Bug in MyMIT System Allowed Sharing of Users’ Information

By Jeffrey Chang

MIT Admissions e-mailed about 9,500 registered users of the MyMIT admissions Web site last week to confirm that their applications were correct after discovering and correcting a problem where users could potentially access other students’ applications.

MIT Admissions realized in late October that under some circumstances, a user of the site could find himself or herself with the same session ID as someone else, Dean for Undergraduate Education Robert P. Redwine said. In those circumstances, a user could see the information from someone else’s registration or application.

“MIT was alerted to this problem by a student using the portal. ‘As soon as we heard, we took the portal down,’ Redwine said, causing the inaccessibility of the MyMIT site around Nov. 1 and the subsequent extension of the Early Action application deadline. It took it a couple days, but the difficulty, a hardware configuration problem, was straightforward to fix.”

“We then had to spend a few weeks trying to understand the extent of possible access to information,” Redwine said. Of the total number of people who had used the portal, about 20 percent potentially could have been affected. Out of that group, only a quarter, or about 2,400, were students who had already submitted their applications.

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By Kathy Dobson

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**Federal Appeals Court Rules Colleges May Bar Recruiters**

By Adam Liptak  

Universities may bar military recruiters from their campuses with- out risking the loss of federal money, the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, in Philadelphia, ruled Monday.

The court ruled that educational institutions have a First Amendment right to keep military recruiters off their campuses to protest the Defense Department policy of excluding gays from military ser- vice.

The 2-1 decision relied in large part on a decision in 2000 by the U.S. Supreme Court to allow the Boy Scouts to exclude gay scouts- masters. Just as the Scouts have a First Amendment right to bar homo- sexuals, the appeals court said, the law schools may prohibit groups that they consider discriminatory.

The 1995 law at issue in the decision, the Solomon Amendment, banned the federal government from disbursing money to colleges and universities that obstruct campus recruitment by the military. As amended and interpreted over the years, the law prohibits disburse- ments to all parts of a university, including its physics department and medical school, if any of its units, like its law school, make military recruiting even a little more diffi- cult.

Billions of dollars are at stake, and no university has been willing to defy the government. Indeed, several law schools that are mem- bers of one of the groups that sued to block the law, the Forum for Aca- demic and Institutional Rights, have not been publicly identified. Among the institutions wishing to be named are the law schools of New York University and George Washington University. The law faculties of Stanford, Georgetown and several other law schools are also in the group.

A spokesman for the Justice Department, Mark Corallo, said no decision had been made on an appeal.

“The United States continues to believe that the Solomon Amend- ment is constitutional,” he said. “We believe that Congress may deny federal funds to universities which discriminate and may act to protect the men and women of our armed forces in their ability to recruit Americans who wish to join them in protecting their country.”

The government can ask the full appeals court to review the decision by the three-judge panel or ask the Supreme Court to hear the case. In either event, the government may also ask for a stay of the decision.

In the meantime, colleges and universities are free to limit military recruiters’ access to their campuses, said E. Joshua Rosenkranz, who represents the law schools in the suit.

“Now every academic institution in the country is free to follow their consciences and their nondiscrimina- tion policies,” Rosenkranz said. “Enlightened institutions have a First Amendment right to do what is right under the circumstances. In a free society, the govern- ment cannot co-opt private institu- tions to issue the government’s mes- sage.”

He noted, though, that most law schools’ policies had never com- pletely barred recruiters on campus. Most simply withheld some forms of assistance, like arranging inter- views and posting notices.

The law schools’ antidiscrimina- tion policies do not specifically focus on the military. They apply to all potential employers with an announced policy of discrimination on the basis of, among other factors, race, sex and sexual orientation.

**Gap Appearing Between Jobs, Innovation in Local Businesses**

By Adam Liptak  

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**China Making Major Economic And Diplomatic Effort in Southeast Asia**

By Adam Liptak  

China moved a step closer to cementing its economic and diplo- matic relationships with Southeast Asia on Monday when Prime Min- ister Wen Jiabao signed a trade accord at a regional summit meeting that calls for eliminating tariffs on a range of agricultural and manu- factured goods by 2010.

