Administrators Draft Guidelines For Responsible, Safe Hacking

By Angeline Wang

In preparation for the release of a set of hacking guidelines, Chancellor Phillip L. Clay PhD ’75 sent an e-mail out to all MIT students last week that said students must take full responsibility for their actions even while celebrating and protecting traditions such as hacking. The e-mail also addressed integrity, warning students against academic dishonesty and illegal downloading.

In his e-mail, Clay describes the “true hacking tradition,” cites parts of the Hacker’s Code of Ethics — a code MIT hackers are supposed to abide by — and advises students to be responsible in order to protect the hacking tradition. For the full text of Clay’s e-mail, sent to students on Monday, Oct. 1, see page 21.

“Hacking is the design and ex-

The annual HONK! parade returns to Cambridge.

The Weather

Today: Bunk winds, 61°F (16°C)

Tuesday: Strong winds, 60°F (15°C)

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, scattered showers, 65°F (18°C)

Details, Page 2

They also do not create public haz-

RIAA Sends Thirty Pre-Litigation Letters Over Alleged Music Piracy

By Nick Semenkovich

Thirty individuals at MIT have been sent pre-litigation settlement letters after allegedly illegally download-

To protest the Burmese government’s crackdown on pro-democracy rallies...

“It is the RIAA’s true hacking tradition,” Clay said. “It’s the self-suspect that they are when they encounter the police and do not try to evade them.”

The RIAA then requests

Record Voter Turnout in Senate, Council Elections

By Ryan Ko

An unprecedented 1,280 votes were cast in the Undergraduate Association Fall 2007 elections for Senate and 2011 Class Council — a sharp increase over the 1,083 votes cast in 2006 and 1,160 cast in 2005. The elections concluded Friday, Oct. 5.

The increase in voter turnout can largely be attributed to the increase in freshman and senior participation, 585 freshmen and 185 seniors voted, compared to last year’s 527 and 124, respectively. Voter turnout also rose slightly for sophomores and juniors. (For tables of the winners and voter breakdown by class and residence, see page 16.)

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Running mates Daniel Li ’11 and Anshul Bhatti ’11 will head the 2011 Class Council as president and vice president. They are joined by Secretary Lulu Wang ’11, Treasurer Chris Christensen, director of operations of 660 Corporation, which operates 24 hours. Semon added that they “barely [got] enough” new staff to resume operating 24 hours. Many people who want to work [the night] shift,” so it was hard to find staff. Semon said LaVerde’s currently has the same number of staff working as last year.

Late night business has “never been that good,” Semon said. And so rather than returning to 24-hour service this week as new staff were hired for night shifts. LaVerde’s Market returned to 24-hour service this week as new staff...
**Immigrant Crackdown Upends Hispanic-Hero Work Force**
**By Steven Greenhouse**

The New York Times

Last November, immigration officials began a crackdown at Smithfield Foods' plant in South Carolina, eventually arresting 21 illegal immigrants at the plant and routing others from their trailers in the middle of the night.

Since then, more than 1,100 Hispanic workers have left the 5,200-employee hog-butchering plant, the world's largest, leaving it struggling to find and keep trained employees.

Across the country, the federal effort to flush out illegal immigrants is having a similar effect on other workers. Some employers alike. Sometimes they have reluctantly raised wages to attract new workers after raids at their plants. After several hundred immigrant employees at its plant in Stiffler, Ga., were arrested last month, the poultry company began recruiting workers from Minnesota, hiring men from a nearby homeless mission and providing free van transportation to many workers.

So far, Smithfield has largely replaced the Hispanics with American workers, who often leave poorly paid jobs for higher wages at the plant here. But the turnover rate for new workers — many find the work grueling and the smell awful — is twice what it was when Hispanics dominated the work force.

**Starving Man’s Diary Suggests Harshness of Welfare in Japan**
**By Norimitsu Onishi**

The New York Times

A tattered notebook discovered along with a man's partly mummified corpse this summer was a detailed account of his last days, recording his search for a rice ball, a snack sold for about $1 in convenience stores across the nation, as he starved to death.

"3 a.m. This human being hasn't eaten in 10 days but is still alive," he wrote. "I want to eat rice. I want to eat a rice ball."

These were not the last words of a hiker lost in the wilderness, but those of a Central-U.S. old-age welfare recipient whose benefits had been cut off. And his case was not the first here.

One man has died in each of the last three years in this city in western Japan, apparently of starvation, after his welfare application was refused or his benefits cut off. Unable to buy food, all three men waited away for months inside their homes, where their bodies were eventually found.

**Debating a Privately Owned Span's Replacement**
**By Monica Davey**

The New York Times

More than a mile of trapezoid-painted steel rises over the Detroit River, just another bridge really, but for the thousands of trucks and hundreds of thousands of dollars in goods that rumble across it each day between the United States and Canada.

In fact, this ordinary four-lane bridge is the busiest commercial border crossing in North America, carrying one-third of all road trade — or more than $122 billion in goods a year — between the two countries.

But the span, the Ambassador Bridge, is owned not by either country, by neither the Secretary of Transportation, nor the Canadian government, and not by some public bridge authority. It is owned by one man and his privately held company.

A private American bridge authority for a crossing so great, Manuel J. Moran, a reclusive billionaire from Detroit's suburb who oversees a $1 billion empire, is the owner of one of only two privately owned bridges along the United States' entire northern border and by far the most economically significant privately owned bridge in the nation.

