After IAP contests, eternal glory

BY ROBERT McQUEEN

Last Friday, robot enthusiasts flocked to 2-180 to watch Maslab, one of MIT’s most popular IAP student competitions. This year, ten teams took to the playing field, building and programming robots to autonomously identify red and yellow balls and scoring them into their respective goals. The champion this year was Team 9, made up of Giza Kovacs ’12, Daniel J. Stattsworth ’11, Raseebal J. Katan ’11, Jeremy M. Martin ’10, and Chukwuka C. Mbagwu ’11.

At the beginning of the month, teams were given a basic kit consisting of an EvesPC, USB board, camera, gyro, and other materials necessary to build a mobile robot. The Maslab staff hosted mock competitions and labs, but other...
Pentagon, citing cost overruns, makes shift on a fighter
WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Monday that he was replacing the general in charge of the Penta- gon’s largest weapons program — the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program — after receiving his badly needed $2.9 billion contract from Lockheed Martin.

The surprise announcement came from a Pentagon chief who has sought to impose accountability across the depart- ment’s senior leadership and who himself had promoted plans for the F-35 through the cost overruns and congressional battle for a more expensive F-22 fighter jet. But a special Pentagon review last year estimated that hundreds of millions of dollars in cost over- runs on the plane, and Gates announced that he was restructur- ing the program and requiring the company to cover some of the costs for the extra work.

Gates disclosed the reshuffing on the F-35 program as he released the Pentagon’s proposed $708.3 billion spending pack- age for the fiscal year 2011.

After a dramatic first year in which the Obama administra- tion killed the F-22 and other expensive weapons programs, the Pentagon presented a new budget that includes a $13.8 billion increase over the current spending totals. Perhaps more impor- tant in the long term, the proposed spending plan represents a consolidation of Gates’ desire to add money to try to win today’s wars rather than spending as much on future weaponry.

—Christopher Drew and Thom Shanker, The New York Times

Iran, with opposition protests continuing, executes more prisoners
Iranian officials said that the government had orally execu- ted the first three of 18 prisoners sentenced to death for what they described as terrorism. But it was not clear whether the executions would take place.

—Deckard Sykes, The Associated Press

Bomber kills 38 pilgrims on outskirts of Baghdad
BAGHDAD — A woman who violated her ex-spouse’s order to wear religious head scarves and was killed by suicide bombers — killed at least 38 people and wounded scores more along a major road- way in an industrial district on the northern edge of Baghdad, according to officials.

The bombing occurred despite what officials had pledged would be intensified security for the annual pilgrimage to Shiite holy sites. The attack took place on Monday, the second day of the 10-day festival.

—The Associated Press

Obama submits a budget of ‘hard choices’
WASHINGTO N— President Barack Obama on Monday released his 2011 budget proposal on Monday that “our fiscal situation remains unacceptable,” but he in- sisted that the country pursue his ambitious domestic agenda despite facing swelling budget deficits for the foreseeable future.

“Just as it would be a terrible mistake to borrow against our chil- dren’s future to pay for our own past, it would be equally wrong to neglect their future by failing to invest in areas that will determine our eco- nomic success in this new century,” Obama said at the White House.

The budget projects that the de- ficit will peak at nearly $1.6 trillion in the current fiscal year, a post-World War II record, and then decline but remain at economically trouble- some levels over the remainder of the decade. The plan, released today, is a 10-year budget that begins in October, 2011, and ends in October, 2021.

—By Jackie Calmes, The New York Times

Obama budget privatizes NASA space exploration
By Kenneth Chang

The ambitious space initiative that President Barack Obama un- veiled for the National Aeronau- tics and Space Administration Monday calls for sweeping changes in mission and priorities for the 52-year-old agency, yet omits two major details where the agency will send them. The atmosphere and what for getting there.

If Obama’s proposed budget is implemented, NASA a few years from now would be fundamentally different from NASA today. That space agency would no longer op- erate its own spacecraft, but essen- tially buy tickets for its astronauts on commercially launched rockets. Future missions to deep space would be accomplished by cooperation and financing from other sources.

For some, like the Republican Sen. Richard C. Shelby of Alabama, where NASA’s Marshall Space Flight Center has been developing the rockets singled out for cancellation by Obama’s budget, the proposed changes “begin the death march for the future of U.S. human space- flight.”