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Bush Nominates Kellogg CEO As Secretary of Commerce

By Richard W. Stevens

President Bush on Monday nominated Carlos M. Gutierrez, among the most prominent Hispanic business executives in the United States, to be his new commerce secretary, as he continues to make efforts to beef up his Hispanic-American leadership with broad international experience. But he has little background in the trade policy area and has largely ignored policy circles in which Republicans said would be a broad oversight role.

Gutierrez, 51, has been chief executive of the Kellogg Co., the cereal maker, for more than five years, and has built a reputation as an innovative and forceful business leader with broad international experience. But he has little background in trade policy where judges in the nation’s highest court stand on the issue of same-sex marriage, and the grounds that the seven justices of the state’s highest court exceeded their authority under the U.S. Constitution in the principle of separation of powers.

The U.S. Supreme Court declined to consider the case, with no out comment. Lawyers on both sides said the court’s refusal to take the case probably ended their chances of getting legal legitimation for same-sex marriage, on the grounds that the seven justices of the state’s highest court exceeded their authority under the U.S. Constitution in the principle of separation of powers.

There are “reasons the Supreme Court could refuse to hear the case,” the legal director of the Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders, which represented the seven gay and lesbian couples, said. “Although the decision today underscores the need for a federal marriage amendment to define marriage as between one man and one woman.”

The federal marriage amendment, as currently worded, would nullify the Massachusetts SJC decree because it is unclear what the effect of the federal amendment would be on those couples who have already married. Earlier this year, President Bush had supported the federal amendment, and since winning re-election, he is expected to move forward.

Monday, in response to the U.S. Supreme Court action, White House spokesman Scott McClellan said “the president remains firmly committed to enacting a constitutional amendment that would allow voters in each state to decide whether they wish to be involved and have marriage in this process.”

Advocates of same-sex marriage were pleased by Monday’s case decision, said Steve Buseck, legal director of Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders, which represented the seven gay and lesbian couples who won the right to marry in Massachusetts in the November 2003 SJC ruling. "We've demonstrated quite a lot of progress," said Buseck.

DEFENSE OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA APPEARS TO FAIL

The effort to defend the medical use of marijuana to link that issue to the Supreme Court’s federalism revolution appeared headed for failure at the court on Monday.

During a lively argument, the justices expressed little inclination to hear the case. In a rare victory for the 40-year-old Volek, a professor of law at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Male Barn Swallows Become Sexier Through Notable Evolutionary Shift

By Carl Zimmer

Birds are sexier.

Male barn swallows have long tail feathers attract females, and scientists have observed that over the last 20 years those feathers have become much longer.

"We’ve demonstrated quite a dramatic increase in feather length over time," said Dr. Andre Pape Moller, an evolutionary biologist at Pierre and Marie Curie University in Paris, who conducted the research with his Harvard University colleague, Dr. Jim Slep, in Nyiregyhaza in Hungary. The findings are to be published in The Journal of Animal Ecology.

Experiments suggest that the males’ tails act as advertising for good genes because males must be in good health to spend the energy growing them. The females are particularly attracted by the tail’s two outer feathers, the researchers say.

Moller, who has been documenting this preference for more than 20 years, noted that decades before, male barn swallows have lengthened by almost 30 inches and the number of times their feathers increase by 10 percent, one of the biggest evolutionary shifts ever documented in wild animals. By contrast, the central feathers, the ones that do not fly, have not changed.

Over the last 30 years, researchers have made more than 35,000 measurements of the selection in wild populations of animals and plants. Droughts on the grasslands and deserts have favored larger beaks in finches because the surviving seeds are harder to crack. But the shift measured by Moller and Slep is greater.

The agent for this is the long-term spread of the Sahara. The barn swallows are migrating from Demark to South Africa for the winter, and the shift is what Algeria in the spring. The reduction of the Sahara desert may mean fewer insects for the hun-
gry swallows. "I’ve been across the Sahara and there’s nothing to eat," said Moller. "I’ve seen so much that is dead and desolate that the swallows starve; the stronger ones reach Europe. There they pass on the trait. The net effect of this generation has modified the whole population structure and created a different kind of swallows."

