MIT Invents the Interweb

By Peter John
STAFF REPORTER

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

"We called it the Interweb because in essence each computer is connected to each other computer, in a sort of web of information," explained Infoweb president, A. Arnold Gooce.

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

When asked about the new invention, undergrad at MIT and Harvard student, said Interweb could be used to transmitted news. "Cool, I can look at porn... and I can check the brains of the MIT undergrads who asked to remain unnameless. William Q. Prescott

Architects Deem Campus ‘Unfortunate’

By Ignatius Kennedy
STAFF REPORTER

An inspection team from the American Architects’ Guild (AAG) claimed the MIT campus to be "wired, depressing, and unimaginative" offer a visit on Thursday.

They took place in the afternoon, when the buildings were partially covered with snow. Bill Ding, the President of AAG, said, "It’s a good thing that it moved -- if the buildings look so terrible when covered in snow, I can’t imagine what they must look like when all of them are seen!" The team seemed particularly perplexed by the vast barrenness of gray walls, the loud hum of machines coming from within them, and the industrial, soulless feeling of the campus.

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

The campus is, indeed, expanding.

The new campus development program, which includes construction of the Center for Cancer Research and the Media Laboratory building, will continue MIT’s goal to evolve and take over Boston, Massachusetts, America, and ultimately the world. In the last few years, several buildings were built on campus, including the Brain and Cognitive Sciences Complex, the Simmons Hall, the Stata Center, and the Ziegler Sports and Fitness Center.

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


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

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

The AAG requested that the insti-

Infinite Corridor Not Actually Infinite

By Nicholas Semenko
STAFF REPORTER

A geological survey discovered last week that the architectural formation known as the "infinite corridor" on the MIT campus is in fact a mere 251 meters long. After a review by Dr. Brickshaw Ferguson, a prominent geologist at Yale University, the number found was found to be quite influential, and is in fact significantly more than many people expected, including 500 meters, a mile, and 1000 feet.

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

The survey was performed by a team of MIT, Harvard and United States Geological Survey scientists after a request by some students to measure the width and height of the corridor so it could be used in experiments.

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

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

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

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Pauly Shore to Make 2008 Presidential Bid
By Marcus Stein
HOLLYWOOD, CA

Sources have confirmed that former comedian (kind of) Pauly Shore has decided to throw his hat into the presidential ring. The 39 year old will attempt to garner the Green Party nomination for the 2008 presidential election.

Shore's lack in political experience he makes up for in political awareness, says his campaign manager. He learned about the nuances of the military from "In the Army Now," he learned the intricacies of the judicial system from "Jury Duty," he learned about modern technology from "Encino Man," and he learned the importance of being environmentally conscious from "Bio-Dome."

Rumors circulated in 2003 that Mr. Shore had passed away, but it turned out that Pauly Shore is Dead was simply the name of his well-received documentary.

Alive and kicking, Shore is now focused on his political career. When asked what he wants out of life, he wryly responded, "To die and come back as a leadet."

Shaq Disproves Pythagorean Theorem; Honored by Bush
By Robert Samson

Professor Shaquille Rashaud O'Neal, a professor of mathematics at the University of Miami in the Historical Equations and Arithmetic Theory (The Miami M.E.A.T.), was awarded a Presidential High Five in Washington DC last week after definitively showing that the Pythagorean Theorem is unsalvageable.

The theorem, which defines the two sides of a right triangle as A and B, and asks what the sum of their squares is, has traditionally been approximated as the third side, designated C. O'Neal finally completed the long term goal of showing that in fact "there is no answer" to the theorem, and takes his place among the greatest mathematicians of this century.

O'Neal first postulated his theory when analyzing the offense of the Los Angeles Lakers while holding a post in a USC-UCLA joint studies program. After many years of what many considered brilliant and ground breaking research in LA, O'Neal had still not proven his most famous of claims.

After it was revealed that papers published by an anonymous author, known as "The Big Aristotle" were in fact written by O'Neal and his college League Professor Bryant the two had a falling out and O'Neal left to join the Miami program that supported his final break through.

USC to Receive NCAA Pardon
By Michael Louise

The University of Southern California will receive a full pardon from the NCAA for any violations, recruiting or otherwise, over the past 5 years. USC has been promised that it will not be punished for buying Reggie Bush's parents a house, housing Man Lettner in a pest apartment, having overpaid players call recruits and downright paying players to play college sports.

