

DAILY CHEAT

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The most savage controversies are those about matters as to which there is no good evidence either way.

-Bertrand Russell

The Truth about Dishonesty

By Michael Hilliard - Lode Spy

As a part of President Obama's pledge to increase the quality of education at American colleges and universities, a National Committee on Academic Dishonesty (NCAD) was formed under the Department of Education in an effort to suppress dramatic increases reported in cheating, plagiarism and excessive sarcasm at the collegiate level over the past decade.

Earlier this year, NCAD quietly implemented a rigorous new policy outlying, among other things, reporting quotas for academic dishonesty. These quotas are based on university size, ego, and student/faculty ratios and schools must meet their quota for reported cases of academic dishonesty each school period or risk being placed on probation. A school placed on probation becomes subject to an extensive year-

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Shocking New Cheating Method Sweeping Across Campus

By Benjamin "Fraud Artist" Loucks

Michigan Technological University's faculty members are scrambling to beat a new method of cheating that has taken the campus by storm. This new method of cheating has been utilized by a whopping 65-68% of all MTU students according to a poll conducted by US News, though poll takers caution that the numbers may actually be higher than this. The worst part about this method of cheating is that



To help combat cheating. So far it has proved effective, with the exception of this new method, studying.

it is very hard to detect; teachers and the Academic Dishonesty board alike are meeting increasing trouble in determining who is using this method.

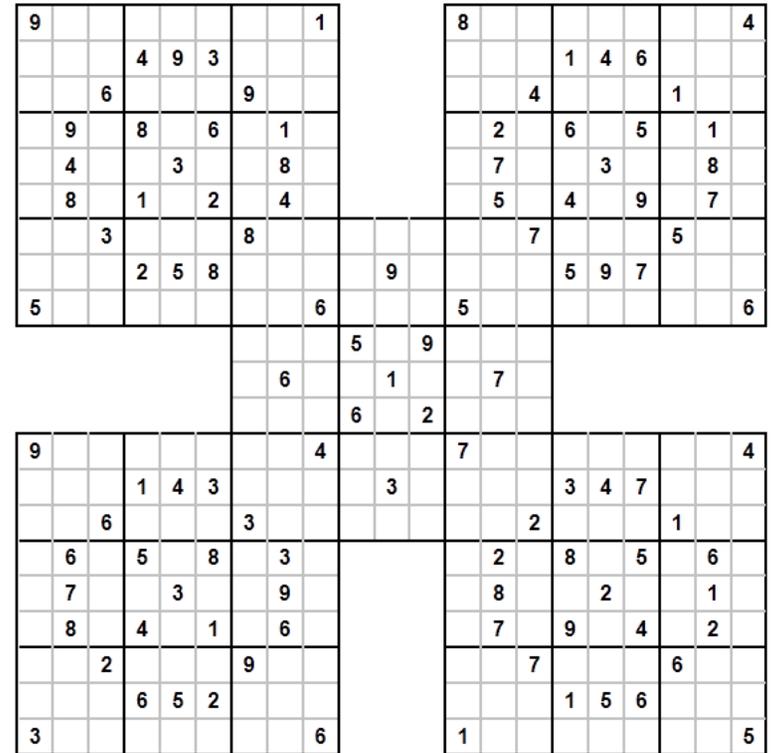
Teachers are particularly concerned about cheating due to final exam time coming up; this new cheating method, which has been dubbed "studying" by

faculty, is making their jobs much harder. David Olson, Senior Lecturer and Director of Undergraduate Studies in the area of Applied Mathematics, has been quoted as saying "The number of students passing my classes is simply unacceptable! I design my material to ensure a high failure rate so that we can retain these students, and this 'studying' is making it so

they know the material far better than they should be capable of knowing. My MA4810 class this semester should have an over 85% failure rate, but they're simply outperforming what the statistics would demand. This isn't by chance, people, the statistics clearly show that some independent variable is affecting their rate

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3 weeks left everyone. Time to buckle down and get to it! And by that I mean, read the Daily Bull.