Others, like Charles Lurio, a space consultant and an advocate of a so-called New Space commer- cial approach, were ecstatic.

“This most promising gives us a real space program, not a faux space program,” Lurio said. “The real one is one that builds a founda- tion for practical use and exploration.

As expected, Obama’s proposal sees the cancellation of the Ares I rocket, in development for four years as a replacement to the space shuttles. More unexpected, the re- quest also would kill Orion, the crew capsule that was to take up the Ares I. The Orion is the only spacecraft in development that would be capable of traveling beyond low Earth orbit.

Whether Congress agrees to restructing NASA remains to be seen. After spending $19 billion on Constellation, cancelling contracts with Boeing, Lockheed Martin, Alli- ant Technology and other compa- nies would cost an additional $2.5 billion, NASA officials said.

As reports of the impending can- cellation of Constellation leaked out last week, some of the most particularly those representing Ala- bama, Florida and Texas, homes of the NASA centers most involved with the program, expressed con- cern.

The Obama budget proposes $13 billion over five years for devel- opment of technologies like fuel sta- tion in orbit, new types of engines to accelerate spacecraft through space, and robotic factories that could train on the moon — and eventually Mars — into rocket fuel.

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WEATHER

Washington, D.C. Thursday, February 4, 2010

Situation for Noon Eastern Daylight Time, Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Oh Baby, It’s Cold Outside!
By Elizabeth Maroon

A lot of my friends have been asking me where I was for the past month. And here is what I told them. I was in weather heaven. I spent three weeks in Boulder, CO working on my an- nual meeting of the American Meteorological Society, and a week at the Ameri- can Meteorological Society an- nual meeting in Atlanta, GA. Yes, every January and February. I have weather briefings, listened to the latest in weather nerd heaven. I went to the annual meeting in Atlanta, GA. Yes, every January and February.

—Elizabeth Maroon, The New York Times

Extended Forecast

Today: Chilly with a high near 32°F (0°C). Light wind from the north yesterday.

Tonight: Cold with an overnight low around 22°F (-6°C) and Chance snow.

Tomorrow: Chance snow, high near 30°F (-1°C). Low near 20°F (-7°C).

Thursday or Sunday: Sunny, but still chilly! High near 30°F (-1°C). Clear skies bring a low near 15°F (-9°C).

By MIT

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Protecting Haiti while protecting its ‘orphans’

By Ginger Thompson

PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI — "God wanted us to come here to help children, we are convinced of that," Laura Silby, one of 10 Americans accused of trafficking Haitian children, said Monday through the bars of a jail cell here. "Our hearts were in the right place."

Whatever their intentions, the Americans who were detained at the Dominican border with 33 children struck a deep emotional chord in this earthquake-damaged country.

Even as Haiti’s crippled government asserted itself in the name of defending the nation’s children, officials made it clear that more lies at stake. In the wake of the worst natural disaster in Haiti’s aged country.

"We intended to raise those children and be with them their entire lives, if necessary," she said.

Wearing pedal pushers, sandals and a top printed with palm trees, she recalled the rambunctious twin boys and the two skinny girls placed in her care. "These kind of children are sold across borders with the hope of the price of a chicken," she said. "We wanted to give them lives of joy and dignity in God’s love."

With eye on its reputation, Toyota issues repair for pedal

DEERFIELD — Toyota, struggling to eliminate questions surrounding millions of its vehicles, announced a repair on Monday to stop gas pedals from possibly sticking and causing cars to speed up unexpectedly.

The solution involves installing a steel reinforcement bar in the pedal assemblies of 2.3 million vehicles in the United States. Toyota has said it will provide replacement pedals to more than 5 million buyers whose cars were recalled over floor mats that could jam the accelerator.

The company said last fall that floor mats were the lone cause of the problem — only to add in January that pedal assemblies could cause accelerators to stick.

Now, the company is trying to assure owners and car shoppers that the matter is settled and to restore its credibility, which has been shaken more than in past recalls.

