Caltech Pranks CPW; MIT Hackers Reply

By Hanhan Wang

Sixteen California Institute of Technology students pulled several hacks on the MIT campus during Campus Preview Weekend, instigating a friendly inter-institute rivalry.

Among other things, the hackers handed out T-shirts promoting Caltech to prospective freshmen and covered "Massachusetts" on the 77 Massachusetts Avenue stonework with a banner that read "that other," so that it read "That Other Institute of Technology." MIT hackers responded to some of the mischief with hacks of their own. For example, they altered the banner to say "The Only," making the stonework read "The Only Institute of Technology." We tried to bring them together," said one of the Caltech students involved, who wished to remain anonymous.

Caltech president and former MIT Institute Professor David Baltimore "We have these two completely different traditions that are so similar. We tried to bring them together," said one of the Caltech students involved, who wished to remain anonymous.

A banner hangs over 77 Massachusetts Avenue on Saturday, proclaiming MIT to be "the only" Institute of Technology. The banner was put up by hackers from the California Institute of Technology and originally read "that other" before MIT students removed, altered, and rehung the banner with its new message.

Eastgate Heating System Update Annoys Residents

By Marissa Vogt

Construction will begin this weekend for installation of a new heating system for the Eastgate Apartments, a graduate residence for married students.

The installation of the new system will require the residents, including families with small children, to evacuate their apartments for nearly 10 hours per day for four days.

Several meetings were held with residents and administrators, and residents circulated a petition requesting that their concerns be addressed.

The construction was originally planned to begin last weekend and end mid-August, said Alicea Hunt, assistant director for graduate housing. It was delayed a week to allow for the incorporation of resident feedback.

Several residents voiced technical and logistical concerns after plans for the installation were revealed approximately six weeks ago. The plans were altered until mid-March. Singleton said that residents were not notified of the plans for the heating system replacement plans four to six months ago. The announcements came via e-mails sent to the entire house, Nilsson said.

"Somewhere along the line, there was a miscommunication about who was telling who what," Hunt said. "We assumed they were updating the residents all along."

heatng systems moved to closets

Singleton said that residents expressed concern about the size, appearance, and proposed placement of the heating units. Several students whose research involves heating systems also questioned the Eastgate, Page 10

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Fewer Management Minor Applicants Than Expected

By Kathy Lin

Despite predictions of 200 to 300 applicants, only 81 students applied for the 100 available slots in the new minor in management program, said Professor Thomas A. Kochan, chair of the Faculty Committee on the Management Minor.

Because the program has capacity for 100 students, it will continue to accept applications on a first-come, first-serve basis until either there are 100 students enrolled in the minor, or until April 20, whichever comes first, said Professor Jeffrey A. Meldman, the Director of undergraduate programs at the Sloan School of Management.

The April 20 deadline is a result of deadlines for the Sloan School; if open slots remain after April 20, students can still enroll in the minor, but would not have priority

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Military Raid in Baghdad Captures 65, Officials Say

By Robert F. Worth

Hundreds of Iraqi troops and commandos hunted by U.S. soldiers swept through central and southern Baghdad early Monday morning, capturing at least 65 suspected insurgents in one of the largest raids in the capital since the fall of Saddam Hussein, military officials said. One U.S. official said the raid was "strikingly successful," with hundreds of troops, including an engineer who was working on a reconstruction project was kidnapped in the Baghdad area during the night.

The raid, which began at 3 a.m. and lasted more than six hours, disrupted three insurgent networks, U.S. military officials said. They said those captured included men suspected of assassinations, beheadings, kidnappings and attacks on Iraqi and U.S. forces.

One group was planning to blow up the Kirkuk oil pipeline, the officials said.

Canadian Prime Minister Struggles to Keep Job

By Steven R. Weissman

Prime Minister Paul Martin sought Monday to distance himself from a scandal that is engulfing the governing Liberal Party, saying that he was not to blame for the loss of money laundering, payoffs and kickbacks by party functionaries that has emerged in recent days.

Martin’s government was elected only last June, but polls taken over the weekend show that its support is collapsing in much of the country. The three opposition parties have been holding closed-door meetings to decide whether to vote in Parliament to try to bring down the government sometime this month with the objective of holding an election in June.

The crisis has been simmering for over a year as a commission led by former judge Justice John Gomery has been investigating charges that the Liberal government under the former prime minister, Jean Chretien, transferred nearly $100 million to several advertising firms under a program to publicize federal activities in Quebec, in exchange for little or no work.

Bolton Expresses Strong Support For Sharon's Withdrawal Plans

By Richard W. Stevenson

President Bush and Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of Israel differed openly on Monday when Bush’s intention to expand a settlement in the West Bank, but Bush gave the Israeli leader robust backing for his plan to withdraw from Gaza this summer.

After a meeting at Bush’s vacation home here, the president hailed Sharon as a “strong, visionary” leader for having pursued a “courageous initiative” to pull Israeli settlers and security forces out of the Gaza Strip and small portions of the West Bank.

