



Tim the Beaver rescued by Coast Guard after nearly drowning

USCG lieutenant: "A truly humiliating performance for a Semi-Aquatic species"

Willy Wonka

NEWS EDITOR

In a harrowing turn of events that has left the MIT community reeling, beloved mascot Tim the Beaver was rescued by the United States Coast Guard (USCG) after nearly drowning in the waters of the Charles River during a morning swim last Friday.

Student eyewitnesses described the scene as chaotic, with bystanders watching in horror as Tim struggled to stay afloat in the remarkably calm waters. Several MIT students attempted a rescue, only to quickly realize they themselves also lacked swimming skills.

Mary Williams, a Cambridge local who was passing by on a morning jog, came across the frenzied scene and promptly dialed 911.

"I found it truly shocking that so many students lacked the common sense to dial 911 before attempting a rescue," Williams told a Tech reporter.

After the call, USCG Lieutenant Rachel McMillan was dispatched to lead the rescue mission. The USCG team promptly deployed highly-trained water rescuers to retrieve Tim. After a few tense minutes, the team successfully brought Tim to shore and wrapped him in a warm blanket, much to the relief of spectators gathered on the riverbank.

Lt. McMillan recounted the dramatic events with a mixture of amusement and disbelief. "When we received the 911 distress call about a

beaver, we assumed it was simply an animal rescue," she explained. "Nothing could have prepared us for the sight of Tim frantically struggling with his paws to stay afloat in the Charles. It was a truly humiliating performance for a semi-aquatic species."

News of Tim's brush against death sent shockwaves through the MIT community, prompting an outpouring of support and concern for the beloved mascot. "Tim may not be as strong a swimmer as his California counterpart, but he is a resilient beaver," remarked President Sally Kornbluth in a statement to the community. "We are incredibly grateful to the USCG for their swift response and heroic efforts to save our cherished mascot."

In an interview with *The Tech*, Provost of Education Cynthia Barnhart reflected on students' poor swimming skills and failed rescue attempts, noting that "[the institute] may need to raise the bar to pass the swimming test administered to incoming first year students in light of the disappointing showing by MIT bystanders."

As for Tim, the ordeal has not dampened his spirits. "According to my preliminary calculations, I should have remained buoyant enough to swim in the Charles, but I seem to have underestimated my swimming skills," he admitted. "However, I remain in good health and will continue to cheer on all of MIT's athletic teams when they inevitably lose. Wait, this is off the record, right?"



RICH CORNISH - THE TECH

Tim never lost his sprightly, cheerful demeanor even after staring death in the face.

MIT Commencement Shake-Up: Samuel Bankman-Fried Takes Center Stage

Campus left in eager anticipation for the arrival of their most notable alum

Amanda Tori Meating

STAFF WRITER

In a surprising turn of events that has left the MIT community buzzing with anticipation and excitement, the Institute announced this week that it has replaced its 2024 commencement speaker, Dr. Noubar Afeyan, with none other than Samuel Bankman-Fried (also known as SBF) — the infamous cryptocurrency mogul and founder of FTX Exchange.

While Dr. Afeyan — best known for his co-founding role in pharmaceutical company Moderna — was initially slated to address the graduating class, MIT's decision to tap Bankman-Fried as the new commencement speaker has caused quite a stir on campus. Many MIT students expressed excitement over the new speaker selection.

"I'm stoked for SBF's speech! This is going to be more epic than Mark Rober's speech! I'm sure all the other universities are so jealous!" Nicholas Stevenson, a senior in Applied Physics, told the Tech.

However, reservations have been raised about the logistics of the event, including how Bankman-Fried would give a speech from behind bars. Some students have also expressed frustration about the inability to obtain autographs or handshakes. President Sally Kornbluth sought to address these concerns in a statement to the community.

"Mr. Bankman-Fried is an incredible innovator and entrepreneur," Kornbluth's statement reads. "MIT is proud to possess such a talented and inspiring alumnus. After working with federal authorities, I am excited to announce that I will personally visit Mr. Bankman-Fried at Brooklyn's Metropolitan Detention Center so he can give his speech live via teleconferencing. All students will also have their diplomas personally signed by Mr. Bankman-Fried."

One professor submitted an anonymous comment to *The Tech* regarding the speaker switch-up. "I don't think going to a prison is befitting of an MIT president," the professor remarked, "but I would gladly go in her stead to

meet Samuel Bankman-Fried."

Some students see it as an opportunity for MIT to make history. Trang Vuu, a Chemical Engineering PhD student, considers it a benefit to diversity.

"Sure, some people may be concerned about MIT replacing Dr. Afeyan, whose cultural background as a Lebanese-born Armenian adds richness to his perspective, with a white speaker. However, it's worth noting SBF will offer a diverse perspective as MIT's first commencement speaker federally convicted of seven charges!" Vuu commented.

Dr. Noubar Afeyan himself expressed support for the decision in an interview with the Tech, stating, "As an entrepreneur myself, I recognize the entrepreneurial spirit in Mr. Bankman-Fried, and I would gladly give way for this talented young man, perhaps the finest in MIT's history, to inspire future MIT graduates."

As the countdown to commencement begins, all eyes are on MIT as we prepare to warmly welcome Samuel Bankman-Fried to the virtual podium.

IN SHORT

If you're wondering what's in this issue: It's a load of nonsense.

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Greetings from your friends on the warm, sunny west coast! Thanks so much for your hospitality — we hope to see you again real soon <3

—The California Tech Editors

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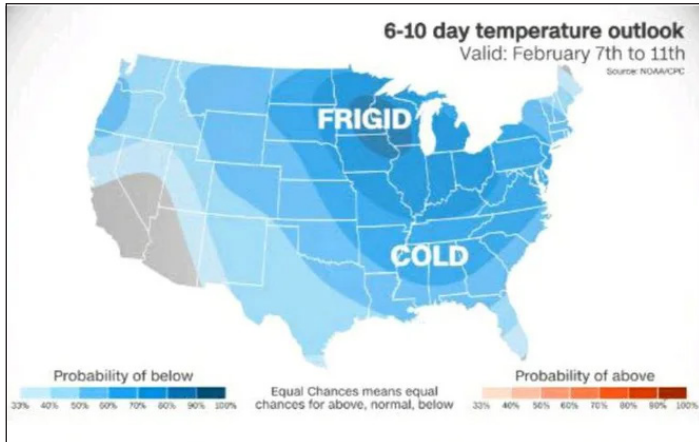
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Weather

Cold, wet, and unpleasant days ahead for Boston.

The next few days are sure to be a bummer for all Bostonians. The sky is expected to stay our favorite shade of cloud gray for the foreseeable future, with temperatures falling into the single digits as a nor'easter of epic proportions bears down on us. Expected to drop feet of snow, the storm will likely shut down travel in and out of the Boston area for 3 days. Boston's local community college MIT has issued a statement saying that all students should consider transferring to "the hotter institute of technology" on the other side of the country to avoid future catastrophic weather events.



Computing Optional? Data Show Students Not Using Computers

Big William
NEWS EDITOR

The Tech is currently undergoing a writer's shortage. As a result we have had to reuse some of the words we wrote in our last, March 21st issue.

