

CAC Newsletter

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Bees are here!

The bees have joined the Student Center! A student organization called the MIT Beekeepers started doing research on beehives a few years ago. Unfortunately, honeybees are endangered as the hives that they build allow wasps and other predators to invade the hives. Ethan Sherbondy, the head of the MIT Beekeepers, has travelled to several places studying the lives of bees in order to improve their livelihood.

This group worked with CAC Director, Phil Walsh, facilities, the insurance office, and EHS to find a suitable location for the proposed hive. The W20 5th Floor Roof Deck was chosen! Ethan and the other beekeepers constructed the new beehive in the MIT Hobby Shop. Students in the fifth floor reading room can have their moment of Zen by watching the thousands of worker honeybees entering and exiting their hive. To learn more about the beekeepers, click [here!](#)



More Power

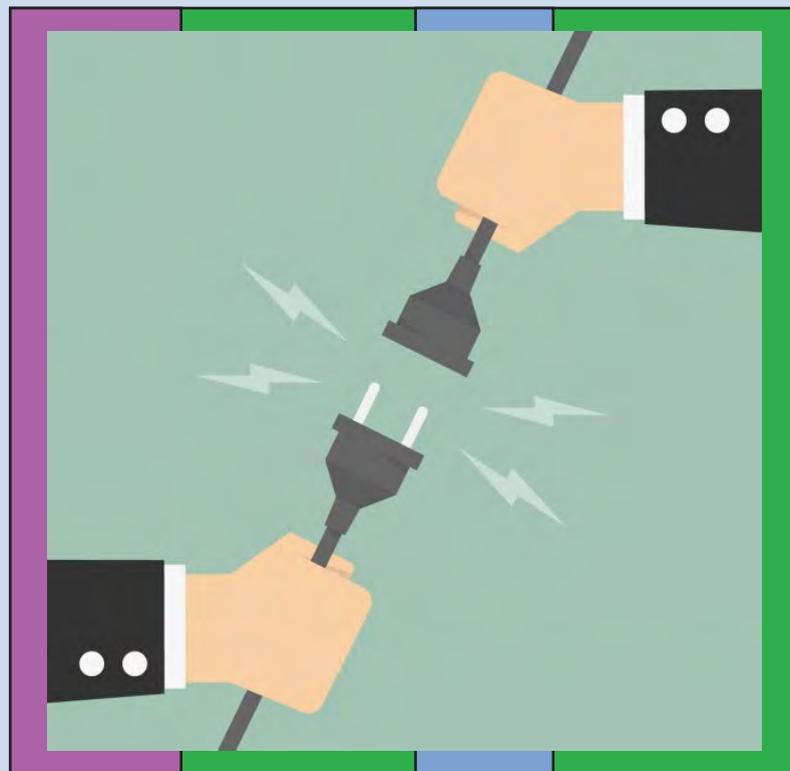
Who amongst us had not needed to charge our devices?

Nothing like hunting for non-existent outlets, or finding the only outlet is monopolized by one person. Students have consistently indicated that they need more power for their devices in all lounge areas in the Stratton Student Center.

We are pleased to announce that new quad boxes have been installed on the First Floor in the central carpeted seating area and café table area between Anna's Taqueria and Dunkin Donuts. Existing outlets already exist in the floor by our lovely plants. Students will find new signage, indicating where they can find power up on the floor. Next up will be a charging station. Furthermore, additional work was needed on the 5th Floor. Many students did not realize that the Moran Lounge (lounge between the elevators) contained black boxes with multiple outlets.

New labels were designed by a MIT student to indicate that outlets are available. In addition, many outlets died in the Reading Room furniture. Outlets were replaced, and are back in good order, for this favorite student room. Additional Reading Room

improvements include new chairs and the painting/chair rail replacement in the group studies.



Have an idea of an improvement? Let us know. This is your student center!

Aquarium Update

Come check out the new fish in the W20 5th Floor aquarium! This initiative began when Aaron Donaghey from CAC researched the stress relieving effects of a fish tank. A few studies concluded that watching fish swim around for a few minutes is a calming experience that can help people destress and refocus their minds. As Aaron was trying to gather resources to buy a tank, a local donor wished to give a local higher education institution an aquarium. Voila, W20 5th Floor aquarium. We have a wide variety of fish: tangs, rabbit fish, a puffer fish, a trigger fish, a high fin snapper, and of course, a hairy hermit crab! A couple office favorites are P. Diddy, the puffer fish and Hermie, the hermit crab. Come take a break and hang out with the fishes.



Coffeehouse Lounge

Come take a break!

This fall, we continue with the popular Coffeehouse Lounge Program. Offering **free wings and live music** each Thursday night, during the academic year. The program features performers from both MIT and Berklee College of music. MIT favorites include the MIT Festival Jazz Ensemble and String Theory. Creating the great sounds rocking the CL, these performers benefit from the talents of our fabulous MIT student audio engineers.



Looking to perform or join the crew? Contact Aaron Donaghey, aarond@mit.edu

CAC/SAO Office Renovation

Have you visited the W20 5th Floor lately?

Over the summer several key DSL Office have been on the move. While CAC has remained in its same W20-500 Suite, we now have our sister organization, Student Activities Office, with us, expanding the suite. Looking for advice on starting a new student group or talk through your group's event needs? W20-500 staff are happy to help. We are two organizations dedicated to helping your group to grow and learn on the dynamic MIT campus. In addition, the Priscilla King Gray Public Service Center had combined both of its locations into the W20-549 Suite. They look forward to working with you on the many service opportunities.

Save the Date!

Events Fair

**Are you planning an event?
To whom can you turn to get help?**

Come to MIT Events Fair 2016, **Wednesday, November 15th in Morss Hall/Walker Memorial (50) from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.** Learn the in's and out's of planning an event at MIT. Check out caterers, services, spaces, and more! Enter the drawing for fabulous prizes, gift certificates, and other fun items (must attend the Fair to enter).



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