Lecture Hall 10-250 was renovated last semester for the first time in three decades and is now bigger and brighter. (Counter-clockwise from top) 10-250 had purple seats as of Nov. 11, 2007, the hall was amidst renovations by Summer 2008, and the new brighter 10-250 with wider maple-backed charcoal seats opened on the first day of classes. The room received several upgrades including new seating and audiovisual equipment. The ceiling was elevated, the dark overhang over the side steps was eliminated, and the columns were shaved and refined.

The class of 2013’s performance on the advanced standing exams (ASEx) is markedly different from last year’s as freshmen performed better on the biology exams but poorer on the physics exams. And for the second year, results on the newly rewritten Math Diagnostic for Physics Placement exam needed to limit enrolment to the popular 8.012 alternative to 8.01.

Due to space limitations in 8.012, scores on the Math Diagnostic exam were used as a cutoff for enrollment. Sean Robinson, the academic administrator of the physics department, said that the class is always over subscribed and so the department is forced to limit enrollment to 150 students. Some students who were not given a seat in 8.012 but still scored well on the exam, were put on a waitlist in case spots opened.

Feeling that previous math diagnostics were inadequate, the physics department rewrote the test this year. “Previous results weren’t useful for diagnostic purposes. The new test distributes the results more, making it more into a diagnostic,” said Robinson.

This year’s exam tested different concepts that the department believed would be critical to success in 8.012. It was more comprehensive and had a larger credit. It is no longer accepted as a substitute for 7.012, 78 students sat for the advanced standing exam. The 31 percent passing rate nearly doubled the rate from the past two years. The Department of Biology Educational Administrator Janice Chang said that the exam is rewritten every year to resemble the 70.1 final and that the increased passing rate just reflects that a larger number of students are working with in the country. During the summit, the participants, grouped into 16 teams, discussed real-world problems that people in developing world were facing, and used technology to come up with innovative solutions to the problems.

One team built a working prototype of a hand-held diagnostic tool that could perform DNA analysis. Another built a device to treat breast milk to prevent HIV transmission from infected mothers to their infants. Yet another group worked specifically to design a rope-way system for the craftsmen in the Himalayan mountains so that the workers don’t have to transport their goods on their back. The Tech, May 9, 2008

### YouTomb Takes Stock Of YouTube Takedowns

**Site has Public Database of Video Removals**

By Jeff Guo — Technology

On April 6, 2008, a clip of an Oklahoma police officer assaulting a man appeared on the popular video-sharing site YouTube. Feature

**Tagged with** police, brutality

“and beat up,” it received over 20,000 views as the ten brief days that it was available.

Taken from inside the police cruiser, the clip shows a tun Trenon pickup stopped along an icy, tree-lined road. The officer is telling the man in the passenger-side seat to step outside. “Sir, turn around and put your hands behind your back,” the officer says, moving to make an arrest.

The man opens the door, but holds up his hands. “Whoa, wait, no …” he says. He is confused; this must be a misunderstanding.

Again the officer bars his hands, but the man lugs close to the truck. “What’s going on?” he asks.

At this point the officer grabs the man and sprays his face with pepper spray. The man screams and screams.

The rest of the video is hard to understand because the yelling has overloaded the microphone.

In response to this video, the city of Blackwell, Oklahoma promptly filed a copyright infringement complaint. On April 17 the clip went down, joining an ever-growing graveyard of videos removed from YouTube — some for good reasons, some for bad and some, seemingly, for no reason at all.

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### $12 Laptop Featured at Int’l Dev. Design Summit

By Rachida Malik — Technology

Getting $100 laptop, hello $12 laptop. Well technically, it’s only a keyboard, but it just needs to be plugged into TV. The $12 TV/computer was one of the ten projects that were working on during the International Development Design Summit 2008, held at MIT between July 14 and Aug. 12 this year. Feature

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### Visiting Professor Discusses ’08 Election

By Robert McQueen — News

From Northwestern University, to Stanford, to MIT, Professor Marc Meredith of the Political Science Department is truly a traveling scholar. Earning degrees in both economics and political science, Marc examines today’s political scene with the eye of an economist. He also recently teaches Quantitative Research Methods I (17.800), a graduate class where students apply statistical techniques to politics in order to better understand and predict social trends. When it comes time to predict the next president, Marc will be on the step outside. “Sir, turn around and put your hands behind your back,” the officer says, moving to make an arrest.