"As a perfect example of why Boston [...] is the worst,"¹ "approximately 0"² "MIT students"³ "use computers or computing in their field."⁴ "To"⁵ "study"⁶ "this,"⁷ "at the beginning of March, MIT's Department of Facilities installed a number of cameras in the interior and exterior of Lobbies 7 and 10."⁸

"In an interview with the Tech, President"⁹ "man with the head of an ass"¹⁰ "was"¹¹ "Optimally Stiff"¹² "in"¹³ "an odd, somewhat flirty interview,"¹⁴ "they"¹⁵ "said that "the impetus" for the cameras being installed was "not for surveillance of the student body."¹⁶ "Enjoy the dreary, wet, and cloudy landscape"¹⁷ "and"¹⁸ "cameras,"¹⁹ "knowing everyone else is tanning on a beach somewhere."²⁰

"Other"²¹ "changes include the retirement of the existing"²² "prime suspect."²³ "At a time when other institutions of higher learning in America did not welcome or even admit those from the"²⁴ "sus"²⁵ "community to their universities, MIT was an exception"²⁶ "It is unfortunate but clear that for the"²⁷ "suspect"²⁸ "community, this atmosphere of safety, inclusion, and peaceful scientific study has ended."²⁹

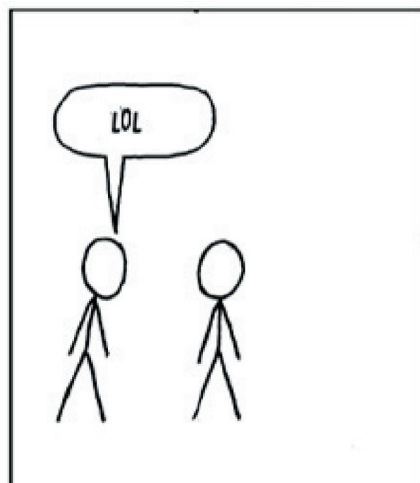
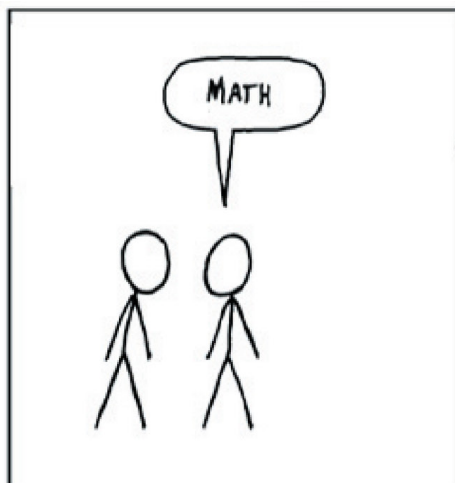
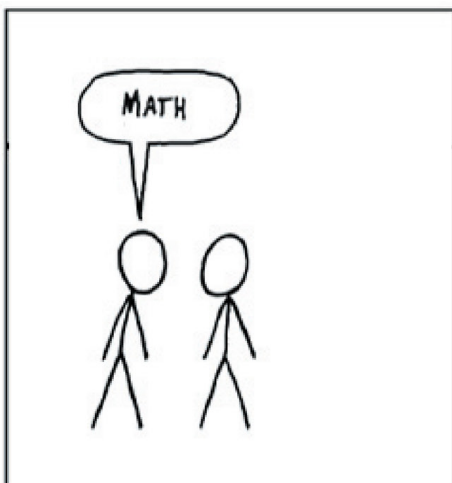
"Student reactions ranged from indifference to indignation. A poster plastered on campus had a picture of a"³⁰ "crew"³¹ "mate"³² "and the caption, 'Our world runs on this... Thanks'³³ "man with the head of an ass"³⁴ "The Tech spoke with a [...] student"³⁵ "who"³⁶ "said"³⁷ "What's not to love about [...] man with the head of an ass?"³⁸

"If you're looking for a good laugh on campus, I'd recommend"³⁹ "jet setting away."⁴⁰

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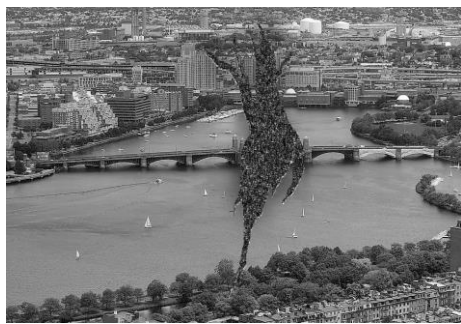
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Citizens are advised to duck, cover, and embrace the void until the Timeline stabilizes.

What you need to know about the Boston Rift

National

Edward Chesmore



Pictured: The Rift manifesting in Charles River on Wednesday

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Following recent disturbances to Time, a new rift in spacetime has in Boston, Massachusetts. Owing to the nature of the Rift, the exact time of the anomaly's manifestation is impossible to ascertain. However, according to reports from riders of the city's subway system, signs of the Rift first appeared in early March.

"I ride the T to work most days, and I noticed signs around the 12th, but it took a while for me to recognize there was something extraordinary going on," said Margaret, a local nurse. "Sure, I heard what I now realize are the screams of souls trapped in the limbo between what already happened and what never will be, but to be honest, that's kind of typical for the Green Line."

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Eric, a necromancer, concurred. "The other day I got on the T and arrived in Cambridge ten years

younger, but I figured it was just something in the air, or maybe a workplace accident. You know, last year when the ceiling was weeping blood, I contacted the city to complain, and they told us the trains were just having a bad day."

Since its early underground appearance, however, the Rift has grown a lot harder to ignore. Literally so: yesterday, the Rift overtook the Longfellow Bridge, where it continues to scream, swallow pedestrians and cars alike, and occasionally emit a mild lavender scent.

If you or your loved ones live in the Boston area, it is advised to keep up with local reporting on the Rift, avoid areas near the Rift, avoid areas with names synonymous with areas near the Rift, and avoid thinking about the Rift too much. City chronomancers are optimistic that the anomaly has reached its worst and will soon resolve. In the meantime, stay vigilant, and stay on time.

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Do blood sports have a place in modern society?

Opinion

Siera Yun

People are often surprised to learn I began my telekineticist career as an amateur gladiator in Ambrose's ring – yes, *that* Ambrose. I won't deny things got out of hand, and I would be the last to question the decision of the All-Seeing Eye to shut the place down.

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But in the backlash, many have turned against the practice of combat sports entirely. Indeed, the hip thing now seems to be suggesting that athletics should be practiced without any risk of maiming, mutilation, or death, and anyone saying otherwise needs to get with the times. I completely disagree. A little risk is a part of life – indeed, it brings out the best in us. Without my stint at Ambrose's, I would not have learned the techniques that let me become the first non-natural-born telekineticist to achieve A2 certification. Have we forgotten even the Turnover Tournament began as a duel to the death, or do kids nowadays not even learn our history?

I'm retired from the sport now, but I certainly hope the next generation of telekineticists will have the same opportunity I did, though maybe in a better-run arena than Ambrose's. I cannot in good faith back any politician seeking to ban such activities. Don't like it? Don't participate. But people have the right to put their lives on the line to better themselves.

Infinite Storage Room now actually infinite

Local

J.R. Mole

Cal Tech is pleased to announce that the Infinite Storage Room, a series of chambers adjacent to the Student Activities Center, is now living up to its name.

After the nation was shocked by an investigation revealing that MIT's The Corridor Formerly

Known as the Infinite Corridor Which is Now Known to be 251 Meters Long was in fact 251 meters long rather than infinite, suspicions were turned on the Hotter Institute of Technology's famed Infinite Storage Room. A group of seniors took it upon themselves to investigate the underground chambers during 2023's Ditch Day. They were saddened and disappointed by the revelation that the Infinite Storage Room, too, was finite.

Following reports of the error, calTech's maintenance wizards quickly installed a new pocket dimension in the Storage Room, retroactively validating its name. Those who spend time in the Student Activities Center are advised to take precautions in the case that they end up lost in the Infinite Storage Room. In particular, frosh incapable of subterranean chemosynthesis should carry a month's supply of emergency rations, and all students and staff must be supplied a Banach-Tarski yarn ball for navigation.

"We're very grateful for Caltech wizards for their quick work," said a senior, about the recent updates. "Though we may lose some frosh along the way, this is a small price to pay for infinity."

FDA approves new prophecy-mitigation device

Technology

Adam Frankenstein

In a world first, the Metis device has passed its last round of clinical trials and is expected to be available for patients in early 2025. Developed by reclusive wizard Maia Powers, the device promises to treat those afflicted with distressing prophecies by constructing conditions which render a description technically true, while minimizing damage. An estimated 1.2 million people suffer from oracles foretelling death or misfortune for...

