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ROUND OF 32

MATCH 1 VOTE

THE HARVARD-YALE FOOTBALL GAME (1982) Three hacks, one game. With eight minutes remaining in the second quarter, hackers inflated a six-foot weather balloon near the 50-yard line that spelled "MIT" before it burst into a cloud of talcum powder.

MATCH 2 VOTE

SCRABBLE (2007, 1986) During freshman orientation week in 1986, the white tiles of the Weisner Building (E15) transformed into a Scrabble board that described life on MIT's East Campus.

MATCH 3 VOTE

GREAT DROID ON THE GREAT DOME (1999) Two days before the release of Star Wars: The Phantom Menace, the Great Dome was transformed—with black paint, blue fabric, and red burlap—into R2-D2, the robot sidekick from the Star Wars movies.

MATCH 4 VOTE

THE BIG SCREW (1977, 1985) The screw-on-dome hacks pay homage to the Institute Screw Contest, a charity fundraiser organized by the service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega that honors a faculty or administrator voted most successful at "screwing" MIT students.

MATCH 5 VOTE

CIRCUS IN LOBBY 7 (2012) Around Campus Preview Weekend, Lobby 7 was transformed into a big top, complete with a model ring master, trapeze artist, high-wire artist, acrobats, contortionists, and a stunt man set to be exploded from a cannon.

MATCH 6 VOTE

THE CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ALL-NIGHT TOOL (1992) In MIT-speak, "tool" can refer to one who studies hard. Hackers transformed Lobby 7 into a tool-dedicated cathedral, complete with stained-glass windows, pews, an altar, an organ, a confessional, and holy relics.

MATCH 7 VOTE

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.

MATCH 8 VOTE

DISNEY BUYS MIT (1998) On April Fools' Day, hackers broke into the MIT web page and posted a startling announcement: Disney had bought MIT for the sum of \$6.8 billion.

MATCH 9 VOTE

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.

MATCH 10 VOTE

CALCULATING A BRUNO (1972) A Bruno is a unit of volume equal to the size of the dent in the Baker House lawn resulting from a six-story drop of an upright piano. In 1972, that unit of volume measured 1,158 cubic centimeters.

MATCH 11 VOTE

NERD XING (1987) The Nerd Xing sign has been called the gold standard of MIT sign hacks. Posted above a crosswalk at 77 Massachusetts Ave., a non-descript silhouette was turned into an MIT student equipped with a back pack, a lab kit, and floppy disk.

MATCH 12 VOTE

VOMIT (2006) Hackers added two additional letters to the five-foot stainless steel MIT sign in front of the Stata Center: V and O. The hack, which was performed one day before the first day of spring classes, was thought to be either a commentary on the new semester or a complaint about the Stata Center's unique design.

MATCH 13 VOTE

SOLAR-POWERED SUBWAY CAR ON THE GREAT DOME (2009) Hackers installed an MBTA Red Line-looking vehicle on Great Dome, and before a large crowd cheering on Killian Court, used solar power to remotely navigate the train around the dome's perimeter.

MATCH 14 VOTE

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".

MATCH 15 VOTE

PRESIDENT VEST'S DISAPPEARING OFFICE (1990) On Charles Vest's first day as MIT President, Vice President Constantine Simonides '57 arrived early to open his office. When he arrived, he thought he was on the wrong floor. In reality, a massive bulletin board had been carefully placed in front of the president's office door.

MATCH 16 VOTE

PRESIDENT HOCKFIELD'S DOLLAR BILL (2005) On the morning of President Susan Hockfield's inauguration, the outside wall of MIT's non-descript Treasurer's Office was transformed into an oversized \$1 bill that featured the new president's face replacing George Washington.

MATCH 17 VOTE

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.

MATCH 18 VOTE

ATHENA ON KILLIAN COURT (2009) To MITers, Athena is not just the Greek goddess. It's the name of the Institute's long-time operating environment that connects computers throughout campus. On the first day of final exams, a massive Athena statue was placed in the center of MIT's Killian Court.

MATCH 19 VOTE

DIPSY DUCK (1948) During a MIT Open House, the infamous 1940s hack squad VooDoo unveiled the Dipsy Duck, a 12' long supposed generator that could be placed near rivers to produce exactly 3.14159 (pi) volts.