Weather
By George Carter

It's cold.

Extended Forecast
April: Cold, with high winds and that slushy snow that gets mixed with dirt and grime right away and gets in every nook and cranny.
May: Like April, except less snow and more freezing rain
June: A pleasant 94 degrees and 94% humidity with no working air conditioning and tons of bugs.
July: Like June, but with more bugs, but they're planning to come by and fix your air conditioning.
August: It's gonna be hot, I'll take a vacation somewhere.
September: Breezing heat dropping to freezing at night, infestation of rabid raccoons highly likely.
October: So cold your breath freezes into a thousand razor sharp shards of ice that cut into your warmest pants.

Goldman Sachs to Replace Junior Staff with Bonobo Monkeys
By Angela Fan

In a monumental move Greenpeace claims will "shake the foundation of investment banking," Lloyd Blankfein, Chairman and CEO of the Gold- man Sachs Group has announced that the company will fire 3000 junior em- ployees in various divisions across the United States and replace them with 4500 bonobos, a special species of primates. The human staff members will cease work immediately and will receive generous severance packages.

In addition, Goldman Sachs will con- duct all college recruiting efforts for the next three years.

The bonobos, also known as Pygmy Chimpanzees, are among the smartest beings on the planet as they have been taught to type and respond to hu- man conversation. Blankfein feels the monkeys will fit right into the corpo- rate culture.

"They say you have to be an animal to survive on Wall Street, so I figure, why not go to the source. In the past, we've hired our traders and investment bankers based on their aces, but lately, we've had too many disappoint- ments."

"Our employees might be the smart- est in the world, but to be honest, they lacked the primal instincts necessary to survive in this jungle. No one has a greater primal instinct than primates themselves."

The move has immediately become the most heavily scrutinized maneuver in Wall Street history. If the primates succeed as salesmen, traders, and bankers, you can bet that competitors like Morgan Stanley, JP Morgan and Deutsche Bank will scour the Congo for more of these genius monkeys.

News of the slaughter were straight to market, as the GS stock jumped 10% amid speculations that Goldman will drastically cut costs over the next three years. While junior traders de- mand large bonuses as motivation, the bonobos simply require large doses of bananas for sustenance. On that note, Goldman has entered into a partnership with Chiquita Bananas to help fund the effort.

Nevertheless, there are a number of obstacles lying in Goldman Sachs's ambitious path.

Indiana Declares War on Illinois
By George Carter

You can take the United States out of the 1860s, but it appears that you can't take the 1860s out of us. In a shocking announcement this morn- ing, Indiana governor Mitch Daniels declared war on the bordering state of Illinois citing irreconcilable differ- ences. The two states had been feeding for years, yet this latest development was completely unforeseen.

It appears that this most recent feud was not over sports, politics related. For- tune's Super Bowl, Daniels waged a "friendly" bet with Illinois governor Rod Blagojevich. If the Chi- cago Bears won, Blagojevich would send Daniels a mammoth package of food including Chicago's specialty, Deep Dish Pizzas. However, if the In- diana Colts won, Daniels would have to fork over a sampler of Indiana's finest cheeses and candies.

After the Colts victory, Daniels swapped his precious package of piz- zas, but unfortunately it never arrived. Daniels unsubscribed Blagojevich, claiming that there would be swirl and severe consequences if the package got delayed any longer. Blagojevich seemingly acquiesced and sent a pack- age, but Daniels was dismayed to find the box was filled with dirty socks and expired creamed corn.

At that point, Daniels decided that Indiana had had enough with Illinois's elitist attitude and arranged an emer- gency session of the State Congress. The motion to invade Illinois passed by a 3/4 vote.

When asked to explain his actions, Governor Daniels had a laundry list of complaints about his neighbor to the West. "They think they're so much better than us, just because they have a few more elections to vote. Illinois has
21, Illinois 11) and a slightly larger flagship city (Chicago has 2.8 million people, Indianapolis has 800,000). They're all high and mighty because Abraham Lincoln lived in their state, but you know what, [Indiana na- tives] Benjamin Harrison was a damn good president too. If they think they can keep bossing us around, acting like the Kings of the Midwest, well, we have something else coming.