His embrace came on a day when Sharon described the political atmosphere in Israel as akin to civil war because of deep disagreements over the withdrawal plan, and was clearly intended to bolster Sharon as he heads toward a wrenching confrontation this summer with some Jewish settlers and their allies as he moves them, perhaps forcibly, out of Gaza.

Sharon, though, gave no ground on Israel’s position that it is not interested in building new housing to establish an unbroken presence from Jerusalem to the settlement of Maale Adumim, a community of 30,000 people, in a way that could cut most north-south links between Palestinians in the West Bank and make it extremely difficult for Palestinians to gain access to East Jerusalem, which they hope to make the capital of their eventual state.

Sharon said it might be many years before any construction takes place, but he said Israelis “are very much interested” in achieving “contiguity between Maale Adumim and Jerusalem.”

The Israeli position has heightened tensions with the Palestinians and has led to an uproar in the United States, where it would put to rest skepticism about nuclear weapons proliferation, and to renegotiate a nuclear weapons treaty with Russia, skills he would use to expand the consensus of support for the United Nations at home.

He said he had learned that “this consensus is not essential, but possible.”

WEATHER

Situation for Noon Eastern Daylight Time, Tuesday, April 12, 2005

Extended Forecast:

Today: Scattered showers, with a high near 50°F (10°C).
Tonight: Showers continue, with a low near 37°F (3°C).
Wednesday: Showers end, clearing later in the day. High near 55°F (12°C).
Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy with a low near 35°F (2°C).
Thursday: Sunny, with highs near 55°F (12°C). Lows near 35°F (2°C).
U.S. Says 15 States Improperly Gained Extra Medicaid Money

By Robert Pear
WASHINGTON

The Bush administration on Monday named 15 states that it said had used improper accounting techniques to obtain excessive amounts of federal Medicaid money.

Federal officials contend that the 15 states have been "recycling" federal money, rather than using state and local tax revenue to pay their full share of the costs of Medicaid, which provides health insurance to more than 50 million low-income people.

Officials from the states defended their practices, saying that in some cases federal officials had explicitly approved them. State officials also said that they had repeatedly asked the federal government to clarify the rules.

The dispute over the accounting practices arises at a time when the National Governors Association is negotiating with the administration and Congress to rein in the explosive growth in the program's costs.

Michael G. Leavitt, the secretary of health and human services, has repeatedly said that some states are using "accounting gimmicks" to shift costs to the federal treasury. But until Monday the administration had not publicly identified the states.

The administration said it had concerns about Medicaid-financing mechanisms used by these states: Alabama, Alaska, California, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, North Carolina, North Dakota, Tennessee, Virginia and Washington.

The states were identified in a list that the administration provided to Congress on the condition that it not be disclosed. Copies of the list were obtained from health care lobbyists and from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

The Bush administration's concerns are shared by the Government Accountability Office, an independent investigative arm of Congress.

"By using complex, creative financing schemes, states have inappropriately increased the federal share of Medicaid expenditures," said Kathryn G. Allen, director of Medicaid issues at the auditing agency.

India and China Resolve Border Dispute, Agree to Expand Trade

By Somini Sengupta
NEW DELHI

China and India announced an agreement on Monday to resolve a decades-old border dispute and let trade flourish between the two countries.

Promising a new era of "peace and prosperity" between the world's two most populous countries, stretching from Kashmir to Myanmar. China defeated India in a war over territory in 1962, and relations have been fraught for four decades.

The two countries have reached "a certain level of maturity," India's foreign secretary, Shyam Saran, said at a news conference here. "India and China are partners, and they are not rivals," he added. "We do not regard each other as adversaries.

The announcement did not spell out which territory would go to which country, but the two countries did agree to come up with a plan to resolve disputes over frontier territory. Each side has troops along the border, but there have not been any recent skirmishes.

Relations between India and China — both nuclear powers, both witnessing rapid economic growth, both facing an enormous demand for energy — have flourished in recent years, led primarily by trade. China is now India's second-largest trading partner, after the United States.

On Monday Wen and his Indian counterpart, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, said the two countries expected to increase bilateral trade to $20 billion in 2008.

Chinese-made toys, toasters and televisions have proliferated across the Indian marketplace. India exports raw materials for China's booming construction industry.

Trial Opens for GI Accused Of Grenade Killings

By Shaila Dewan
WASHINGTON

An Army sergeant charged with killing two American officers in a grenade attack on his own camp in Kuwait was mentally ill and acted out of premeditation but not out of desperation, his lawyer said Monday.

The sergeant, Hasan Akbar, was given a diagnosis of mental illness at age 14, his lawyer said in opening statements of his court-martial.

Akbar, 33, is the first soldier to be tried on capital murder charges since 1998.

His mental condition is a central issue. His lawyers do not dispute that Akbar, a member of an engineer battalion at Camp Pennsylvania in the Kuwaiti desert, ambushed three tents while their occupants got ready for bed on the night of March 23, 2003. But, they say, he was too mentally disturbed to have planned the attack, which also wounded 14 people in the camp.

