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THE HARVARD-YALE FOOTBALL GAME (1982)

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FINAL

Three hacks, one game. With eight minutes remaining in the second quarter, hackers inflated a six-foot weather balloon near the 50-yard like that spelled "MIT" before it burst into a cloud of talcum powder. At halftime, another group of hackers disguised as the Yale Marching Band laid on the field to spell "M-I-T" with their prone bodies. Later, they tricked 1,000-plus Harvard fans into spelling "M-I-T" with cards in the stands.

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THE GREAT SNOW HACK (1968)

On a windy winter night, students gathered buckets of snow and filled the dorm's shower stalls. They then opened the windows and turned on the shower, creating a hazy, simulated blizzard. They then called the Boston Herald Traveler, claiming that they had invented a shower nozzle that makes snow. The Herald sent a photographer and ran the story on their front page the next day.

MATCH



Dictionary.

MEASURING A SMOOT (1958) After a Lambda Chi Alpha headmaster grew tired of the boring half-mile walk across the Harvard Bridge, he invited seven students to calibrate the bridge using 5'7 freshman Ollie Smoot. The Bridge's length: 364.4 Smoots, give or take an ear. Today, Smoots are marked permanently on the bridge and the measurement is recognized in the American Heritage



CAMPUS POLICE CAR ON THE GREAT DOME (1994)

On the final day of spring classes, an MIT Campus Police Cruiser—complete with flashing lights—appeared on the top of the Great Dome. The car, which was actually the painted frame of a Chevrolet Cavalier, was equipped with a dummy police officer, a box of donuts, a campus parking ticket, and the license plate number "IHTFP." The hack, which only lasted a few hours, was covered by the Associated Press and received national and global television coverage.

TOP



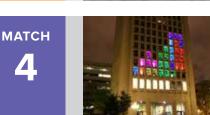
CALTECH CANNON HEIST (2006) During spring break, MIT students traveled cross-country to rival Caltech and—posing as the fictional Howe & Ser Moving Company—transported the school's three-ton Fleming House cannon back to Cambridge. The cannon, complete with an oversized Brass Rat on its barrel, was on display in front of the Green Building just in time for Campus



LUNAR MODULE ON THE GREAT DOME (2009)

Preview Weekend. More than 30 students were involved in the 10-day hack.

On the same day that the goddess Athena appeared in Killian Court, hackers commemorated the 40th anniversary of Neil Armstrong's moon walk by placing a replica of the Apollo Lunar Module on the Great Dome. The module, which was half-scale, included an American flag, communications antennae, and an egress platform.



TETRIS ON THE GREEN BUILDING (2012)

"The Holy Grail of Hacks." During Campus Preview Weekend, Bldg. 54 was transformed into a giant video game canvas, with students and alumni battling each other in a multicolor game of Tetris. Players controlled the blocks from a console in front of the building. Each game began with the word "TETRIS" scrolling across the building and, upon defeat, the blocks crashed to the bottom.



COW ON DORM (1928)

Students somehow transported a live cow to the roof of the six-story Class of 1893 Dormitory (now East Campus dorm). A May 1928 Boston Herald article reported that the cow went up to the roof easily but a "small army" was needed to bring her down, where the hackers were met by hundreds of cheering onlookers.