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Give freshmen a choice

Residence choice is what makes MIT such an amazing place

By Brian Nelter

You may have seen a recent initiative which I helped publicize to allow freshmen to live in fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups during their second semester. The initiative quotas a variety of reasons why this is the right way to go and offers upper-classmen the freedom to choose their own residence, and I encourage you to visit http://jplong.usc.edu/ to sign on and support the effort. However, this is not the subject of ‘written by us’. This piece is written by me, because I want to explain why this proposal is so important, from my particular point of view.

I am from the undergraduate class of 2005, the last class allowed to live off-campus as freshmen. I did, and I can say, without the slightest bit of hesitation that my choice to do so was the most important decision I have made in my adult life. My experience in the MIT residence system is the reason I made it despite, in summer of 2010, a student nearing completion of a PhD in Materials Science, the Shockace Karat, and an incredibly happy guy with an amazing group of friends ranging from current freshmen to alumni from the 60’s.

My application offered me the opportunity to learn life skills that would have been impossible for me to gain in a dorm at tu casa. Even now, I find that the majority of my social network is made up of people I met through this experience and I’m not alone — and I don’t think that this experience is at all unique. That strong sense of personal community is exactly what makes MIT such a consistently amazing place.

But this experience is not unique to me, and it’s not unique to MIT. I’ve heard similar stories from French House, House McCormick, Tetuan, and every other living group that has a unique culture, and I feel so happy for the undergraduates who have found a community where they can live and be successful. What truly upsets me is that freshmen who have decided that they want their support group to

EDITOR’S NOTE

A headline last Wednesday, “Sex Changes Just Got Easier” was offensive as well as technically inaccurate. The headline has been changed to “MIT Reduces Paperwork for Gender Change” on our website.

CORRECTIONS

An article last Wednesday on MIT’s Solar Electric Vehicle Team got the wrong year for Robert Roberts. He is a current graduate student and completed his undergraduate degree in 2006, not 2005.

An article on January 20 about the use of Retail at MIT mentioned that the dorms are only available to students in the Freshman Student Leadership Group. The article should have stated that the funds had been allocated to the Registrar and the Trustee, but not to the Registrar itself.

The Picower Foundation that funded the Pi- cower Institute of Learning and Memory in 2005 was a co-founder in fraud with Madoff. The Trustee for the Picowers’ Madoff accounts rallied with blatant and obvious fraud (backdating, phony ruinous statements, and unrealistic returns), and he argues that they know their investments with Madoff were a sham.

I did my own analysis of the Picower Foundation stock portfolio (contained in a BRS 990 filings) and found a pattern of (stau) impossibly simple investments that may include owning Picowers, far more than that to anyone else, despite the fact that almost 20 percent of Jeffry Picower’s wealth, 35 times more money than to Madoff’s immediate family. It just doesn’t pass the smell test. Before his death, Jeffry Picower and his family has his chance to rebut the Trustee’s allegations that he is the one accepting what amounts to stolen money with bad faith and pass the smell test. Before his death, Jeffry Picower and his family has his chance to rebut the Trustee’s allegations that he is the one accepting what amounts to stolen money with bad faith and is not accepting the Picower’s Misfortune.

When MIT is offered millions of dollars, I suspect there’s strong pressure to just say “thank you” and not look too closely when a company is too good to be true. The new Brain and Cognitive Sciences building at Main and Vassar Streets was in part funded by a 50 million dollar gift from Jeffry and Barbara Picower. Jeffry Picower recently died, and according to his Will, MIT is probably going to receive an additional 25 million dollars within the next 12 months. MIT should reject this money. The collapsing of the Madoff pyramid has laid bare how Jeffry Picower got to be so rich, and it’s not pretty. The Picowers’ money is too dirty to accept.

The court appointed Madoff Trustee (Drusen) has to decide whether the Picowers are a sham. To accept the Picowers’ money is to accept accepting what amounts to stolen money in bad faith. It’s time for the Picowers’ to see that the Picower Foundation that funded the Picower Institute of Learning and Memory in 2005 was a co-founder in fraud with Madoff. The Trustee for the Picowers’ Madoff accounts rallied with blatant and obvious fraud (backdating, phony ruinous statements, and unrealistic returns), and he argues that they know their investments with Madoff were a sham.

