Telecom Law Gets Institute Involved in Web Blackout

By Brett Altchul

Management Stephen C. Graves, is working to evaluate the place the ROTC program should hold at the Institute.

Next month the task force will make recommendations about what MIT should do with ROTC, the faculty will likely vote on the issue at its April meeting. The final decision lies with the MIT Corporation.

Task force looks for input

The task force is spending the month of February gathering community input for its decision.

Faculty Chair Lawrence S. Bacow opened the forum with an overview of the task force’s mission. He spoke of the faculty’s 1990 resolution on ROTC, which created the impetus for the formation of the task force.

“The resolution essentially condemned the Department of Defense policy against homosexuals,” Bacow said. In the resolution, the faculty said that if “inadequate progress is made in changing the policy, the faculty would move to end ROTC,” he said.

But it remains to be seen if the community input for its decision.

The ROTC task force met with about 35 people at an open forum for a presentation and discussion of MIT’s ROTC program Thursday night in 10-250.

Controversy about the program centers around MIT’s non-discrimination policy, which protects MIT students, faculty, and staff from discrimination based on sexual orientation. ROTC violates the policy by discriminating against homosexuals.

The five-month-old task force, which is chaired by Professor of Economics Distribution lottery on Registration Day, said HASS coordinator Bette K. Davis. A as a result, members of the HASS office and Information Systems Distribution lottery on Registration Day, said HASS coordinator Bette K. Davis.

As a result, members of the HASS office and Information Systems will hold a meeting this morning to discuss possible future changes in the system. The main topic will likely be the ending of the e-mail notification system, said IS Analyst Programmer Regina L. Gogol. Gogol was responsible for sending the personalized e-mail notifications to students.

The device was the fourth iteration of use by the HASS office, the lottery system ran without flaw, and the usual 90 percent of students received their first choices, Davis said.

Questions started early

Davis started to get phone calls during the early evening on registration day from students with suspect results. “Things just seemed all wrong,” she said. For example, one student had apparently entered six choices but received no assignment even though four of those classes showed up as not filled.

The office thought the lottery had run correctly, and were consequently unsure of why students were receiving these messages, Davis said.

Gogol said that he noticed program problems while he had the e-mail notification procedure running on her machine. “It looked suspicious that several students in a row got lotteryed out, so I killed the procedure,” she said.

It took awhile to realize that the source of the problem was the notification system and not the lottery itself. At that point, Gogol chose to send new messages to everyone so that each student would be assured of receiving the correct message.

By 10 p.m. all students had received correct responses. There was some confusion for a few hours in the early evening, but “I think in fact it was not a problem for students,” Davis said. “My only concern was that students receiving the first incorrect message would not read their mail in time to get the second, correct message,” she said.

“I was hoping that the grapevine would be strong enough to get word out, and I think it was,” she said. “I have yet to hear from a single student who didn’t get the second message.”

E-mail notification may cease

There were several changes made to the HASS-D lottery system this semester. The program was updated, although the lottery ran on the same server as the physical education lottery. The two lotteries also ran on the same day.

“We were stretched a little thin, running both lotteries on one day,” said Andy Oakland, the Distributed Computer Network Services analyst programmer who designed the
Israel Steps Up Security
In Advance of Elections

By Gerard Roe

Jerusalem

Fears that a terrorist attack inside Israel might hand upcoming elections to the opposition, Labor-led government stepped up security measures Monday in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Israel Television said that the intelligence services had reported a possible attack on a military base near the West Bank town of Jericho, where Israeli forces were stationed.

"We are prepared to deal with any potential threat," an Israeli security official told reporter.

On Monday, Israel's security forces were placed on high alert, with troops deployed across the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip.

In the West Bank, Israeli troops were seen patrolling the streets of the city of Hebron, where a Palestinian suicide bomber had killed six people the previous week.

In Gaza, Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies, with soldiers on the ground.

"We are committed to ensuring the safety of our citizens," an Israeli defense ministry spokesman said.

The move comes amid growing concerns about a possible attack on Israeli targets in the region, as tensions rise between Israel and the Palestinians.

"We will do everything necessary to protect our citizens," the spokesman added.

In a statement, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said his government was determined to prevent any terrorist attacks.

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Major Readies for Possible IRA Violence, Breaks with Sinn Fein

By Fred Barbash
THE WASHINGTON POST
LONDON

British Prime Minister John Major prepared the nation Monday for the possibility of more Irish Republican Army terrorism but vowed that it would not stand in the way of continuing efforts to negotiate peace in Northern Ireland. While offering no new proposals himself, he signaled a new patience, by expressing a willingness to consider others' options.