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### Lucian W. Pye

Retired MIT political science professor Lucian W. Pye, one of America’s leading China scholars, died Sept. 13, 2008, of natural causes. He was 86.

Pye, Ford Professor of Political Science Emeritus at MIT, was a leader in studying the politics of modernization in the Third World. He was author or editor of more than 25 books including “Asian Power and Politics,” “The Cultural Dimensions of Authority,” “China: An Introduction” and “Mao-Tse Tung.”

He served as a mentor to several generations of influential political scientists and as an active public intellectual and policy advisor

### Michael Hammer ‘68

Michael Hammer ’68, a research affiliate with MIT’s Engineering Systems Division who also previously taught as a professor of computer science and was a lecturer in the MIT Sloan School of Management, died Wednesday after collapsing from apparent cranial bleeding last month. He was 60.

Hammer received an SB (1968), SM (1970) and PhD (1973) from MIT and was the president of Hammer and Company, a business education and research firm focused on cutting-edge issues in operations, organization and management.

After graduating from the Institute, he became an assistant, then...
U.S. Attack on Taliban Compound Kills 23 in Pakistan Border Area

By Jane Perlez and Pir Zabih Shah

The New York Times

Two suicide bombers succeeded in penetrating the police headquarters building of this major southern city on Sunday, killing two police officers and wounding 29 civilians, officials said. One of the bombers reached the second floor and the explosion narrowly missed the police chief and the regional chief of the Border Guards, they said.

A Taliban spokesman, speaking by telephone, immediately claimed responsibility for the attack. Coming three months after a spectacular jailbreak staged by the Taliban that helped some 900 prisoners escape, it was on Monday, of what now seems like a political Victorian age. “They’re going to behave like every body ever told him, ‘Just shake hands.’”

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velous running mate this history of this nation?” McCain asked the roar-

ing crowd, as Cindy McCain stood quietly by the stage. McCain and Palin: Etiquette and the Coed Ticket

By Elisabeth Bumiller

For now, the right rule: Hug your running mate, kiss your wife. When Sen. John McCain, the Re-

dublican presidential nominee, came out on stage to congratulate his run-

ning mate on Monday, of what now seems like a political Victorian age. “They’re going to behave like

etiquette expert said.)

Mark Saltz, McCain’s closest ad-

viser, insisted there had been no behind-

the-scenes stage direction — “Nobody said, Cindy first!” — and that one in the campaign had discussed hugging etique-

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New Fundraising Pressures For Obama Campaign

By Michael Luo
and Jeff Zeleny
SEPTEMBER 9, 2008

After months of record-breaking fundraising, a new sense of urgency in Sen. Barack Obama’s fundraising team is palpable as the full weight of the campaign’s decision to bypass public financing for the general election is suddenly upon them.

Pushing a fundraiser later this month, a finance staff member sent a sharply worded note last week to Illinois members of Obama’s national finance committee, calling their recent efforts “extremely anemic.”

At a convention-week meeting in Denver of the campaign’s top fundraisers, buttons with the image of a money tree were distributed to those who had readily contributed the maximum $2,300 to the general election, a subtle reminder to those who had failed to ante up.

The signs of concern have become evident in recent weeks as early fundraising totals have suggested Obama’s decision to bypass public financing may not necessarily afford him the commanding financing advantage over Sen. John McCain that many had originally predicted.

Presidential candidates in a general election have typically relied on two main sources of money—public financing, along with additional money that their parties raise. In choosing to accept the public money, the McCain campaign now gets an $84 million cash infusion from the U.S. Treasury.

McCain is barred from raising any more money for his own campaign coffers but can lean on money raised by the Republican National Committee, which has continued to exceed expectations.

Meanwhile, the Obama campaign had calculated that with its vaunted fundraising machine, driven by both small contributors over the Internet and a powerful high-dollar donor network, it made more sense to forego public financing so they could raise and spend unlimited sums.

But the campaign is struggling to meet ambitious fundraising goals it set for the campaign and the party. It collected in June and July far less than Hillary Rodham Clinton’s donors than originally projected.

Moreover, McCain, unlike Obama, will have the luxury of concentrating almost entirely on campaigning instead of raising money, as Obama must do.

