Seamless team members say misattribution unintentional
HackMIT organizers say incident ‘plagiarism’
but claim team members were not found ‘guilty’

By Kath Xu and Austin Hess

Since the publication of an article in The Tech about allegations of plagiarism against HackMIT contestants on the Seamless team, hackmit.org and two members of Seamless have stood up for their team members saying that the videos they provided were output of their own code in the hackathon’s final presentation and were actually published by Microsoft Research. Both these contestants and the organizers of Seamless say that the misattribution was unintentional, while a third member of the Seamless team has sought to publicly distance himself from the project.

HackMIT organizers have since stated that they did not stand by a HackMIT blog post’s initial characterization of the incident as a “disqualification” of Seamless, who they said stepped down voluntarily. Seamless, which had originally won second place at the hackathon, did not receive the $3,000 prize last month after HackMIT investigated accusations that the videos the members showed during their final presentation were not their own results. Another top finalist, AgileAssault, was also “disqualified” for submitting a similar hack the week before Hack/MIT/MC, according to the blog post.

The Seamless team was composed of three MIT sophomores: Kevin Kook ’17, Nikhil Buduma ’17, and Guillermo Webster ’17. The team was seen referring to the looping videos in question as their own results during their final pitch. Webster introduced some of the videos, saying, “This is a very difficult algorithm, and it was a big task to implement... but here are some products of that!” Buduma refers to the process by which the videos were produced as “our algorithm” several times during the presentation.

In a written statement to The Tech, Webster said that in their final presentation, “Seamless would attribute the videos to Microsoft qualifies as plagiarism.” However, he said that the lack of proper attribution was unintentional.

Webster said that the team was trying to present their implementation of a Javascript-based viewing utility for looping videos, of

Two retired MIT professors win Presidential Medal of Freedom

Earlier this week, Institute Professors Mildred Dresselhaus and Robert Solow were announced winners of the Presidential Medal of Freedom. The Presidential Medal of Freedom is the nation’s highest civilian honor and recognizes “an especially meritorious contribution to the security or national interests of the United States, world peace, cultural or other significant public or private endeavors,” according to the executive order that first created the award.

The White House referred to Dresselhaus as “a trailblazer for women in physics, materials scientists, and electrical engineers of her generation,” for her work with carbon and research on “demonstrating how smart investments, especially in new technology, can build broad-based prosperity” in addition to her continued participation “in contemporary debates about inequality and economic opportunity.”

Dresselhaus and Solow will receive their presidential Medal of Freedom recipients.

Petition launched after Mem Drive car accident

MIT Sailing staff was critically injured

Just two weeks before Gilbert was injured, another pedestrian, Mark C. Keiser, was struck and killed on Memorial Drive. According to his obituary, Keiser was on a morning walk along the Charles River when he was hit by a car. Accidents at the crosswalk and along all of Memorial Drive are considered to be due to insufficient traffic regulations, unsafe driving, and jaywalking by those launching the petition.

In light of the most recent accidents, the MIT administration “has had meet-ings to outline possible solutions” and is currently working with the Cambridge City Council, said Charles. Furthermore, he said that MIT is willing to cover all of the improvement costs.

Alexander J. Mielczuk, a graduate student, was a witness and responder in Gilbert’s injury. He “heard a thud like a car hitting a traffic cone...”
WEATHER

Watch for a hint of winter this weekend

By Colin Thackray
STAFF METEOROLOGIST

For most of the country, the last week has been exceptionally cold as a frigid Canadian air mass left many of the states between the Great Lakes and the Rockies with snow cover and a reminder that colder weather is approaching. The Great Lakes region could see some lake-effect snow today as Northwesterly winds blow cold air over the relatively warm lake water. The signs of winter will also be apparent in the Cambridge area as it is likely to snow in the early morning today and temperatures will dip below freezing tonight and tomorrow night. The highs this weekend aren’t likely to get much higher than 40°F, and the moderate Northwesterly winds will make it feel colder still. It’s time to get used to these temperatures, as next week doesn’t project to be much warmer.

Beyond next week, what will the winter look like for our area? If you like 200-year-old superstition, the Old Farmer’s Almanac says that this winter will be colder than most. Their competitor, the Farmers’ Almanac, forecasts that this year the Northeast will experience a winter that is “wintery.” That sounds reasonably likely.