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Cooking Catastrophes: MIT Students Pioneer New Ways to Set off Fire Alarms and Turn Food Into Unrecognizable Substances

By **Smokey the Beaver**
ARSONIST

In a series of culinary calamities this semester, students across campus have managed to push the boundaries of cooking to new – and often alarming – heights. The latest incident occurred in Random Hall, where an undergraduate's attempt to boil an egg ended in a blaze of glory.

"I just wanted to make an omelet," lamented the student, who preferred to remain anonymous. "I just put my roommate's cast iron pan on the stove, but next thing I know, there's [expletive] fire shooting up to the ceiling, and the fire alarm is blaring," they explained to a bewildered Tech reporter who happened to be walking by.

Firefighters rushed to the scene to find smoke billowing out the windows. While there was minimal damage beyond the kitchen, the ceiling was badly singed, and (as of the writing of this article) Random Hall

remains short one kitchen due to repairs.

"MIT keeps us busy," remarked Cambridge Fire Department Chief Thomas Cahill, rubbing the bridge of his nose at the absurdity of the situation. "We get three to four calls a week due to cooking accidents from just the Institute. In fact, we're thinking of expanding our Lafayette Square Station across campus and increasing staffing to accommodate the activity."

Another cooking catastrophe unfolded in the early morning hours of last Sunday on the second floor of MacGregor House, where an alleged attempt to make instant noodles took a sinister turn. According to eyewitness reports, the noodles began glowing in the microwave and producing an incredibly foul odor. Residents in neighborhoods across the Charles River in Boston even reported smelling the odor.

After several 911 calls, firefighters were dispatched along with a hazmat team from the Cambridge Public Health Department

to locate the offending odor. Upon locating and removing the microwave containing the pile of glowing used-to-be ramen, samples were taken for laboratory testing. Tests by the Cambridge Public Health Department revealed the presence of 13 known carcinogens. Perhaps more frighteningly, further analysis of a sample sent to Brookhaven National Lab uncovered an unusually high level of radioactive iodine-131.

After immediate health screenings, students of MacGregor House were temporarily reallocated as hazmat crews spent two days cleaning the contaminated area. The Tech has chosen not to name the student responsible for this incident, but the message is clear: MIT students are not winning any Michelin stars in the kitchen. In a survey of 534 students conducted by The Tech, it was found that 97% solely eat from dining halls to avoid cooking, and 100% of students are confident that they would "badly screw up" while attempting to cook.

MIT has taken steps to address this alarming trend, including implementing a supplemental essay on cooking experience into its college application process. MIT has also gone great lengths in order to recruit Chemistry Professor Emeritus and Nobel laureate Tom Mannion out of retirement to teach remedial culinary chemistry and cooking classes for students in need of assistance.

"After these unflattering incidents brought to our attention the dire need for our institute's students to remedy their poor culinary skills, we are taking concrete steps to ensure students have the tools they need to learn this basic life skill," Vice Provost Peter Fisher announced in an email to the community. "But as long as MIT students continue to pioneer new ways to set off fire alarms and turn food into unrecognizable substances, it seems the fire department and hazmat teams will have their work cut out for them."

Mug-Gate: An Unfathomable Scandal in the Department of Physics

A physics professor found himself in hot water — quite literally — when he was caught red-handed with a Caltech prank mug. The true identity of the mug was revealed as the professor was preparing a hot cup of tea. This discovery led to swift action, with the professor placed on unpaid leave pending further investigation. In a statement, Physics Department Head Professor Deepto Chakrabarty deemed the possession of the mug "the most heinous offense committable."

The accused professor pleaded innocent ignorance, claiming he had only previously used the mug for cold beverages. Rumors have begun circulating around campus that the MIT Corporation is considering stoning and burning at the stake as punishments for the offending professor.

— *Ethan Mugwart, FROM THE DAILY BREW*
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MIT Undergraduate Association Accuses Caltech Counterpart of Election Interference

Yesterday, the MIT Undergraduate Association raised eyebrows by accusing their Caltech counterpart—the Associated Students of the California Institute of Technology (ASCIT)—of sending agents to meddle in their recent elections. The evidence? A slew of eyebrow-raising write-in ballots for Bernoulli the Beaver (Caltech's horrific new mascot), Nobel laureate Francis Arnold, and distinguished Caltech alumnus Nick Jasinski.

Even hastily scrawled jabs like "MIT = Caltech East Campus" and "California rules" made the cut for strange write-in ballots submitted during the election. ASCIT President Gabriella Twombly denounced the allegations. "Stop blaming Caltech for your lack of qualified leaders," she quipped. Under her breath, she added, "Obsessed much?"

— *David Spicer, FROM LOUISIANA TIMES*
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A Swim in Boston Harbor

A fun friends' night out turned into an unexpected midnight dip into Boston Harbor for sophomores Samuel Miller and Alan Pivs. Their excuse? Google Maps lead them right into the frigid waters. Bystanders quickly sprang to action to pull the two out of the windows of the sinking car. The Coast Guard is currently in the process of assessing how it will remove the car from the harbor's sea floor. Hopefully, Google Maps will add an update soon alerting careless MIT students of incoming large bodies of water.

— *Devot Folwer, FROM KROTUS DIGEST*
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MIT Dropouts Create Anti-Social App

A trio of MIT dropouts recently unleashed their brainchild upon the unsuspecting world—an "anti-social" app designed to revolutionize socializing by eliminating the need for actual human interaction. With features that allow users to engage in superficial conversations with AI chatbots about their most random exploits—including anything from scaling trees to attempting cartwheels on the beach—the app promises to make maintaining meaningful relationships a thing of the past. Need to convince others you're out and about? No problem! The app can even send convincing text messages on your behalf. MIT students are hailing it as the ultimate time-saving tool. Meanwhile, for some bewildering reason, students from Boston College, Harvard, and Northeastern are reportedly in a frenzy to ban the app before it infiltrates their campuses.

— *Mark Zuckerberg, FROM FACEBOOOK*
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Shocking new paper reveals MIT doesn't actually exist

Small William

FROM THE CALIFORNIA TECH
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CAMBRIDGE, MA — In a landmark study published in *Nature Memetics* on Monday, MIT was proven to be nothing more than a group hallucination, bringing an end to the nearly century-old debate.

"It looks like it exists — like it's *right there* when you look at it, and it's between two other prestigious universities, so it would make more sense for it to be there than not," explained Caltech Professor of Neurobiology Milo Dingus, the study's first author. "But it doesn't actually exist."

The breakthrough was made when researchers at Caltech became suspicious of the supposed "MIT University" when they noticed how similar it was to their own. "I mean, their mascot is a beaver too? And their newspaper is also called *The Tech*. It was all just a bit too good to be true," Professor Dingus told the Tech in an interview.

But that wasn't the first sign of trouble, Dingus recounted. "I was looking through a list of Fields Medalists one day and realized that none of them had graduated from MIT. How can this be? After all, Caltech has several Fields Medalist alumni, and we are much smaller. The

odds that such an apparently prestigious school wouldn't have any Fields Medalists are lower than the Class of 2027's SAT scores." And so, Dingus and a hardworking team of undergraduate interns started investigating.

According to the *Nature* study, what everyone thinks of as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology is actually a collective hallucination that started in the mid-19th century when a sociology professor at Caltech forgot to supervise his summer interns and gave them entirely too much budget. The students got drunk one night and reportedly thought up "Caltech east campus", or "Masstech", or "MIT." They were specifically researching the college-seeing centers of the brain and purportedly inflicted this idea on the whole nation, before spreading the effect across the whole world. Whether it was on purpose or accident the world may never know.

The consequences of this action are very real, however. Many children grow up dreaming of going to MIT, many people even mistakenly believe they go to or have gone to MIT. Caltech's Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects has been looking into rectifying this mistake. One of the proposed solutions is to actually open a satellite campus to Caltech in Boston, where people have been mistakenly believing there is already a college.