Anticipating that defense argument, prosecutors promised to provide a "unique look into Sgt. Akbar's mind" through testimony and evidence, including his diary. "When he deployed, he was going to kill these soldiers," said Capt. John Benson, a member of the prosecution team.

Akbar is charged with two counts of premeditated murder and three counts of premeditated attempted murder. If convicted, he could face the death penalty. The trial is expected to last a month.

Ford Shares Lose Ground After Forecast

By Jeremy W. Peters
NEW YORK

Shares of Ford Motor fell to their lowest point in more than a year and a half on Monday after its surprise announcement on Friday that it was cutting its yearly earnings forecast in half.

Ford's news on Friday affirmed what many industry analysts had suspected: The financial problems facing General Motors, the world's largest automaker, are not GM-specific and are a sign of the larger problems that American automakers face in competing with their Asian rivals.

The announcement also raises questions about how soon Ford — the world's third-largest automaker, after the United States and Japan — will cut production to match demand.

"They have got to get the world to accept the fact that the Asian companies are taking market share from them," said Robert P. Demsey, an analyst at Bear, Stearns & Co. "On a relative basis, they are very weak."
Defending Choice

In his fabulously defensive article about America, the best of all possible worlds, Nick Baldwin forgets that the trade-off between freedom and security is about choice, not need. Unlike the author, many Americans value their freedom so highly that they are willing to give up some security. The Patriot Act isn't much of a compromise between his preferences and mine.

Katherine Rosenbach '05

Letter To The Editor

In my case, parental notification is a problem

But not for conservatives!!!

Defending Choice

Opinion Policy

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Breaking the Second Law

By Ruth Miller

Middle Child Syndrome

Don’t you just love prefrats? They make the days warmer, the grass greener, and the frats … fratter. Their dewy innocence brings MIT undergrads to their knees and surprisingly, not always in a pleasant way. In our current version, we’re regarded as younger siblings. A lost prefrat can melt even the most hardened heart.

Their mere presence is so warm and glowing that before they even arrive, “You’re Awesome” signs appear up and down the Inﬁnite Corridor. Don’t even think for a second those were meant for you. They’re held up with Scotch tape. Don’t even think for a second those were “I Heart Nerds” signs. A lost prefrat can melt even the most hardened heart.

Remember “IHTFP”? This place is hell — the Urban Outfitters shoppers in “I Heart Nerds” shirts roll their suitcases full of freebies off campus.

Now, to rebut these theories (this column has more organization than my last philosophy paper).

Rebuttal 1 — They aren’t better than us. Better is relative, and we own this place. They aspire to be us, and some day, they will be.

Rebuttal 2 — Sure, we like attention, but they’re not cool. They don’t know where things are, they all wore “I Heart Nerds” shirts on the ﬁrst day, and they don’t do anything for us to like them. Frats rush them because they’re walking potential house ﬁlles.

We flog them with attention because they’re warm bodies, and every group but Bexley feels like it’s in a dire strait for new blood (even The Tech).

Rebutal 3 — Yeah, and I have ﬁve A’s this semester.

I suppose I can’t rebut Theory 4. A friend whom I had met as a prefrat was reminding my visit to his ﬂoor years ago. “When we set that apple pie on ﬁre, you were like, ‘that’s cool, so then we were like, ‘yeah, I guess it is really cool.’ Now, if we did that, I’d be like, ‘oh, I shouldn’t have used Bourbon. I should have used ﬁve A’s because we kind of take our coolness for granted around here.”

Culinary pyrotechnics aside, it’s a point. We’re older, more mature, and more at peace with our inner nerds. Maybe for all our talk, regarding them as little siblings works to their advantage. We're the middle children of MIT. We're shuffled out of the social equation, we're regarded as younger siblings. We’re the middle children of MIT. We have to purpose or place. Our great war is a spiritual war. Our great depression is our lives.

In some kind of effort at journalistic integrity, I should disclose that the baby isn’t literally my niece, as I’m an only child. But I’ve always been very close with my cousins, and we all consider it too much to ask a child to call me “ ﬁrst cousin once removed.” It’s annoying, but we try.

We’re the middle children of MIT. We have to purpose or place. Our great war is a spiritual war. Our great depression is our lives. As the admissions people tweak and ﬁne-tune their machine, it’s a fair guess that the next class is just cooler. The previously-entiﬁed students get to live in the bell tower.

Theory 2 — We strive for acceptance. Having prefrats (a.k.a. high school students) around brings the social mean back into the high school region, and thus, we attain coolness by having them think that we’re cool, rather than the other way around. Our inner, suppressed high school nerds want badly to win them over, even if our outer, college nerds don’t care. Once they leave, the social mean snaps back to nerd, and that’s that.

Theory 3 — MIT students are passionate and want to help others. Moving on...