The shift appears to mean that in the future, the only way to see barn swallows is on the African continent rather than in Europe. The reduction of the Sahara desert has caused the numbers of barn swallows starve; the stronger ones reach Europe. There they pass on the trait. The net effect of this generation has modified the whole population structure and created a different kind of swallows."

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Reeling Merck Offers Executives a Bonus Deal

By Alex Beresniewicz

With its stock plunging and its ability to thrive as an independent company uncertain, the drug giant Merck has adopted a plan that will give its top executives for big bonuses if the company is taken over.

Merck has been reeling since it withdrew its arthritis treatment Vioxx from the market on Sept. 30 after acknowledging that the drug can cause heart attacks. On Monday, Merck said in a federal securities filing that had been filed as part of its year-end report, it was offering to give $200 million in bonuses to its top executives if it is taken over in a takeover. The Bonuses will be given to employees who are not Merck executives for big bonuses if the company is taken over.

Many other big companies have so-called golden parachute plans to ensure that their top executives are not forced to leave their jobs if the company they work for is taken over. But executives on corporate boards and executives who work for the company are not much better at leaving than if they work for a company that is not being taken over.

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Captain America and The War on Terror

Ruth Miller

Comic books have been examined, psychoanalyzed, and dissected for years. It was only a matter of time before someone used comic books to examine the War on Terror. This past weekend, I settled down for a long winter’s day and read for my reading for my foreign policy class. The topic at hand had been working, because I started making the connection between comic books and the War on Terror. I started reading and realizing this sounds ridiculous, but bear with me. One theme in comic books is the notion of a hero creating a villain, or vice versa. The Joker killed Bruce Wayne’s parents, driving him to a life of crime-fighting, while Batman dropped the Joker in a vat of chemicals, creating a villain out of a now vengefulewire.

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While the threat of Iran addressed, other nations in the region began to get uncomfortable. All the while, Hussein’s suspicions of

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Bringing specific moral values, no matter what they may be into public and political arenas is a dangerous practice, especially in a country that aims to ensure individual freedoms. Fundamentally, moral values are a private and personal concept, and judging the values of others as insignificant or misplaced is foolish, unfair, and unproductive. We live in a world where morality is not something we can

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**Trio**

Learn about the TRIO characters: ALUM.MIT.EDU/WWW/EMIE

by Emezie Okorafor

Wow. These gummy bears are good. REALLY good. I had forgotten how much joy something so simple could add to life...

But now I remember.

Maybe I have been searching for life’s meaning the wrong way...

All this time, I’ve been hoping for something magnificent to find me and give me reason to carry on...

But, in doing so, I’ve overlooked all the beautiful little things that try so hard to make life a bit sweeter...

Maybe Rick was right, after all. Maybe gummy bears really ARE the meaning of life. Or at least, one piece of the puzzle...

Heh. I guess Rick is a lot wiser than I give him credit for... he’s really not as dumb as he looks...

**Red (states) vs. Bloux III**

Assault on the Control Room

by Brian Loux

So why here we let our imbalance friend drive us to DC, crash the white house gate, and mount an assault...

Hey, Kit! I kinda locked myself outta my apartment... mind if I stay with you till Bobby gets back?

I’m going to go get my baseball bat. Don’t be here when I return.

**Splashform**

by James Biggs

Marketers are now working on exciting new products targeted to the needs of America’s fresh crop of veterans.

**F Plus**

By Dan P. Corson

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**FILM REVIEW**

**‘Alexander’ the Appalling**

By Philip Burrowes

By the time Alexander reaches the end of his Indian campaign, an attempt is made to connect Hephastion’s death to Alexander’s eventual, early demise. This is undermined, however, by a parallel juxtaposition of his hallucinations to bacchanal-fostered alcoholism and an explanation of his death as a poisoning by his weary inner circle. Rather than to tie in his distorted sense of reality to his imperial designs, whether as affector or effect, the former is thus painted as, appropriately, such is a cheap plot device, not drama.