Some 9/11 Rumors Solidify as Conventional Wisdom

By Michael Slackman
September 25, 2008

Seven years later, it remains conventional wisdom that Osama bin Laden and al-Qaeda could not have been solely responsible for the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and that the United States and Israel had to have been involved in their planning, if not their execution, too.

This is not the conclusion of a scientific survey, but it is what routinely comes up in conversations around the region — in a shopping mall in Dubai, in a park in Algiers, around the region — in a shopping mall in Dubai, in a park in Algiers, around the region — in a shopping mall in Dubai, in a park in Algiers, around the region — in a shopping mall in Dubai, in a park in Algiers, around the region — in a shopping mall in Dubai, in a park in Algiers, around the region — in a shopping mall in Dubai, in a park in Algiers, around the region.

"Look, I don’t believe what you governments and press say. It just can’t be true," said Ahmed Issab, 26, a Syrian engineer who lives and works in the United Arab Emirates. "Why would they tell the truth? I think the U.S. organized this so that they had an excuse to invade Iraq for the oil."

It is easy for Americans to dismiss such thinking as bizarre. But that would miss a point that people in this part of the world think Western leaders, especially in Washington, need to understand: That such ideas persist represents the first failure in the fight against terrorism — the inability to convince people here that the United States is, indeed, waging a campaign against terrorism, not a crusade against Muslims.

"The United States should be concerned because in order to tell people that there is a real evil, they too have to believe in order to help you," said Mushariq al-Thaiby, a columnist in the Saudi-owned regional newspaper Asharq al Awsat. "Otherwise, it will diminish your ability to fight terrorism. It is not the kind of battle you can fight on your own; it is a collective battle."

There may be many reasons people here said they believed that the attacks of 9/11 were part of a conspiracy against Muslims. Some had nothing to do with Western actions, and some had everything to do with Western policies.

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By Josh Levering

Instead of enjoying my last two weeks of summer, I watched the political conventions with the help of a bottle of whiskey. To spare you from the pain I now feel, I will summarize the festivities in brief.

The Democrats gathered in Denver to hear from their chosen one, who spoke with a combination of arma showmanship and thorough policy detail. Al Gore and John Kerry each displayed a vigor entirely lacking in their candidates, leading me to wonder where those speeches were when we needed them.

Hillary seemed not still better, and tried to get the angry contingent to unite around the upstairs young man who detested her. When it made no difference, she tried to support her help disdained her, because she is a woman, they 'saud for you," confirming everyone's fears that we truly live in a gender-ocracy.

Bill Clinton reminded us that some Demo- crats know how to run an economy, even though they decry NAFTA to soo blue blue blue. Jimmy Carter tried to instill around like a flabby old man, but was denied a speech because he hated Jimmy. Joe Biden tried to get a call and response going with the crowd, but stumbled over himself trying to find the line punch. Kennedy showed up just to convince everyone he is still alive. Michelle tried to portray herself as a loving, nurturing mother, reminding us how fair only devotion, hen-high-hater. She spoke passionately about her and Barack's family story, all while nearest only the tightest dress ever to grace a potential First Lady's curves, 'Arwen' nounced!

Obama whistled for the last train to Hope ville, aiming to create change and a better future for the children of tomorrow. Across the plains, the Republican convention turned out to be a maverick, reminding everyone about his noble service when he got shot down inNam, and put at much distance to keep himself and George Bush as possible.

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The Aug. 8, 2008 In Short section incorrectly positioned the name that Karl W. Reid ‘84, director of the MIT Student Ministry Education Fund and the United Negro College Fund of Fairbanks. He is the position of vice president, not the vice president of academic programs and strategic initiatives, nor a board position.

The Aug. 28, 2008 news article “An Increase In Female Applicants Seen for Class of 2012 Admissions” incorrectly stated the number of female applicants. The number is actually 2,911, not 2,224. The corresponding acceptance rate of female applicants should also be 19.4 percent, not 22.4 percent.

The Aug. 29, 2008 news article “Lower Percentage of Freshmen Request Admission Office” had an inaccurate headline. As stated in the ad the fall reshuffle is possible freshmen enter the lottery this year as compared to last year, not a lower percentage.

