Unlicensed Viewings Make MIT Pay $14K, Seek Blanket License

By Marissa Vogt

MIT recently paid $14,000 to a copyright licensing company that found evidence that several student groups held publicized, unlicensed showings of copyrighted movies.

As a result, MIT is exploring the option of purchasing a blanket copyright license that would allow student groups to legally show movies, said Thomas E. Robinson, program coordinator for student life programs. Without such a license, both student groups and dormitories are not allowed to publicly show films.

Web sites indict student groups

MIT was notified that three or four student groups had advertised showings of copyrighted movies on their Web sites.

“In outside company went on student group Web sites and actually took screenshots of those Web sites and mailed them to MIT,” Robinson said.

He said he did not know the name of the company that took the screenshots, and would not say which student groups had advertised the films without a license.

The $14,000 that MIT paid was not so much a fine for not having a copyright license, but more of a back payment for showing the movies in the first place, Robinson said. He said that MIT has an established working relationship with the company, and the payment served to “both to enforce copyright[s] and give us a warning.”

He said that the Student Activities Office has worked with both the Association of Student Activities and the Intellectual Property Office, which dealt directly with the copyright licensing company to resolve the issue.

Hackers Fined, Warned Over Wright Bros. Plane

By Marissa Vogt

A group of hackers responsible for putting the replica of the Wright Brother’s plane on the Great Dome on Dec. 17, 2003 was recently punished. Oliver E. Kosut ’04, one of the six hackers who were caught, said that he was informed mid-February by assistant dean for student discipline Carol Orme-Johnson that the MIT Police had filed a formal complaint.

According to Kosut, he was then told that he would have to go through a hearing process with one dean and one student, held in mid-March. Kosut said he received a $50 fine and was placed on disciplinary warning, which the Office of Student Discipline’s Web site defines as “written notice that the conduct engaged in is inconsistent with Institute policies/standards” along with notification “that future violations may result in the imposition of more serious sanctions.”

According to Kosut, a note describing the punishment was placed on his official record. The letter, Kosut said, “ stays in my official record until I graduate” and “ stays in the memory of the Committee on Discipline forever.”

Kosut would not comment on the identities or punishments of the other five hackers who were caught. Orme-Johnson said she could not discuss the specifics of any disciplinary case.

Three options involve hearings

Kosut, who says he has been caught while hacking before, said that the main difference between this and previous times was the process of a hearing.

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The Graduate Student Council held elections for its 2004-2005 officials on Wednesday. Barun Singh G was elected president, Hector B. Hernandez G vice president, and Lucy Wong G treasurer. The election for treasurer was postponed until either a special session or the next general council meeting, to be held on May 5.

The candidates were elected by current officers, representatives from the academic departments and programs, representatives from the dormitories, off-campus representatives, the chairs of the GSC committees, the ASA President, and some
Iraqi Gunmen Threaten Lives Of Three Japanese Hostages

By Philip Shenon

Condoleezza Rice, President Bush’s national security adviser, testified Thursday that President Bush was warned a month before the Sept. 11 terror attacks that the FBI had detected “suspicious activities” that suggested terrorists were planning a domestic hijacking. She said she was told then that the bureau was conducting 70 investigations of possible al-Qaida terrorist cells operating within American borders.

In her long-awaited sworn testimony before the independent commission investigating the Sept. 11 attacks, Rice said she was told by the special intelligence briefing that had been requested by Bush and presented to him on Aug. 6, 2001, at his Texas ranch had carried an ominous title: “Bin Laden Determined to Attack Inside the United States.”

Under often harsh questioning from Democratic members of the panel, Rice dismissed the importance of the still-classified August 6, 2001, report that had been prepared by the Central Intelligence Agency, describing it in her testimony as “not as critical as it was thought to be.”

Rice's statement, which marked the first time a high-profile White House official has testified in public, came as the investigation into the Bush administration’s handling of the intelligence before the terrorist attacks neared its end.

The hearing was the latest in a series of high-profile hearings that have focused on the intelligence failures and intelligence successes before the September 11, 2001, attacks.

The CIA, which had been asked by then-President George W. Bush to provide a special intelligence briefing for him in August 2001, has been at the center of the hearings, with former agency directors testifying about the failure to anticipate the September 11 attacks.

But Rice, who was Bush’s national security adviser at the time, has been questioned about the accuracy of the intelligence and the role of the central intelligence agency in the White House’s response to the attacks.

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By David Barstow
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The End of Dollar Capitalism?

Basil Enwegbara

The end of the second world war brought with it a change in the course of the American empire. Bases in Japan and Europe were vital for the imperial takeoff and consolidation. Like previous imperial powers, trade and commerce successfully followed the flag. Of course, the Cold War would soon end, later, the “euro zone” economy emerged as a power challenger. While Japan, in deep economic crisis, could not pose immediate threat, China’s emerging economic powerhouse became an unexpected threat to the West. And countries that previously could not stand to challenge America economically now could do so with little or no fear. Further complicating the already difficult situation was America’s embracing of globalization. With the world bought out checks and balances governing it, American-led globalization moved from the market for goods and services to the financial markets and now to the labor markets. Besides the “race to the bottom” manufacturing sector, this new development now allows plenty of foreign labor to increasingly compete in America’s huge service sector, which accounts for a large percent of the U.S. payroll.