Extended Forecast
Today: Cloudy, with a high of 42°F. Winds NW at 10-15 mph.
Tonight: Cloudy, with a low of 27°F. Winds NW at 5-10 mph.
Tomorrow: Clear skies, high of 40°F. Winds W at 5-10 mph.
Sunday: Partly cloudy, high of 45°F.
Monday: Chance of rain, high in mid-40s (°F).

Situation for Noon Eastern Time, Friday, November 14, 2014

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Hey, Atoms:
What Have You Done For Me Lately?

The age of materials design and how it will change the energy world.

Professor Jeffrey C. Grossman
Professor of Materials Science and Engineering
Department of Materials Science and Engineering

Understanding, inventing, and engineering mechanisms and materials for production, storage, and transport of energy are among the greatest challenges of the 21st century. Materials-driven advances are key to technologies that counter the deleterious environmental and political impacts of the world’s long-standing reliance on fossil fuels. Current renewable energy conversion and storage technologies are either too expensive or too inefficient or both. Materials science and engineering is at the core of the energy challenge: many key mechanisms that convert and store energy are dominated by the intrinsic properties of the active materials involved. Our imperative is to predict, identify, and manufacture new materials as comprehensively and rapidly as possible to enable game-changing forward leaps rather than our current path of incremental advances. This lecture will discuss the impact of materials design on the energy world.

The Wulff Lecture is an introductory, general audience, entertaining lecture that aims to educate, inspire, and encourage MIT undergraduates to take up study of materials science and engineering and related fields. The MIT community, particularly freshmen, is invited to attend. The Wulff Lecture honors the late Professor John Wulff, a skilled, provocative, and entertaining teacher who conceived of a new approach to teaching general chemistry and inaugurated the popular freshman subject, 3.091 Introduction to Solid State Chemistry.
Somewhere on the Search for Meaning... by Letitia Li

The new issue of Nature came out, and we're going to replicate every result by the end of the week.

You can't go on like this!

Humans have survived for millennia without it!

They can wait 8 hours for you to get some sleep!

I see my research...

This conference may be of interest to you...

Hey, what's- AHHH!!!

The NSF wanted that proposal yesterday!

Hey Mr. TA, when am I getting my pssets back?

Fun Fun Fun Fun Fun Fun Fun Fun Fun Fun Fun Fun Fun Fun Fun Fun Fun Fun Fun Fun Fun Fun

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Sudoku I
Solution, page 14

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1 9 8 4
4 5 6
6 8 4 9 5
4 3
6 2 8
4 3
6 2
7 6 3 4 8
8 4 7
2 9 7 4
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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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Techdoku I
Solution, page 14

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6x 12x 48x 5
6x 30x 4 3-
4 6+ 18+ 19+
24x 6x 5 2
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Instructions: Fill in the grid so that each column and row contains exactly one of each of the numbers 1–6. Follow the mathematical operations for each box.
UPPERCUT by Steve Sullivan

Cloud computing has a ways to go.

Cloud comic strip was a work in progress.

Border Crossings by Bruce Venzke

Solution, page 14

ACROSS
1 Princes of India
6 Rugged vehicle
10 Crude cartel
14 On the nose
15 Roman statesman
16 Suitor
17 They can’t decide
20 Shirtmaker’s measurement
21 Moves on a screen
22 Compote ingredients
24 Letters on motor-oil cans
25 Writer Rand
26 Expenditure
29 Lei Day feasts
31 Apparel
35 Ancient Mexican
37 Guys
39 Hua predecessor
40 With 42 Across, coastal
41 Certain retiree’s title
42 See 40 Across
44 Profound respect
45 Stock up on
47 Mythical master of Sirius
48 Ordnances
50 Erstwhile anesthetic
52 Oodles
53 Slip up
56 Forced absence
57 Garden lattice
61 Robin Hood’s hangout
66 NYSE members
68 Gawk at
69 Gas co., for one
70 Base-running term
71 Palm reader
72 Lost altitude
73 Tough travels