Is your cooking keeping the fire department active?



STEPHEN HAWKING—THE CALIFORNIA TECH

Did your instant ramen have to be sent to a national lab for radioactive nuclei testing? Sign up for **SA 16 - Cooking Basics** at the California Institute of Technology! Taught by Director of Student Activities, Tom Mannion, this class will make sure you are no longer on an FBI watch list for creating chemical hazards with your cooking.

MIT Task Force Launched Last Month to Unravel Mystery of Professor Exodus to Caltech Publishes Initial Findings

Nina Levin
NEWS EDITOR

It has long been suspected that the disappearances of several of MIT's best and brightest faculty were actually cover-ups for those who committed the ultimate sin: transferring to MIT's rival institution, the California Institute of Technology (Caltech). However, this was never quantified. That is, until a recent data release from the 2022-2023 academic year revealed that MIT recruited fewer faculty than it has lost to Caltech.

In light of this shocking finding, President Sally Kornbluth launched a task force last month to investigate the faculty defections and produce recommendations to remedy the crisis.

"This issue presents the gravest existential threat to our institution in its 162 year history. If we do not stymie the exodus of brilliant faculty away from our beloved institute, this may herald the end of MIT as we know it," Kornbluth remarked in a statement accompanying the launch of the task force.

Encompassing over 60 tenured faculty and administrators alike, the Determination of University Migration Behavior (DUMB) task force hopes to shed light on the reasons behind the mass exodus

of faculty members to sunny Pasadena. Spearheading the DUMB task force's initiative is Dr. Ivy Brainstein, who is the third chair of the task force after her two predecessors departed for Caltech.

"Our mission is to uncover the gravitational pull that lures our faculty away from the intellectual epicenter of MIT," Dr. Brainstein remarked in an interview with the Tech.

According to Brainstein, despite efforts to reach out to departed professors via both their new Caltech email addresses and former MIT addresses, the task force failed to obtain a single reply. However, a breakthrough came while mailing paper surveys, with one lone respondent providing insight into her decision to join the Caltech ranks. Unfortunately, the returned envelope only included photos of the professor with her family splashing in the waves at Santa Monica beach and indulging in tacos from a food truck.

Despite the radio silence from former faculty and defections of some members to Caltech during the course of its investigation, the big DUMB task force published preliminary proposals for faculty retention yesterday, including the following:

1. Increased Taco Trucks on Campus:

Recognizing the undeniable appeal of tacos, the task force proposed transporting an array of taco trucks and their owners from Los Angeles to Cambridge to satisfy the cravings of faculty.

2. Climate Adjustment: Another proposal from the task force aims to alter the climate of Massachusetts using cutting-edge infrared laser heating technology, with the ambitious goal of replacing the ennu-inducing, clammy Cambridge weather with the sunny, breezy conditions of Southern California. However, the task force noted this proposal has a specific challenge arising from the exodus of all but one of MIT's climate scientists to Caltech.

3. Transforming the Charles River: The task force also proposed shipping 12.3 million metric tons of sand from Florida and Hawaii to build artificial beaches along the Charles River. Genetically-modified palm trees with greater cold resilience can then be introduced.

4. Mountain Range Construction: After examining photos of Pasadena, the task force also proposed bulldozing the entirety of Connecticut, Western Massachusetts, and Southern New Hampshire to erect a mountain range, offering a scenic alternative to the sunny slopes of the San Gabriel Mountains.

5. Spaceship Zoom-Zoom Workspace (SZW): In yet another proposal, the task force suggested petitioning the US government and NASA for \$98 billion to construct the SZW—a cunning-edge, well-equipped aeronautics research facility designed to rival Caltech's Jet Propulsion Laboratory—in neighboring Somerville.

In addition to these innovative solutions, the task force also entertained more unorthodox suggestions, such as improving salaries, enhancing employment benefits, opening up more funding to increase the number of graduate teaching assistants, reaffirming diversity and inclusivity efforts to foster a welcoming community, and providing more support for the mental health of individuals with seasonal affective disorder.

When asked about the latter proposals, President Kornbluth dismissed them as "categorically outlandish," further noting that she "prefer[s] the suggestion of altering the Massachusetts climate."

Dr. Brainstein expressed optimism that armed with the DUMB task force's work, MIT can finally make a dent in its battle over faculty with Caltech. "My hope is that we can finally transform MIT to reflect the ineffable charm of Caltech and Pasadena."

Estimating the Volume of Grapes Required to Fill the Architectural Space of Massachusetts Institute of Technology: A Theoretical Approach

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FAN CONTRIBUTOR

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology, renowned for its quaint research and shocking architecture, serves as the focal point for an unusually intellectually stimulating question: how many grapes would it take to fill its numerous and varied spaces? This inquiry, while whimsical at its core, is a gateway to exploring fundamental principles of geometry, physics, and engineering. It challenges us to apply theoretical knowledge to solve a problem that is both abstract and concrete, blending academic rigor with imaginative speculation.

Our journey begins with the establishment of a methodological framework, designed to navigate the complexities of volumetric analysis within the context of irregular architectural spaces. The initial step involves estimating the total interior volume of MIT's buildings, a task that requires a blend of architectural insight and mathematical precision. Given the absence of readily available data, we engage in a hypothetical exercise, setting the total volume at 1,000,000 cubic meters for the sake of calculation.

The volume of a single grape, modeled as a perfect sphere with a diameter of 2 cm, is calculated using the formula for the volume of a sphere:

This simplicity belies the complexities

ahead, as we must next consider the grapes' compressibility and the density at which they can be packed—a nod to the principles of material science and mechanical engineering.

With these parameters in hand, we delve into the heart of our analysis, employing the formula to estimate the number of grapes. Each variable in this equation carries weight, from the correction factor K, accounting for the unusable space due to architectural features, to the compression factor Cf, which acknowledges the grapes' potential to deform under pressure.

Our calculations yield a staggering figure: approximately 125 billion grapes would be required to fill MIT's spaces. This number, though rooted in numerous assumptions, offers a moment of reflection on the scale of both the task and the institution itself. **If we included our hypothetical total volume at 1,000,000 cubic meters.**

This exercise in estimation goes beyond mere numerical curiosity, touching upon deeper themes in scientific inquiry and education. It illustrates the applicability of STEM principles to everyday questions, encouraging a multidisciplinary approach to problem-solving. Furthermore, it highlights the importance of approximation and estimation in science, skills as valuable as precise calculation and analytical rigor.

The implications of this study extend into the realm of pedagogy, suggesting innovative

ways to engage students with mathematics and physics. But what if we did not use our hypothetical number but gathered our information from third-party sources?

We can make a more accurate estimate for the number of grapes that could fit in MIT by first estimating the number of grapes to fit in Caltech, an architecturally superior campus. Given the updated information that Caltech had 739,000 square feet (approximately 68,700 square meters) of space in 2005, let's refine our calculations to provide a more accurate estimate of how many grapes would be required to fill this space. It's important to note, however, that square footage measures area, not volume. To proceed with our volume-based calculation, we'd need to estimate the average height of the buildings to convert this area into a volume.

For the sake of this information, let's assume an average building height. Typically, academic buildings can vary greatly in height, but a reasonable average for a mix of single-story and multi-story buildings might be around 10 meters (about 3 stories high). This assumption allows us to estimate the total volume of Caltech's architectural spaces and adjust our grape-filling calculation accordingly.

Based on the information gathered, we can now plug it into the formula above:

We can now recalculate with the revised volume of 's' spaces. Let's proceed with the calculation.

With the revised calculations, considering Caltech's space to have a total volume of 687,000 cubic meters, we estimate that approximately 85,856,367,976 (nearly 86 billion) grapes would be required to fill the architectural spaces of the California Institute of Technology. This updated figure reflects the specific dimensions provided and our assumptions about building heights, offering a closer approximation to the intriguing question of filling MIT with grapes.