A country’s political nature of globalization means that it is only those companies that can produce the best in quality that can command the market. Since U.S. businesses no longer have the power to pass off the higher costs of rising health care benefits, Social Security, and workers’ compensation, few options are left for them if they still hope to remain competitive. They can engage in total outsourcing. Just imagine the huge financial benefits that accrue to giant U.S. businesses whose major competitive advantage seems to be cheap labor. GM, for example, now saves over a thousand dollars extra on each car made in China (They can invest heavily in technologies to minimize the costs of human labor and the “exclusions” that accompany them. They can adopt strategies to get around the real costs of labor by employing more temporary and contract workers: Or they can take a politically extreme direction — invade Washington with a new army of lobbyists to minimize fallout with politicians and counter the influence of the electorate just as they did when Washington wanted to regulate them. None of the above strategies seem to be politically popular here in the U.S. It’s not surprising because in the short run they fail to promote the middle-class economy which has sustained American capitalism. But does America really have an option? Can it afford to be an economic island like medieval China? Not recognizing the reality of the times is over will lead to colossal consequences, including the endangerment of the power of the dollar as a global currency. Leading global investors like George Soros and Warren Buffet have already figured out the danger ahead, and as a result they are now investing more in currencies other than the dollar. OPEC’s growing fear about the fate of the dollar is equally real. A nation so dependent on foreign investment to keep up with the gaps cannot afford measures that slow the flow. The only good news — at least for now — is that in the weak European economic the euro is too weak to truly replace the dollar.

Amal Dorai

I really liked “Calvin and Hobbes.” In fact, I’m pretty sure most of you did, too. It was like “The Simpsons” — just not funny, but warm and insightful, taking us back to the carefree days of childhood. Yet Bill Watter- son cruelly stopped drawing “Calvin and Hobbes” in 1995, only two years after it began, and yet before it started to get old. It was still funny, still great, and just stopped. If I were the president of the United States, I’d throw him in prison and force him to draw more strips.

Before you go nodding your heads in agreement, I’d like to point out a problem with this plan: the Supreme Court. Even if I did manage to get elected president, I just know those pesky justices would disallow my imprisonment of Mr. Watterson, citing constit- tutional concerns. They would claim that his imprisonment would violate his constitutional rights, without ever considering our rights to read “Calvin and Hobbes.” This is why I would like to propose Amendment 28 to the United States Constitution: “Upon the ratifica- tion of this Amendment, Bill Watterson will be jailed for 15 years, or until he has produced 5000 more strips of ‘Calvin and Hobbes’.” Amend- ing the Constitution is no simple matter, and not one to be taken lightly. How- ever, in this case, the benefits are so great that we have no other recourse. While the sensible readers among you understand that this plan simply means that those la- bors below to satisfy those law-school types: 1) Bill Watterson is a small minority. 2) Bill Watterson is a cartoonist by choice. Just as Yo-Yo Ma was not born a cellist nor George Bush born a president, Bill Wat- terson was not born a cartoonist. His ultimate choice of profession was deliberate, as shown by his dangled determination in the face of multiple rejections. Although his rare inter- views cite him as having been interested in cartoons his whole life, it is obvious that he chose cartooning of his own volition, thereby sacrificing some of the rights afforded to other workers.

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290,809,776 of whom are not Bill Watterson. Even if Mr. Watterson himself is incon- venient, the people who read his new “Calvin and Hobbes” strips will be thrilled to re-enter the magical world of a boy and his tiger. Sometime, we must make tough decisions for the greater good of the greater number, some- times, these decisions harm good people. This is a mere inevitability of politics.

2) Bill Watterson is a cartoonist. The equal protection clause of the Fourteenth Amend- ment was written in 1868, before cartoonists ever existed. Had our founding fathers known of “cartooning” and its implications, they would have explicitly exempted them from certain rights, most likely the right to the “pursuit of happiness” when it impinges upon other citizens’ happiness. Although the Con- stitution may appear to protect cartoonists, this is merely an illusion caused by our pro- jection of our current society onto an ancient document.

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comes may be tolerated for a period, slowly this mediocrity will creep into the rest of the newspaper like an infectious disease. If our citizens do not rally to the defense of the comics page in their time of need, they will soon see grammatical errors in New York Times’ headlines and sheets of blank newspaper in The Washington Post.

5) Our entire political and social system is threatened. Professor Peter Eigen of Tras- pereantry International has done groundbreak- ing research which proves that newspaper leadership and public perceptions of corrup- tion are strongly correlated (see www.trans- parency.org for further details). A decline in the quality of our newspapers will obviously lead to less readers, which in turn will allow the government to perpetuate further abuses of its power. It is every citizen’s civic duty to ensure that our political process remains a paragon of integrity. The only way to do this is to re-introduce “Calvin and Hobbes” to American newspapers.

6) The majority of Americans want this to happen. Ask the person on your right if he or she would like to see “Calvin and Hobbes” return to the funny pages. Now ask the person on your left. See? The foundation of a democ- racy is the will of the people, and the people demand “Calvin and Hobbes.” If Bill Water- son refuses to accept this, we must resort to the power of the law. The law we must resort to does not exist yet, but it will if my fellow Americans support me on this critical issue. “In all that lies ahead, let us match strong convictions with knowledge and courage.” (George W. Bush: remarks given on February 24, with full transcript at www.whitehouse.gov).