DOWN
1 Some whistle blowers
2 Rink leap
3 One of Agatha’s sleuths
4 Oscar winner’s stand-in
5 Either of the Apple founders
6 Meeting of rds.
7 Melodic sense
8 Flat letters
9 Audio downloads
10 Shaped like gelcaps
11 Cocktail garnish
12 Aristocratic title
13 “Stubborn” guy
18 Official symbol
19 Moistureless
23 Toddler, so to speak
24 Letters on motor-oil cans
26 Scheming group
27 Former Boston Symphony leader
28 Toss about
30 Suitable for all
32 Obstinate test, for short
33 Heaviest noble gas
34 Petty officers, for short
36 Jason Bourne employer
38 Road-sign warning
41 Certain retiree’s title
43 Main, as a route
46 “Sea shells” miss of rhyme
49 “Sea shells” miss of rhyme
51 Falling out
54 Monogram of Jekyll’s creator
56 Some art studios
57 Rarely seen bills
58 Throw a tantrum
59 Glamour competitor
60 Abb. like Mlle.
62 Conclusion preceding, perhaps
63 Far beyond confident
64 Sextet in a fl. oz.
66 German article
67 Rockies grazier
Double Change by Lonnie Burton

ACROSS
1 Bamboo-eating bear 49 Persuade
6 Pro golfer Mickelson 51 Select group
10 Two-band, as a radio 52 Dallas nickname
14 Hour after midnight 53 Baseball officials
16 Impolite 57 What contact lenses provide
18 Corporate VIPs 60 Sore spot
19 Many IRS employees 61 Long ago
23 Opponents 62 Model maker’s wood
24 First! First Lady 63 Stage scenery
25 Coffeehouse orders 64 Veggies in pots
29 No longer in fashion 65 Wool source
30 Be patient for 31 One of the Beatles
32 Online auctioneer 33 Hoops group
36 Get in touch 37 Home, in Honduras
40 Hurricane center 38 Key point
41 Crafts’ partner 39 Harbor boat
42 Altercation 40 Woodworking machines
43 Select group 45 Rapper on Law & Order: SVU
46 Do many things at once 46 Green gem
47 Musical rattle 47 Southwest tablelands
49 Persuade 49 About, datewise

DOWN
1 Ritz 10× 2 Poker-hand starter 36×
2 15+ 2 Beaver projects 4× 20×
3 In the neighborhood 5 Sound booster 18×
4 Beaver projects 6Thorough investigation 4÷
5 Sound booster 7 Wu dances 22+
6 Thorough investigation 8 Sit __ by (do nothing) 30×
7 Wu dances 9 Director Spike 6×
8 Sit __ by (do nothing) 10 Modifies 6× 5
9 Director Spike 11 Basting, as a turkey 6×
10 Modifies 12 Topping on 25 Across 6×
11 Basting, as a turkey 13 High-IQ club 6× 5
12 Topping on 25 Across 14 Hour after midnight 6× 5
13 High-IQ club 15 Impolite 6× 5
14 Hour after midnight 16 Impolite 6× 5
15 Impolite 17 Philatelists’ pride 6× 5
17 Philatelists’ pride 18 Corporate VIPs 6× 5
18 Corporate VIPs 19 Many IRS employees 6× 5
19 Many IRS employees 20 His and __ 6× 5
20 His and __ 21 Online auctioneer 6× 5
21 Online auctioneer 22 Pains in the neck 6× 5
22 Pains in the neck 23 Opponents 6× 5
23 Opponents 24 First! First Lady 6× 5
24 First! First Lady 25 Coffeehouse orders 6× 5
25 Coffeehouse orders 26 Out of the office 6× 5
26 Out of the office 27 Card-directions phrase 6× 5
27 Card-directions phrase 28 Reason for overtime 6× 5
28 Reason for overtime 29 Pays on words 6× 5
29 Pays on words 30 Be patient for 6× 5
30 Be patient for 31 Docking place 6× 5
31 Docking place 32 Colorizing insect 6× 5
32 Colorizing insect 34 Swelter 6× 5
34 Swelter 35 Actress Hathaway 6× 5
35 Actress Hathaway 36 Get in touch 6× 5
36 Get in touch 37 Home, in Honduras 6× 5
37 Home, in Honduras 38 Key point 6× 5
38 Key point 39 Harbor boat 6× 5
39 Harbor boat 40 Woodworking machines 6× 5
40 Woodworking machines 45 Rapper on Law & Order: SVU 6× 5
45 Rapper on Law & Order: SVU 46 Green gem 6× 5
46 Green gem 47 Southwest tablelands 6× 5
47 Southwest tablelands 49 About, datewise 6× 5
49 About, datewise

Sudoku II

Solution, page 14

2 1 9 3 5 7 2 4

7 3 5 2 9 1

3 5 1 2 9

1 9 5

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Techdoku II

Solution, page 14

Instructions: Fill in the grid so that each column and row contains exactly one of each of the numbers 1–6. Follow the mathematical operations for each box.