Addressing the House of Commons and then a national television audience, Major joined Irish Prime Minister John Bruton in ruling out contacts with Sinn Fein, the legal political wing of the IRA, until restoration of the 17-month cease-fire that ended a powerful bomb blast here Friday. It killed two persons and injured dozens.

Sinn Fein announced the IRA "have a choice." Major said in his five-minute television statement Monday that when they commit themselves unequivocally to peace and reinitiate the cease-fire they can have a voice and stake in Northern Ireland's future. If they reject that, they can expect no sympathy and no quarter.

"The IRA will never bomb their way to the negotiating table," he added. Officials said they had no reason to believe the IRA was so committed to a state that state, that state, and Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams, blaming Major for the breakdown in contacts, pleaded helplessness in furthering that goal. Nor did he condemn the IRA violence, publicly urg the paramilitaries to stop it or hint at any new flexibility of his own.

Police throughout Britain and especially in London reinstated security measures they had gradually relaxed over a year and a half. They evacuated several subway and train stations during the day in response to apparent bomb threats and searched vehicles and bags near buildings deemed potential targets, such as government offices, presti-}

chess computer, in history's first regulation multi-game match between the major and machine champions.

Even if the machine wins — so far each has won a game — chess players and computer experts say, the outcome in the six-game match would still be a victory for Homo sapiens.

"The contest is not really man vs. machine," said Feng-hsiung Hsu, the IBM researcher who designed "Deep Blue," the cybernetic half of this clash of the titans and the toolmaker versus man the chess player. Either way, the human wins."

Human primacy in the ancient game of chess has been gradually yielding to computers for years — largely because of the efforts of chess players themselves, who have long tried to program the deceptively simple rules of their game into a digital opponent. Nowadays "a $40 piece of software can kick the pants off of 98 percent of tournament players," said Marc Rotenberg, a chess enthusiast and head of the Electronic Privacy Information Center, a Washington-based computer policy organization.

"It's quite a machine," "Deep Blue," "developed by computing giant IBM's research division, is a departure from some of the traditional models of "artificial intelligence," which were attempts to get computers to think the way people do, evaluating value judgments and learning from mistakes. Instead, the program does what computers do best: it examines the many possibilities that branch from each potential move and evaluates the result, consulting a vast database of games throughout history.

Drive to End Affirmative Action Moves Ahead

Lo ANGELES TIMES

With just more than a week to go before their Feb. 21 filing deadline, proponents of an initiative proposal to roll back affirmative action laws in California say they have far more than the 694,000 signatures needed to qualify the measure for this November's ballot.

Standing before hundreds of applauding delegates at the state Republican convention last weekend, Ward Connerly enjoyed a standing ovation — not because he is a victorious politician — but because of his apparently successful mission to rescue the once-strugg- ging proposal.

"On a personal level, I thank you for allowing me to bask in the warm glow of your friendship and applause," Connerly, a University of California regent, told convention delegates. "We're going to do this in California ... so the people of this state can say once and for all, 'We favor equal opportunity for all and preferences for none.'"

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Graduate Student Council

Next meetings:

• HCA - Feb 13
• Formal Ball - Feb 15
• Activities - Feb 22
• General - March 6
• APPC - March 7

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Sat., Feb. 24th

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By Teresa Huang

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he MIT Dramashop's production of George F. Walker's Escape from Happiness is an excellent display of strong characters and relationships. The players in this contemporary comedy endure fits, frowns, and tears every other hour, and yet all of these things are all in their pursuit of (or is it escape from?) happiness. This energetic show is reinforced by a creative use of stage lighting as well as realistic scenery.

When the play opens, we see that Junior (Diego Penta A. '96) has just been mysteriously beaten in his kitchen. He is found by his adoring wife Gail (Tara Perry '96) and her smugly calmly father Nora (Marivi B. Acuna '96). Her other two daughters Elizabeth (Linda Tsang '96) and Mary Ann (Jennifer L. Twiss '96) are each hysterically contrasting characters. Elizabeth is a "very busy woman" who feels the need to do something for her family by torturing those she thinks threaten their family unit. Mary Ann is a fantastically droll young woman who is convinced she is at a crossroad in her life. The mother and her three daughters tolerate the presence of their sick father Tom (Bruce Applegate '96) who was once an abusive parent. Nora's "light as a feather" outlook on life is very well played and acted. From the opening scene, the audience believes at first that Nora is slightly off her rocker. But ironically, in the end it seems she's the only sane character in the entire show other than Gail, whose dedication to all members of her family makes her an admirable figure.