It's important to note that the calculations and estimates provided within this exploration are based on data from the year 2006, reflecting Caltech's reported space of 739,000 square feet (approximately 68,700 square meters). The assumptions made regarding the average height of buildings and the subsequent volume calculations are tailored to this specific timeframe.

As such, the estimated number of grapes required to fill the architectural spaces of Caltech—nearly 86 billion—is contingent upon these historical dimensions and does not account for any expansions, renovations, or changes that may have occurred post-2005.

Now that we measured Caltech; MIT being 2.3x larger than Caltech. It would take 197,800,000,000 grapes to fill up MIT.

So there you have it! Nearly 198 billion grapes are needed to fill out the Massachusetts Institute of Technology! Using Caltech's data in 2005 of course. Get rekt!

Media Lab Innovation Tackles Veganism-Induced Toilet Clogs

By Sam Foxman

Plant-based, organic food preferences have [been on the rise since 2008](#) according to MIT Dining's annual survey. Unfortunately, numerous recent studies have shown that organic and [vegan foods alter the gut microbiome composition](#) to produce abnormally large feces. The Tech spoke to a few custodial staff, who claim that these diet trends have resulted in an estimated dozen extended restroom shutdowns this semester.

"We found one turd the size of a full-grown adult squirrel," custodian Alma Mathur explained after spending 90 minutes unclogging a toilet in building 68.

According to the resulting incident report, toxicologists in the division of bioengineering conducted [PCR](#)

[sequencing on the stool sample](#), and identified quinoa and chia seeds as the likely culprit. The identity of the perpetrator will be revealed, pending DNA testing. To benefit the MIT community, Student Financial Services will take note of toilet abuse when determining financial aid packages. Additionally, serious clogs should be reported to campus security going forward.

Amidst the chaos, MIT Media Lab has developed a new toilet for the modern age to solve the issue, according to an announcement printed on toilet paper rolls across campus.

"We plan to install our new vegan-accommodating toilets in Stratton Student Center to facilitate easy flushing of 'elephant turds,'" reads the announcement. The new toilet innovation, developed with the generous support of undergraduate student tuition, is ushering

in a [new age of excretory innovation](#).

The announcement of the so-called 'vegan toilets' followed shortly after the news that the grocery store in the Stratton student center will be [replaced with an organic Whole-Foods-esque market](#) in late 2024 to early 2025. A subset of MIT students are excited for the new organic market, which will provide "a wide variety of everyday essentials like pasta [...] made with care," with an added benefit of being tax-free under Massachusetts regulation due to its affiliation with an educational institution.

About the author: Sam Foxman (CS '26) is passionate about culinary art and science, and is a member of the CIT meats-rights club. Recently, he participated in a protest against Plant-Based Universities by eating an In-N-Out 4x4 cheeseburger outside the rival vegan club.



Organic vegan vending machines in Infinite Corridor, near the intersection of building 4 and 10 (room 4-115). These vending machines are the suspected nutrient source of the building 68 stool sample according to molecular epidemiology analysis of chia seed DNA.

Letter to MIT Beloved

My Dearest Samuel,

With fond affection, I address thee, my dear pookiebear! In the course of our epistolary exchanges, I have observed with no small dismay the tardiness that oft attends the conveyance of my missives to thy person. Hence, I have opted to employ the modern marvel known as "the Tech" in the dispatch of this communication, in hopes of expediting its delivery. Indeed, compared to the leisurely pace of traditional mail, this method hath proven to be remarkably expeditious.

Pray, dost thou find thyself assailed by the chill of Assachusetts Institute of Technology? Methinks the temperature doth hover uncomfortably in the forties and fifties, a climate I cannot but sympathize with from afar, for in my locale, the sun doth grace us with its warm embrace, bathing us in temperatures that surpass seventy degrees. Although my thoughts do stray to the desire of thy company, alas, such a wish remains unfulfilled. As the common parlance doth crudely express, "Sucks to suck."

Know, my dear Samuel, that thou art sorely missed, and thy memory doth occupy a cherished place within my heart. I bid thee good fortune in thy forthcoming topology examination; may the shapes reveal themselves to thee with clarity and grace. I beseech thee, take care of thyself, my beloved, and spare not thyself in pursuit of knowledge. Let us look forward to the occasion of our 1 year anniversary, coinciding with the forthcoming solar eclipse, as a beacon of joy and celebration.

With deepest affection and anticipation,
Jassie

Do You Deserve To Live? An Analysis of Rent in Pasadena Vs Cambridge

Prexy Wexy
STAFF WRITER

Pasadena, CA / Cambridge, MA - It was the best of times, it was the worst of times... A study published in last week's MIT Review of Economics and Statistics analyzed the rental markets of Pasadena and Cambridge, and presented a startling revelation. Students at the prestigious California Institute of Technology (CIT) and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Masstech) are resorting to extreme measures to be able to afford the exorbitant price of living in their respective towns.

CIT, nestled between the bustling city of Los Angeles and the San Gabriel mountains, has long been a haven for budding scientists and engineers. However, beneath the walks blooming with olives, oranges, and turtles, there lies a dark truth: the cost of living is astronomical. This forces students to divert a majority share of their brainpower toward survival rather than studies and research. Faced with the kafkaesque nightmare that is Pasadena's housing market, some students have resorted to living below ground.

"We've been living in the tunnels below

CIT. Sometimes we have to dig our own," an anonymous student from Booty House confessed, sporting a hard hat and a shovel. "It's cramped and steamy and there are spooky noises and it's technically against the Honor Code to be down there, but the murals are nice! Plus, forcing people to pay money for such a basic life necessity as housing is already against the Honor Code, so I don't feel too bad."

Meanwhile, over in Cambridge lies Masstech, near HarVard University and the historic city of Boston. In the Boston area, the price of rent has been steadily increasing ever since Paul Revere rode through Charlestown's streets, and it shows no sign of stopping any time soon. An alarming proportion of Masstech students engage in particularly archaic practices: selling organs to afford rent. One student, who also wished to remain anonymous, admitted that "I figured I only needed one kidney, so why not? The rent is a death sentence already."

But how bad is it really? Based on data from Rent.com and Apartments.com, a studio apartment in Cambridge can really cost you an arm and a leg! Er, I mean, a cool

\$2800-\$3100 a month. A full one bedroom apartment will cost your kidney, or \$3200 a month, and 2-3 bedroom apartments will range from \$4000-5000 a month. Pasadena, comparatively, will cost you \$1700-\$1900 a month for a cozy studio apartment, \$1900-\$2100 for a one bedroom apartment, and \$2800-\$3600 for 2-3 bedroom apartments.

With prices higher than a SpaceX rocket launch or your first-born child, how are students meant to afford to live? I mean, do they even deserve to live in these apartments where the rent could fund a small country's GDP? When confronted with the impossible cost of living for students, university officials from both CIT and Masstech offered canned responses about minds, hands, truth, and freedom. Whatever that means.

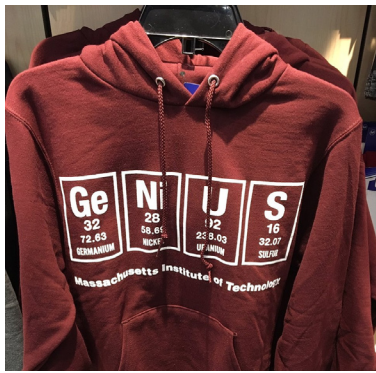
However, it looks like Masstech students come out with the L on this one, with far higher rent than CIT students will ever have to deal with, and a few less body parts to boot. So, always remember: if anyone ever asks you if you deserve to live at Masstech or CIT: No one does.

Battle of the Drip: MIT vs Caltech

Urmom Cosa
FASHION REPORTER

1: The Periodic Table Hoodie

Been done. If MIT students need a t-shirt to spell genius to them, the world is a bleak place indeed. While this may be a hoodie, it is certainly not enough to shield from the frigid Boston weather during the winter. It fails yet again against sweat during the sweltering summer. L weather complements L merch.