The Institute needs fresh meat to survive. Think about when Dracula turns all suave and charming only to drain the blood of his victims. Now, think about the fact that MIT students only come out at night, are generally party, and eat weaker students for breakfast. Enough said.

Rebuttal 4 — I’m beginning to understand that pregnancy isn’t a tragedy, it’s a celebration, an afﬁrmation of life. Maybe I’m just getting older, or my cousin these last nine months, I didn’t really do anything.

She, on the other hand, has gone through a tremendous amount. I asked her what it was like, having heard that childbirth is possibly the most painful experience a human can conceive of (haha), and she just said, “It wasn’t so bad. The labor pains were pretty annoying, but after that it was easy.” Have I mentioned my cousin’s super marine who feels no pain? They’re held up with Scotch tape. Their mere presence is so warm and glowing that before they even arrive, “You’re Awesome” signs appear up and down the Inﬁnite Corridor. Don’t even think for a second those were “I Heart Nerds” signs. A lost prefrat can melt even the most hardened heart.

My cousin and her husband are both about my age. What this means for me is it might not be all that far off until I have kids. (My girlfriend almost choked on her drink as she read that last line.) Throughout my cousin’s pregnancy, while I was really happy for her and her husband and tried to be as supportive as I could, I kept thinking some variation of, “Better you than me, kid.” I mean, I have too much to do these days, what with studying, reading, and writing these columns, and my girlfriend works even harder than I do. Getting pregnant right now is sooo not what we need.

But seeing and hearing my cousin, I’m starting to see the light. While I still don’t think it’d be best to have any kids right now, I’m beginning to understand that pregnancy isn’t a tragedy, it’s a celebration, an afﬁrmation of life. Maybe I’m just biased because now I get to see a new baby, and I know my cousin and her husband couldn’t possibly be happier, to be so happy in this world is deﬁnitely not a lame miracle.

Congratulations to them. May we all be so lucky.

By Bill Andrews

Hey, guess what? I’m an uncle! I’ve been saying that to everyone I meet now for days, ever since Thursday the seventh in fact, when my niece Amelie Astrid Haley was born. I had nothing to do with the baby’s creation, but I’m beside myself. A new baby! A whole new baby is in the world, made entirely from my cousin and her husband. How freaky is that? It’s like my cousin these last nine months, I didn’t really do anything.

The sun rising every day is a miracle, even though I could, I kept thinking some variation of, “Better you than me, kid.” I mean, I have too much to do these days, what with studying, reading, and writing these columns, and my girlfriend works even harder than I do. Getting pregnant right now is sooo not what we need.

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Congratulations to them. May we all be so lucky.
Trio

I've got to admit, boy... it's been kinda fun hanging out with you again! It almost makes me wish that we could still be friends, like the old days...

Well... why can't we? Why can't you and I be cool again?

Because, it would never work! You're way too friendly to be a good friend!

Hmm... my "Mina-to-English Dictionary" is a little outdated... is the 2005 edition on sale yet?

Sorry, my boyfriend, mom, and dad already bought the last copies.

The truth is funnier than Tech Comics

MIT Police

IFC Joke Comm

What are you gonna do? Take away our chapter?

Not a CFW Party

Realizing that being kicked out of IFC means they are not held to IFC CFW rules, Sig Ep acts accordingly.

WELL, if it isn't my own arch-enemy... I HEARED MASTER BUNNY!

AARGH! YOUR CUTENESS IS STRONG, BUT I HAVE THE SOLUTION!

YOU'RE CROWDLING ME!
**FoxTrot** by Bill Amend

**Splatform** by James Biggs

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**Crossword Puzzle**

**ACROSS**
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2. Babylonia, today
3. Diner’s card
4. Low points
5. Anti-DUI org.
6. Old West lawmen
7. Pass out cards
8. Break off
9. Sheltered from the wind
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56. Helping hand
57. Repast remnants
58. Steer clear of
59. Takeoffs
60. Big pot of stew
61. Watch pockets
62. Give and take
63. Drifts
64. Jamaican music
65. La-la intro
66. Up and at ’em
67. Italian bread
68. Napoleon’s island of exile
69. Waldorf or Caesar
70. Med. sch. subj.
71. Carpenter’s file

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Heating Installation Plans are Modified

Eastgate, from Page 1

Effective in obtaining outside storage space at a discounted price.

Some students asked to be allowed to move out at any time, though housing has strict policies regarding this, Hunt said. She said that Eastgate residents will be allowed to terminate their leases because of the construction, though requests to be moved temporarily for the summer and not pay rent, then move back in the fall, would not be granted. Such a concession would cost MIT too much money, as there are approximately 200 apartments in Eastgate, which charge an average rent of $1200 each per month, Hunt said.

Timing constrains changes

Hunt said that the repairs need to be completed by next winter, or the system would be at risk of failing, resulting in the loss of heat for the entire building. The original plan called for the renovations to be completed by mid-August in time for new students to move in without having to deal with it. Many of the residents’ requests could not be granted by the time the design was presented to the residents because of a lack of time or financial reasons, Singleton said.

