**Tresco Receives Three-Year Sentence**

By Keith J. Winstein

Christopher S. Tresco, the economics department system administrator who illegally traded and served commercial software from the computers he ran, was sentenced on Aug. 16 in 13 months in federal prison.

Tresco pleaded guilty on May 28 to federal conspiracy charges that he collaborated for 18 months with fellow members of the “DrinkOrDie” software-trading group to commit criminal copyright infringement for private financial gain.

“Who was doing what was working with the rest of the group to crack software security codes and then making them available for free on the Internet to all comers,” said Tresco’s attorney, Gary C. Clossen. “They apparently didn’t appreciate the significance of the copyright laws, and they thought it was a big challenge,” he said. “It’s completely wrong and he knows it.”

Tresco, who will start his prison term in November, could not be reached for comment.

Raid secure 14 convictions

DrinkOrDie attained notoriety by trading copies of sought-after programs weeks before their commercial releases and publishing them free of charge on the Internet, in violation of the federal Copyright Act.

The Justice Department’s “Operation Bucaner,” which raided the MIT economics department as part of a synchronized global crackdown last December, has so far secured convictions or guilty pleas from 14 members of the group. Tresco appears to be the only member linked to MIT.

Some students lost a few weeks of work as a result of the raid, when a file server’s hard drive was inadvertently erased after federal agents made a copy.

At the time, one economics graduate student, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he said he feared retaliation by the department, said no backups of the drive existed because Tresco, the server’s administrator, “didn’t want to have back-ups around the stuff that he had illicitly on this drive in the first place.”

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**Freshmen Explore Dormitories at Midway**

Upperclassmen Fear Frosh Not Serious About Major Event

By Jeffrey Greenbaum

Dormitories held rush events throughout Kresge Oval and the Student Center for the Class of 2006 for four hours last night. Many hosts felt disappointed about the night’s outcome.

Last year’s Residence Midway limited dormitories as well as fraternities, independent living groups, and the Panhellenic Association each to a square in the Johnson Athletic Center. This year, FIBLG can no longer participate in the Residence Midway.

Some upperclassmen said that they appreciate having a greater amount of space and thus the opportunity to hold rush events as a part of the Midway.

However, others said that they do not believe that many freshmen are interested in entering the dormitory lottery. Carly A. Taylor ’05 said that “the administration is giving the freshmen the impression that where they are now is where they should be.”

PLAYING HARDBALL—A freshman takes a cut at an astronaut pinata that was part of the East Campus activities at the Residence Midway.

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**Contests Fill Orientation Opener**

By Eun J. Lee

The Class of 2006 converged as a whole for the first time yesterday afternoon at the opening ceremonies for Orientation 2002. “You have all arrived at MIT to prepare the world for the future,” a voice resonated above the hushed crowd in Kresge Auditorium.

“The next four years of your life will be spent reading ancient texts and listening to even older lectures,” said Orientation Coordinator Alex D. Forrest ’04. “The next four years of your life will be spent reading ancient texts and listening to even older lectures.”

This year’s Orientation has the film-making theme of “It’s your time to shine.” The opening ceremony was true to the theme, including video skits introducing the five Orientation Coordinators. Freshmen were also called onstage to show off their talents and participate in competitions.

They’ve got brains and talent, too

The Admissions Office has released statistics that where they are now is where they should be.

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**PLAYING HARDBALL**

A freshman takes a cut at an astronaut pinata that is part of the East Campus activities at the Residence Midway.
All Quiet on the Tropical Front

By Michael J. Ring

The first half of the Atlantic hurricane season concludes this week, and it has been a quiet one to this point. There have only been three tropical storms formed so far this season, and all three have dissipated within a matter of days. The suspected culprit for the below-normal activity is the El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO), which many believe has contributed to the extended period of calm in the Atlantic basin. The ENSO index remains in the El Niño phase, indicating that it will continue to suppress tropical cyclogenesis at least through the end of September.

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To be sure, overcapacity is a feature of many industries. A glut in consumer spending and a decline in manufacturing often leads companies to leave too many companies with too many workers, underutilized plants and poorly performing stores. In such cases, it is only after most of that excess is eliminated that demand get back into some rough balance, that businesses begin lining up inventories and demand for a solution of another period of economic growth.

This time, however, that process is turning out to be longer and more painful in Germany. The reason: the pace of a slower and weaker recovery than forecasters, executives and policymakers had expected.

The big culprit in the supply-demand imbalance of the late 1990s, according to many economists, was a post-1990s period of overcapacity. Now, they assert, the country has reached a threshold after which the economy is in a major purging of long-standing imbalances of the economy.