Sudoku III

Solution, page 14

2 1 9 6 7 5

9

8 5 4

7 9 1 3 6 7 9

1 4

6 2 3 5 1 9 7

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.

Techdoku III

Solution, page 14

Instructions: Fill in the grid so that each column and row contains exactly one of each of the numbers 1–6. Follow the mathematical operations for each box.
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Phone scammers target MIT community

Dozens of members of the MIT community reported being victims of phone scams last week, in which they received seemingly legitimate calls from local police departments demanding money.

The scammers often impersonated law enforcement officers from the State Police or the Lexington Police Department and verbally intimidated recipients to pay back taxes, although MIT police say that none of the victims seem to have handed over money. It is suspected that the callers obtained the names and contact information of community members through the MIT online directory, which is publicly available.

The fraudulent callers used a technique known as “caller ID spoofing,” which can easily be done through service providers or with online software. Caller ID spoofing is illegal in most cases except when used by law enforcement and authorized by the court.

These cases are not confined to MIT’s campus. According to the MIT News Office, IS&T employees have identified several other institutions where similar scams are occurring. In Worcester County last month, at least two victims of an Internal Revenue Service phone spoof paid out more than $40,000.

—Ray Wang

What: Company Presentation
When: November 19th, 2014
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Room: 3-133
Pizza & Beverages will be served

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Speakers
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Jeffrey Evenson – MIT Alum - Sr. V.P & Operations Chief of Staff

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Next Haunt  The Next House Escape the Room Challenge

For two weekends starting on Halloween, 52 teams of up to six people attempted to beat the Next Haunt puzzle challenge/haunted house located on the first floor of Next House. Teams were given 20 minutes to progress through three rooms and escape the two-story house before being eaten by zombies. Of the 52 teams, only 15 were able to successfully solve the puzzles and escape the house before their 20 minutes were up.

1. The ceiling of the second room of the haunted house, where teams had to unlock a zombie-filled cabinet in order to get to the next room.

2. The control room where Next Haunt operators monitored the status of teams as they went through the house via infrared camera.

3. A team celebrates successfully making it out of the haunted house.

4. A blood-stained zombie watches the progress of a team through the haunted house.
Not your typical Wednesday

Taking the stage in Dublin in front of 5,000 people

By Erica Swallow

On a typical Wednesday, I only have two standing appointments: a marketing class and an MBA Industry Night panel. I don’t have many leadership stories and ethics. The rest of the day is filled with group meetings, homework, a dissertation update, peer reviews, and then, and of course, sleeping in, thanks to my afternoon class.

On Wednesday, though, was everything but typical. I had been invited to the Web Summit in Dublin as an MBA Scholar to share my experience and wisdom on a crowd of 3,000 soon-to-be university graduates.

My morning shower was the tip of the iceberg. That day, I had ordered a room via Airbnb, a peer-to-peer apartment rental service, and my host, it turned out, was one of 250 Airbnb employees based in the Dublin office. I had grown accustomed to her being gone by the time I wake up, and that was true that morning when I pitter-pattered on the cold, hardwood floor to the bathroom. Seconds after I undressed and turned on the shower, my host knocked on the door. “Erica? Hello?” Confused, I answered after I pitter-pattered off the cold, hardwood floor to the bathroom. Seconds after I undressed and turned on the shower, my host knocked on the door. “Erica? Hello?” Confused, I answered after I pitter-pattered off the cold, hardwood floor to the bathroom. Seconds after I undressed and turned on the shower, my host knocked on the door. “Erica? Hello?” Confused, I answered after I pitter-pattered off the cold, hardwood floor to the bathroom. 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Newbury Street shutdown
Starting a discussion on race at MIT

By Alyssa Napier

Where Newbury Street becomes the Boston Public Gardens, a large crowd of people of various ethnicities, genders, nationalities, colors, and ages began to march. To the brunch-eaters who paused mid-bite of quiche to try to make out what we were chanting; to the annoired trio of girls whose path to Urban Outfitters we blocked with the incessant stream of bodies; to the tourists trapped between a fence and our anger with no choice but to hear our message, I do not apologize.

