Voodoo

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EDITORIAL

There has always been humor at MIT. Humor has a long and distinguished history on our campus. Archaeologists have discovered cave paintings in the basement of building 10, which translate roughly as "How many MIT students would it take to invent fire?" (Or, possibly, as "You are now in Elevator 10-0. Certificate for use on file at the physical plant office.")

In this issue, we celebrate the 70th anniversary of "organized" humor at MIT, going back to VooDoo's establishment in 1919. Looking at these selected works from VooDoo and TOOL AND DIE MAGAZINE we can all come to appreciate one very important thing. There is a reason why MIT is a school not known for producing quality writing.

-Anthony Schinella

FRONT COVER:

LEFT: The lovely Lady Mens is modeling this stunning two-piece suit while relaxing by the Charles. Hammer produced by MIT Materials Science.

RIGHT: Her counterpart Manus is wearing a one-piece instead, while reading a book in the sun. Text by Abelson and Sussman, available at the Coop ($89.95).
Hey! Quit kicking that sand in our faces!

That man is the worst nuisance on the beach.

The big bully! I'll get even some day.

Oh don't let it bother you, little boy!

Darn it! I'm sick and tired of being a scarecrow! I'll gamble a stamp and get all the facts from Mitt Tech!

Boy! It didn't take long for Mitt Tech to do this for me! I'm ready for that bully now!

I have a copy of your last income tax form. Unless you want to go to jail, you will have to sell your house and car and turn over 80% of your salary for the next 7 years!

Look, Frank! Somebody jumped! It looked like the man from the beach!
Dedication: To my 
1. Mother 
2. Father 
3. Mother and Father 
4. Mistress 
5. _______ without whose help this could never have been written.

Acknowledgement: The author wishes to thank Dr. _______, his wonderful thesis advisor, whose 
( ) forbearance ( ) patience ( ) love of chemistry ( ) money ( ) feverish thirst for knowledge ( ) daughter taught the author a lot about chemistry.

Historical Introduction

It has been known for several _______ months, due to the work of _________, who was a very famous chemist, that the reaction of _________ with _________ produces a _________ char-burnt precipitate which has a melting point _________ Kelvin _________ at bath _________ room temperature.

This is because _______ atoms like to become bonded to other atoms _______ it's always nice when you get a precipitate _______ it was New Year's Eve, so it seemed like a good idea at the time.

It has also been found that the reaction is catalyzed by _______ two teaspoons of Accent per mole of reactants _______ eel's eyes _______ having your girlfriend whisper the word "Yes" three times into the flask _______ beer

In a separate study, Ralph _________, who was also an extremely famous chemist, discovered that if you add _________ water to a similar system, a great amount of _________ foaming occurs, with the subsequent formation of _________ supercalafajalisasplialadocious sulfuric acid. However, nobody besides Ralph _________
has ever run this reaction because
( ) everyone else has forgotten how he did it
( ) the explosion destroyed his lab notebook
( ) this reaction is pretty dull, anyway
( ) supercalafajalisaspladalocuous acid causes sterility

In this thesis, we will study both of these reactions in an attempt to determine which one is better and whether either one may be used to prepare
( ) aphrodisiacs
( ) synthetic lollipops
( ) instant water -- just add hot coffee
( ) sober prunes from stewed prunes.

Discussion and Results
We found that both reactions proceed through a ridiculous mechanism in which a much larger number of carbon atoms come flying through space with the speed of a rifle bullet. Because of this absurd mechanism we were able to formulate the following intriguing formula:

\[ \text{PT} = nVR \]

( ) As you increase the concentration of reactant A in the system, the amount of A present in the system increases.
( ) 2 moles of urea taken internally = di-urea.
( ) Vanadium plus Deuterium plus 4 Oxygen = VOODOO.

These results have caused us to define the "mole" as
( ) a small rodent that lives in the fields.
( ) a brown mark usually found on your chin.
( ) a brown mark usually found on a small rodent.

We therefore conclude that
( ) chemistry is very interesting.
( ) there are more germs in the Charles River than there are atoms in the universe.
( ) if you heat ethyl alcohol before drinking it, you will obtain hot ethyl alcohol.
( ) don't fool around with that supercalafajalisaspladalocuous acid -- it's wicked stuff.

Experimental
Into a 50000 liter Erlenmeyer flask was poured \( \frac{1}{2} \) milliliters of liquid iron, followed by the addition of two pounds of freshly chopped \( \text{NaOH} \) liver. The entire mess is tied to the end of a long rubber hose, and whirled around over your head as fast as you can for 12 hours. Using caution, one milligram of supercalafajalisaspladalocuous acid is added (while holding your breath) until
( ) a bell rings
( ) a mushroom cloud lights up the lab
( ) your mother calls you for dinner
( ) Course 5.02 is cancelled.