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Germany's First Televised Debate Goes to Schroeder, Pollsters Say

By Carol J. Williams

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii

Senator Chuck Hagel and Bavarian Gov. Edmund Stoiber took the first step tonight toward leading Germany into the homes of millions Sunday with a rigorous televised debate here that showcased the mount-

The first televised clash between chancellor candidates in German history has thrust a new and uncertain element into the telegenic and egotistical Schroeder-Stoiber battle, forcing both men to decide whether they want to remain as the dominant in the German political landscape.

While both competitors attacked the other over a possible future European Union, they also repeated a challenge to Schroeder to engage in a fight, "observed politician Beate Wedekind told ZDF television in one of many post-

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Come Out of the Bubble, Wherever You Are

Roy K. Esaki

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Know Where Your Bread and Butter Come From

Guest Column

Gretchen K. Aleks

Welcome freshmen! This phrase has echoed throughout campus since your arrival. As one of the many upperclassmen in the dorms, orientation facilitators, and even the MIT administration. There are other interactions with people new to us students: I'm sure everyone has seen the Fleet Bank reps, representatives in the student center who recognize that new students mean a whole new generation to hook on their convenient, yet overpriced, goods and services. Soon, you'll meet with another corporation trying to sell you cheap beer in their convenient location: Star Market. In a week, when you've seen every meal cycled through at least once at Labdell, and you realize how much you're paying for food that most people wouldn't even consider their drg, you've probably started to look at it as a good option. However, there are some things the informed MIT student should know about before they set foot Star. A star in the MIT Mark; employees work part-time; not out of choice, but because the management does not want full-time employees who require additional benefits such as partially subsidized health insurance.

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Freshmen Have Diverse Options

Programs, from Page 1

Science principles to large-scale and real-life projects. The full-term program has stood on its own from its inception in 2000 under Hodges’ leadership until this year. Terrascope differs from the usual Mission programs in that participants will now have advisors tailored to helping the students with the Mission class as well as helping them adapt to the first year of college.

Past projects for the Mission program include a mission to Mars as well as sea research and exploration. The program for 2002 asks freshmen to develop a system to monitor and research the status of the unexplored Amazon Basin rainforest.

Terrascope also requires to freshmen to take a supplementary course in the second term. The class, Earth Systems and Engineering (1.016), also required for Course 1-E (Environmental Engineering) degrees, will be tailored for students to further the project they began in the first term.

Participation in Terrascope is not a requirement for Mission 2006. Terrascope does not permit students to enroll in an Residence Based Advising or a Freshman Advising Seminar.

Terrascope is intended to replace the Integrated Studies Program after the retirement of ISP’s founder Arthur Steinberg. "ISP was generally engineers teaching humanities,” said former ISP participant Mayur V. Kenia ‘03. “It was better than most humanities classes because you had a lot more hands-on experience.” Terrascope will use ISP buildings and funds to run its program.

Experimental Studies Group

ESG is a unique popula for freshmen in very small classes of about two to five students. Classes are taught by professors, lecturers, graduate students, and undergraduates affiliated with the program.

"Some of the small classes were helpful, and others were not,” said former ESG member Daniel G. Oprey ’04. “I felt the classes taught by students were better than those taught by professors.”

ESG students take all of their science and math courses under the ESG program, and may opt to take humanities classes under the same tuition.

With the close interaction during classes, a close social community also unfolds in ESG. “It’s one big group of 70 people and you meet all of them,” Oprey said. In the mainstream program, “you usually do not meet people in class.”

Participants also often remain in ESG rooms for help with coursework. “There are always people there to help with work,” Oprey said. Participants can expect to spend 80 to 20 hours in ESG buildings each week.

Oprey said that the best thing about the program is “you’ll meet some interesting people there—probably some of the smartest people on campus.”

Concourse

The Concourse program is unique in that it provides a completely structured full-term schedule, including a humanities class. The same students are in every class. This year will again feature Introduction to Psychology (9.00). Many of the Concourse lectures are the same as mainstream ones, and the program relies on its separate recitation discussions to set itself apart.

The program seeks to maximize a student’s number of core credits to prepare each one to handle any major once freshman year is finished. To do this, Concourse is slightly more fast-paced than the usual core curriculum. Concourse is limited to 60 students, to be selected at an orientation meeting on Tuesday.

Even with all these choices, a majority of students choose to participate mainstream courses. “I wanted a more normal college experience,” said Michael C. Hamlet ’03. “I wanted to know more people,” said Richard C. Hu ’03. "I figured that I would meet more people elsewhere in mainstream classes.”