The Sept. 5, 2008 news article “Old Ashley Hall Campus, New Ashley Hall” was unclear when it stated that Karl F. Wolff ’11 is the interim president of NW35. To clarify, Wolff is the interim president of the Phoenix Group, a group of approximately 50 undergraduates currently housed in the NW35 graduate dormitory.

The Sept. 5, 2008 theater review “The Musical Theatre Guild’s production of “Into the Woods” incorrectly spelled the last name of one of the actors. The actor who played Jack is named Timothy Willing, not Wilmington.

The Sept. 5, 2008 sports article “Women’s Soccer Falls to Brandeis 4-0, Rebounds to Defeat Simmons College” was incorrectly attributed. The article was actually written by DanFAR staff member Jessica Kramer, not Mindy Bronner.

The Sept. 5, 2008 women’s volleyball photo incorrectly stated that the match against Rhode Island College was a pre-season game. It was actually the fourth game of the season.

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**Eastern Promises: The Tenuous Situation in Georgia**

By Keith Yost

The United States should carefully consider its foreign policy priorities before it makes commitments to endangered neighbors of Russia.

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**Russian restraint is needed to keep sophisticated weapons from being sold to states such as Syria.**

**Concern Can't Replace Action in this Troubled Nation**

By Ethan Solomon

“We the Peoples of the United Nations and all peoples of the world, determined to promote social progress and better standards of living...” — Preamble to the Charter of the United Nations

Harry S. Truman, March 5, 1945. The world watched with deep concern as Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe stole the presidential election from the opposition leader, Morgan Tsvangirai of the Movement for Democratic Change. Mugabe, the man who transformed Zimbabwe from the breadbasket of Southern Africa to a nation whose currency isn’t worth the paper it’s printed on, has violently suppressed opposition to his rule and forced thousands to flee their homes.

But there is a first time for everything. In Zimbabwe, the worst repercussions will be felt in the Middle East and, with some irony, in the Caucasus itself. Russian influence is needed to bring the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict between Russia and Azerbaijan to a peaceful conclusion. Russian airstrikes was needed to keep sophisticated weapons from being sold to states such as Syria. Russian backing will be needed to push through a proposed Turkish plan called “Alliance for the Caucasus,” a rapprochement of nations large and small …”

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**Microcredit Changes Lives**

**Grameen-Credit as a Seminal Innovation in Social Engineering**

By Farhana Khan

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**Grameen uses the system of group responsibility in loan repayment, where peer pressure is the secret behind a 97 percent repayment rate.**

Grameen identifies them as the main beneficiary. Many of you may be wondering how Yunus, which he shared with us Interns: “Let’s put against the odds of poverty and recurring natural disasters.”

I had several opportunities to interact with Yunus, Managing Director of Grameen Bank, and it multi-faceted impacts on the socioeconomic life of the poor has helped to stem such crises.

I clearly recall the look of confidence and determination to talk about it. Awareness can be a powerful tool. It but probably won’t be enough.

The East African country has thus far been able to trade with outside world, but in the face of global warming to counterterrorism to global warming to secondary nuclear weapons, it has been particularly important in the interests of the United States than coming to the aid of a disarmed, liberty-loving people against the bullying of an autocrat?...
**Campus Life**

**Brouhaha Rhythm**

Categories: “Fictional MIT Alumni”

By Michael Lin

Having now seen Iron Man at least three times on a screen with more square footage than my dorm room, I have by now heard at least three times that Tony Stark graduated from MIT “summa cum laude,” to our ever-lasting bemusement. Tene See-ha: Obviously, since MIT does not give out Latin honors or have class rankings, rendering weird Al’s white and nerdy achievements conventionally unverifiable, this would be impossible. Unless, of course, MIT administrators both a) found Tony Stark’s undergraduate aptitude worthy of a change in policy, and b) decided that hoity-toity Latin honors would be more befitting the reputation of the above. At this juncture, I’m not really sure whether (a) or (b) is the less likely. To suture a patch to the hole in my logic, I merely note that this would be impossible. Unless, of course, MIT administrators both a) found Tony Stark’s undergraduate aptitude worthy of a change in policy, and b) decided that hoity-toity Latin honors would be more befitting the reputation and background of the Institute than modifiers such as “2nd level intellect,” “Ph.D in Epics,” “Jedi Uber-Master,” or some combination of the above. At this juncture, I’m not really sure whether (a) or (b) is the less likely. To be fair, the “summa cum laude” gaffe stems from way back in Iron Man’s origins in the comics, so the movie’s mistake actually represents faithfulness to the comic book canon, rather than simply poor research. (Sam Raimi, take note.)