We recommend, however, that you do not hold your breath until course 5.02 is cancelled, since
( ) a chemist who is blue in the face is of no use at all
( ) breathing Cambridge air is not that desirable, but it's better than nothing at all.
( ) it will probably be replaced by a course which is much worse.

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MIT Pistol Defeats Yale Fencing

Defeating the notion that MIT students are athletically hopeless nerds, the MIT pistol team soundly defeated the Yale fencing team without losing a single team member of their own. At fifty paces, MIT won hands-down in all three of the competing categories: the lightweight .22 versus foil, 9 mm. handgun versus epee, and in the most closely contested category, .44 auto-magnum versus saber.

Says the MIT team captain, "Well, we were just using our well-known technical advantage and ingenuity. We looked over the history and realized that sword fighting has been obsolete for centuries, since the invention of gunpowder. Instead of brute, athletic prowess, we used superior firepower to win the day." The Yale coach supposedly expressed "surprise" at competing with a pistol team, but was unable to answer questions when reached.

This unique new approach, dubbed "technuke," is purportedly winning many supporters among the other MIT athletic teams, but official sources have denied that this is the case. Says MIT's Director of Athletics, who wished to remain anonymous, "The MIT crew team is in no way investigating ways of mining the Charles River. We deplore such unsportsmanlike behavior, and such means would interfere with our secret plans to torpedo those damned Harvard crewshells."

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Find the Hidden Words

1. Beginner

2. Intermediate

3. Advanced

PIG

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FESTERING CITY OF DEATH
WITH FUNNY ANIMALS

WE MUST FEED... FEED AGAIN!

TO LIVE!

IT IS OUR LIFE!
WE MUST HIDE AND WAIT... THEY WILL COME!
IT IS HARD!

AAAA

BLOK

OIL SUMP
TOOL AND DIE MAGAZINE

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THUK 1/3

TOO MANY!

UG

TOO LATE!

NO MORE!

WOMAN!!

EAT HIM!

ORGANO-PHOSPHATE ACTIVITY IN SECTOR J4-H TERMINATED!

ROGER
You will need a square to do this.

1. Start with a diaper fold and fold again.
2. Turn point A over to meet point B.
3. Turn over and repeat 2.
4. Fold outside bottom layers.
5. Do the same again, but on the center line. This fold is temporary, but it makes the next step easier.
6. Inflate with a pressure pump. Open the top layer and hold the rest of the left hand over the center line.
7. Point the peak tips, gently curling outwards until you hear a tearing sound. Repeat four times.
8. Get a paper hat and fold it until it looks like a bird.
9. Burn it.
Start with a rectangular piece of paper.

1. Fold the top corners to the middle.
2. Fold this end over so the point is one inch from the outer edge.
3. Fold the top corners in so that the edges meet along the center.
4. Fold the tip in the middle back, then fold down the center.
5. Fold sides down to make wings.
7. Crush.
Engineers Drinking Song

(Lady Godiva)

Godiva was a lady who through Coventry did ride
To show the royal villagers her fine and pure white hide
The most observant man of all, an engineer of course;
Was the only one who noticed that Godiva rode a horse

Chorus:
We are, we are, we are, we are, we are the Engineers
We can, we can, we can, we can demolished forty beers
Drink rum, drink rum, drink rum all day, and come along with us
'Cause we don't give a damn for any old man who don't give a
damn for us!

She said, "I've come a long, long way, and I will go as far
With the man who takes me from this horse and leads me to a bar
The man who took her from her steed and lead her to a beer;
Was a bleary-eyed surveyor and a drunken engineer

Godiva was a lady well-endowed there is no doubt
She never wore a stitch of clothes, just wound her hair about;
The first man who did make her a Engineer, of course;
But on just one beer an artsie queer had made Godiva's horse

Ace towing roams the Cambridge streets each day and every night
Towing cars and stowing cars to hide them out of sight;
They tried to tow Godiva's horse; the Engineers said, "Hey!"
Then towed away their towing truck, and now the Ace must pay!

Rapunzel let her hair down for two suitors down below,
So one of them could grab a hold and give the old heave-ho.
The prince began to climb at once, but soon came out the worst,
For the Engineer rode up a lift, and reached Rapunzel first

Caesar set out for Egypt at the age of fifty-three
But Cleopatra's blood was warm, her heart was young and free;
And every night when Julius said good-night at three o'clock
A Roman Engineer was waiting just around the block!