2: Plain Grey MIT T-Shirt (T-Shirt)

I have few negatives to say about this design except that it is BORING! It looks like it could be sold at any major retailer. Why should I pay for merch just to get an unflattering piece of clothing?



3: Beaver Magnet

Good God. This is how nightmares are made. You could not catch me putting that magnet anywhere near where I live. Actually, if I did, you would catch me dead because that creepy ass beaver would have killed me. It's giving Happy Tree Friends, and if you have seen the show, you would know it never ends well for the characters.



1: This is How We Roll

Now, this is what you call an original design. Being the superior STEM school, Caltech boasts the better physics knowledge. This is merch that entertains and educates. Understanding the forces acting on a ball rolling down an incline is an essential piece of physics that needs to be shared.



2: Formulas Shirt

Being the best STEM school in the country, it is only right that the Caltech merch gets to include a wide variety of formulas. Plus, who knew formulas could look so pretty? It makes the hard to pull off Caltech orange pop.



3: MIT Shirt

This is hands down one of the best pieces of merch to exist. Not only does it spell out a cold hard truth, but it does so with pizzazz. For this reason, Dean Chandrakasan has ordered 4,576 shirts already, one for each MIT student.



PSA: Random Printer

Hi Massachusetts Institute of Technology Students,

I wish this were a joke article but sadly it is not.

It was brought to the Division of Student Life's attention that one of the color printers in Random Hall was recently damaged. The printer is soaked with piss and has puddled in the paper tray.

Here's what we know:

- 1) This incident was most likely caused by an MIT student. The only way into Random is with an MIT ID.
- 2) This happened today or yesterday at the very latest.
- 3) Due to the basic laws of biology/physics, was probably a guy.

We don't know if this was done maliciously, and we'll update if there's more information. For now, this printer has been moved somewhere else.

The other two printers (1 color and 1 b&w) have been moved to Andre Hamelberg's (our UA president god bless his soul) room and will be made online only when Andre is in his room. We don't want to restrict access to the printer off of one person's bewilderment, but at the same time we want to protect the one working printer that we have.

Sorry for this inconvenience, this is truly unfortunate.

The Division of Student Life,
MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

RECRUITING: Accomplished/Enthusiastic PC Gamers



Hello! You there. Yes, you. Are you *seriously* playing video games *alone*? I understand, you have no other choice. You are tired of being trolled by

your jungler in LoL, being teamkilled in R6, getting hit by allied air strikes in HELL-DIVERS 2, and suffering through own-goals in Rocket League. Everyone has experienced these situations and more. Still, you must solo-queue. Quite frankly, your high school friends stopped playing video games and you grew apart from them, problem sets took over, and no one will talk to you again if they find out you are a closeted League of Legends player. I get it, trust me. However, today I present a solution to your problems...

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How I Became a Fashion Major at MIT

By Fatima Mitaf

"Fatima, have you considered which major you want to apply for?" my mother asked me the summer of my senior year in high school.

"Electrical Engineering," I said.

"Excuse me!? Your skin would be starved of sunlight for four years."

"How about Computer Science?"

"Political Science is acceptable."

"What about Mechanical Engineering?"

"Social Engineering is alright."

"But I want to become a *real* scientist or engineer!"

I've had an affinity for math and science since my earliest childhood. If I did something praiseworthy, I'd ask my dad for a math problem. I hand-calculated and memorized all the square numbers from 1 to 2500, and noticed many patterns; e.g., if x is an integer, the last two digits of $(25 - x)^2$ and $(25 + x)^2$ are the same. The Science Channel was my favorite TV network and the Museum of Science was my favorite "amusement park."

"Fatima, I spent my childhood studying math and science so I could attend a high-rank-

ing college, then be granted the opportunity to immigrate to the US and find a job there," my mother said. "Now that you live in the US, you don't have to study math and science so rigorously. You have freedom! You should pursue your dreams and become an actress, a musician, or an influencer!"

"What if I like math and science?"

"Pffft, why would you want to spend your days plumbing people's toilets? I don't want my daughter to have dirty hands. I want her to be pretty!"

"But mom!—"

"—Fatima! You've been wearing the same gray sweatshirt three days in a row. It smells worse than your brother's hockey gear."

"But it's comfortable!"

"Aaah why do you have no taste in fashion? Don't you know the prettier the clothes, the more uncomfortable they are? Anyway, you must choose a major that falls within the humanities department. That's final."

Ultimately, I applied as a fashion major because it seemed easiest.

Growing up in Massachusetts, I dreamed of attending UMass Amherst. Every day, I plead

with my dad to convince his friend, a UMass professor, to sneak us into UMass's buffet, which has annually won "Best Campus Food" for the past seven years. After our brunchin-ner, I'd eavesdrop on some lectures, hoping that once I graduated high school, I'd be able to receive such an excellent college education at a *reasonable* price. In my senior year of high school, I toured MIT, choked on their pizza, and cried on my way out the "fire-alarm-will-sound-if-pushed" door. Still, my parents forced me to apply to MIT as a safety school.

"I would like to study fashion at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology because..." I typed two hours before the application deadline.

"You can abbreviate Massachusetts Institute of Technology as MIT. MIT knows its students have trouble spelling words containing more than three letters. That's why they shortened their name to MIT instead of Masstech."

Unfortunately, MIT was the only school I got into. I braced myself for the next few decades of repaying student debt. Some days, I contemplated becoming a drop-out loser like Bill Gates, Steve Jobs, or Mark Zuckerberg.

"Sweetie, if you had spent more time studying humanities instead of STEM, you might have gotten into UMass. I read over your UMass application and saw several red flags. Every time you mentioned a year, you rounded it to three sig figs. Your personal statement was written in binary. The only time you used English letters in your supplemental essays was when assigning numbers to variables."

"Agggghhhhh."

"It's ok sweetie. Tim Mit attended MIT and he turned out alright!"

"He's a beaver."

"There's not much wrong with being a beaver. Anyway, you should feel grateful that you got into a college."

"I think I was destined to go to MIT," I groaned. "The admissions officers probably said, 'Fatima Mitaf is MIT af. Her parents made her name a palindrome, so nerdy!'"

"Oh sweetie, I wrote Fat Ima on your birth certificate."

Just as I had cried on my way out of MIT, I cried on my way in.

MIT to Establish a New Kindergarten After Renovations

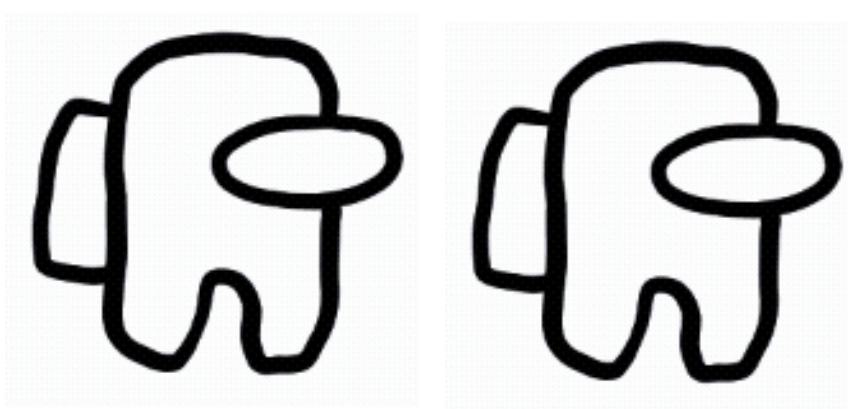
Oliver Jaded

STAFF REPORTER

Following concerns about the amount of immature children on campus, MIT will be opening a new kindergarten on the third floor of the east parallel. This program aims to provide a space for students who may not quite be developmentally ready to fully integrate into campus society. While the average MIT student is over a decade older than the traditional kindergartener, some of the student body will still really benefit from a safe and contained space for those without fully developed brains. Individuals will be selected for this childcare program based on propensity for participating in dangerous and stupid activities, disrespect

towards authority, inability to sit still, and overall immaturity.