Since August 9, when a police officer in Ferguson, Missouri killed an unarmed teenage, I have argued with people who use the marijuana in his system, the angle of the bullets in his body, and the bagginess of his pants as justifications for why Michael Brown deserved to die. I have no idea how to convey what seems like an obvious point to me: regardless of the landscape details, a child was murdered. Eventually, I stopped trying to have conversations about this issue, because having to constantly prove that his life matters only says to me that by default his life does not matter. To know that the dehumanization of Michael Brown in the media and the police force in Ferguson, Missouri want you to get lost in irrelevant details so that you are assuaged into thinking that a child’s life was a life worth losing. When you hear “Black male” you think “Black stereotypy,” you think, “He was probably doing something wrong,” and the status quo can continue. When I hear “Black male,” I think, “my brothers,” and I’m scared because I can’t protect them from those who dehumanize them.

My frustration comes from the fact that I don’t know how to convey what seems so intuitively obvious. I can see the humanity of people regardless of the statistical truths of their situation, but others use their statistical truths to explain why they deserve to die. I don’t know what makes a life worthy, if it is not that they are human.

So I withdraw to places and groups where I do not have to prove my and Michael Brown’s worth as an individual. On Saturday, a large group of members of the MIT community, including students, professors, and alumni, gathered in the Black Students’ Union (BSU) Lounge to travel to the march together. There, we were able to have a healthy discussion about race. Our experiences ranged from micro-agressions, to blatant racial slurs, to subtle systematic and institutional racism.

In the BSU Lounge, I can talk about race both with people of color and with White people without our being in opposition with each other. MIT as a whole, however, is not a safe place for this discussion. MIT is silent about race because we like to perceive ourselves as a complete meritocracy that is above discrimination.

This ignorance suffocates me when I can’t talk about how it feels to be Black because very few people are comfortable having this conversation. My feelings are dismissed as being as outdated as the Emancipation Proclamation, and my experiences are chalked up to “always making things about race.” These injustices build up within me, until I find outlets in BSU events or public demonstrations held by people who are just as fed up.

On Saturday morning, I unapologetically pressed my sign against the windows of restaurant, I chant to the rhythm of the band that accompanied us. And I will continue to make noise until I am no longer afraid of seeking help because an ingrained fear of my race prevents empathy for me as an individual.

As we held hands in a circle at the end of the march, we cried out: “It is our duty to fight for freedom. It is our duty to win. We have nothing to lose but our chains.”

By Minh-Tue Vo

THURSDAY AFTERNOON REFLECTIONS
The universe in a nutshell
Disclaimer: read with a robust sense of humor

To be or not to be, that is the question.
The question is not the question. The gate is not the gate.
To find the way, one must not look.
To see, one’s eyes must close.
To hear, one must observe in silence.
To see inward, one looks outward.
To see outward, one looks inside.
The mirror on the wall speaks the truth.
It is only falsehood that you hear.
To understand the world, one must abandon understanding.
To be free, one must be disciplined.
To be disciplined, one must be joyful.
To be joyful, one must abandon disciplines.
There are ten thousand ways, there is only one way.
The wisest man knows nothing.
The stupid man knows everything.
Mahatma was neither a fool nor a saint.
He was a seasoned politician.
A penny saved is a penny not lost.
Save a life, save the world entire.
You have an infinity of time.
But there is only the now.
This is the best of time, this is the worst of time.
This is the epoch of darkness. This is the age of enlightenment.
There is a universe in a mustard seed.
Inside the mustard seed, there is only emptiness.
He who writes this attempts to confuse you with dichotomy.
Whoever reads this creates understanding for themselves.
Lecture Series Presents:

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**EXPLORE GLOBAL PROSPERITY**

**NATHAN GAMESTER, Programme Director, Legatum Prosperity Index**

**Wednesday, November 19th**
5:30 PM E51-395

Is national success based on more than just wealth? This event will explore the data and findings from the 2014 Global Prosperity Index.