“Perhaps if we had put a student on the team from day one it would’ve helped,” said Nilsson. “We’ve learned from that.”

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Robert M. McAndrew ’05 spikes the ball during the first round of the Northeast Collegiate Volleyball Association championship tournament in Mawah, New Jersey. The Engineers lost a disappointing match against the Eastern Mennonite University, but finished with a record of 23–7, the best in the volleyball program’s history.

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OMARI STEPHENS—THE TECH

Nathan B. Ball ’05 beatboxes against Steve Foxx of Berklee School of Music last Saturday, April 9, at Noize, an event hosted by the Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

By Jenny Zhang
NEWS EDITOR

Paul B. Hill, Information Services & Technology senior project manager, was announced yesterday as the winner of the annual Alpha Phi Omega Big Screw Competition, despite only being nominated late last Wednesday in the week-long contest. He represented IS&T and WinAthena.


In the contest, MIT community members donate money to candidates they feel have screwed them over the most. All the money is donated to a charity chosen by the winning candidate.

Hill shares award with team

As he accepted the four-foot-long screw, which he will have for a year, Hill said his win “was a team effort” and produced nine normal-sized screwdrivers to give to some of the people with whom he works. He mentioned IS&T’s historical success at the Big Screw Competition and said that one past winner had created a cast of the screw.

The win was “not too surprising,” since problems with IS&T tend to affect a large portion of the community, Hill said. Some felt that WinAthena had screwed them over because its AFS software, which is needed for accessing home directories and files on Athena, has been responsible for crashing and disabling the Athena AFS servers multiple times this term.

Hill said he will probably hang the four-foot-long screw on his wall. His name will be engraved on the screw as part of tradition.

The $1,565.07 sum will be donated to Hill’s charity selection, the International Relief Coalition.

Roscoe plans to screw more

In response to his second place status, Roscoe said, “I must work harder.” Specifically, he said, he would not make the 6.101 laboratory projects more difficult, but might revise them over the summer.

6.101 has been nominated two years in a row, and Roscoe said he took that as a sign that students really like the course.

New ASA Officers

President: *Jennifer D. Lobo ’07
Treasurer: To be determined.
Secretary: James R. Peacock ’06
Undergrad Members at Large: Michael Shaw ’07, Janet H. Leung ’06
Graduate Members at Large: *Ken T. Takusagawa G, Nicoli M. Ames G
Student Member at Large: William C. Taggart G

New officers for the Association of Student Activities were elected at the Spring ASA General Body Meeting last Tuesday, April 5. They will take office on April 19. The President-elect of the Undergraduate Association and the Graduate Student Council will select representatives to the ASA when they take office. No treasurer was elected because the three treasurer candidates were also interested in the GSC treasurer position. Lobo will appoint a treasurer of her choosing after the officers meet with the treasurer candidates. (* designates returning officers.)

SOURCE: ASA PRESIDENT KATHRYN M. WALTER ’05

IS&T Rep Wins the Big Screw

Economics as a Symptom of Sadism. Pathology in American Culture and Education and the Legitimizing Myth that Supports it.

by Harold Kassell

Since the book is not exclusively on economics, I need to say a few words about the title. The title reflects the theme of the book - which is an analy- sis of pathology in American culture and education.

My book might be called an expose, but I don’t like to think of it that way. The chapters on celebrations and CEOs don’t reveal their secret lives. They are expos’s in the sense that the book reveals the confusion of image with reality in the hero worship of actors, anchors, athletes, and CEOs. The chapter on economics addresses the legitimizing myths economists endorse to justify inequalities in income.

There is a concern with American education, and I touch on that. But what I say about graduate schools would really be a revelation. Most people know nothing about this. I think they would be fascinated to learn.

From a graduate student’s point of view, graduate schools are the most totalitarian institutions in the country and the social consequences for everyone are considerable, but never noticed, never faced.

If Sammy Sosa hits a home run that means he hit a ball hard with a bat. So what? What it almost seems like sacrilege to say that. The media not only misinterprets, it intensifies. I think I never heard anyone say that. Don’t agree with me? But could I say, “Do what?” on TV? There would be no more of this saying that on TV than there would be of criticizing Saddam Hussein on TV when he was in power. That is hero worship. Millions of people are born, but millions of people are not. “The Media is the Center” is one chapter, and there is more on censorship, laws and Congress, and justice.

Harold Kassell is a licensed clinical psychologist and college teacher.

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ART AUCTION and RAFFLE

Help rebuild communities in tsunami-affected areas … by purchasing artworks

What: Wide range of artworks on sale
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Where: Lobby 10 and Bush Room

When: 12-7pm on Friday, April 15, 2005

Why: To raise funds for Tsunami Relief
- Generated funds will be channeled through MIT Public Service Fellowship

- Hosted by Public Service Center, International Student Association, and Art Scholars’ Program

Interested in helping or have questions? Please contact Rene Chen (rrchen@mit.edu) or EunMee Yang (eyang@mit.edu).