Amal Dorai is a member of the class of 2003.
Be Kind to Hobos

By Fred Choi

Art

Scrubbing their way to the top of the worlds of fame and fortune, accruing agents, townhouse yachties, lawmaking dudes and dudes of the spiritually devoted fans and groupies along the way. And in the process, fulfilling those pesky obligations that come with the job — keeping promises, saving missions, press junkets, talk shows, photo shoots, product endorsements, and a line of action figures and plush toys.

As can be imagined, recruitment is as much a sex appeal as it is a saving mission, as it is presence as it is about special powers. Main characters include U-Go Girl, easily the hardrock side of Jean Grey, Mr. Sensitivity, a.k.a. the Orphan, sensitive to the slightest breeze yet a dude who comit to his romantic relationships, Vivisector, an intellectual and sarcastic werewolf; Dead Girl, a girlfriend with revited in necrophilia worldwide (rum, or maybe that’s just me); El Guapo, skateboarding Latino heartthrob; Doop, the team’s lovable, green, yet mysteriously sinister alien cameraman; and the team’s manipulative “voice,” Spike Freeman, described as “a cross between Bill Gates and Stan.”

Selfish, yet lovable, characters are just one part of the genius that is X-Statix. Each historical boarding mission was usually for good (but with camera crew and makeup team on hand, anything can be refreshed) and to their own needs as if it is funny. Milligan spins decidedly contemporary satirical and oftentimes political yarns as the series as “Boys in Uniform,” the latest boy band, or the rescue of little Fidel Castro. Along the way Alfried and Wertz manage, by means of straight-forward or sometimes slyly twisted references, leading from “Oxford Blue,” the country whose leader bears an uncanny resemblance to Fidel Castro. Along the way Alfried and Wertz manage, by means of straight-forward or sometimes slyly twisted references, leading from “Oxford Blue,” the country whose leader bears an uncanny resemblance to Fidel Castro. 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A Voice from Across the Atlantic

By Jeremiah Yu

in the world of mu gao pan and egg foo young, the line between authentic Chinese cuisine and Chinese fast food is a fine line. Many restaurants have infested slopes from Happy Hop gets blurred.

On my most recent outing, I was accompanied by a group of friends with the white / yellow ratio of a twino, who were looking for a cheap, relatively fast meal that wasn’t the not-so-sketchy-but-white-people-intimidating-upstairs-food-court-in-Chinatown. Eventually we descended into a smaller establishment off the beaten path.

Some Chinese food is as bad as girls who put pictures of themselves bagging their hot friends on the Internet, but there are also those who can make you feel like you’re not even swimming around just three minutes earlier.

I usually make the intimidating scene of a duck with its head still hanging from the restaurant window, but quite frankly, it’s something that you’re just going to have to get used to. I’m sure after the Pavlovian conditioning kicks in after your fourth visit, you’ll resist entering a restaurant without a whole roasted poultry dangling in their windows.

For those little Cantonese eataries, I highly recommend ordering beef brisket wonton noodle soup. This brimming bowl of egg noodles and beef broth embodies two of the most fundamental aspects of Cantonese food: meat and rice. The broth is a soup made from an egg-dough skin filled with pork and shrimp. What we want to avoid is the wontons that are full of indigestible fillings or the cheap, quick-made, rubbery, thick and sour sauce. Any restaurant that will take the time to put two or three shrimp inside each bow of wonton is a real find. I highly recommend you daily actually pay attention to detail. The second part is the brisket. A good brisket requires hours and hours of cooking thus tenderizing the meat. Generally speaking, this equates to meat that breaks apart in your mouth, usually upon impact. Our server tonight also wanted to emphasize this point — those larger chunks of somewhat transparent meat, not pieces of tendon that have been cooked until soft. While the consistency takes a bit of getting used to, rest assured that you eventually will love it.

These parlors should also specialize in barbeque. Roast pork, roast duck, soy sauce chicken — all of these items are standard fare and are reasonably priced when served on a bed of rice. Of course, you want to make sure that the meat-to-rice ratio is appropriate and that the meat is tender, but it’s worth its weight in gold. It’s amazing.

If you’re never tried duck, it’s like an entire chicken with firm dark meat. The skin is crisp and tender, but it’s worth using the chopsticks instead of the fork because in its natural state, it falls apart in your mouth.

Another typical type of Cantonese dish is the salt-and-pepper type. We’re talking about fried meat covered with salt, green onions, and mildy spicy peppers. If you can find it, try the thin, medium spicy Doritos salla, you’ll be fine as long as you pick out the big chunks of green peppers. They’ll do this to squid, shrimp, pork chops — virtually anything that’s tasty as is but made even better by the simple fact that it’s fried. Honestly, you can order any type of salty food that isn’t made better by frying?

If you’re still at a loss for what to order, go for a Hong Kong-style fried noodle. It’s at moments like these that I like to recall the words of the great John Mayer. He once told MTVU, “You have to treat yourself like a business. Nobody is going to wake you up in the morning and say ‘play music’, you’ve got to set your alarm. You’re your own boss.”

For those of you who are thinking of applying to the Cambridge-MIT Institute. The undergraduate exchange is actually only a small part of the Cambridge-MIT Institute. The Cambridge-MIT Institute, as described from its Web site, is “a strategic alliance between two world-leading universities to deliver education and research to enhance the competitiveness of U.K. business.” Since the program is funded primarily by the British government and private corporations, the Cambridge-MIT Institute students are constantly being asked to assess the effectiveness of the program. We are forced to think beyond the nominal differences between student life in the United States and Britain and have to consider our year abroad in the terms of competitiveness, entrepreneurship, and value. No other program requires such in-depth evaluation and the entire process has made me generate a great deal of introspection.