Shortly after the announcement, the Indiana State Guard entered Il- linois through the Northwestern edge of Indiana and prepared to surround the bastions of Illinois's defense, Chi- cago. However, the Illinois forces were far too strong on this first day and the troops were sent back lockdowning into Indiana. A brief truce erupted in East Chicago, Indiana and when all was said and done, Indiana retreated once again.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I read in the Tech the other day that Charles Vest, our former President, has been chosen as our graduation speaker. I assume this is because we are graduating a large number of folks for California Tech, a Technology of which we all are very proud.

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

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

Please reconsider our choice to copy Caltech by choosing Vireliz! Sincerely, Nicholas Richman

Dear Editor,

Now do not get me upset on the dead creatures from The Pirates of the Caribbean that made a random appearance in LOTR. Let's think about this for a moment—yes, you have a dead cat that you can't keep alive, but I can't stand the whole population's obsession with this sorry excuse for an epic trilogy.

Everyone says that the three Lord of the Rings films were captivating experiences, but I can honestly say that the 94 hours I spent in the movie theater were about as exhilarating as a PBS televised lecture. I somehow managed to complete the holy-triumvirate of movie-going experiences by falling asleep during Fellowship of the Ring, The Two Towers AND The Return of the King.

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

Sincerely,

Deborah

Dear Editor,

I know we go to a tech school, so a lot of this probably comes with the territory, but WHAT IS EVERYONE’S DEAL WITH LORD OF THE RINGS? The movies are simply bad and they aren’t even that bad, but I can’t stand the whole population’s obsession with this sorry excuse for an epic trilogy.

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Cult movies overrated and no fun

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NERD JOKES
...twists on old classics

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

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

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

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

"I dunno, just seemed like something to say," said the physicist. "It's not like I've ever been with a woman anyway."

Missig electron
I think I've lost an electron," said Sodium.
"Are you sure?" asked Chlorine.
"Yeah," said Sodium.
"Did you try checking with the lost and found?" asked Chlorine.
"Yeah," said Sodium.
"Cause sometimes it's with the lost and found," said Chlorine.
"Yeah, already tried it," said Sodium.
"Oh, I don't know then," said Chlorine.
"Any other ideas?" asked Sodium.
"Negative," replied Chlorine.

Differential operator
e' was walking down the street one day when he ran into his friend the number 8. "Run, a differential operator is coming! If he gets me he'll turn me into nothing!" cried the number 8.
"I'm not scared; I'm e'," said e'.
So he kept walking down the street. Soon he saw the differential operator, and he said, "Hello differential operator. You don't scare me, I'm e'."

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

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

Scalers and vectors
Q: What do you get when you cross a mosquito with a mountain climber?
A: Nothing. What are you, retarded?

Planck in a bar
So Max Planck walks into a bar.

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

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

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

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

CHET

EHTC

TECH

HCET

Now put the letters in the circles below!

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

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

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

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1 7 8 3 2 5 6 4 9
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8 2 1 4 3 7 5 9 6
4 9 6 8 5 2 3 1
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5 8 9 7 1 3 4 6 2
3 1 7 2 4 6 9 8 5
6 4 2 9 8 1 7 3
Corridor measured to be 251 meters

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

Many on the MIT campus are used to lose their legendary corridor and others are angry that they were fooled for so long as to the actual length of the corridor. Still, some students are still looking at the bright side of things. “Sure, we don’t have an Infinite Corridor anymore, but lots of things are believed to be infinite,” said ER major Henry Jones Jr. “How many things can you name that are exactly 251 meters long? Just one, our corridor!”

MIT buildings drive down property values

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House as well as other real estate agents proposed building a giant black box to hide the entire campus from view until appropriate changes take place.

“Bonnie should be able to help with that—she had already done exceptional job at Caltech, maybe she can do it here as well.”

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

Interweb could be educational

May keep kids off streets, drugs

Interweb, from Page 1

Bill, a Harvard sophomore, said “Why can’t we find the physics of the environment in the Interweb, as we read news in its happenings and research papers that I am writing?”

The new invention does have some drawbacks, as it has many capabilities. “It’s not a truck,” said Senator Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, explaining that it was not in fact a dump truck. Rather, Stevens said, “It’s a series of tubes,” which of course can be too full for computer mail to get through quickly.

The U.S. Government plans to censor these tubes, possibly as a means of transporting oil, and could use a large amount of the available space, leaving little for data from private users. Still, the overall effect should allow a new age of information transfer.