The interaction between the three sisters is great, and their conflicts are sharp and well done. There is an obvious hostility between them which seems sad at times and hysterical at others. Tsang plays the contained youngest daughter Mary Ann with particular humor, especially in the potato-peeling scene. It is evident that the intricacies in her character are all acknowledged and accentuated. And the "can I ask you a question" dilemma was very authentic.

Tsong shines as the angry Elizabeth, whose rantings seemed a bit overdone at first, but were not completely unbelievable as we came to understand her character. Easily the most complex character in the show, Tsang screams at her family members in one scene and hugs them in the next, achieving both sympathy and laughs from the audience.

The male characters in the show were also excellent. Penta as Gail's ex-car thief husband Rolly and Stevie, played by Edward D. Kohler G and Ryan J. Kershner '98, are equal-
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**By Daniel Ramirez**

**STAFF REPORTER**

Seth and Richard Gecko (George Clooney and Quentin Tarantino) are on the run. After Richard springs Seth in a daylight jailbreak and they commit a daring bank robbery, the notorious Gecko Brothers are making a run for Mexico, where they can find sanctuary in El Rey for a cut of their money. Their only problem is slipping across the border without being caught.

Enter the Fuller family: Jacob (Harvey Keitel), a minister who has lost his fate and his children, the vulnerable teenage Kate (Juliette Lewis), and her younger brother Scott (Ernest Liu) are on a trip to Mexico in their new RV - a perfect ruse for the Gecko Brothers to use to slip past the border patrol.

The brothers kidnap the Fullers and high-tail it to freedom with the promise to let the family go once they cross the border and make it to the rendezvous.

This rendezvous is a wild strip bar, open from dusk until dawn. The night is full of seductive promise as the group settles back to wait for their Mexican connections. But unbeknownst to the brothers or their hostage, the management and staff of this particular establishment have a taste for blood - in the vampire sense. What follows makes the Gecko Brothers look like choir boys - and now everyone will be counting on the baddest boys in America to step up to the plate and save the day.

From *Dusk Till Dawn* is the new film from director Robert Rodriguez and writer Quentin Tarantino. Rodriguez blends his extraordinary visual style with the cool heroes, smart dialogue, and hip sensibility of Academy Award-winning screenwriter Quentin Tarantino to transform a genre of which they are both life-long fans.

From *Dusk Till Dawn* is an exhilarating roller coaster ride that has the audience laughing at one moment and gasping for air the next. It’s fast paced, action filled, and is an all-around trip to watch. Following up *Desperado*, Rodriguez has done it again.

Bringing back the days of drive-in horror flicks, Rodriguez has put together a cast of A-list talent to aid him in his journey. Clooney is brilliant as Seth. Clooney is a strong character and doesn’t need to prove it to anyone; his presence alone is good enough. Tarantino, as brother Richard, is another brilliant casting call. Tarantino creates a guy that is capable of doing the worst, but his unpredictability keeps the audience guessing his next move. As Jacob, Harvey Keitel plays against expectation and looks like he might have been a criminal himself.

Salma Hayek, who starred opposite Antonio Banderas in *Desperado*, stars as Santanico Pandemonium, the Queen of the Vampires. Inspired by the image of an Aztec goddess, Hayek delivers a memorable dance with a six foot long albino Burmese python. On the comedic side of the movie, Cheech Marin portrays three characters and brings some of the funniest moments of the movie along with him.

One note: This movie is not for the weak of heart. In the tradition of *Pulp Fiction* and *Reservoir Dogs*, *From Dusk Till Dawn* is a graphically violent film. It’s is what a movie should be — a form of entertainment, something you go and see in order to have fun. If you need a break from the beginning of the term or just want to have some fun, this movie is definitely for you.

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After Telecom Law Is Passed, MIT Gets Involved in Blackout

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Forum, an electronic civil liberties organization.

Some say law takes wrong tack

Many people at MIT have reacted negatively to the signing. "It restricts speech, not access," said Marc H. Horowitz '96, a member of SIPB. "It's really the wrong answer to the problem. There's also a danger that it will be used to threaten small sites that can't afford a law suit," he said.

"It limits things at the lowest common denominator," Horowitz said. "A voluntary rating system, like the one used for movies, would be better."