As a result of all of this evaluation, I believe that many effects of the exchange have been recognized as beneficial for undergraduates on both sides of the Atlantic. And though the initial CMI undergraduate exchange was originally slated to expire along with the rest of the Cambridge-MIT Institute, the undergraduate exchange has been setup as a permanent program in the Cambridge-MIT Exchange. In anticipation of the expiration of the Cambridge-MIT Institute, the CMI undergraduate exchange will be known in the future as the Cambridge-MIT Exchange (CME).

I know many students are reluctant to apply to the program because they fear it means a year abroad means a year forfeited at “the greatest technology institution in the world.” As a result, these students inherently believe that by spending a year abroad at Cambridge MIT will challenge and invigorate any MIT student.

While I am positive that the exchange is not appropriate for everyone, I am certain that spending a year at Cambridge will challenge and invigorate any MIT student. The best part of my MIT education has been this last year, where I have been given the opportunity to view MIT through the eyes of an outsider.

Introspection is a natural activity for any exchange program. I have found my time at Cambridge University to be positively formative. I have seriously reconsidered what it means to be educated at MIT.

The CMI exchange has provided me with a rare chance to look beyond the gothic stone structures of Cambridge and challenge the walls of MIT behind for the gothic stone structures of Cambridge. And though MIT is about understanding global issues and it has been engaging to understand what the difference between student life in the United States and Britain.

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Relapsed, and I applied. It will forever be the from McKinsey & Co. to apply for their to consulting recruiters, I received a request came and went, and the fall recruiting season thought I had beaten ICE. Then the summer outside of work and was planning my path to I had decided I was done with consulting for good. work in consulting after graduation, last spring meaning to that. It disgusts me and it infected walking through the Infinite in black suits less talking to people in Banana Republic clothing; exposed to the aforementioned industry who aren’t extremely passionate about pursu- perhaps, beyond. It causes almost all students Yet it’s safe to say that it affects nearly every Until now, we didn’t even have a name for it. The Irrational Career Election (ICE) dis- And now, here’s Jaime Wycoff from Bendini, Minnesota with the… However, you're going to do well, yes, I know it’s weird, but could you please read it? No? Well, can you at least read the bit about penguins feet and e-mailing sink- ing to you? It’s obvious. Me’s just finding the… fine, no, you don’t have to read it. Sorry ladies and gentlemen, we appear to be experiencing wardrobe malfunctions.

**Positive Sinking**

**Blind Behind The Wheel**

We currently have no test for the disease. Until now, we didn’t even have a name for it. Yet it’s safe to say that it affects nearly every undergraduate throughout this campus, and, perhaps, beyond. It causes almost all students who aren’t extremely passionate about pursu- ing careers in science or engineering, as well as many who actually are, to act irrationally when they hear the names of two industries — finance and consulting.

You may have seen the infected, after being exposed to the aforementioned industry names, experience one of the following symptoms:

- Rocking to career fair bootods with swift- ness then usually reserve for free food, tip- ping over their own feet and stuttering while talking to people in Banana Republic clothing; walking through the Infinite in black suits less than thirty minutes after walking the same path in their weekend clothes.

The Irrational Career Election (ICE) disease makes me sick. Yes, there’s a double-meaning to that. It disgusts me and it infected me. After almost three years of preparing to work in consulting after graduation, last spring I decided I was done with consulting for good. I had figured out that my passion was in writing, speaking, and entrepreneurship. I had decided I was done with consulting for good. It is important to note two things about the disease. Firstly, it is a precursor to an even more powerful one that affects MBAs at the beginning of their careers (which remains unnamed). We’ve all heard the message that business school is not only a chance to receive some formal management training and connect with others who have demonstrated ability and desire to make impact, but also an opportunity to step back from one’s career and find one’s own path in which to deploy those resources. On the whole, though, it seems to amount to a large, yet precariously calculated risk.

About half of a typical Harvard Business School student’s job offer is extended immediately before attending HBS and over the last five years, an average of 62 percent of those MBAs accept an offer from one of those two industries. If there’s any change in student interest, it’s an increase. And it’s simply ridiculous to think that the passions of over half of Harvard MBA students lie in consulting or finance. It’s not just HBS, either; the statistics for MIT’s Sloan School aren’t much different.

Secondly, ICE seems to spread virally because the anti-heroes known as truths have so far been ineffective against it. One truth is that the life passions of most people do not lie in consulting or finance. The opportunity is proba- bly statistically impossible. Granted, most MIT undergraduates don’t know what they really want to do with their lives. This is due to youth and lack of opportunity to think about it during interquarity, brief time between air for dwelling in the MIT fire hose.

Another truth is that entry-level jobs (and currently even MBA ones) in these industries are not always the highest-paying. A quick browsing of the Web sites of the MIT Careers Office and Harvard Business School shows this.

Yet another truth is that finance and consult- ing jobs aren’t inherently better or more glamorous than any other. Sixty-plus-hour work weeks aren’t more-spreadsheetish than spam, and fill-in-the-blank PowerPoint presentations aren’t any less exciting. Furthermore, a job’s sex- apex is ultimately determined by an individ- ual’s confidence and creativity, as well as the spin she puts on what she chooses to let the public know.