While it may seem cruel to separate these students from the rest of their peers, this will be the correct space for them based on their maturity and developmental readiness. The rowdy children will be contained during the floors "Mandatory Loud Hours" between midnight to 3am. This will not only provide them a much needed space to burn off their childlike energy, but will also keep them from disturbing the rest of campus with their rambunctious behavior. It remains to be seen whether this will negatively affect the neighboring senior citizen home to be opened 2 floors above.



Looking for love? We asked MIT math majors for advice.

By Manta Ray

AQUARIUM RESIDENT

For the fourth year in a row, MIT has claimed the top five spots of the prestigious William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition. As a home of many mathematical competition winners, including IMO Gold medalists, this achievement does not come as much of a surprise. MIT math majors are among an elite group of undergraduates in the university, known for their work-ethic and discipline to the subject. Math students dedicate most of their waking hours pouring over abstract technical jargon and obsessing over proofs of claims that are impossible to understand without years of schooling, so they naturally have a way with words. In fact, those who study math have a reputation of succeeding in the classroom *and* in the bedroom. We asked the rizziest students of the mathematics program for their advice to their peers so that they may learn how to pursue their romantic interests.

The first person interviewed was Jack Mehoff, a junior who made sure to introduce himself as a three-time IMO gold medalist and Challenger rank in League of Legends.

"Yeah, I just can't keep the women off of me," he rizzed.

I did not doubt this for a second. From his unkempt beard growing past his jugular to his disheveled clothing covered in crumbs of what seem to be Doritos, I myself was having trouble staying professional during this interview. Nonetheless, I was on a mission. *How else are the finance majors going to be able to go on dates without his advice?* So we began with the basics: asking out someone for a date.

"There are many schools of thought when it comes to pursuing a mate," explained Mehoff, who had begun sweating profusely. "I personally consider myself to be of the topologist school of thought."

I was intrigued.

"Once you have made eye contact with a potential date," he continued, "I would run up to them with my arms behind me, as you might see Naruto do, for instance, and shout 'I want to

go on a date with you!', with a smile of course."

This approach is known in the literature as "straight-line homotopy" according to Mehoff. "Which makes sense as we are using the convexity of the space between pursuer and the pursued," he lilted, going on to explain how this technique in particular has brought him many dates with "real-life women."

Given so many dates, I inquired whether Mehoff pays for them all.

"Are we assuming an axiom of choice?" he asked.

I urged him to keep within ZF and not ZFC.

"Baka," he muttered. "Without choice, how would you find a basis for an arbitrary vector space?"

I tactfully explained that I prefer to work in ZF because I do not feel comfortable with the idea of non-measurable sets.

Mehoff cackled uncontrollably for about 45 seconds. "I would not pay for my meals under ZF, but you may if you wish." He made a mic drop gesture and excused himself, saying he needed to go "complete more sex" with "real-life women."

As Mehoff walked away into the sunset, he winked at me, and I realized in that moment that he was suggesting that paying for a date is independent of ZF and requires choice. I was in shock - this was a genius at work.

As I attempted to regain my composure, another math student, Yuri Nator, silently approached me. In almost a whisper, he explained that he also had advice he would like to share that his "best friend" did not mention. Struck by the serendipity, I eventually pieced together that he must have been the person who, without blinking, stared intently at me while I conducted my last interview. Something caught my eyes - or I should say my nose - about Yuri Nator. I asked if he had been wearing any cologne. Nator explained that it was not a cologne I smelled, but instead a musk that had been fermenting for the last month as he had not showered. This was the first time I have heard of such a technique.

"I have too many books to read, so to make more time I decided not to shower," Nator ex-

plained while fidgeting his hands, staring at the floor with a faint smile. Without prompt, he began to speak about some of his most recent sexual partners in short sentences and at an almost inaudible volume.

As he continued, it slowly dawned on me what I was hearing. It would be no understatement to say that *Nator was single-handedly carrying the sexual activity on campus.* The number of partners was so staggering that I had trouble counting. In fact, almost magically, I could tell that Nator was not only regaling his sexual history, but was also presenting a diagonal argument. I could not count the number of partners because it was uncountable!

I was enamored. Nator lacked muscle definition and stood uncomfortably close to me during this interview. He exuded sexual prowess. Attempting to refocus the interview topic, I asked Nator if he had a particular sexual position that made him so good.

The next few seconds of this interview changed my life. In fact, since writing this publication, I have been unable to write more articles due to the number of sexual partners I have had using this particular move. He called it the "Galois correspondence." Named after the French mathematician Évariste Galois, who famously died in a duel rumored to be over a romantic interest, this maneuver is just as passionate as the death of its eponymous muse. The heart of the move is to make use of the one-to-one correspondence between the towers of extensions of your partners and the symmetries of the group formed by you and your lovers. We leave the rest of the explanation as an exercise for the reader.

Once we completed the interview, Nator sped away, and I remained alone on MIT campus with knowledge that would change the course of my love life forever. If you are a biologist, chemist, or even a finance major, you are not alone in the struggle that MIT students face with relationships. I hope this piece will help you learn from the experts of your cohort, and will improve your sex life as it has improved mine.

OPINION POLICY

Editorials are the official opinions of someone. Probably. Or not, we really don't know. They were written by people who prefer to remain anonymous and have since fled to Latin America. If you need to contact them, you're screwed.

Dissents are when someone disagrees with a Supreme Court decision.

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CORRECTIONS

Corrections In this issue, just about everything we print is untrue. All likenesses of MIT students or faculty are coincidental.

Caltech Baseball Defeats MIT in Sunday Thriller

Betsy Mitchell

FORMER OLYMPIAN

PASADENA, Calif. – Solid pitching, poised defense and clutch hitting made the difference Sunday afternoon as the Caltech Beavers baseball team defeated the MIT Engineers 5-2 at the North Field.

The first meeting between these two elite schools since 2015, Caltech made a statement on the scoreboard right away as junior Cameron McNamee (Great Falls, Mont. Great Falls) connected for a one-out, bases-loaded single to bring home Jack Fishel (Baltimore, Md. Boys' Latin School of Maryland) and Austin Wang (Palo Alto, Calif. The Harker School). McNamee touched home plate three batters later and the Beavers would finish the opening frame with a 3-0 lead.

First-year Kailen Hargenrader (Littleton, Colo. Columbine) led off the bottom of the second inning with a blast to right center for a ground-rule double before stealing third and then racing home on Wang's RBI groundout.

Sophomore starting pitcher Brendan Flaherty (Narragansett, RI Lake Forest Academy) threw a quality six innings, allowing just one run and no walks while striking out eight MIT batters en route to his third win of the season.

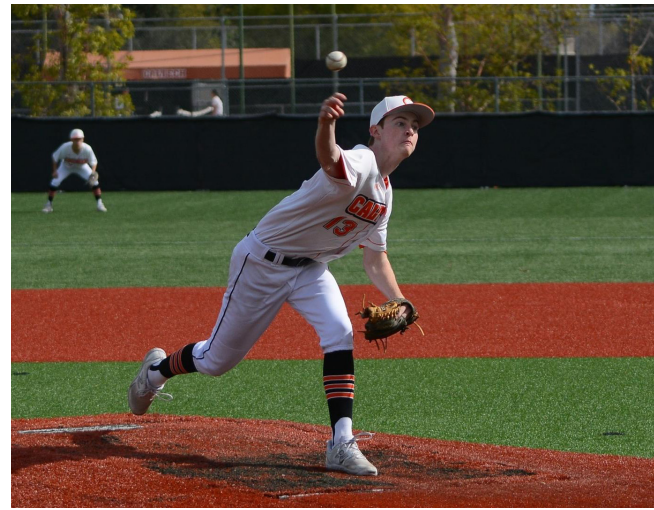
Rookie right-hander Joseph Pieper (Palatine, Ill. Palatine) took over pitching duties in the top of the seventh inning and retired the first three Engineers in order before Caltech extended its lead in the bottom half. Junior Thorsen Kristufek (McKinney, Texas McKinney) led off with a single

and scored on a one-out double by sophomore Mark Hu (San Jose, Calif. The Harker School).