That being said, it’s nice knowing that a fictional multi-billionaire superhero did his school proud by successfully building an armored, flight-capable exoskeleton with a debugging stage about as short as the climactic fight scene. I think it would have been more realistic if his first test flight from his Malibu mansion had been spent taunting Caltech in a strait of buzzing the local fair and tragically demolishing a beloved automobile, but even so, Stark clearly embodies the MIT traditions of exploration, inventiveness, and piano destruction. I doubt Bruce Wayne could say the same, unless Princeton by some crazy, random happenstance has its own traditions of angst, reclusiveness, and black leather fetishism. Tossing aside all remnants of my connection to reality and presuming that Tony Stark and the Iron Man had been spent taunting Caltech in a strait of buzzing the local fair and tragically demolishing a beloved automobile, but even so, Stark clearly embodies the MIT traditions of exploration, inventiveness, and piano destruction. I doubt Bruce Wayne could say the same, unless Princeton by some crazy, random happenstance has its own traditions of angst, reclusiveness, and black leather fetishism. Tossing aside all remnants of my connection to reality and presuming that Tony Stark and the Iron Man

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**Talk Nerdy To Me**

**Oral Etiquette**

By Christine Yu

Third base, oral sex, usually generates more controversy than sex itself. Well, even Bill Clinton claimed that oral sex isn’t really sex. He’s right — it’s a lot messier, and everyone has a different opinion of it. The act of giving oral sex really isn’t that complicated for both genders. There are some general guidelines: focus, change motions, use your hands if you need support, watching makes it better, and whatever happens, don’t use your teeth. I’m not good at writing erotica, so if you need some more support, I seriously suggest watching some porn. Visualization helps. What I really want to talk about is what makes this situation messy: cum, jizz, semen, whatever you want to call it.

First of all, I’m going to say that I don’t believe anyone actually practices “safe” oral sex. Might as well resign yourself to a life of herpes, I mean, the people look so happy in the commercials! Although, at least with “safe” oral, you don’t have to taste “man juice.” I’m convinced that all girly magazines lie and it’s not tasty no matter what. The spit vs. swallow debate seems silly to me,cause once it touches your mouth, the taste stays. Also, where are you supposed to spit it out at? Maybe, this is why Baker House sinks in the bowl. (Not that I would know from past experience …) However, I’m sure spitting down the hall with your mouth full of jizz will create a new term: the run of shame.

Sure, you’re at MIT, but you still ought to have some sort of warning. Also, girls and guys, don’t fake moans — especially, if you’re not enjoying it. MIT is “hard” enough as is — moans aren’t an algorithm that we’re supposed to crack.

A friend of mine actually ended up puking on her boyfriend because he forgot. No joke. While that’s a more extreme case, it could’ve easily been avoided. So, unless you want poke on your dick, give the girl a courtesy tap — or just some sort of warning. Also, girls and guys, don’t fake moans — especially, if you’re not enjoying it. MIT is “hard” enough as is — moans aren’t an algorithm that we’re supposed to crack.

Oral sex isn’t supposed to be that hard — it just can leave a bad taste in your mouth. So, keep a chaser, give a courtesy tap, and whatever you do — don’t bite.
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MIT Climbs Back to 4th in US News & World Report Ranking

By Kelsey R. Kennedy

After last year’s fall to seventh in the U.S. News and World Report rankings due to changes in reporting test scores, MIT climbed back to the number four spot among national universities. The increase was due in part to improvements at MIT, but may also be chalked up to other institutions’ scores decreasing.

A larger proportion of smaller classes and a smaller proportion of larger classes led to an increase in MIT’s faculty resources score. Student selectivity and financial resources scores also rose. While MIT’s score improved, it was a relatively minor change. “The difference between this year and last year was one point,” said Lydia Snover, the Director of Institutional Research.

MIT’s score might not be entirely responsible for the move up the ranking, as other schools’ scores could have played a role.