Sir Francis Drake and all his ships set out for Calais Bay
They'd heard the Spanish rum fleet was headed out that way;
But the Engineers had beat them, by a night and half a day,
And though as drunk as ptarmigans, you could still hear them say:

The Army and the Navy went out to have some fun
They went down to the taverns where the fiery liquors run
But all they found were empties for the Engineers had come
And traded all their instruments for gallon kegs of rum.

An artsman and an Engineer once found a gallon can
Said the artsman, "Match me drink for drink, let's see if you're a
man."
They drank three drinks, the artsman fell, his face was turning
green
But the Engineer drank on and said, "It's only gasoline!"

An Engineer once stumbled through the halls of Building 10
That night he'd drunken rum enough to drown a dozen men.
In fact, the only things there were that kept him on his course
Were the boundary conditions and the Coriolis force

A graduate in Chemistry went out to take a stroll
Along the Charles river bank, where all the compounds roll
That day he felt dejected at the bursting of his dream.
For he couldn't seem to find a trace of water in the stream.

An MIT computer man got drunk one fateful night
He opened up the console and smashed everything in sight
When they finally subdued him, the judge he stood before,
Said, "Lock him up for twenty years, he's rotten to the core!"
"The Sounds of Science"

Hello darkness my old friend
I'm staying up all night again
Because a problem set that was assigned
Left its formulas within my mind
And the problems that were planted in my brain,
still remain
Within the sound of science

For many years I've walked alone
Infinite corridors of stone
'Neath the specter of an endless class
I tooled forever and I tried to pass
While my ears were filled with lectures on laser light,
and eight-bit bytes
And all the sounds of science

And in the lecture halls I saw
Ten thousand people, maybe more
People writing while they were sleeping
People hearing without listening
People taking notes that no one ever shared,
for no one cared
About the sounds of science

"Tools!" said I, "You do not know,
Science like a cancer grows
Hear my words that I might free you!
Transfer out of MIT, you!
But my words like dropping spheroids fell
Overwhelmed by the sounds of science

And one student sat and stayed
Over his problem sets he'd slaved
And I asked him why he kept writing
For that GPA he kept fighting
And the nerd said "The secrets to profits are written
on these blackboard walls, and lecture halls..."
He whispered in the sounds of science

"Recursive Subroutine"

In the town I went to school
There lived a man from MIT
And he told us of his life
In the land of subroutines
So we wrote some program code
In Pascal, or Lisp, or Scheme
And we saved upon the disk
Our recursive subroutine

We all live in recursive subroutines,
recursive subroutines, recursive subroutines
We all live in recursive subroutines,
recursive subroutines, recursive subroutines
All our pointers are declared
Many arguments are also there
And the code begins to run...

We all live in recursive subroutines,
recursive subroutines, recursive subroutines
We all live in recursive subroutines,
recursive subroutines, recursive subroutines
As we compile from memory
Every line we write is error-free
Comment lines are in-between
In our recursive subroutine

We all live in recursive subroutines
recursive subroutines, recursive subroutines
We all live in recursive subroutines
recursive subroutines, recursive subroutines
We all live in recursive subroutines
recursive subroutines, recursive subroutines...

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COLOR BY NUMBERS: OUR PRESIDENT

KEY:
1) BROWN 2) BLACK 3) TAN 4) NAVY BLUE 5) RED 6) LIGHT BLUE 7) LEMON YELLOW 8) ORANGE 9) MAGENTA 10) PURPLE 11) FOREST GREEN 12) HOT PINK 13) INSTITUTE GRAY

Rubik's Dot:
1. Move once to the right.
2. Move upward.
3. Move once to the left.
4. Add 42.
And you've done it! Congratulations!

Rubik's House:
1. Take the first exit off Route 128 after Beverly.
2. Take a left at the red schoolhouse.
3. Go for a mile until you hit Barber Street on the right.
4. It's the brown split-level on the right.
Way to go!

Rubik's Pot Roast:
1. Let defrost for two hours in a large pan.
2. Place pan in oven.
3. Set oven for 450 degrees.
4. Cook for 90 minutes.
Good work!

Rubik's Tax Return:
Sorry, even WE haven't been able to figure this one out yet!

Solutions to Rubik's

Latest Puzzles

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FROM THE CATHOUSE
A STATEMENT OF IMPORTANCE

While I was posing for the staff page this month, some random wandered in and asked, "Who the hell are you? and what is this hang-up voodoo has about cats?"

Old voodoo readers will surely remember "phos," our "office cat."—Oh! how cute! Phos has made a new friend.

Hang up, indeed! I'm Phosphorous (my friends call me Phos), official mascot and legendary founder of this magazine. So there.

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Why are we giving away these valuable prizes?*

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- American Express Clock Keychain

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