Monks Pour Sand from Simmons Mandala in Charles

Clockwise from above:
The Vajrasattva Sand Mandala is composed of millions of grains of colored sand painstakingly laid into place on a flat platform over a period of several days, forming an intricate diagram of the enlightened mind and the ideal world.

A crowd follows the monks carrying the sand from the mandala crafted in Simmons Hall towards the Charles River. Onlookers watch as the intricate patterns of the Mandala are swept away as a symbol of the impermanence of all that exists. The Mandala Dissolution Ceremony was held in Simmons Hall on April 9, 2005. The sands of the a mandala crafted in Simmons Hall are poured into the Charles River so that the waters may carry the healing energies throughout the world.

Photography by Joel Sadler

Solution to Crossword

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Commonly Unbearable.
Dangerously Believable.
Subsequently Fatal.

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This space donated by The Tech
Road signs appeared mysteriously in the Infinite Corridor, directing pedestrian traffic safely through crowded hallway intersections.

Track and Field Hosts RPI, WPI

Pranks, from Page 1

more openly supported the hacks, writing in an e-mail to President Nancy Hackettfield. “Our team had a
great time at MIT, and we look for-
ward to being hosts for the next
round.”

Rules say pranks must be harmless

Although different names are used to refer to the jokes, both Cal-
tech and MIT hackers have rules
requiring that the mischief be harm-
less. At Caltech, these activities
are referred to as pranks, which are
defined as harmless practical jokes,
usually between living groups.

The Caltech hackers said the
idea to hack MIT came to them near
the end of last fall. The group decid-
ed to carry out its pranks during
Campus Preview Weekend because
faces would be unfamiliar, and they
would have just begun their third
quarter. They also wanted an extra
chance to learn about the inner
workings of MIT by posing as pre-
frosh on Tangerine Tours. The 16 Caltech students booked $215 plane
tickets for CPW Weekend. Addi-
tionally, they stayed with former
Caltech undergraduates at MIT to
avoid hotel costs, according to the
Caltech hacker.

Jones amused by pranks

Dean of Admissions Marilee
Jones said she knew about the Cal-
tech pranks for CPW. A few days
before CPW, she said, she received
the prank T-shirt in the mail. With
the T-shirt was a note that read
“Dear Dean Jones, please accept
this shirt in the nature of rivalry. If
you have any questions about the
pranks, please contact us at this
com

“I think it’s hilarious. I consider
hacks a performance art, and I like
the concept of inter-institute rival-
ry,” she said. She believes that CPW
was a perfect time, as it helps spark
interest in the hacking culture
at MIT, she said.

Those T-shirts were passed out at
the Academic Fair and on 77 Massa-
chusetts Avenue on Friday. Pooja
Jotwani, a prefrosh from Miami, said
she initially thought the shirts were
normal MIT shirts until she noticed
the cloud, which stated “Because not
everyone can go to Caltech.” Over
400 shirts were handed out, accord-
ing to the MIT hacker.

The Caltech hacker plans to dis-
tribute the T-shirts at Caltech in
exchange for fifteen dollar dona-
tions. Tom Mannion, assistant vice
president for campus life at Caltech,
said the student government loaned
the pranksters the money to pay for
the T-shirts.

MIT hackers respond

An MIT hacker said the MIT
hackers did not respond to Caltech’s
shenanigans until the Caltech pranksters placed inflatable palm
trees on top of Building 10.

After sneaking into Tangerine
Tours, “we easily got onto the roof
and headed over to the Big Dome to
place our pranks,” wrote the Caltech
hackers on the Web site. “We inflat-
ed Palm trees and duct taped them
to the edge of the wall in front of
the dome, as well as in front of the
library window, so that the cold,
damp MIT students could at least
get a glimpse of the paradise that
would have awaited them in Cali-
for,” stated the pranksters’ Web
site.

While they were putting them
up, however, an MIT hacker saw the
trees and quickly removed them,
according to the MIT hacker.

Saturday evening, the Caltech
team sequentially projected the let-
ters C-A-L-T-E-C-H onto the top
floor of the Green Building. An
MIT hacker said when they noticed
it, they asked the Caltech hackers
to stop.

There were some discrepancies
from MIT and Caltech about how
cooperatively the Caltech pranksters
were about turning the flashes off,
but they do agree that the Caltech
hackers eventually agreed to stop.

In Lobby 7, Caltech pranksters
launched a giant “C.I.T.” balloon up
to the ceiling of Lobby 7, along with
many smaller orange balloons.
Three MIT hackers removed the
Caltech balloons around midnight
on Saturday night.

After some deliberation and
analysis of the situation, we deter-
mined that removal was possible in
a safe and nondestructive fashion,”
an MIT hacker wrote in an e-mail.
“We placed double sided mounting
tape on two helium balloons, which
were then raised from the ground
floor of Lobby 7 on approximately
200 feet of kite string.” The three
balloons were then brought
down together.