Harvard topped the list this year with a perfect score of 100. Princeton and Yale: MIT and Stanford share the fourth place ranking, with Caltech and the University of Pennsylvania sharing sixth. Columbia University, Duke University, and University of Chicago rounded out the top ten, tying for eighth. Harvard, Yale, and Duke also joined MIT on Kaplan’s list of the Top 25 Greenest Colleges.

Last year, MIT began to report test scores even if they weren’t used in the admissions process, for example MIT now reports the lower of an SAT and ACT score (only the higher one is considered during admissions), which adversely affected MIT’s ranking. Ambiguity in the reporting of class sizes also contributed to last year’s drop as precise class data wasn’t readily available and different interpretations of classes with large lectures and small recitations gave MIT more favorable numbers in the past.

While MIT ranked fourth in the National University category, the institute topped the list in several specialty rankings. MIT was first in undergraduate engineering programs, aerospace/aeronautical/astronautical engineering, chemical engineering, computer engineering, electrical/electronic/communications engineering, and mechanical engineering.

MIT’s undergraduate business program ranked second.

SUMMIT BRINGS TOGETHER ENGINEERS, TEACHES PROBLEM SOLVING PROCESS

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heads.

It wasn’t always easy going for either the participants or the organizers of the summit. Some of the participants could not speak English, some had never left their home countries and thus it was a challenge just to get the teams started on their projects. In one team with three Spanish speakers, only one of them also spoke English. Although the bilingual member was able to act as a mediator between the Spanish speakers and the rest of the group, he wasn’t always available for translation and translators had to be arranged. However, after a few days of learning English from peers and team-building exercises, the participants were able to effectively utilize a combination of broken English and sign language as a means of communication.

Nadja S. ElKayal ’08, who was an integral part of the organizing staff of IDDS, said one of her favorite moments during the course of the summit was the session where teams presented their ideas to a panel of professionals from industry. A team working on using bicycle parts to thresh pearl millet had initially only considered using the wheel spokes. The professionals suggested that it might be more effective to use the tire flaps as well. Just in a couple of days, the team effectively executed the idea.

More than the technologies that the participants designed, it was the problem-solving process that they learned during the course of the summit that they considered to be the most valuable. Derek Lomas, research director at the Social Movement Laboratory and member of the $12 Laptop team, remarked, “the design education was pretty incredible. It helped us establish a great framework on how to work forward on complex projects.” According to Anuj Nanavati, a user researcher at California who participated in the summit, his involvement helped change his entire perspective about his work. “The summit has helped me understand the problems in developing countries and opened up my thinking. Now whenever I think of a problem and try formulating its solution, I think how a person in Africa would be able to use my idea,” and

Nanavati.

While some student participants are considering furthering their prototypes and making them the topics for their doctoral theses, the people from developing countries plan to put the problem-solving and design skills they acquired at the summit to use in their home countries.

However, the summit was not just about a group of engineers coming together and building things; it was a great channel for people from all over the world to meet. Lomas, Nanavati, and Elkordy all mentioned that after IDDS, they feel they have a welcome home in over 20 countries of the world. Although still a year away, many are already eagerly awaiting the next IDDS in Ghana.

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So get busy, make some copies!
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...and right holders.

Copyright confusion
Copyright problems have dogged YouTube ever since users realized that a site designed for sharing home movies with the whole Web.

According to the students of MIT Free Culture, a group not turning a profit from the takedowns, the database is available for anyone to access, has already yielded interesting finds like the Oklahoma arrest clip, but it's just not for just monitoring copyright abuses any more — it now keeps tabs on international censorship as well.

Future fair use
Under a provision of U.S. copyright law called "fair use," the free use of copyrighted works is sometimes allowed. People who copy materials for "purposes such as criticism, comment, news reporting, teaching (including multiple copies for classroom use), scholarship, or research" on the U.S. code's protection. Fair use lets MIT professors past copies of books onto Stellar sites and protects people who make parodies from getting sued.

But in modern law, the definition of fair use is murky. Many NBA videos were specifically blocked in China. In the U.S., YouTube has been ordered to shut down videos that should be protected by fair use but are swept up with the rest of the infringing videos containing copyrighted material.

A lot of the [You]tube down are permanent," Sheets said. "It's the ones that aren't legitimate that are important."

"[Identifying cases of] fair use removal was to save the police department from embarrassment."

For more information, please visit: http://www.youtube.com/community_guidelines.

