary and should be melted off by early next week. Athletics department officials determined that the ice was the result of someone opening a window in one of the locker rooms, allowing the sub-freezing wind to enter the pool area. "We get this kind of thing all the time if we're not careful" said Buck Lewis, the manager of MIT's aquatic facilities, "People open a window to cool down a hot locker room and forget it, and a few minutes later the hinges ice over and we have to shut down a building to avoid frostbite."

The team was losing 9-0 after 11 minutes when the referees decided to pull the players because a crust of ice was forming on the surface of the pool, and several players were shivering uncontrollably.

If the NCAA decides that the game had not proceeded for long enough, it may be considered a tie, giving the MIT ladies their first non-defeat of the



JONATHAN TSAI-THE TECH

MIT women before a draft from a cracked window froze a sheet of ice over the pool.

## Men's Basketball Suffers Loss to Wellesley

**By Nick Semenkovich**

STAFF REPORTER

Last night was one of the low water marks for the MIT athletic program.

Despite being up by 15 points at the half, the Engineers suffered a stunning 63-61 defeat at the hands of the Wellesley Blue. The defeat drops the Engineers to 6-9, with a 4-7 record within the NEWMAC Conference.

When asked if losing to an all-girls team was embarrassing, Coach I. Losalotte shrugged it off: "Seriously, I think women's athletics have gotten a bad rap and this result really isn't that bad. I've played the situation over many times in my brain and to be honest, I think [Division 1 Women's Champion] Tennessee would have smoked [Division 1 Men's Champion] Florida."

[Note: The opinions expressed above are those of the subject only. They do not represent the views of The Tech and are probably very, very wrong]

MIT's players were unavailable for comment because they were too busy preparing for their next game against Cambridge High School. On Tuesday, the Engineers lost a tough game to Bard College (NY) 81-52.

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