Next House RBA program larger

Residence Based Advising was a pilot program initiated in 2000 at McCormick Hall. It expanded to Next House in 2001. It was designed with the intent of making student communities at the dormitories more close-knit while allowing students greater access to their advisors.

While participation in McCormick’s RBA included all freshmen residents since its inception, the size of the program at Next House has expanded tremendously since last year, from a handful to over 92 percent of freshmen at Next House partaking in its RBA program.

While McCormick Hall is now full, there are about 14 slots remaining for freshmen at Next House. Students electing to move to Next House during Tuesday’s lottery can elect to join an RBA, said Residential Associate Advisor Johnny T. Yang ’04.

Some Say Freshmen Not Willing to Move

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night’s event because of the decreased duration of dorm rush. Saylor said that last night’s event was a lot like culling the week-long rush into four hours.”

Students fear freshmen squatting

Some upperclassmen believe that many of the freshmen will not move out of the temporary dormitory assignments they have already received.

For example, Caroline A. Nuzidek ’05 of French House said that unlike in past years, “the people who we have now will remain interested in French House and will want to stay [permanently].”

“The administration has failed to encourage freshmen to enter the dorm lottery,” said Anne Kate Niziolek ’05 of French House said. “The administration has failed to encourage freshmen to enter dorm lottery,” said Anne Kate Niziolek ’05 of French House.

In addition, Saylor said that she is worried that the freshmen will not have the opportunity to get a chance to know all of the dormitories. “They’re going to feel rushed to go everywhere during rush,” she said. Overall, some upperclassmen worry this will negatively impact dormitory culture and the fabric of the residential system.

The changes in dormitory rush will take away from the community within the dorms and the differentiation between them,” Baker said.

Residents play with freshmen

Baker said that the dormitory rush has been shortened, upperclassmen said that they have been trying to make the most of their time with the freshmen.

Baker said that new format of the Residence Midway “is a lot cooler” because the dormitories can do more with the freshmen. She said that the turnout was good, though a little slow at first.

Saylor said that this year’s Midway is more social than before because previous years: Midways were just about meeting people.

However, Terrem nonprofit said that “it was much better when all the dorms were on the same floor. … They [the freshmen] do not seem to know what they are doing.” Terrem also described the Midway as a social event, but she said that “it’s more of a social event than a recruiting event.”

Freshmen explore passively

Several freshmen said that they enjoyed both participating in the events at the Residence Midway and learning about what other dormitories the dormitories will be hosting in the upcoming days.

Fewer freshmen said that the Midway was helpful in their decision making process.

Eva A. Enns ’06 said that “there’s a lot of energy at the Midway.”

Vanessa H. Quinlan ’06 also liked the Residence Midway “because it provided more of a social atmosphere to meet the upperclassmen and get some advice.”

Benjamin T. Lamotte ’06 said that the Midway was useful because he had the chance to get more information about dormitories.

Jonathan E. Blum ’06, however, said that the Midway was not the most helpful because “I get to know a dormitory by going inside it and taking a tour.” Blum, nonetheless, said the Midway was fun.

Despite these times for the freshmen, many left the event saying that they were not interested in switching dormitories. Most of the freshmen interviewed said they would look around other dormitories for fun.

“I’m going to look around at the other dormitories, I think that I’m going to stay where I’m at,” Enns said. “I think that it’s a good idea to explore [the other dormitories] to make sure that I’m not missing out on anything.”

Likewise, Blum said that he intends on staying in his current dormitory assignment. “I have been looking around, but I still like [Button-Conner] the best,” he said.

Miyun A. Lediju, who is participating in McCormick’s Residential Based Advising program, said that she is happy with McCormick and is not interested in looking at the other dormitories.

Tristan J. Hayeck ’06 said that he plans on looking around [at the other dormitories] because I don’t know very much about West Campus.”
Government Charged Conspiracy For Gain

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a conspiracy involving private financial gain, the case only tangentially invoked the 1997 No Electronic Theft (NET) Act, which criminalized large-scale copyright infringement irrespective of financial gain to the perpetrator.

The law was enacted in the wake of the government’s unsuccessful prosecution of former MIT student David M. LaMacchia ’95, after he ran a file-trading service on Student Center Athena workstations. Because LaMacchia did not profit from the service, the government was unable to prosecute him for criminal infringement.

Tresco, however, pleaded guilty to conspiring to infringe for financial gain. “The government’s theory of private gain, which is supported by case law, is that if he had available to him access to other copyrighted works … as a result of the conspiracy, then that constitutes private financial gain,” Crossen said.