No NBN in China?
Day has been monitoring another type of censorship on YouTube — country blocking. Some videos on YouTube are inaccessible in certain countries, which the MIT Free Culture team found out this year when they discovered that many NBA videos were specifically blocked in China.

They brought the data to Day, who works on censorship in China. He wrote scripts to search the YouTomb database and found many more examples of country-specific censorship. France and Germany, for instance, block Nazi and hate-speech related videos, though these videos are viewable from other countries. In Thailand, videos critical of the king are blocked. The BBC has its own channel on YouTube that is blocked in every country except the UK. The Chinese government's Olympic YouTube feed was unavailable within the United States, where NBN had an exclusive broadcast deal.

Smith said it's unclear if these blocks are made by governments, YouTube or content creators, though he guesses that any of the three could be involved.

"Right now we're sort of in the collecting data phase," Smith said. Indeed, much of the project's data, while publicly available, has not been thoroughly analyzed.

"There have got to be interesting things in [the database]. Right now we just need someone to be like 'I'm going to datamine the hell out of this,'" Sheets said.
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Winning Streak for MIT Volleyball Team Ends With Brandeis

By Nydia Ruleman

“They can’t stop this team coming through!” Joshua A. Geltman ’08 exclaimed about the MIT women’s volleyball team and its dominance through its first four matches. Despite the crowd’s enthusiasm, the Engineers split their matches on Saturday, winning their first match in straight sets but falling to Brandeis in five for their first loss of the season. Geltman and the large crowd of alumni and students emphatically waved signs, stomped on bleachers, and cheered for the Engineers in the exciting atmosphere of Rockwell Cage.

In the first match of the day’s non-conference doubleheader, the MIT women’s volleyball team faced the Johnson & Wales Wildcats. Tech captured the first set, 25-19, and carried the momentum into the second set, securing an early lead. After the Wildcats tightened the gap, the Engineers won the set 25-21. Winning the third set 25-14 with a block on match point, Tech triumphed over the Wildcats in straight sets, improving MIT’s record to 5-0.

In the second match, the Brandeis Judges halted the Engineer’s winning streak. After winning the first set 25-19, MIT lost the next two sets 26-25 and 23-25, respectively. With an early fourth set run, the Engineers rallied to capture the set, 25-14. The fifth and deciding set was closely contested at 13-15. Despite a strong performance, the Engineers fell in a close match to the Judges. Next weekend, the Engineers will seek to keep the train rolling in the Ducks Classic at the Stevens Institute of Technology by building on their momentum into the second set.

Men’s Water Polo vs. Washington & Jefferson

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Worcester State College (2-0-1) – 1
California Institute of Technology – 0

Saturday, Sept. 6, 2008
Main Maritime Academy (0-1) – 39
MIT (1-0) – 42

University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth (1-0) – 4

Sunday, Sept. 7, 2008
Suffolk University (0-1) – 1

Women’s Tennis Defeats Suffolk 8-1 to Start Season on Saturday

By Jennifer Rees

The MIT Women’s Tennis Team won their first match of the season this past Saturday over Suffolk University.

The match started with the doubles teams playing in the Johnson & Wales Athletic Center due to the rain. The doubles matches went by quickly with all of MIT’s teams defeating their opponents. First, Karina N. Pikhart ’09 and Jennifer A. Rees ’11 won their match 8-3 after putting some pressure on their opponents to break away following an early score of 3-2. Melissa A. Duskin ’11 and Anastasia Vlasenetskiy ’12 finished soon afterwards with a decisive win of 8-3. During one point, Duskin hit a winner from one of her signature sliding splits. Soon after the end of the number one team’s match, Kerry R. Weinberg ’10 and Hillary E. Jenny ’12 won their match 8-5. Weinberg and Jenny closed out their match after relaxing somewhat upon reaching a score of 4-3. Thanks to the doubles teams’ victories, along with the support of the many fans, MIT started with a huge lead of three matches over Suffolk.

Singles matches began after the completion of the doubles competition. Midway through the first half of the singles matches, play moved outside thanks to a break in the rain and the amazing help of the dedicated venue staff in drying the courts. Once outside, Leslie A. Hanson ’10 quickly finished up her sets, demolishing her opponent 6-1, 6-1. Katherin Boonbanjerd ’12 was up next, finishing off her exhibition match 8-4. During Boonbanjerd’s match, a few of her teammates conducted a miniature lesson on the sidelines, teaching a few enthusiastic fans how to cheer properly. The team is always happy to teach MIT fans.