Professor Sunil Joshi, one of the leaders of the Interweb creation project, will tour the country next several weeks, lecturing on the advantages of using the Interweb and the possibilities for the network. Said Joshi, “The World Wide Web, as some call the Interweb, will help people produce and save data in a powerful and efficient way to allow access to the vastness of the data and the technology.”

1377ERS debuts on NBC; rivals Caltech’s Numb3rs

Network consults MIT Department of Linguistics

By Nick Semenovich

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

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

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

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

This notion seems confusing to the average person, but NBC chief executive Joanna Lottado assures the public that the idea will work by saying, “This is a very original idea and we think that 1377ERS will be a unique show in a nighttime lineup full of copycat shows.”

The show centers on a CIA detective (played by Hollywood superstars Christian Slater and Glenn Close) who is struggling to solve a number of bizarre mysteries. His first case involves a serial killer who bases his killings on deaths in Shakespeare’s plays. The killer commits his first crime by executing a young girl in full in love with him and faking his own death by poisoning, which leads to her committing suicide. Confused by the killer’s notes which include a number of words from foreign languages among which are (“e’m,” “ Lol,” and “madd”), the detective decides to consult his linguistic sister (Paris Hilton) who teaches at Cambridge Institute of Technology (CIT), which is highly modeled on MIT.

The premise might seem a little narrow to the average viewer, but show writer Fuller Gimpel suggest this will not be the case. “If the OC could stay on the air for 4 years, our show should be good for at least 4.” We have a great group of young actors and a story that appeals to crime buffs, bookworms and intellectuals alike. I have no doubts that this program will succeed.”

MIT officials are excited about the publicity that 1377ERS will bring to the renowned institution. Says the head of the linguistics department, Dr. Soo Ri, “MIT has always enjoyed attracting the best and brightest from the world of Hollywood. The linguistics department is housed in Stata Center which was built to be a movie set anyway, so the marriage between NBC and MIT is a natural.”

It feels like our department was created expressly to help with this show, I’m so excited.”

1377ERS will air on Fridays next year at 10pm on NBC.
Pasadena
California
where the sun actually shines...
**Facebook leaves students friendless**

**Facebook friends not actually real friends**

By April Lin

**STAFF REPORTER**

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

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

One physics major believed that he had over 300 friends, many of them female, only to find out that very few were "technically" female, and only four of them would be willing to speak to him in a public place. I tried to call one of my Facebook friends to complain about this stupid lying study, but it turned out the list of names was actually a phone sex line. For pedophiles, reported one dejected student, "That's when it really hit me that all these friends were just castrated males, and ready to be washed away by a hint of real social interaction." Another student stated, "I actually already knew I was a loser, so it was just a big deal. Although I'm disappointed that Jesus T. Lincoln probably isn't a real person."

The study came as less of a surprise to students outside of MIT. Many students are willing to "friend" nearly anyone just in case they ever wanted to interact with them again, but realize that in the vast majority of cases they will never want to think about those people again.

"Yeah, this one time I went to a party at Harvard, and from the point, I just envied them. I guess we were not from MIT, whatever, and I got really drunk, like, with, a beer," said Kandy Vukast, a student at Boston College.

"So the next day I had like ten friend requests on Facebook, so I totally accepted them all, cause I remember one of the guys being really cute. Although that could have been on TV, it was hard to tell cause I was really drunk."
Student Tries to Ford Charles; Several Oxen Die

By Prester John
STAFF REPORTER

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

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

“I figured, why bother to waste the time it all the way down to the bridge when I could just fool the river?” said Matthews, adding “I can’t believe my (pretextual) word and by pioneers and pirates) oxen died again, this happens every (josh-damnit) time.”

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

The Charles River crossing
May 15, 1848
Press SPACE BAR to continue

Pranksters stoked over dirty hack; trash points to CA

By Doris Toole
STAFF REPORTER

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

The pranksters, backed by $77,000 of alumni funds, pulled off a heist of the campus's own trash cans on the Caltech campus.

Using a moving van specially painted with the name “Dirty Rice Moving Co.,” the students snuck on to the Caltech campus in the middle of the night, using trash cans to trash cans in an attempt to hit them all before dawn.

