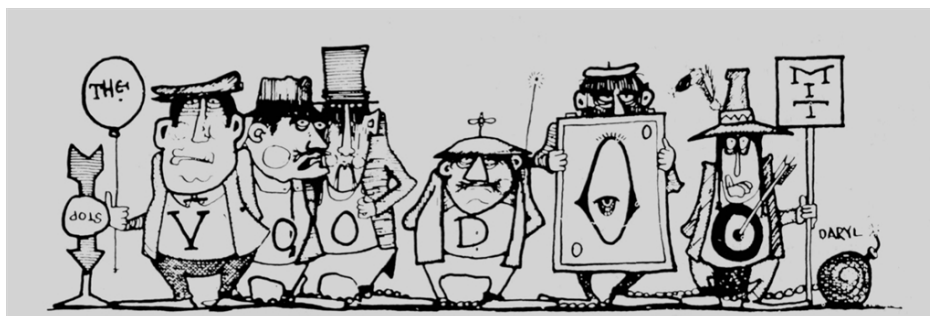

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When we arrived at MIT the famous *Field Piece* issue of *Voo Doo* was still fresh in the minds of students and the authorities. The parody of an army manual on a piece of equipment full of sexual innuendos that now seem tame, if still in bad taste, had once again threatened the existence of the humor magazine. The cartoons often drew on the style made popular by Don Martin in the classic *Mad Magazine*, but many were wildly original or wildly awful. The sexual humor was often sophomoric, but then we mostly male nerds. Sophistication and real humor often emerged from the pages, and there are still treasures to be found. I still have my brother Steen's copy of the classic December 1958 *Pseudo Scientific American* issue. I spent a year on the editorial staff as Exchange Editor --- I was the one who spent my time reading other college humor magazines and used a razor to cut out nifty cartoons for us to plagiarize. I had been invited to get involved by the Editor, Bob Nagro, who also happened to be my brother Pete's (1961) roommate in Cambridge as graduate students. I note in the December 1961 issue several class members were listed on the staff page, including Jim Monk, Pete Angevine, Jim Kotanchik, Neil Pappalardo, Bruce Crocker, and me.

Happily the complete archives of *Voo Doo* can be found as pdf files at <http://web.mit.edu/voodoo/www/archive/>, so you can travel back in time to those days.

The goal of this page is to post anecdotes, stores, reminiscences, pictures, etc. So please send your contributions to me. The first one is from Jim Monk.

For several years I was among the top sales persons for VooDoo. I eschewed the normal selling of the magazines in the corridors of the 'tute, however. Each month I would grab a tall stack of the magazines and head for the nether reaches of the MIT building complex. Building E, the hydrodynamics test lab building across the street on Vassar, and, as they got built, I started going to the various buildings that now make up the area around Kendall Square. While there were lots of MIT type folks there -- I regularly went to Marv Chomsky's Artificial Intelligence offices, for example. I also found some very interesting other occupiers of MIT buildings. The Central Intelligence Agency had offices there, as I recall, as well as the FBI, the Department of Transportation -- who had a whole building along the street which was a fairly dreary place -- and others whom I've forgotten. All in all, I spent an interesting afternoon each time the VooDoo came out. --- *Jim Monk*



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Gee, Dad, It's A VooDoo!

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A VooDoo Is Forever!

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99-44/100% Impure

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How Are You Fixed For VooDoo's?

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Ask The Man Who Owns One.

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It Floats.

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I Dreamt I Read VooDoo
In My Maidenform Bra.

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Would You Believe It?
I Have A VooDoo!

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Promise Her Anything,
But Give VD.





Voo Doo door on the third floor of Walker - Reunion Week 2013.