Back on the courts, Katherine M. Smyth ’10 was finishing up her match. In the first set, Smyth hit a winner, and was then an opponent who preceded to take the lead at 3-2. Smyth then dominated the second set and won her match 6-2, 6-4, giving MIT the lead with 5-0 over Suffolk. Anisa K. McCree ’10 was the next player off the court, winning her match decisively 6-0, 6-1. The next three matches were much closer. Finally, after a long period of play, Alex. Dania C. Hall ’12 lost a hard fought battle 6-7(1), 2-6. Throughout her match, Hall showed her level-headedness, keeping her cool through many difficult situations. Soon to follow Hall off the court was Jenny C. Dohlmnan ’11. Dohlmnan stayed tough through her match and fought back from a rough first set to win the match in three sets, with a score of 1-6, 7-5, 12-10. This put MIT up 7-1, leaving Yi Wang ’09 front and centre. Wang’s match was tense and close but she finally pulled out a victory, reaching a final score of 7-6(4), 6-4. This left MIT with its first win of the season with a final score of 8-1 over Suffolk.

Football Defeats Maine Maritime In Season Opener, 42-39

The MIT Football Team emerged victorious in their first-ever game against the Mariners of Maine Maritime Academy on Saturday, with a final score of 42-39. MIT’s DeRon M. Brown ’10 and Robert C. Utz ’09 were outstanding in the win, combining for 236 yards and three touchdowns to pace an excellent ground attack.

The Engineers got on the board first, scoring on their second drive of the game as Richard A. Manuse ’09 threw a two-yard strike to tight end Thomas J. Franklin ’09 in the back of the end zone to put MIT up 6-0. The second half turned into a track meet as the teams combined for 46 points. At one point in the half, the Mariners and Engineers exchanged blows by scoring on seven straight possessions to keep the fans on the edge of their seats. Trailering by five in the fourth quarter, MIT delivered the final blow of the afternoon as they capped off a late rally with a six-play 56-yard run to the end zone in the MMA seven-yard line with 30 seconds left in regulation.

Men’s Soccer Overwhelms Caltech, 4-0

For the third time in the program’s history and first since 2001, the MIT men’s soccer team started its season with four straight wins following a 4-0 decision over Caltech. The victory clinched the Biddingdon Grand Challenge crown which would then go empty.

The Engineers got on the board 8-48 into the contest when Kevin L. Chou ’11 converted on one of Tech’s six first-half corner kicks. In the 32nd minute, Christian W. Thekelsen ’11 returned a solo effort after getting off the ball outside the goal box. Although MIT continued to attack, the 2-0 advantage would hold through the intermission.

Neil S. Zimmerman ’09 set up Thekelsen for his second strike of the game just 10 minutes into the second stanza. The Engineer pipped the scoring in the 62nd minute when Peter Bojo ’11 found Chase T. Anderson ’11 for his first goal of the season.

In his first intercollegiate appearance as a starter, Dylan S. Rankin ’12 picked up two saves and the win in 16 minutes of action. Javier M. Dariel ’10 did not face a shot on goal as he closed out the contest for MIT.

Field Hockey Falls To Umass-Dartmouth

Stephanie Kancha scored twice in the second half to lead the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth field hockey team to a 4-2 victory over visiting MIT in a non-conference game. Midfielder Kylie Treat gave the Corsairs a 1-0 lead when she converted a pass from sophomore Becca Fesiteng 5:05 into the game. Anna H. Trysta ’12 tied the score for MIT when she beat Corsair goal-keeper Sierra Golden on a penalty stroke 13 minutes later.

Sophomore midfielder Jenna Miedzioniski made it 2-1 when she converted Treat’s pass four and a half minutes before the halftime intermission. Jessica M. Oleinik ’11 scored the other goal for the Engineers. The Corsairs cut MIT 24-14. Golden made seven saves, while Engineer goalkeeper Keri A. Dixon ’12 made 12 stops.

Umass Dartmouth improved to 1-0 with the victory, while MIT fell to 0-1-0 with the defeat. The Corsairs will return to action when they visit Clark Tuesday evening, while the Engineers will visit Lasell Saturday.