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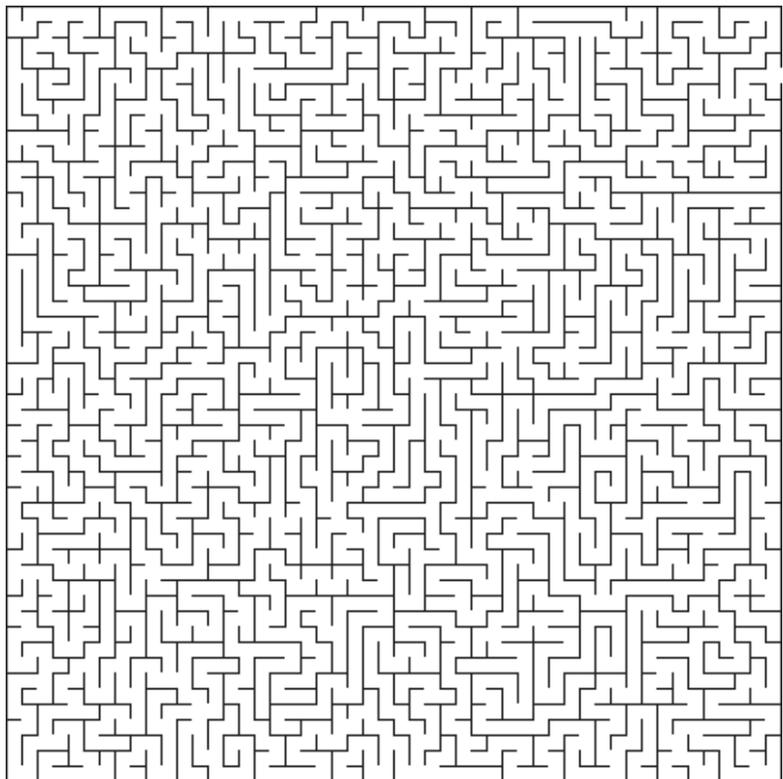
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... HAX from front of retention and it has to be cheating!"

Pat Gotschalk, the Director of Student Judicial Affairs, spoke with a reporter for the Daily Bull on this matter. "You see, teachers design their classes so that you need to take the class three or more times to even start to understand the material. By doing research and using various tricks to retain the things they have learned, students are performing far too well for the university's good and it's depriving us of valuable funding that we need to ensure a high standard of academic knowledge and an even higher standard for graduating students. Only the best of the best graduate here, and we wish to keep

it that way. Studying gives students an unfair advantage over those who naturally retain material and it harms the economy, putting people into the workplace that continue to have to use these underhanded tactics to keep up with their peers."

One student, who asked not to be identified, says that "...it's not that I'm evil or anything, it's just that I don't have time to take classes 3+ times, man. It cuts into my style, y'know what I'm saying? I got things to do, and people to see, and studying gives me this edge. And it lets me stick it to the MAN, y'hear? Down with big university government, man!"

It is left to the reader to decide what unscrupulous tactics they will use to gain the edge in their classes. Certainly, one option is to retake the same class multiple times until you know the material far too well for your own good. The other option, of course, is to put in the hard work studying so that you actually pass the class the first time. ...Yeah! You stick it to the MAN, man. ☺

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long investigation—and loses all federal funding until the investigation is resolved.

Although Michigan Tech has always sought to maintain high levels of academic achievement, recently, the administration became concerned that reported levels of academic dishonesty may be falling below the levels required by NCAD's quota. Thus, a taskforce was created to develop plans for ensuring the quota is consistently met. After intensive planning and frequent consultation with regional and international experts in cheating (several of whom were only available through video-conference from their respective maximum-security facilities), the taskforce

developed a strategy for meeting the quota.

The taskforce (known internally as "How to Lose Friends and Alienate People," or HLFAP) obtained a \$20,000 innovation grant which was used to create a partnership with key faculty members and students in the Computer Science department. Faculty worked closely with the taskforce, establishing a covert enterprise team to develop an ambitious program known simply as, iCheat.

iCheat works by running invisibly on university computers, using a complex algorithm to randomly select pairs of students within a specified number of classes each semester. After a pair of students has been selected, iCheat intercepts submitted assignments from the students, covertly replacing one of the student's submissions with material plagiarized from the other student's work.

Eager to implement the program, the HFLAP taskforce ran beta tests of iCheat on the team of enterprise students who developed the software. Within weeks of testing, two of the students involved in the enterprise program were brought up on charges of academic dishonesty and are now in the process of being expelled. Emboldened by the early success of the program, the administration granted the HFLAP taskforce permission to implement the iCheat software on all campus computers. Since implementation, there have been significant increases in reported cases of academic dishonesty across all departments.

One student currently being investigated for academic dishonesty shared her thoughts about the iCheat program. "I think it's a great program, really. I mean, I can definitely understand how Tech would want to maintain their reputation of high academic standards. Even if I am

expelled, I think it adds value to my educational record, you know, to have been expelled by such a prestigious university as Michigan Tech." When asked if there were any downsides to the process, the student commented, "It's really not that bad. Sure, the investigation process takes about two months of your life, but it's not like I had anything better to do during the last few weeks of the semester, anyway. I mean, if I had homework or big projects to worry about, then, yeah, I could see how the process might make me a little anxious, but, really, I've found it a pretty relaxing experience so far."

Although President Mroz could not be reached for comment, a high-ranking staff member, who refused to be identified, claims that the entire administration is extremely pleased with the success of the iCheat program so far, stating that the school should now safely reach their academic dishonesty quotas without any trouble. In fact, the same source reports that all members of the HFLAP taskforce responsible for the iCheat program will receive substantial year-end bonuses and month-long cruises to the British Virgin Islands.

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