MIT shows Caltech ‘a real hack’

MIT students found a Caltech
prankster attempting to take down
the banner the other Mass. Ave.
and took the student to the Greater
Boston Invitational Sing. “They
courteously invited him to ‘see a
real hack,’” said the Caltech
pranksters’ Web site.

During the Lagarithms’ perfor-
mance at Greater Boston Invita-
tional Sing, a banner dropped from
the ceiling. It said, “More dome for
your dollar. More beaver for your
buck. More bang for your buck,” with
appropriate illustrations.

Now that Caltech has struck the
first blow, will MIT students retal-
iate? The Caltech prefrosh weekend
is this upcoming weekend. “We’re
not going to play by their rules.
We’re going to surprise them,” said
an MIT hacker.

Caltech Encourages
MIT Hackers to Visit

MI hosted the Engineer’s Cup last Saturday, April 9, in Steinbrenner Stadium. The meet wel-
comed both men’s and women’s teams from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Worcester
Polytechnic Institute. Both MIT teams placed first.

(top) Ulisse L. Rea ‘07 finishes third in his heat of the 200-meter dash.
(bottom) Teixeira D. Anthony ‘08 runs down the final straight of the 400-meter hurdle race. Photograph by Omaill Stephens

We’re making news.
Women’s Softball’s Woes Continue in Double Loss

By Travis Johnson

MIT’s softball team continued this season’s offensive woes Friday, losing 5-0 and 5-2 in a doubleheader against visiting Worcester Polytechnic Institute. MIT struggled against WPI pitching all day, recording only 10 hits in 45 at bats. The Engineers particularly struggled against WPI’s Meghan Kelley, who pitched 10 shutout innings — including the entire first game.

“We can hit any pitcher in this league,” MIT Coach Lisa Vega said afterwards. But since their conference season began, the team’s confidence has disappeared, and they haven’t been able to string enough hits together to score any runs, she said.

The result is a 0-8 start in the New England Women’s and Men’s Athletic Conference, particularly hard to swallow after playing better softball earlier in the season.

MIT’s offense struggled Friday as it has many times this season. The best chance MIT had in the first inning, when a leadoff double by da M. Jason ‘08, was followed by a single from Amanda N. Potetz ‘08. Jason got out while trying to advance to third on the single, which was unfortunate because the subsequent double by Cheryl A. Texin ‘06 only drove in one of two. MIT added another run in the third inning when Texin tripled past a diving right fielder and drove in Jason, who singled earlier that inning.

But WPI came back in the fifth, when they put together a two-run rally. WPI then took the lead in the top of the sixth, taking advantage of a defensive lapse by MIT.

The varsity eighth twelfth Nicole A. Allard ’06 at bow, followed by Martin E. Harrison ’07, John J. Herpin ’06, Michael P. Whitaker ’06, John B. Miller ’05, Raymond (Andy) Hill ’05, Robert A. Figuretre- do ’05, John G. Cooley ’05 at stroke, and Craig J. Rothman ’05 (coxswain) had a solid start and slowly walked through a quick four shutout innings to the seven she pitched in the first game.

On the bright side, Bogsted, who already has a team record for strikeouts in a season, pitched excellently. After Friday’s games, she had an impressive 117 strikeouts in 97 innings this season.

Bogsted is one of the nine freshmen on MIT’s team that make up the future of the program. A team that young can get experience and improve their quick play, which is part of the reason Vega is still hopeful for this season. “Our goal is to win games, and we can still do that,” she said.

So far this April, MIT has played well, including scoring many bunt headers. That kind of schedule makes it more likely to go on streaks, and unfortunately for MIT, they have only been on a losing streak.

The drought is over.

We didn’t believe him when he told us in interviews that he was putting a great swing together. We thought it was just his way of answering the media’s tough questions. We didn’t believe he would ever win a Major tournament to take a playoff. But, he made a birdie on the playoff hole to win and erased any doubt that he is now the number one player in the world again.

Three hours after fishing Smith Rae’s creek on Thursday, ending up with two mediocre rounds with two mediocre rounds with two mediocre rounds with two mediocre rounds with two mediocre rounds with two mediocre rounds with two mediocre rounds with two mediocre rounds with two mediocre rounds with two mediocre rounds with two mediocre rounds with two mediocre rounds with two mediocre rounds with two mediocre rounds with two mediocre rounds with two mediocre rounds with two mediocre rounds with two mediocre rounds with two mediocre rounds with two mediocre rounds with two mediocre rounds with two mediocre rounds with two mediocre rounds with two mediocre rounds with two mediocre rounds with two mediocre rounds with two mediocre rounds with two mediocre rounds with two mediocre rounds with two mediocre rounds with two mediocre rounds with two mediocre rounds with two mediocre rounds with two mediocre rounds with two mediocre rounds with two mediocre rounds with two mediocre rounds with two 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Baseball Team Comes From Behind for Double Win

By Travis Johnson

MIT Baseball came from behind for two dramatic wins in a doubleheader Saturday against Coast Guard, with scores of 2-1 and 4-3. Lugging 1-0 in the bottom of the seventh inning during the first game, it was do or die for MIT. Their usually-potent offense had been unable to earn a run against Coast Guard’s Mike Jabreau for the first six innings.