Letters, columns, and cartoons may be posted on The Tech’s Web site and/or printed or published in any other format or medium, unless they “were overlooked” and “they didn’t have to pay attention.” Refering to the MIT experience of such overlooked students, they said “they are “easy to take in a letter to editor, not “they may not be able to.” The January 27 gender change article (see note) also inac- curely claimed the Registrar’s Office modeled its policy on that of the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles. While the RMV’s current policy is that students may change their gender in any office, the Registrar did not base MIT’s policy on the RMV’s policy.

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Mission creep

Obama should not let the fight in Afghanistan drift into an open-ended commitment to mend failed states everywhere

By Keith Yost

Afghanistan used to be a simple narrative. We’ve got terrorists and gods. It had a mission that could be summed up in two words: happy hunting. There was a simple exit strategy: bring in the loudspeakers, light up cigars, and slap each other on the back when we saunter off to the C-130s and By Home.

After working my way through the McChrystal report, I am starting to read the irrational nonsense that has been percolating in the White House. The McKinley plan is the worst we could ever go. It’s going to Obama Bin Laden’s head on a pike, to let terrorism, he needs to begin coaxing the public will support. If Obama believes that a current policy is the ideal response to terrorism. It is worth the squeeze. His report on Afghani- 

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Open Letter for second-semester freshmen to live in FSILGs

To our second-semester freshmen,

I thought that there could be benefits to coming to MIT as a second-year student. This would give them the opportunity to live in a different community than the one they were in as freshmen. However, I also thought that this could be a negative thing for some students. For example, if a student is coming to MIT because they were not accepted to their first-choice school or if they are coming to MIT for financial reasons, then it may not be in their best interest to come to MIT as a second-year student. In this case, it may be better for them to stay in their first-choice school or find another way to finance their education.

Let freshmen live in FSILGs

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As a FSILG, I have found that the experience of taking MIT courses on grades can be very beneficial. It helped me develop a strong ability to work under pressure and to manage my time effectively.

Dear Freshmen

By Brian Naylor

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Dear Freshmen,

I have been in a few meetings lately where people have been discussing the idea of allowing freshmen to live in FSILGs. I think that this is a great idea. It would give freshmen the opportunity to experience a different living environment and to meet new people. Additionally, it would allow freshmen to explore their interests and to develop their social skills.

In my opinion, the main reason why freshmen should not live in FSILGs is that they are not ready to live on their own. Freshmen are still learning how to manage their time and how to handle responsibilities. If they were to live in FSILGs, they might have a difficult time managing their coursework and other responsibilities.

I believe that freshmen should be given the opportunity to live in FSILGs, but they should also be given the tools they need to be successful. This could include workshops on time management and other important skills.

Thank you for considering my opinion. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Brian Naylor
**I Don't Need No Minute Man**

By M.

I'm horrible as far as introductions go, so I'll just say that I got tapped to write the sex/relationships column for The Tech, I sure have been having a crappy sex life as of late. I used to have pretty good sex, but at some point, it all went to shit.

I recently went three long, lonely months without sex. Not even a kiss. Normally, this would have made me miserable, but I was recovering from a broken heart. The last girl I was just massively dumpy, needs sex, unless we're talking about sex, which was completely off the menu.

Not that I was into sex anyway. One particularly good fellow really gave me a shot at a better party and, when I turned him down, he went home, looked me up on Facebook, and made a huge production of driving to where I lived in order to do that shit! I thought we'd left that in the past, but I'm just a fool if I shouldn't have been flattered that he tried to get freaky over the Internet with me, but that moment really cemented the fact that my sexlife had truly taken a turn for the worse.

And it was bad enough that I wasn’t getting any ass, I also wasn’t showing my ass. And then I took out my vibrators to clean them regularly, stacking them back neatly in their drawer, right next to my set of lubes I’d bought as encouragement. With the way things were going, I was starting to lose long time before my vag met a condom-wrapped delight.

But, then one night at the bar, a fine fellow approached me and we started talking about God. He asked me for my number and tested me promptly saying that it was nice to meet me and asking if I'd like to go out. I hesitated a bit because the party break-up, I wasn’t exactly in the mood for any other guy’s crap, but I figured it was a free ass and something could have much to lose. The least I could do was fuck the dude and get myself out of my sex drought. So, I agreed. For some reason, we then went back to his place, where he didn’t waste any time putting his moves on me. He was quite a good kisser, and I soon found myself getting hot for him, which I took as a sign that I needed to jump this guy, pronto.