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which could take videos processed with Microsoft Research's algo-
ther and selectively render certain parts of the video. A subset of
of Microsoft Research's videos was also included.

Though Webster said they also
tried to make an end-to-end im-
plementation of their permuta-
search algorithm capable of making
video loops. But Buduma and
both he and Kekoe indicated to
The Tech that they did not successfully generate anything using their own
code during the hackathon.

“Backstage, I voiced concern about
correctly evaluating every-
thing, and we decided as a team that
this regard the presentation went
very poorly,” he said.

“We presented when we were
just going to be like, ‘And this is
what it might look like if your pho-
tos were moving,’ but I guess it
morphed from an explanation
of the graphs I did moving the
algorithm,” Webster said. “And
then on our own … into this was
our algorithm …”

Webster said, “If we had really
wanted to take credit for having
just produced our own videos —
which we didn’t — we could have
download the course material from
the website. Again, we weren’t trying to say
"we did it" because we did it. We did it because
we were the creators of the loops.”

The two people presenting it. They
did implement, and we saw
the code … they were just going to
keep it and move on and digging further into
that. It was not conclusive enough to find
them guilty. " I changed some
of the code… they were just going to
keep it and move on."

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According to Gupta, the mem-
bers of Seamless “did not explicitly
come forward to HackMIT as an or-
ganization,” but a member of their
personalities, Kevin and Nikhil had
without my knowledge
Kekoe had pitched a HackMIT
year with Webster, now called Proj-
et Naphya, and won second
Webster said, “I had known that
there was something fishy about
our work, I would have nev-
er agreed to be a part of it”

Webster said all of the team
members knew that the videos were
presented at the final presentation,
Buduma refers to the Microsoft vid-
eos as the results of “our algorithm”
multiple times.

The HackMIT organizers
said they did not have any information
Buduma had or had not have about
the matter. "We did not disquali-

calculated Plagiarism

Plagiarism refers to the act of
using someone else’s work without
attributing it to that person or
acknowledging the source.

Plagiarism can take many forms,
including copying another’s work
verbatim, using someone else’s ideas
or arguments without proper citation,
and even using someone else’s
writing style or tone.

Plagiarism is considered a
serious academic offense and can
lead to severe consequences, such
as failing a course, suspension,
expulsion, or even legal
prosecution.

It is important to understand
the ramifications of plagiarism
and take steps to avoid it.

Here are some tips to
avoid plagiarism:

1. Always cite sources:
   - Use quotation marks and
     provide proper attribution
     for direct quotes.
   - Summarize and paraphrase
     the ideas of others, and
     provide citations for
     indirect quotations.

2. Keep track of sources:
   - Use a citation management
     software to keep track of
     all sources you consult.

3. Don’t cut corners:
   - Take the time to
     carefully review and
     understand the
     information you are
     using.

4. Seek help:
   - If you are unsure about
     whether something is
     plagiarism, ask a
     teacher or a librarian for
     guidance.

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2.00 Helium Games
Photos by Alexander C. Bost

2.00 students presented their first design project during “The Helium Games” in the first floor of Stata on Wednesday night. Three helium-filled balloons were placed 12’ off the ground inside a 20’ x 25’ zone, which team members could not enter. Teams constructed devices from a limited set of materials and were given five minutes to try and pop the three balloons.

1. Andrew R. Berta ’16 tries to pop a balloon held in place by Morgan K. Moroi ’16.
2. Meredith M. Benson ’17 uses a makeshift crossbow to pop a balloon.
3. Thomas M. Burns ’17, Emile M. Augustine ’16, Kelly B. McGee ’17, and June Kim ’17 guide a balloon into their device shaped like the head of a beaver.
4. Zoe R. Sheinkopf ’17, Zachary M. Mikaya ’16, Diego A. Huyke ’17 and Anna P. Zuckowski ’17 remove the remains of a balloon from their device, “The Viper.”
5. Kirsten M. Augdahl ’16 and Anuj Khandelwal ’17 prepare to pop a captured balloon.
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SPORTS

Women’s volleyball makes 16th trip to NCAA tournament
Round 1 match is against Rivier University on Friday, Nov. 14th

By Mindy Brauer  

The MIT women’s volleyball team will be making the program’s 16th appearance in the NCAA Division III Tournament after receiving an at-large bid on Monday morning. The Engineers will square off with Rivier University on Friday, November 14 at Williams College. The meeting will be the first between both squads in post-season action and sixth overall since the series began in 2009. In addition to the host Ephs, the rest of the regional bracket features Sage Colleges, Babson College, Colby-Sawyer College, Bowdoin College, and Regis College.