Despite these truths, ICE has become an epidemic. Undergraduates continue to battle to finance for jobs, and with illusions from the floor to the ceiling, for the love of it, for the money, and/or for the glamour. Sadly, there goes more time toward making excuses for each other and less to making impact in areas close to their hearts.

And there might be consolation. Mar- tin Smith, President of StartingBloc, is experi- menting with a method to manipulate the epid- emic for the greater good, by fighting the disease rather than the symptoms. As ICE Disease continues to inexorably spread among undergraduates (and others) toward certain MBAs, Smith and his StartingBloc team are trying to create a mutant of the virus responsible for ICE.

They are exposing undergraduates to the ultimate truth — that doing good, making a difference, and enjoying glamour don’t have to be separate activities. The ultimate goal? To ensure that as these undergraduates take the Next Step to MI and beyond, they will be able to make decisions that maximize their careers, their impact, and their brief time before their organizations are capable of producing.

It’s true. And that’s crazy. Does it have a chance in hell to work? Time in next week.

**What’s Next?**

**Got ICE? You’re Not the Only One**

By Ian Ybarra

**Scratch Paper**

**Are You Cool?**

By Tiffany Koschicharon

We just can’t get enough lovin’. It’s all about having more, taking your existence society up to the next level, and propelling yourself into the ranks of the Miss Google America pager.

Love is no longer a strong affection, love is quantity. So, perhaps you should be swept away by many that we pay money for networking workshops. Humans have become so lame that we don’t even know how to act. I’ve heard they’ll even give you a thousand-dollar tuition to an MBA school because it’s just like going to add to your Instant Messenger buddy list.

The more socially “connected” we are, the more we feel feeble. Yixi to create this connec- tion with many other people, we need to gen- erate a lot of buzz. Hyper. Hypo.

Today, there’s no such thing as bad press. To get our attention (the new substitute for love), popularity means a “wardrobe malfunc- tion” at the Super Bowl. Janet Jackson’s “acci- dent” created record-breaking 180 percent surges in TV viewership.

If she had been a role model and per- formed the Super Bowl concert the way clothes on, would we have applauded? Would we have even given the performance a second look? No. We are hipsters. We say we love to be recognized for our virtues, but what we deem “cool” and “popular” are people who lack virtue. Popularity ratings, numbers, and rankings are for the weak. Having a hot date? No. You have 196 friends on thefacebook.com and aren’t even sure who your first and second friends are. It’s a social security, an assurance that you are worthy.

So, what do read countless friends’ and friends’ blogs and right-click Instant Messenger profile pictures, decode Facebook punctuation into words, and search across a page with a hundred “friend” links, I once believed. “Wow, how popular!” I ate up the compliments, until I had a hundred real friends? A hundred people you could ask favor from, at least. What will define a leader and make you successful is your ability to resist the tempta- tion of popularity, instead of worships on the facebook gathering more “friends,” we could really make real friends. After all, we admire those who think on their own, not insecure people who live off the e-plunions of others.

That’s why your parents and your future kids will give you the greatest love of all. Per- haps you’ll receive some of the most unshamed advice from them — but it will be said with unashamed honor. If they don’t impress them, they will be there for you. A thousand people do not need to recog- nize our existence to make it worthy. There is no Miss Google America pager. Only when you go out, we daydreams of others can you be a cool person.
MIT MTL Special Seminar

THE ROLE OF SEMICONDUCTORS IN THE NEXT IT ERA

Dr. Chang-Gyu Hwang
President & CEO,
Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.

Dr. Hwang, an IEEE Fellow, introduces the future prospect of the NAND flash memory, the key enabling technology supporting the paradigm shift, and further explores the synergies of integrating Memory and LSI technology, the foundations for next-generation technology breakthroughs.

Thursday, April 15th 2004
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Edgerton Lecture Hall
(Room 34-101)
Fascist Popsicle Stand

by Saurabh Asthana

Dilbert® by Scott Adams

FoxTrot by Bill Amend

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Events Calendar

Events Calendar appears in issue #10 of The Tech and features events for members of the MIT community. The Tech makes no guarantees as to the accuracy of this information, and The Tech shall not be held liable for any losses, including, but not limited to, damages resulting from attendance of an event. Contact information for all events is available from the Events Calendar web page.

Tuesday, April 14
3:00 p.m. – CSSA Dancing Party. Free. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.
8:00 p.m. – Mystic River. Free. Room: Killian Hall. Sponsor: Harvard Center for Hellenic Studies.
10:00 p.m. – Touch of Evil. Free. Room: Alumni Student Center.

Wednesday, April 15
9:00 a.m. – Varsity Women’s Tennis vs. Colby College. $10; $8 MIT community, seniors, other students & children; $6 MIT/Wellesley students (tentative). Room: Sala 231. Sponsor: Students for Labor Justice.
10:30 a.m. – Undergraduate Admissions Office Information Session. Undergraduate Admissions Office Information Session will be held at the Admissions Reception Center. Following the Admissions Information Session is a Student Led Campus Tour which begins in the lobby of the Aces and Eights. This is an opportunity to learn about student life at MIT and meet with current students. Free. Room: 33-423. Sponsor: Undergraduate Admissions Office.
2:00 p.m. – Undergraduate Admissions Office Information Session. Groups over 15 people need to make special reservations. Free. Room: Killian Hall. Sponsor: Undergraduate Admissions Office.
2:45 p.m. – Campus Tour Groups over 15 people need to make special reservations. Free. Room: Lobby 7. Sponsor: Admissions Information Session.
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – "On scalar-flat Kaehler surfaces." Free. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.
6:00 p.m. – "Orthodox Easter Dinner featuring traditional Romanian food, cooked by our students." Room: Student Center room W20-491. Sponsor: Folk Dance Club.
8:00 p.m. – "Once Upon a Time in Russia (children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult team member). Pre-registration required. $60 (includes Museum admission)." Free. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.