Well, I did — and it was the longest fuck I’ve ever had—hands, down. I am convinced God is finally punishing me for being so bad. Everything that could have gone wrong went bad. He couldn’t get hard at first. I tried every fucking trick in the book to bring him up to that big place, but even though he was a ling oven, his cock seemed to work very well.

When we finally got his peen to function properly, I had a cake and candles out for him. Now, I finally know why I refer to him as Two-Minute Man, which I think is a rather fitting (and perhaps even a bit generous) nickname.

Now, I’m an understanding gal. I know that sometimes guys get a bit excited and blow their load too early in the game, and I try to be a good sport about it. I would have given him a second shot had he played his cards right and game. But I didn’t even try to make up for it for him, but let me tell you: The only kind of in-n- the-bedroom activity he can handle is shaving, and even they do it animal style. If you are unfortunate enough to be a no-n- pump champ, you better back that shit up with some fine fingernailing skills, or be a trooper and eat her out. Or at least be down for a second round, seriously. Have some fucking manners, will you? Whatever hap- pened to ladies first ever?

Needless to say, I was quite disappoint- ed to have come out of my retirement with such a lame lay and thought that would set the tone for what was to come. Fortunately, the next week found me in bed with another young fellow who not only outlasted the Trooper, but also took the time to set the tone for two more seconds. Now that’s kind of a start.

M. is a junior in Course 10, and she swears this piece is not about you. Contact her at underdog@mit.edu.

**Sex Toys: Two can play at this game**

By Christine Yu and Lena Chen

Christine: Sexually adventurous as I am, I managed to talk a guy into trying out a vibrating cock ring. From his initial hesita- tion, I should’ve known better: This guy’s all about the benefits for both partners. Guys get the sensation and satisfac- tion of extending their orgasm, whereas girls get effortless climax- tions. It’s just an overall pretty good situation of vibrating cock rings, but my partner into trying out a vibrating cock ring. From his initial hesita- tion, I should’ve known better: This guy’s all about the benefits for both partners. Guys get the sensation and satisfac- tion of extending their orgasm, whereas girls get effortless climax- tions. It’s just an overall pretty good situation of vibrating cock rings, but my partner into trying out a vibrating cock ring. From his initial hesita- tion, I should’ve known better: This guy’s all about the benefits for both partners. Guys get the sensation and satisfac- tion of extending their orgasm, whereas girls get effortless climax- tions. It’s just an overall pretty good situation of vibrating cock rings, but my partner into trying out a vibrating cock ring. From his initial hesita- tion, I should’ve known better: This guy’s all about the benefits for both partners. Guys get the sensation and satisfac- tion of extending their orgasm, whereas girls get effortless climax- tions. It’s just an overall pretty good situation of vibrating cock rings, but my partner into trying out a vibrating cock ring. From his initial hesita- tion, I should’ve known better: This guy’s all about the benefits for both partners. Guys get the sensation and satisfac- tion of extending their orgasm, whereas girls get effortless climax- tions. It’s just an overall pretty good situation of vibrating cock rings, but my partner into trying out a vibrating cock ring. From his initial hesita- tion, I should’ve known better: This guy’s all about the benefits for both partners. Guys get the sensation and satisfac- tion of extending their orgasm, whereas girls get effortless climax- tions. It’s just an overall pretty good situation of vibrating cock rings, but my partner into trying out a vibrating cock ring. From his initial hesita- tion, I should’ve known better: This guy’s all about the benefits for both partners. Guys get the sensation and satisfac- tion of extending their orgasm, whereas girls get effortless climax- tions. It’s just an overall pretty good situation of vibrating cock rings, but my partner into trying out a vibrating cock ring. From his initial hesita- tion, I should’ve known better: This guy’s all about the benefits for both partners. Guys get the sens...
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Another sad, single Valentine’s day? Not this year! This year, The Tech is here to ease your loneliness...with sex toys and lube! (What did you expect?) If you’d like to win one, write in to cl@tech.mit.edu with “Sex Toy Giveaway” in the subject line, and tell us why you deserve a particular item. Unrequited love? An incompetent partner? An inconvenient mole? Share your pain. We’ll print the winners (with the name redacted, of course). Prizes will be announced on Friday, Feb. 12. We will only accept entries from MIT e-mail accounts.