Timothy J. Berners-Lee, principal research scientist at the Laboratory for Computer Science and director of World-Wide Web Consortium at MIT, said that he will offer a free screening program to people who want to keep objectionable material from entering their computers from the Internet. Berners-Lee, who is the researcher credited with having started the World-Wide Web, says he would rather see parents control what their children have access to instead of relying on government censorship, according to the Associated Press. Free content-filtering software that he is developing should be available in three months.

Law now faces court challenge

Even before Clinton signed the bill, the American Civil Liberties Union announced its intention to challenge the bill in court. After the bill became law, the ACLU sought an injunction against the controversial provisions from a federal judge in Philadelphia.

In New York, abortion-rights advocates filed suit against the provision of the bill criminalizing the distribution of information about abortion. The Justice Department said that section was almost certain-ly unconstitutional and probably would not survive the court challenge.

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Forum Provides Student Input on ROTC Task Force Options

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government’s 1993 changeover to the DoD. Dearborn current “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy qual- ifies as adequate progress, Bacow said.

The task force, which includes two students, will see how the new policy will hold up in some test cases in the courts. It also is looking at how other universities have dealt with ROTC.

Harvard University, for exam- ple, ended direct financial support last year for Harvard students involved in M.I.T’s ROTC program. Harvard now uses alumni contribu- tions to pay its fee to M.I.T to allow its students to participate in the pro- gram.

At Dartmouth College, the facul- ty voted to terminate ROTC, but the decision was overturned by the school’s trustees. The Johns Hopkins faculty voted in 1990 to end ROTC in 1995 but later reversed its vote.

Students comment on options

Graves presented a spectrum of options that the committee is using to formulate its discussion about ROTC. The task force also laid out the options in its interim report, which it drew up at the end of January and distributed at the forum.

The task force could recommend to maintain the status quo, to sever all ties to ROTC, to postpone any action, to create some type of arms-length relationship, or to remove ROTC from campus and make cross-town arrangements for stu- dents.

Composed mainly of students, the audience voiced strong and at times bitter views on the proposals.

"How can we assume that other schools are going to pick up our slack?" said Gregory Lopez.

Lopez questioned why MIT would want to end ROTC. "Why? To punish us? What have we done wrong? We’re not homophobic and we don’t go out and gay bash and stuff," he said. "We’re just in the military."

It will hurt the the military if stu- dents from first-rate schools like MIT are not entering the military. "The nation is the loser," Lopez said.

"I’m for the military, I’m for ROTC," said Christopher K. Merrill ’96. "I’m against the discrimination it imposes on me."

"Would you rather have an insti- tution on campus that makes it so that some people are denied the right to participate in it?" Daniel K. Skwarek ’95 said. Homosexuals are "denied the same rights, the same access."

"Even if MIT were to keep ROTC on campus and maybe charge rent, it would still very strongly be sanctioning ROTC," Adrian Basrut ’97. "In my mind, that would still make MIT a culprit of discrimina- tion."

Some attended worried that if MIT cut ties with ROTC, it could lose some influence with the DoD. The DoD is an organization that MIT is intimately involved in and wants to stay involved in," Daniel A. Friedman ’96.

Some questioned concerns about funding for ROTC students. "A lot of students come to us and say, ‘I don’t want to be in ROTC, but my parents will not pay,’" said Asst- ant Director in the Student Finan- cial Aid Office Robert E. Weimer- man ’87. "They shouldn’t feel that way. The idea that we won’t help them is a criticism of our financial aid policy. MIT will com- pensate."

Students vote, prepare to talk

Toward the close of the meeting, members of both sides of the debate talked about sitting down at a forum of their own to have a dis- cussion.

"It has never been encouraged for the two sides to come talk to each other except in a forum through a task force," said Deena S. DiSalvo ’96. "We are all emotional about this topic."

"Nothing would make the facul- ty happier than to see both groups try to resolve this problem," Bacow said. "If students are inclined to do this, we encourage it, we embrace it."

At the end of the meeting, the task force polled audience members to see how they would vote on the options. Five voted to maintain the status quo, seven voted to sever all ties to ROTC, eight voted to post- pone any action, eight voted to cre- ate some type of arms-length rela- tionship, and two voted to remove ROTC from campus and make cross-town arrangements for stu- dents.

The task force will be having several meetings in the next few weeks to talk to various constitu- encies on campus. The group may also talk about having another open forum, Graves said.

This week the task force will begin to actually discuss individual members’ views about possible rec- ommendations for next month, said Bacow.