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10:45 a.m. – Campus Tour. Student Led Campus Tours are approximately 80 minutes long and provide a general overview of the main campus, dormitories, and the academic buildings. All are welcome. Free. Room: Admissions Reception Center. Sponsor: Admissions Office.
11:00 a.m. – "Deepak Chopra’s Vista: A Response to 9/11." Free. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: University of Chicago.
12:00 p.m. – "Meet us for dinner before Real Life Boston in the Student Center’s Alpine Bagel. Free. Room: 2-105. Sponsor: Information Center.

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11:00 a.m. – BCOE Seminar: "Multiple Levels of Sensorimotor Control in the Rat Vibrissa System." Free. Room: 34-401A. Sponsor: Research Lab of Electronics.
12:00 p.m. – Lunch with EEOC and MIT Leadership in STEM. Free. Room: 34-401A. Sponsor: Research Lab of Electronics.
2:00 p.m. – "Mechanics Seminar: "Nanotweezers, magic dust, and liquid islands: quantum-mechanical modeling at the nanoscale." Free. Room: 34-401A. Sponsor: Research Lab of Electronics.
3:00 p.m. – "Flute, Oboe, and Piano"; "Morceau de Salon, Opus 228"; "Snow Country." Free. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.
5:00 p.m. – "Meet us for dinner before Real Life Boston in the Student Center’s Alpine Bagel. Free. Room: 2-105. Sponsor: Information Center.
6:00 p.m. – "Greek Orthodox Easter. The Hellenic Students Association is sharing the most important religious celebration of the United States with the MIT community. Please join us in worship and fellowship with our students. Free. Room: Student Center. Sponsor: HSA – Greek Orthodox Easter.
8:00 p.m. – "Dinner and a Movie." Free. Room: Rainbow Lounge (50-306). Sponsor: lbgt@mit.
10:00 p.m. – "Mystic River." Free. Room: Killian Hall. Sponsor: Harvard Center for Hellenic Studies.
10:30 p.m. – "Touch of Evil." Free. Room: Alumni Student Center.

Saturday, April 18
9:00 a.m. – "The Brief Detox Diet: Foods.” Free. Room: 17A.
10:00 a.m. – "S.S.F. Seminar. Social Science Foundation Seminar.” Free. Room: 34-401A. Sponsor: Research Lab of Electronics.
11:00 a.m. – Lunch with EEOC and MIT Leadership in STEM. Free. Room: 34-401A. Sponsor: Research Lab of Electronics.
12:00 p.m. – "LSC Seminar. Social Science Foundation Seminar.” Free. Room: 34-401A. Sponsor: Research Lab of Electronics.
1:00 p.m. – "LSC Seminar. Social Science Foundation Seminar.” Free. Room: 34-401A. Sponsor: Research Lab of Electronics.
2:00 p.m. – "Reading Lounge Lounge 019, MIT’s lounge for romance, bijou, gay trial; and queering members of the LGBTQ+ community. Free. Room: 32-717.
2:15 p.m. – "Local Services & Stuff." Free. Room: Room 33-206. Sponsor: AeroAstro.
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Monday, April 13
9:00 a.m. – "Institute Speech Context (Big Idea)." Vote with your big idea for the big idea! Free. Room: Lobby 7. Sponsor: Information Center.
10:00 a.m. – "Clyde’s Final Fantasy Seminar." Free. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.
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Members of the MIT Hawai'i Club give a lively Tahitian performance. The annual MIT Hawai'i Club Luau was held last Saturday in Walker Memorial.

Robert J. Steininger ’06 crams his face with spam and rice. Steininger won the men’s spam-eating competition.

Guest dancers from Wellesley perform a traditional Hawaiian dance.

Photography by Jina Kim.
EASTER VIGIL

5:30 a.m.
Sunday, April 11
Roof of Baker House
Rain Location: MIT Chapel

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Travis Shettel, frontman of Piebald, sings at “Baker House Rock.” Several bands played at the event in Baker Dining last Saturday.
Student Groups Told Not To Show Movies Without Permission

MIT Senior Counsel for Intellectual Property Ann M. Hammersla did not respond to repeated requests for comment.

ASA warns groups about policy

Jason B. Alonso ’04, treasurer of the ASA, said that the ASA is working with the Student Activities Office to make sure that student groups do not infringe on the movie copyright rules in the future.

The ASA sent an e-mail that they wrote with the SAO and Technology Licensing Office to the officers of student activity groups in a March 1 e-mail. Excerpts from the e-mail follow:

“At the advice of MIT’s Senior Counsel for Intellectual Property, we are writing to inform all student groups that they must remove all copyright protected material from their web sites (this includes pictures as well as text). Also, student groups must refrain from holding public showings of movies (free or otherwise) without the proper permission from the copyright holder.”