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- Tantus Echo Vibrator (Midnight Purple) ($59.99)
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- Big Teaze, I Rub my Duckie, travel-sized, Paris noir ($18.99)
- Big Teaze, I rub my penguin, 3 speed ($25.99)

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- Gun Oil, Stroke 29 ($14)

For Everyone:
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Echo Vibrator from Tantus. Screwy.

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i Rub my Duckie by Big Teaze. Waterproof. For bathtime.

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origami-info@mit.edu
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Instructions: Fill in the grid so that each column, row, and 3 by 3 grid contains exactly one of each of the digits 1 through 9.

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12 Strong pink
13 Motionless
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15 Mythical weeper
16 Forever and a day
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18 Actor Ayres
22 Word with engine or bath
24 Big times
25 Peter Weller movie
27 Manipulator
28 Singer Lovett
31 Israeli reset
32 Neighbor of Isr.
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In the end, it all worked out for Daniel A. Whitmore '10 and Sung Moon Kim '09. Last Thursday, the team won first place, and $4,000 in the third annual 6.470 Web Programming Competition. Their social networking site, “Iron Nest,” lets users exercise with their friends.

The challenge for this year’s competition was to build a publicly available interactive web application that related to the topics of food, health or sports. Submissions were required to store and display data from a database and integrate third party data or a data visualization. Projects were judged for their usability, functionality, originality, and aesthetics.

6.470 participants received six units of credit for finishing the month-long course. They also competed for a share of the $30,000 prize money.

Whitmore and Kim’s winning design lets users check in remotely to their local gym, find workout friends, and do an optimal workout to their local gym, find workout prize money. A month-long course. They also continued toward the goal of finishing the project that related to the topics of food, health or sports. Submissions were required to store and display data from a database and integrate third party data or a data visualization. Projects were judged for their usability, functionality, originality, and aesthetics.

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Solution to Crossword

A word or phrase that is a solution to a crossword puzzle.

Solution to Sudoku

A number or symbol that is a solution to a Sudoku puzzle.

Victorious 6.270 robot dominated with aesthetic majesty

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weeks to transform these parts into a working robot.

In keeping with its year’s theme, the tournament, or “Space Cats,” faced off in one-on-one duels, with the team with the most “mice” in the 8x8 arena.

Backyard Bandit’s slightly uneasy shakiness was gone in the hands of human masters said. "The tidal wave of creativity allowed us to overcome new problems that none of the teams had really prepared for" said Webber. "For in - stance we had never really fought another team for a mouse before but since our robot only needed to get near a mouse to grab it, rather than the prevailing method of making it follow a magnet onto a platform, "I got my hands on it, and the problems of fighting other teams for mice for" "Backdoor Bandit" looked the part!, the GET SOME was en bloc on its exterior, along a (likely ironic) shiny face.

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Swimming finishes season undefeated

By Paul Blascovich

On Saturday, the No. 5 MIT men’s swimming and diving team battled the No. 16 Lord Jeffs of Amherst College in the Zesiger Center Pool. Amherst held the score close early in the meet, but MIT hit their stride and cruised to a 174-124 victory, locking up their second undefeated season in Institute history.

Before the start of the meet, five MIT seniors were recognized for their dedication and contributions to Tech’s swimming and diving program.

Luke R. Cummings ’10 and Jeffrey Y. Zhou ’10 had a stellar day in their final home meet. In the 50 Free, Cummings (20.71) and Zhou (21.49) led a 1-2-3 sweep with teammate Wyatt L. Ubellacker ’13 (21.79). To polish off their dual-meet career, each senior picked up another individual win - Cummings in the 100 Free (46.25) and Zhou in the 100 Fly (51.65).

In diving, Chao He ’12 scored a win for MIT in 3-meter (166.65).

Brendan T. DeVenev ’13 came through big for MIT. After taking second in the 200 Free (1:45.08) behind Fraser and second in the 200 Back (1:56.72) behind teammate Brendan F. Liu ’13 (1:54.18), DeVenev picked up his only individual win in the 200 IM (1:57.85), securing the points that would seal the meet for the Engineers.

MIT ends the season with an 8-0 dual-meet record, tying last year for the best record in the Engineers’ history. MIT swims next at the Wheaton Invitational on February 6.

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