As a result, the NET Act was not important to Tresco’s case, Crossen said, even though it appears to have strengthened the government’s position by defining “financial gain” to include “the receipt of other copyrighted works.”

Penalty appears unlikely to deter

Whether the DrinkOrDie prison sentences will have a deterring effect on casual traders, as the music, movie, and software industries clearly hope, remains to be seen.

One student, who spoke on condition of anonymity because his own publicly-accessible music archive appears to constitute criminal copyright infringement, was nonchalant about Tresco’s sentence. “I’m not particularly scared, because it seems to me like he only got busted because he was part of this pretty flamboyant group,” he said. “I know tons of people who have an archive like this. Once they start going after individual college students, I’ll be more worried.”

The student suggested, however, that copyright holders have a low bar to strike fear into the hearts of casual infringers. “I deleted all my Metallica songs once Metallica [threatened] everybody on Napster,” he said.

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classmates by wrapping her right arm all the way around her head and touching her right ear. Although the performances suggested that these students should stick to science and math, their classmates were full of energy and cheered them on the whole way.

Many people were eager to cheer for participants from their own home state. "I don’t think anyone meant anything by it," said Yonathon Tekleab '06, who was a contestant of the Freshman Feud. "We are all one big community now."

"They seem to be a pretty enthusiastic class," said Orientation Coordinator Joshua S. Yardley '04.

Competing on stage is easy as pie. One unique event this year was a pie eating contest on stage for five lucky freshmen. Pie may not be the most flattering substance one can smear on his or her face, and many appeared as if they were going to be sick during the competition, but the contestants said they had a good time. "It was extremely embarrassing, but I thought it would be the best way for everyone to get to know me quickly," said Orit A. Shamir '06, who won the competition. "I just hope everyone doesn’t remember me as the pie girl."

There was also a competition based on the television game show Family Feud, which included the question "What do MIT students like to do on Friday nights?" Eloquent, but ultimately incorrect, answers from the freshman contestants included sleeping, going into Boston, doing hacks, and drinking. Many of those that signed up as contestants on stage were participants in Freshmen Orientation Programs last week. "I liked the FLP [Freshmen Leadership Program] support that I got while I was on stage," Tekleab said. "They should call it the ‘Freshman Love Program.’"

Benedict gives freshmen advice

The program also included a scavenger hunt with a twist. Four freshmen were sent on a mission to find a bag of popcorn. Dean for Student Life Larry Benedict, and his favorite movie, Dr. Strangelove. They brought back four different people who had on the name tag "Larry Benedict," and the audience was asked to cheer for who they thought was the real Dean. Benedict, clad in a grey suit and sunglasses, got the least amount of noise from the audience.

He gave the students his three little tips for surviving at MIT. These tips included: keeping a balanced life by getting involved outside of the classroom, reaching out and connecting with someone in the community, and getting enough sleep.

"If you follow these three little tips, you’re going to succeed," Benedict said followed by a quote from Dr. Seuss. "And will you succeed? Yes! You will, indeed! Ninety-eight and three quarters percent guaranteed!"

Best is yet to come, organizers say

The opening ceremony and the other events planned for this coming week have been in the works all summer. The coordinators said they are looking forward to all the events to come and expect that they will be as successful as the opening ceremony. "The rest of the week is gonna be nuts," said Fahad Kajani '04. "Seriously — we’re hard core about this."

President Charles M. Vest will give a more formal welcome to the Class of 2006 in Kresge Auditorium today from 11 a.m. to noon. A keynote speech will also be given by Professor of Chemical Engineering and Biomedical Engineering Robert S. Langer ScD '74.

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Orientation for the Class of 2006 kicked off to a rocking start yesterday. Freshmen were introduced to MIT and their fellow classmates in the opening ceremonies in Kresge Auditorium followed by a barbeque in Kresge Oval. The students then split up into their Orientation groups for an afternoon of fun and games. A Residence Midway in the Student Center ended the day’s events. This year’s movie-related theme is “It’s your time to shine.”

(Top right) Graduate Resident Tutor Xiaomin Mou serves a pancake to Akhil Shashidar ’06 during the Simmons Hall brunch Sunday.
(Top left and bottom right) Freshmen attempt to extricate themselves from the “human knot” during an Orientation activity yesterday.
(Middle left) Jim Ghun, a graduate of UCLA and a presenter for PlayFair, addresses the freshman class in Johnson Athletic Center on Sunday.
(Below) Freshmen form a train during a PlayFair team-building exercise on Sunday.
(Bottom left) A freshman tests his handstand prowess as part of an Orientation icebreaker.
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