“This whole affair has given the ASA fairly deep concerns,” Alonso said. “If anything were to go wrong, it would be more money than the ASA or even the Student Activities Office could even begin to deal with. The SAO, ASA, and other groups are, for the most part, scared.”

The ASA e-mail also said that “groups that fail to follow these policies will be responsible for paying any fees that may arise.”

Robinson said that the student groups that had originally shown the copyrighted movies will not be fined.

Blanket license being considered

Alonso said that ASA officers attended a copyright presentation with the SAO in March to discuss future directions.

Robinson said that MIT is currently looking into purchasing a broad license so that student groups and dormitories will be able to show movies in the future without punishment.

“What we’re hoping to do is, rather than have each student group paying individually each time they want to show a movie, obtain a broad license,” Robinson said. Until MIT has such a license, both student groups and dormitories will not be allowed to have movie nights, though Robinson said that small, spontaneous viewings are allowed.

“If someone wants to show a film or movie, we’re working with them on that until we get that broad license,” Robinson said. “It’s really in everyone’s best interest to keep having this available to MIT.”

Robinson said that he estimates the cost of the license to be “several thousand [dollars] at least.”

“Very much want student groups to be able to show movies,” Alonso said.

The SAO has posted a frequently asked questions page regarding copyright policies for student groups and dormitories at http://web.mit.edu/slp/safety/faq.htm.

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Department of Materials Science and Engineering
Course 3
OPEN HOUSE FAIR
Friday
April 9, 2004
12:00pm – 2:00pm
Bush Room 10-105
Come meet the faculty and students in Course 3
Lunch will be provided

Laser Rock Shows. A sight and sound spectacular. Featuring tunes from Zeppelin, Floyd, and more. Easy access from the Green Line. Info and tix at mos.org

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U.S. Department of Transportation
At the beginning of the GSC meeting, the positions for president, vice president, and secretary were officially uncontested, although all three candidates withdrew their nominations to allow more people to run. The candidates for president were Singh, Jose Pacheco G, and LaRuth C. McAfee G, the current GSC Treasurer. Although Singh was the only candidate to submit a statement by the official deadline on Monday evening, Pacheco and McAfee had expressed interest before the meeting, and distributed statements during the meeting, said Michael R. Folkert G, the current GSC vice president.

There were no new nominations for vice president or secretary at the meeting, and both candidates were approved by the council. The election for treasurer was postponed for several reasons, said Folkert. Virgilio M. Villacorta G, the only candidate to submit a statement for the position by the Monday deadline, was out of town and not able to attend the meeting. In addition, between the election of the secretary and the treasurer, several voters had to leave, making the number of voters dip below quorum.

By the official rules of the GSC, more than half of the council members are required to be present for the vote in order for it to be approved. In addition, Bhuvan Singh G, publicly expressed interest in becoming a candidate for treasurer at the meeting, said Folkert. However, he has not yet submitted a statement. Folkert said that he is pushing for a special session for choosing a new treasurer. “I want to give the treasurer as much time as possible to get started,” he said.

Elected officers excited to begin

Hernandez, who was not informed of his nomination until Monday evening, said that he is honored and excited about starting his role as the GSC vice president. “To have someone nominate me is such an honor,” Hernandez said. “I want to do the best job possible.” Singh said he is also eager to get started. “I’m looking forward to working with the executive committee, the representatives, the student body, and the administration,” he said. “I think there’s a lot we can get done in the next year.”

The current officers will work with the newly elected officers to facilitate the transition. The elected officers will begin their terms at the next general council meeting, on May 5.
MIT, Cambridge Make Changes In Response to CME Feedback

Each year, in the first year of the program, “students have trouble with advisors — some more, some less. They are not sure to complete weekly problems and the future of the program is promising” said Spearing.

In previous years of the exchange, only a few course XVI students attended Cambridge. Spearing said he was not sure why the participation increased this year.

Future of program promising

Although it is likely that current funding for the Cambridge-MIT Institute, the parent program of CME, will end in 2006, the CME is expected to continue as an independent program.

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Each year, in the first year of the program, “students have trouble with examinations because we don’t prepare them adequately,” she said, supplementing that this led to negative feedback about the program. “Every year, we do better” preparing MIT students for study at Cambridge through activities such as orientation sessions, she said. This may have led to this year’s increase in applicants, she said.

Twelve MIT departments are currently involved in the exchange, and the program will expand to include Brain and Cognitive Sciences (course IN) next year. Enders said.

This year’s applicants included an unusually large number of students majoring in Aeronautics and Astronautics (course XVI) but no students majoring in Mathematics (course XVIII). Therefore, math majors from Cambridge will not be able to participate in the exchange.

Professor S. Mark Spearing, the faculty member in charge of the CME program for course XVI, said that 11 sophomores from the department applied to the exchange and ten have been accepted.

In previous years of the exchange, only a few course XVI students attended Cambridge. Spearing said he was not sure why the participation increased this year.

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Solution to Crossword

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Description: A Resident Advisor is expected to serve as a mentor, guide, and resource for students and to serve as a liaison between the chapter and the Dean’s Office. The RA is expected to know and educate FSILG students about MIT policies, applicable Chapter and/or Fraternity/Sorority headquarters policies, and common sense safety practices. Training is provided.

Remuneration: All Resident Assistants receive free room and board. In addition, some organizations may include a small stipend. Each Resident Advisor is furnished with a single room in the chapter facility.