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

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

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

Said team member Josh Yang jobs, “hacking [he means pranking] Caltech’s droids was definitely a huge rush. I mean, at one point we even had to evade their ace security guards. I was holding two broken half-pencils in my hands that I had just picked out of a trash can outside the library and, but I just stuck them behind my ear and they didn’t even notice. Man, I felt so alive.”

“Yeah, it was better than sex... I think,” Kanim added. “Well anyway, it was better than watching printed copies of those Mars maps in my room with the lights on and a nacho... oh shit, I’m doing it again, aren’t I?”

The pranksters involved in telling stories of their adventure for many years. “In one of the cans where we were picking the trash, I found a Mars bar which was only half eaten, and I was just like, ‘Bonito! Score!” said Lefty Over.

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

“I’ve seen some ingenious hacks (translation: pranks) in my time, but never anything like this,” said Susan Hoackfield, president of MIT, as she waded through an enormous pit of potli, taken with her on her way to her office.

The prank was executed just in time for Caltech’s Freshman Week End. “Now hundreds of prospective students will show up on campus to be greeted by nothing but pure emptiness - the emptiest trash cans they’ve ever seen,” Kanim gloated, rubbing her hands with glee. “Let’s see how these Caltech kids like a taste of their own medicine,” she added. When asked what she meant by this, she clarified, “um”, I’m not really sure, uh... what?"

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

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

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

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

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LA Phil beats Boston Pops on stage and off

By Harmony Williams

The Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra won the Musical Performance Association of America Bi-Annual Acoustic Competition earlier this week, upsetting the heavily favored Boston Pops. After the show, the LA Philharmonic beat the Pops again, this time in the parking lot, using their flutes and some available bald instruments.

One Pops member reportedly called out that the LA group had cheated and bullied the judges. Another was heard to say aloud impressively, saying “Pikik the Cuh in Halvahd Yahd” repeatedly. After a vicious tattling, the musicians from Los Angeles decided enough was enough and beat the Pops members with their flutes, feet, and in at least one case using an upright bass as a bow and arrow.

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

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

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

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

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Caltech pranks moon using rockets

By Tuo-Tao Gao

Students at Caltech activated a signal that finalized a prank more than twenty years in the making earlier this week, writing "MIT SUCKS" on the moon in letters large enough to be seen from earth with the naked eye. The prank started in 1983, when Caltech students first noticed MIT existed, and decided to show them how much they "sucked."

The Caltech prank used a number of small rockets as well as payload space bought on large commercial rockets to send small robots to the moon. Once on the moon the robots built factories that used munitions naturally occurring on the moon to create a large amount of thin sheeting. The sheeting was then erected in such a way that at certain times of night the shadows would be long enough to be visible from earth spelling out MIT SUCKS.

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

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

Charles River to Be Renovated
Swamp to undergo beautification project

By Walter Kennedy

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

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

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

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

"If we could make our river like that one at Caltech, that would be just great" said one board member and Stanley Banks, the chairman of the Charles River Restoration Project, added "We hope to make it so you'd never know it was among the ugliest bodies of water in the world before our project took over."

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

The river will also be heated in some places to help reduce the con
tant icing over that currently occurs, and encourage swimming in its crystal clear waters. The new river is expected to increase property values in the surrounding area, and by the year 2743 should pay for itself.
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MIT Loses 1st Annual Caltech-MIT Football

By Nick Sementovich

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

The Caltech team was invited by MIT despite being an NCAA Division III team that hasn’t existed since 1993. Prior to the game the athletic department had been accused of inviting Caltech in order to achieve an easy win, while others had claimed that the MIT administration was attempting to embarrass the Caltech team after the Caltech team repeatedly embarrassed MIT in a series of academic competitions. Investigations of both claims were dropped by NCAA officials after the game.

Red Sox Pitcher Defies Newton’s Laws of Gravitation

Matsuzaka wreaks havoc in physics community

By Nick Sementovich

After spending over 100 million dollars on a new pitching machine, Boston Red Sox pitcher Daisuke Matsuzaka, a very expensive player, has managed to throw a pitch that is so fast that it defies Newton’s laws of physics. Matsuzaka is currently the talk of the town as his pitching has become so good that even his own fans are impressed.

Women’s water polo canceled after pool freezes over

By Nick Sementovich

The MIT women’s water polo team may have been too young to compete last week after their game with the Temple University Owls was canceled after the first quarter due to the ice over the pool. The team was looking forward to the game, but unfortunately, the weather was not on their side.