MIT tied the game on a single from Jason T. Witzberger ’07, which knocked in Kevin Wheeler ’08, who had been walked. An inning later, Wheeler won the game with a walk-off single that knocked in Wayne P. Duggan ’08. Against a hot pitcher like Jabreau, MIT Coach Andrew Barlow had his players do anything they could to change the bad trend. “We talked about slowing his rhythm down, stepping out a lot. He was tough,” said Barlow afterwards.

Their tactics worked. Jabreau made mistakes down the stretch, including the leadoff walks in the seventh and eighth that allowed MIT to score the tying and winning runs. On the defensive side, Duggan pitched eight innings and held Coast Guard to only one unearned run on five hits. He pitched very efficiently, only throwing 73 pitches in eight innings, which helped keep the defense sharp.

MIT got off to a faster start in the second game, grabbing an early 2-0 lead on a Duggan home run and a Coast Guard error in the first inning.

Starting pitcher Jay M. Turner ’08 had a smooth first couple of innings. He was aided by a spectacular defensive play by right fielder Witzberger, who caught a line drive and threw out a stealing Coast Guard base runner at first. But, Coast Guard took advantage of wild pitch(es) and used aggressive base running to score three runs in the top of the fourth, putting them in the lead.

MIT responded in the sixth, when Kyle M. Zeller ’06 and Warren W. Bates ’06 led off with singles. Zeller advanced on Bates’ single, and Bates advanced on a stolen base, giving the Engineers a number on second and third with nobody out. Michael M. Battu ’05 drove in one runner with a sacrifice fly, tying the game at 3–3.

Then, Matthew B. Harrington ’08 stepped up to the plate for his first at-bat of the season, with runners on first and second and two outs. He hit a weak line drive up the middle that fell, driving in the winning run and making him an unlikely hero. Defensively, MIT’s bullpen took over from Turner in the fourth inning. Inhan Kang ’05, Joseph P. Yurko ’08, and closer Cliff A. Buscombe ’05 combined to shut down the Bears for the rest of the game, allowing only one hit.

The one Coast Guard hit came in the seventh but was quickly erased by a 2-4-3 double play that put to rest any thought of a rally by the Bears.

With Saturday’s wins, MIT is now 11-6 and 4-1 in the New England Women’s and Men’s Athletic Conference, tied for first in the loss column. When asked about winning the conference championship, Barlow said, “That’s always our goal, but until we beat Wheaton and Babson, it’s theirs to win. Together we’ve won the [last] eight years.” MIT has home games today and tomorrow, both at 3:30 p.m. on Briggs Field.

Women’s Track and Field Team Wins Engineer’s Cup

By Alisha Schor

After the untended outdoor season opener at Tufts was rained out the previous week, the MIT women’s track and field team tested out their abilities for the first time last Saturday at the Engineer’s Cup at MIT.

The competition saw strong efforts from MIT’s runners, jumpers, and throwers, who beat the Engineers from Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI).

Competiton opened with the hammer throw at noon, in which every MIT competitor recorded a personal best, earning MIT 18 out of the 22 points possible per event. MIT’s Engineers still managed to grab a number of scoring places. Tri-captain Meredith N. Silberstein ’05 shaved nearly a half of a second off her old 100-meter best and dipped under 13 seconds for the first time, taking second place in 12.73 seconds. Her time was only four hundredths of a second away from MIT’s vanity record. Middle distance runner Jacqueline J. Greene ’07 posted an impressive 62.30 seconds in the 400-meter dash, showing that she will be a valuable asset to MIT’s 4x400-meter relay.

Outdoor track generally suffers from a fairly short team scoring season, and there are only three weeks left to prepare for the NEWMAC championship meet. However, the strong individual performances in the Engineer’s cup gave a good indication of MIT’s potential at the conference meet. While the Engineers are still not favorites to win the eight-team competition, they have a stronger chance than ever to topple the consistently dominant Wheaton College, which has been the only winner of the women’s track championship since the inception of the conference.

Next week, the Lady Engineers will travel to Colby College in Maine.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Tuesday, April 12

Varsity Baseball vs. Babson College

Briggs Field, 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 13

Varsity Baseball vs. Plymouth State University

Briggs Field, 3:30 p.m.

Varsity Men’s Tennis vs. Clark University

du Pont Tennis Courts/JB Carr Tennis Bubble, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 14

Varsity Women’s Lacrosse vs. Endicott College

Jack Barry Field, 6 p.m.

Gobble Gobble Gobble

Gwendolyn B. Johnson ’08 leads the women’s 5000-meter race during the Engineer’s Cup.

Christine Fanchiang ’07 takes a vault during the Engineer’s Cup.