Qualifications: A BA or BS and/or graduate enrollment at an accredited institution are required.
Most Hacking Cases Involve No Hearings

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was surprising to me.”
Kosut said that of the five other hackers who were caught, only one had been caught before, and that person also went through the hear-
ing process.

“You only get a hearing if you’re caught before,” said Kosut.

According to Orme-Johnson, each case is handled individually, and there are three possible ways that a case can be handled.

The first way is through a dean’s office panel, where a hear-
ing is held by three administrators and two students. The second, is an administrative review by one dean and one student, which was the case in this instance. The third option involves the Committee on Discipline.

Because each case is handled individually, Orme-Johnson said, “there is no automatic hearing.”

Orme-Johnson declined to comment on why Kosut’s case was not handled without a hearing. She said that the decision to have a hearing is made by associate dean of student discipline Steven J. Tyrell.

Tyrell could not be reached for comment.

Hacking punishments questioned

Kosut said he found that the worst part of the hearing process and his punishment was that multi-
ple offenses have more serious con-
sequences.

“It’s a sentiment that disturbs me, because it means if you get caught, you can’t hack anymore,” Kosut said.

Kosut also said that he is bothered by the hypocrisy that exists in a punishment for an action that brings MIT so much positive publicity.

“The problem is a higher level, he said. “People who work in the administration, if they care about hacks and the publicity, that message was not handed down to the people who punish them.”

The Undergraduate Association provides “Midnight Breakfast” Wednesday night as part of Under-
graduate Appreciation Week, which concludes today with free bubble tea in Lobby 10 from noon to 2 p.m.

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MIT Men’s Crew Brings Alumni Cup Back Home

By Craig Rothman

Every spring, the heavyweight crew competes in 200-meter races against the top competitors in the nation in the East Coast Association of Rowing Colleges, consisting of all Division I Rowing Colleges, cooped by the national Association of Rowing Colleges, coordinating the schedule. Many of these races take place at the Harvard Graduate, FY by well-respected Victorian forward Todd Thomas (7) finished with a time of 5:57.16. The members of the first freshman four were eighth in a row, but a great effort from captain Mike Rau won his match with two points, the members of the second

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9 a.m., Varsity Women’s Tennis, Colby College, duPont Tennis Courts / JB Carr Tennis Bubble
11 a.m., Varsity Men’s Outdoor Track and Field Meet, Monticello Athletic Field
11:30 a.m., Varsity Softball, U.S. Coast Guard Academy (Doubleheader), Briggs Field
1 p.m., Women’s Rugby, Briggs Field

Upcoming Home Events

Soft Canucks Go Up in Flames

By Janny Hu

The MIT Women’s Rugby team started its spring season with a 27-5 win against Holyoke’s Coyotes. The forwards looked strong in the scrum, and hooker Debra Hung ’04 obtained the ball against Saint Joseph’s. Hooker Lucy Rodd G assisted CSL rugby player Robert Farnsworth in the second half. After Peng carried the ball into Mit. Holyoke defenders failed to tackle Peng, giving the young man the push forward just far enough to touch the ball down in the line for five points. The MIT women had their first win in a little more than a boat length and are working hard this sea- son to get back in the conference. MIT will play Bowdoin College from Maine at 1 p.m. on Briggs Field.

Kendo Team Wins At West Point Match

By Patrick Lam

Last Sunday, the MIT Kendo A Team won its first ever chance to take first place out of nine teams at the First Ever Kendo Tournament, defeating the West Point A Team in the final round. MIT’s B Team finished second in its five-team bracket, missing the semifinals by one point, impressive finish for an inexperienced team.

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SPORTS

MLB Breakdown: Yes, Really Do Love the Royals

By Phil |aronovitz;

It’s time to wake up and emerge from the winter coffin because spring is here. And with spring comes the return of the world's best sport, Major League Baseball. And I, for one, am thrilled about the Royal Kansas City Royals, 2002 American League West champions, the Boston Red Sox.

AL East

From this point forward, we will no longer rely on next year to bring us our championship. With the acquisitions of Keith "Quaker" As, Pedro "El Cubano" Martinez, and国家冠军 "Baby" Johnson, the Sox have all the components necessary to win.

AL Central

The combined surge they provided last year will not be enough for the White Sox to take the AL Central by a large margin. Maybe their pitching is a little suspect, but they’ll pull through on the shoulders of their incredible offense and defense, along with manager Tony "Manager of the Year" Pena. The Sox are in the Royal Blue and Gold and bring back the positive attitude they provided last season. New addition to the already lethal "Sweeney Todd" and bolstered out their starting pitchers back to their mid 90s’ status.

AL West

With new turf and a new closer, the Angels look to three-peat as champions. If the injury of Joe "this looks like a body cast" Chacon is the new closer in the mile-

NL East

The Marlins are just too good. Even with the loss of Padre "Find My Dog And Pet" Pettitte. They won’t lose it up front, and all the pieces fit perfectly together.

NL West

The Dodgers just can’t seem to get the job done. With all the new additions and healthy players, the Padres will take the west easily. The return of Trevor "Drunk" Hoffman should bring about much "Doubt" from the season long DL and will restore stability to the club as they fight for another NL West title.

NHL Western Playoffs: Only One Surprise Here

By Andrew C. Thomas;

Westward ho. After picking two numerical upsets in the Eastern Conference, that shouldn’t happen in the West. I’ll bet against the number one seed, the Detroit Red Wings, and believe the other two seeds will make it all the way.

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