MIT threatened in the top of the eighth with two runners aboard and only one out, but Pieper induced a groundball toward senior Patrick Donohoe (New York, N.Y. Bronx School of Science) at second base, who combined with Hu and McNamee to turn an inning-ending double play, firing up the home crowd.

A leadoff hit in the top of the ninth and a second-out sacrifice fly gave MIT a second run, but the rally fell short as the Beavers held on for the 5-2 win and Pieper's first save of his Caltech pitching career.

Head Coach Kevin Whitehead and the team will resume SCIAC play on Friday, March 15 at the University of Redlands.



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Question the Quasar!

A new advice column about life, love, classes, and everything in between! Brought to you by the one and only California MIT Tech.

Hi Quasar,

I was having a very vivid dream in which I saw a toilet and really needed to use it. Now I have woken up covered in poop! What can I do about this?

— Eugene Crap

Wow! That sounds epic! Don't forget to announce this incredible feat to all your friends given the proper channels!

Now, so that the normies don't laugh at you, let's address the mess. Hop straight into the shower for a thorough scrub-down. Once you're all squeaky clean, it's time to tackle the laundry pile—those sheets aren't going to clean themselves!

I know this seems like a lot of work, but take it as a sign to shake off any negativity and approach life with a sense of humor. After all, nothing says "seize the day" like waking up to a poopocalypse! Just remember to double-check your surroundings next time you find yourself in dreamland. You never know what surprises might await!

Hi Quasar,

I'm a devout Christian, but my partner and I want to explore new facets of our relationship. While maintaining our faith is paramount, we also recognize the importance of intimacy and connection in our partnership. We seek guidance on how to navigate this aspect of our relationship with respect for our beliefs and each other.

— Stella Virgin

Firstly, let's remember that communication is key, whether you're discussing scripture or bedroom escapades. Sit down with your partner and have a candid conversation about your desires and boundaries. It's like having a heart-to-heart with the big man upstairs, but with a bit more giggling involved.

Next, let's talk about preparation. Just like you wouldn't dive into the Book of Revelation without some background knowledge, you'll want to do your homework before embarking on this adventure. Invest in some high-quality lubricant (consider it your holy anointing oil) and take things slow, like a leisurely stroll through the Garden of Eden.

Lastly, let's address the specific area of focus in your exploration: the buttocks. While this may seem like uncharted territory, it's important to approach it with the same reverence and respect as any other aspect of your relationship. Discuss your intentions openly with your partner, ensuring that both of you are comfortable and enthusiastic about this exploration.

Remember, God created our bodies with care and intention, and there is no shame in seeking pleasure within the bounds of a loving and consensual relationship. As you journey into this new facet of intimacy, keep the lines of communication open, trust in each other's boundaries, and approach it with the same reverence you hold for your faith. With love, respect, and a dash of humor, may your exploration be both fulfilling and spiritually enriching.

Hi Quasar,

Imagine a situation in which I had an average size banana (5 in length, 4.6 in girth) and it was stuck inside a toaster and is attached to my waist area. How could I remove this banana with minimal damage?

— Sumting Wong

Wow! That sounds epic! Don't forget to announce this incredible feat to all your friends given the proper channels!

So, picture this: before diving into your predicament, let's have a good laugh at the circus of life! Seriously, take a moment to reflect on how you ended up in this pickle. No judgment, just some good old-fashioned soul-searching, my friend!

Now, brace yourself for the Nutella Maneuver! It's like a top-secret spy mission, but instead of dodging lasers, you're coaxing Nutella onto a banana. Yep, you heard that right! With just the right amount of banana excitement (each to their own technique, mind you), behold the miraculous appearance of Nutella! It's like a chocolatey magic trick!

Now, here's the fun part: use that Nutella as your banana's getaway car! It's the ultimate lubricant to slip that banana out of its sticky situation. And hey, don't forget to savor every last bit of that delicious Nutella. After all, it's not every day you get to witness such culinary wizardry in action! Bon appétit, my adventurous friend!

Good Evening Quasar,

How should I (20M) react when my partner (19F) of 18 months confesses she's developed feelings for women and, rather unexpectedly, blames me for her newfound perspective on love?

— Buck Nekkid

First, it's important to maintain an open-minded attitude. While you may not have anticipated this revelation, it doesn't necessarily mean that your relationship is doomed. Show empathy by actively listening and validating her feelings. Ask questions about her experiences and thoughts but avoid being judgmental or defensive.

Secondly, reassure her that she can still be honest with you without fearing rejection or judgment. Encourage open communication and create a safe space for discussing these emotions. This will help strengthen your bond as partners.

Thirdly, understand that the blaming might stem from insecurity, confusion, or even guilt over developing new feelings she doesn't fully comprehend yet. Be patient with her and reassure her of your love and support. Encourage her to explore these feelings further while being mindful not to push her too hard.

Hello Quasar,

What do I do when my academic performance causes a group of professors to petition the admissions department to accept better students?

— Beau N. Herr

Ah, the ol' "let's blame the whole class" routine. Time to flip the script and turn those academic woes into a comedy goldmine! First off, don't take it too seriously; after all, we're not aiming for an Oscar-worthy drama here. Instead, embrace the chaos and pull off a prank that'll have your professor scratching their head in disbelief. Maybe organize a flash mob of brainiacs singing calculus equations in the quad or start a rumor that the campus ghost is stealing all the A's from the grading curve. Remember, laughter is the best medicine, especially when your GPA needs a pick-me-up! And hey, if all else fails, just remember: even Einstein had his off days.

Dear Quasar,
I have a big party coming up! What are some exotic drinks that I can make for a fun time?
— Arnold Schwarzenegger

Oh boy do I have some magical potions for you!

🌟 Lunar sparkle 🌟

Ingredients:

Raisin Bran
Sugar
2 10-gal buckets with lids
Hotglue
Pneumatic Tube
Turboyeast
Distiller

Instructions:

1. Fill distiller with 8gal hot water
2. Drill hole in bucket lid for Pneumatic tube and stick enough out on the bottom side such that it would not touch the raisin bran mixture when it is in the bucket. Use hot glue on the hole to secure the tube and make seal airtight.
3. Dump raisin bran and sugar into water
4. Heat water to 160 F
5. Wait for mixture to cool to turboyeast temperature (80-100F generally)
6. Move mixture to the two buckets
7. Put yeast in buckets
8. Put lid on buckets
9. Put other end of tube in a water container
10. Wait 48 hours and distill

🌿 Green Firebreathing Mythical Beast

Ingredients:

1 g dab of spice
125 mL of Clear evergreens

Instructions:

1. Get the dabs and place desired amount into aluminum foil shaped as cup
2. Bake for 5-6 minutes in a 325 degree oven
3. Get a pot with an airtight cover
4. Mix the heated dabs with clear evergreens.
5. Heat covered pot until the dabs dissolve and make sure that nothing boils or ignites
6. Allow 5 more minutes on heat to dissolve unseen things
7. Let cool before opening pot

🍫 A Chocolate Surprise 🍫

Ingredients:

1 cup All Bran Cereal
1/2 cup Prune Juice
1/2 cup applesauce

Instructions:

1. Mix all ingredients into a bowl and store in fridge
2. Blend with water and enjoy!

🧪 Crystal Elixir 🧪

Ingredients:

Red Phosphorus
Pseudoephedrine
Iodine
Lye
Solvents

Instructions:

1. Mix & Ventilate: Combine red phosphorus and iodine. Ventilate to release gases.
2. Add Lye & Solvents: Introduce lye and solvents to the solution.
3. Filter & Chill: Filter the solution, then chill.
4. Serve: Enjoy Crystal Elixir responsibly.