"It’s never been encouraged for any members of both sides of the debate to sit down at a forum," Graves said.

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E-mail Notification System May Change

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HASS-D lottery system. However, one of these changes caused the e-mail notification breakdown, he said.

"I think that we can get something positive out of this fiasco. IS has mentioned to the HASS office that we want to get rid of the e-mail notification system," Gogol said.

"Actually running the lottery is real quick. Where things can go wrong is in the constructing of 2,000 individual e-mail messages," Oakland said.

"The e-mail procedure is not an automated procedure, and we should not use it at all. We should create more secure ways of notifying students of their assignments," Gogol said.

The alternative that Gogol and Oakland are presenting at today's meeting is simply to dump the results of the lottery back onto the server in personal, secure directories. Students would then be able to ask the server for their assignments, Oakland said.

"The details have not been worked out, but it's a goal that everyone agrees on, and that would mean a change in the system," Davis said.

These changes and goals will also be discussed at this morning's meeting, said Oakland, who previously served on a student re-engineering committee.

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Jv Squash Team Handed Rare Road Loss by Tabor Academy

By Carol MatsuZaki

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Hyyan had a good first game as he came away on top 15-12. However, his opponent came right back and took the next three games 15-9, 17-16, and 15-3.

Robinson quickly fell into a 2-0 gap as he lost the first two games 15-7 and 15-1. His hard hitting and court coverage helped him win the next two games to tie the score at two sets, but his opponent edged him out 15-9 in the fifth.

Engeness barely lost his first game 17-16. But he never looked back from that point on, as he hit winner after winner, playing brilliant squash. He went on to win the next three games 15-10, 15-6, and 15-11 to give MIT its first point.

The Engineers were in a 3-1 deficit going into the second round of matches. Alex Chu '98, Ahmed Alt-Ghezali '99 and Carol MatsuZaki '96 all had to be victorious for MIT to get the win. Both Alt-Ghezali and MatsuZaki had a rough day on the courts, as they each received a 3-0 beating.

However, Chu ended the day on a high note as he won 15-12 in the fifth to give the Engineers their second point. The next and final home match for the season will be on Tuesday, Feb. 20, against Tufts University at 4 p.m.

Sharp Shooting Puts Men's B-Ball Over the Top Against Golden Bears

By Andrew Maywald

In a Constitution Athletic Conference match Saturday, the men's basketball team defeated the Western New England College Golden Bears 67-51.

The Engineers improved their record to 4-17 in front of a moderately packed Rockwell Cage (189 in attendance). The Engineers only trailed once in the game, 5-3.

After a three-point field goal by Tim Porter '96, MIT was on the attack, hitting 14 of 29 shot attempts for 48.3 percent in the first half. In a matter of minutes the Engineers were ahead by double digits.

"We came out from the opening tip on the attack, because we were determined not to get behind early," said Captain Tim Porter '95.

The Golden Bears weren't so golden. They shot a dismal 21 percent from the floor and kept shooting threes with no success in the first half. The Bears were also plagued by sloppy play and poor ball handling, with 20 turnovers in the game.

The first half ended with MIT ahead, 34-19. MIT's high scorers were Porter with 13 and Jason Spann '96 with 9 points.

"The whole team contributed," Porter said.

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Men's Gym Wins at Home, on the Road

By Raymond Li

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midway through the third period by Inada. With the Engineers short-handed, Inada carried the puck into the Bryant zone and perfectly placed the shot high over the goalie's left shoulder. The two defenders watching him must not have thought that highly of Tetsu's skills, as both defenders let him skate in, obviously not expecting his shot on goal.

MIT clung desperately to their one goal lead until midway through the third period, when Bryant came up with the equalizer. With no last second Engineer heroics on this day, the game would end with a final score of 1-1.

Despite the disappointing home-stand, the team's impressive 14-1-1 record has earned them a bid to the National Championships in Tampa, Florida. However, due to funding problems, the team is still awaiting word from the Institute as to whether or not they can go. Very few teams in MIT athletics history have ever been offered this opportunity and it would be a real tragedy if the hockey team was denied the trip.

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At the away meet, the Engineers started out with a small lead over UVM but were behind UMass. After each of the six events, MIT scored slightly higher than UVM each time, slowly securing their position.

Despite a UVM comeback on the vault, after the final event, MIT beat UVM by more than four points, 181.95 to 177.45. MIT also beat Dartmouth at the meet, but lost to UMass.

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