Ultimately, this is the greatest fault of the story, not the tedium of talking heads nor the excessive presence of ancillary characters. None of these would be possible without the presence of an omniscient narrator. It is the framing device of Proklos (Anthony Hopkins) retelling the story of Alexander that enables the writers to pick and choose what to show. Don’t want to shoot Alexander consolidating his power base after his father’s death? Just cut him out of the narrative. How about the expansion of the empire following the failure of Alexander’s military plan against the Persians? Tell us the Persian army was defeated and we’ll believe you. Can’t think of a way to finish the film?

**CLASSIC STAR WARS REPACKAGED**

**Another Way to Hear John Williams**

By Kevin Darvett

Too bad the movie sucked.

Vangelis’ ‘Alexander’ Film Score

Unjustly Dimmed to Irrelevance

By Kevin Darvett

Alexander Original Motion Picture Soundtrack

Composed by Vangelis

Released Nov. 9

The epic film set in ancient times has always been an opportunity for a grand and glorious musical score. Vangelis’ mentorship of a film score to CD, apparently maintaining the quality of the original material. This release of the “Star Wars” prequel films will be released next May, to the mayhem of some and the relief of others. Hardcore Star Wars fans are two tracks from that soundtrack which use synth almost entirely, with a gorgeous result.

The use of electronics for Alexander is largely superficial. Synth is primarily for the creation of sustained, melancholy, epic motifs. Occasionally lurchack — Lust Zimmmer’s popular “Gladiaut” is the most overworked in the last several years. However, Vangelis’ work is greatly undermined by his decision to equal with the theatrical release of the Special Edition version of the trilogy. In fact, the track titles and durations are identical to those on RCA release, so exactly the same musical content can be found on both releases. There are no new alternate cues to offer soundtrack collectors. While I personally like the sound of this new setting, the difference is hardly noticeable. As a member of the greatest military strategist, an attempt at "JKF"-style revisionism of an uncontroversial historical figure, ancient history, then you just wasted three hours of your life.

The last of the “Star Wars” prequel scores is abbreviated R.O.T.S. — as in the decay of a former glorious saga. There is undoubtedly something that all of them attempted upon, however, which is the power and necessity of John Williams’ scores for the Star Wars movies. As an exercise, try to watch the opening title crawl of “Episode IV: A New Hope” with the volume muted. The difference is staggering. Without music, every single moment in these films would be lackluster, from Luke’s swing across the Death Star chases to the Millennium Falcon’s swaying forays into the asteroid field. Nothing about Chang’s battle with the Porgs’ scores for the first two prequel films, recently re-released for the complete scores for the original trilogy films. The albums represent all the music that is heard on the newest versions of the movies in par with the theatrical release of the Special Edition of the triology, and others finding it automatically untenable. The latter group has cited the title of Episode II as “Attack of the Clones” and noted that the title of Episode III is abbreviated R.O.T.S., as in the decay of a formerly glorious saga.

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Studying in UK Offers Change
In Culture for Graduate Degree

Lee has been an active member of environmental groups at MIT, and she said she hopes her studies overseas will help her “better understand how to protect the environment.” She eventually hopes to get a Ph.D. in marine science, microbiology, or biochemistry.

Mazzeo said he was “bouncing off the walls” when he heard he won a Marshall scholarship. “It is one of those things that doesn’t quite hit you for a while,” he said. Mazzeo plans to study thin-film electro-materials. His current undergraduate research with Professor Akintunde E. Akinwande in the Electrical Engineering Department involves modeling of organic-based semi-conducting devices.

Mazzeo said that his eventual goal is to become a professional researcher in academia or industry.

Samuel, who will use his Rhodes scholarship to pursue a M.S. in mathematical modeling and scientific computing at Oxford, said he was surprised, but “happy I was able to achieve that.”

L. Yong-Hwa Lee, who plans to study tropical medicine and infectious diseases, said that the Oxford program will allow her to interact with patients from tropical countries such as Kenya and Thailand. She plans to study either cerebral malaria, or type II HIV, which would combine her two majors, Course IX (Brain and Cognitive Sciences) and Course VII (Biology).

Lee became interested in diseases in the developing world during an IAP trip to Honduras her sophomore year. “Infectious diseases are probably the most important issues there,” she said, “since they can affect a large population in a short amount of time.” After spending two years at Oxford, Lee plans to come back to the U.S. to go to medical school.