MIT (27-5) returns to the national scene for the second time in three years after advancing to the finals of the NEWMAC Championship Tournament this past weekend. As the No. 1 seed, the Engineers swept No. 5 Wellesley College, 25-13, 25-17, 25-23, in the semifinals but fell to No. 2 Babson, 25-23, 25-23, 19-25, 20-25, 15-12, in Sunday’s title match.

The meeting will be the first between both squads in post-season action.


Fans can follow the action with streaming video and live stats of all matches held at Williams throughout the weekend.

Women’s soccer team receives an at-large bid
4th straight NCAA tourney appearance

By Mindy Brauer  

For the fourth consecutive season, the MIT women’s soccer team will be competing in the NCAA Division III Women’s Soccer Tournament after receiving an at-large bid on Monday afternoon. MIT will be a host site for this weekend’s first and second round tournaments. First round games will occur on Saturday, November 15 at 11:00 a.m. and the second round game will begin at 1 p.m. on Sunday, November 16. MIT will begin postseason play against Colby-Sawyer.

This will be the first postseason meeting between the Engineers and Chargers, and the 10th overall since the series began in 1985. In addition to MIT and Colby-Sawyer, Bowdoin College and Roger Williams University will also be making the trip to Cambridge and will square off in the second match on Sunday.

MIT has competed in the NCAA Tournament four times with their first appearance coming in 2009, a setback to Rowan University in the first round. In 2011, the Cardinals and Gray fell to Skidmore in penalty kicks in the first round, but advanced to the third round in 2012 with back-to-back wins against Haverford and TCNJ. Last season, MIT saw their season conclude in penalty kicks against RIT in the first round.

Colby-Sawyer won its second straight North Atlantic Conference (NAC) championship this past weekend with a 1-0 victory over Castleton State University. The Chargers will be making their second straight post-season appearance after earning a first round matchup last fall against Montclair State.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS
Saturday, November 15

Men’s Fencing vs. Brandeis University 11 a.m., DuPont Fencing Room
Men’s Fencing vs. University of New Hampshire 12 p.m., DuPont Fencing Room
Men’s Fencing vs. Sacred Heart University 1:45 p.m., DuPont Fencing Room
Men’s Fencing vs. Boston University 3:45 p.m., DuPont Fencing Room
Women’s Fencing vs. Wellesley College 10 a.m., DuPont Fencing Room
Women’s Fencing vs. Brandeis University 11 a.m., DuPont Fencing Room
Women’s Fencing vs. University of New Hampshire 12 p.m., DuPont Fencing Room
Women’s Fencing vs. Sacred Heart University 1:45 p.m., DuPont Fencing Room
Women’s Fencing vs. University of Massachusetts 2:45 p.m., DuPont Fencing Room
Women’s Fencing vs. Boston University 3:45 p.m., DuPont Fencing Room
Sailing vs. Women’s Atlantic Coast Championship 9:00 a.m., Charles River
Women’s Lightweight Crew vs. Foot of the Charles All Day, Charles River
Women’s Openweight Crew vs. Foot of the Charles All Day, Charles River
Squash vs. Colby College 2:00 p.m., DuPont Squash Courts
Rifle vs. Wentworth 8:00 a.m., Zesiger Center
Women’s Soccer vs. Colby-Sawyer College 11 a.m., Briggs Field

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Women’s soccer vs. Colby-Sawyer College  
Women’s Openweight Crew vs. Foot of the Charles  
Sailing vs. Women’s Atlantic Coast Championship  
Women’s Fencing vs. Boston University  
Men’s Fencing vs. Brandeis University  
Squash vs. Colby College  
Rifle vs. Wentworth  
Women’s Soccer vs. Colby-Sawyer College  

Meryl E. Gibbs ’16 leaps to spike the ball during Sunday’s NEW-MAC championship game against second seed Babson College, which they lost by a slim margin during the last match. Regardless, the team, 27-5 for the season, received a bid for the NCAA tournament this past Monday.