MATCH 20 VOTE

PRIMROSE PATH (1984) In the mid-1980s, a 122' straight line across Kresge Oval—the "Nerd Path"—marked the shortest line from the dorms to Lobby 7. Near the end of the spring semester, the line was covered with an array of colorful planted primroses.

MATCH 21 VOTE

JOHN HARVARD'S PORTA-POTTY SERVICE (1960) Tourists visiting the John Harvard statue in Harvard Yard may have been surprised to see the statue seemingly double as a public restroom. A toilet stall door was positioned at the statue's base with an advertisement reading, "Johnny-on-the-Spot, Portable Toilets, Rental/Serviced, Boston, Mass. Capital 7-0777"

MATCH 22 VOTE

JOHN HARVARD'S HALO 3 MAKEOVER (2007) Hackers honored the release of the video game Halo 3 by decorating John Harvard as John-117 "Master Chief," the main protagonist in the game. The statue was equipped with John-117's helmet and assault rifle, and, in homage to MIT, a beaver emblem on his right shoulder.

MATCH 23 VOTE

LUNAR MODULE ON THE GREAT DOME (2009) 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.

MATCH 24 VOTE

WRIGHT FLYER ON THE GREAT DOME (2003) Honoring another aerial anniversary, hackers honored the centennial anniversary of the Wright Brothers' first controlled flight by placing a replica Wright Flyer—equipped with a dummy pilot—on the top of the dome.

MATCH 25 VOTE

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.

MATCH 26 VOTE

VU METER ON THE GREEN BUILDING (1993) On July 4, Bldg. 54 was converted into an enormous VU meter synced to the sounds of the Boston Pops' Independence Day concert. The meter, which had nine 6' x 4' red lights and had a total output of more than 5,000 watts, featured "IHTFP" written in Morse code and pulsating lights that complemented the post-concert fireworks.

MATCH 27 VOTE

KIDNAPPING HARVARD GUESTS (1940S) In the early 1940s, Harvard celebrity guests were the subject of periodic "kidnappings." In 1940, MIT students intercepted actor Eddie Anderson at a Providence airport and brought him to a fraternity party. In 1941, an MITer posing as a Harvard student picked up burlesque queen Sally Rand and transported her to a reception, where she was granted the title "Associate Professor of Entertainment Engineering."

MATCH 28 VOTE

MIT STUDENTS CLAIM HARVARD AS A COLONY (1982) After hearing reports that Harvard's student government was in disarray, MIT students staged a faux takeover. Various hacks, staged over the course of the year, featured a student resolution granting Harvard independent status, a "Free Harvard" banner on Bldg. 10, a mock abduction of MIT undergraduate president Kenneth Segel by MITers posing as "Harvard" "Freedom Fighters," and a ransom note to MIT President Paul Gray.

MATCH 29 VOTE

CHANGED INSCRIPTION IN LOBBY 7 (1994) The inscription etched in stone in Lobby 7 reads, "Established for Advancement and Development of Science its Application to Industry the Arts Agriculture and Commerce." A few days before fall classes began, the words "Agriculture and Commerce" were changed to "Entertainment and Hacking." Hackers used Styrofoam that was painted to resemble stone and held in place by spring-loaded devices.

MATCH 30 VOTE

ENDER'S GAME CRASH LANDS AT MIT (2013) The science fiction movie Ender's Game has been called "a kind of shared keystone text" for MIT students. When the Ender's Game book series was released in November, hackers staged a pivotal scene in the movie—a training exercise in the anti-gravity Battle Room. Hackers also draped the logos of three Ender's Game armies—Griffin, Dragon, and Tiger—down Bldg. 10.

MATCH 31 VOTE

COW ON DORM (1928) Students somehow transported a live cow to the roof of the six-story Class of 1893 Dormitory (now East Campus Tower). 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.

MATCH 32 VOTE

CAR ON DORM (1936) Nearly a dozen students used six thick ropes and a block and tackle left behind by the student phrase "Tech 2 Hell" on its roof. The car was painted with the infamous student phrase "Tech 2 Hell" on its roof.