Masiello, a graduate student in Engineering Systems Division, plans to study information technology at the Oxford Internet Institute. She is interested in privacy on the Internet and the societal implications of technology and the Internet. She said that Oxford’s program takes a “more sociological approach” and she hopes to learn from a different perspective.

“Oxford has got so much diversity,” she said. There is “a lot to be learned by just being there.”

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Proposal May Reduce Privacy

Tracking, from Page 1

agencies. The proposal, first report-
ed by The Chronicle of Higher
Education, is supported by the
American Council on Education, the
American Association of State
Colleges and Universities, and the
State Higher Education Executive
Officers Association, but opposed
by other higher education organiza-
tions, like the National Association
of Independent Colleges and
Universities.

A department overview of the
proposal insisted that the data
would not be shared with other
agencies and that outsiders could
not gain access. By law, the sum-
maries notes in capital letters,
"Information about individuals
may NEVER leave NCES," the
National Center for Education
Statistics.

But Jasmine L. Harris, legisla-
tive director at the U.S. Student
Association, said that since the Sept.
11, 2001, attacks, the balance
between privacy and the public
interest had been shifting.

"We're in a different time now, a
very different climate," Harris said.
"There's the huge possibility that the
database could be misused, and
there are no protections for student
privacy."

She pointed to the National
Directory of New Hires, a register
of people who re-enter the work
force, which began as an effort to
track employment trends. Since its
creation, however, the database has
also been used to track parents who
fail to pay child support or who owe
the federal government non-tax
debt, she said. "The door is wide
open," Harris said.

Luke Swarthout, higher educa-
tion associate at the State PIRGs for
Higher Education, said his civic
group, which has always monitored
consumer issues and privacy rights,
was of two minds about the plan.
Improving the available data was
important for Congress, policy mak-
ers and the public, who finance
higher education through govern-
ment loans and grants, Swarthout
said. "But any time you're compil-
ing a list of millions and millions of
students, as they go through college,
moves and have Social Security num-
bers, we get concerns from a privacy
perspective."

For colleges and universities to
hand over information on individual
students. Congress would have to
create an exemption to existing fed-
eral privacy laws, said Sarah
Flanagan, vice president for govern-
ment relations at the National
Association of Independent
Colleges and Universities.

"The concept that you enter a
federal registry by the act of
enrolling in a college in this country
is frightening to us," Flanagan said.

She said that officials from some
states had already announced they
would like to match the data against
prison records. In states where such
data is already collected from public
universities, she added, there has
been pressure to check the school
data on students against housing
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SCHMECKPEPER PLACES 8TH IN NATIONAL MEET
By Imran Hendley

On November 20th, Ben A. Schmeckpeper ‘05 finished his MIT Cross Country career with an eighth place finish at the NCAA National Championships, hosted by the University of Wisconsin-Rau Claire. Schmeckpeper, MIT’s lone representative at the meet, tied the second highest finish by an MIT runner at nationals and earned his second cross country All America award.

After finishing 32nd and 38th his sophomore and junior years, Schmeckpeper came to au Claire confident in his ability to beat the best runners in the country. But for Schmeckpeper to win, he would have to defeat the defending champion, senior Josh Moen of Wartburg College.

From the start Moen dictated the pace, and jumped to a small lead after the first mile mark. Schmeckpeper came through the first mile in 4:53 and found himself leading the chase pack. Over the next two miles, Schmeckpeper ran in third place, attempting to close the gap between himself and the leaders. Moen and sophomore Zach Yuot of Widener University.

After the three mile mark, however, the strain of chasing the leaders began to take its toll and Schmeckpeper fell back to tenth place.

As the field entered the final mile, Moen retained the lead. Yuot had begun to fall back to the chase pack and places three through ten were tightly bunched. Moen would continue on to win by thirteen seconds, but Yuot fell back more than twenty places in the last kilometer, finishing in 24th place. Neal Holtzclaw from William’s College and Mike Sawicki from Otterbein College then proceeded to take Yuot’s place up top.

With 1,000 meters left in the race Schmeckpeper had established himself in eighth place. Unable to kick any faster than his opponents, Schmeckpeper could not move up in the final half mile, finishing just one second behind fifth place.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS
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