**Situation for Noon Eastern Daylight Time, Friday, October 12, 2007**

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**Many Happy Returns**

By Mike Yoe

Situation for Noon Eastern Daylight Time, Friday, October 12, 2007

Extended Forecast

Today: Brisk winds and light rain, possibility of celebration. High 67°F (19°C).

Tonight: Cooler, gusty winds. Low 49°F (9°C).

Tomorrow: Partly cloudy, scattered showers. High 65°F (18°C).

Monday: Low 52°F (11°C), lingering rain. Low 50°F (10°C).

Sunday: Scattered clouds, cooler. High 60°F (16°C).

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**Turkey Angry Over Congress’ Vote on Armenian Genocide**
**By Sebnem Arsu**

The New York Times

Turkey reacted angrily Thursday to a House committee vote in Washin
gton to condemn the mass killings of Armenians in Turkey during World War I as genocide, recalling its ambassador from Washington and threatening to withdraw its support for the Iraq war.

In uncharacteristically strong lan

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Drug Companies Remorse Cold Medications From Market
By Gardiner Harris

Oct. 12, 2007

WASHINGTON

The chief executives of over-the-counter infant cough and cold medicines announced Thursday that they were voluntarily recalling nearly all of their products from the market for fear that they were injuring children. The voluntary withdrawal affects only products labeled for “infants,” not for children aged 2 and older. And some small companies may continue to sell cold medicines for infants.

The move comes two weeks af- ter safety reviewers within the Food and Drug Administration asked the agency to consider an outright ban of over-the-counter infant cold products for children under the age of 6. Even the industry’s own trade- association, the Consumer Healthcare Products Association, recommended two weeks ago that the products should no longer be used for infants.

Despite this recommendation, makers continued to sell cough and cold products labeled for infants.

“This is a moment of truth for the industry because Frank has removed specific language about generic names for decongestants, and Employment-Non-Discrimination Act, a bill that would protect gay men and lesbians from workplace bias, and gay rights advocates say now would be an appropriate time to speak out against transgender individuals vulnerable in America,” said Senator Frank.

There is almost no chance that President Bush would sign a gay rights bill. But the bitter war of words between gay groups and one of their best friends on Capitol Hill is the latest exam- ple of how Democrats in Congress, since right-wing majorities control this year, have been torn between making compromises needed to pass legisla- tion and defending the fundamental demands of the party’s liberal base.

Frank, in an hour-long news conference this week on the issue, described himself as a ‘liberal’ and said he would press ahead with the bill, knowing that including the transgender language he could attract enough votes to get it approved. But he also noted that it is a point of frustration that the Democrats were having trouble gaining support.

“There is a tendency in American politics for the people who feel most passionate about an issue, to focus on a single issue, to be unrealistic in what a democratic political system can deliver,” said Senator Frank.

He said, “and that can be self-defeating.”

Senator Frank is a member of the gay rights advocates say now would be an appropriate time to speak out against transgender individuals vulnerable in America.

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In Rainbows ‘a Lofty, Beautiful Success’

New Radiohead Record Well Worth the Four-Year Wait

By Sarah Dupuis

Radiohead
In Review
Produced by Nigel Godrich

After four years of mystery, the longest gap between Radiohead albums has finally paid off in a cohesive, close-following Wednesday’s release of new record

In Rainbows.

I was anxious to get my hands on this one since last June, when longtime Radiohead producer Nigel Godrich posted tiny bits of the album on Radiohead’s site, Dead Air Space. But I’ve been especially anxious since Sun-

day, when Radiohead guitarist Jonny Greenwood posted news of the album’s coming release and title on the site. This post in-

cluded a link to Web site inrainbows.com, the only place to acquire the full album, and of-

fered two options for purchase: The first option, a digital download, came out on Wednesday and featured all 10 album tracks; in addition, buyers could name their own price for the release.

The second option, a disc box to be mailed in December, featured a 2-disc, 20-track set of the full album released on vinyl as a 7-inch, a 10-inch, two 12-inch singles, an art book, audio-CD/download, and more, but for the lofty sum of around $80. Of course, when I bought the disc box from Amazon.com and had it shipped to me in Macon, Ga., as she navigates a capital murder in the sticky southern summer of Macon, Ga., as she navigates a capital murder

I whipped out my debit card; it’s $80. Of course, as soon as I caught wind of the new album, I thought about music fans are scrambling to answer: what do you write at night, after work?

The album started out on Wednesday’s release of new record

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In Rainbows seems like a fairly complete, seamless finishing touch to a relationship with Radiohead, where you’re smarter than they are about the American music business. I’m writing this review six listen in and I’m still not quite sure what to make of the new 16-song album that Radiohead released on October 14, 2007. The album has the band mind Radiohead, a black and white graphic that says “Computer-era track “Nude.” Despite its origins, the album sounds perfectly in line with the theme of beauty. Harmonizing “soaks” in the background are cut up under straightforward drums as the track moves into reverb-drenched vocals. The track is characterized by a bright guitar and low, urgent strings interrupted by overhead violins. It’s a slow and gorgeous number, as is subse-

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Check Out That Luggage
‘Darjeeling Limited’ Is Latest Journey Into Wes Anderson’s World

By Charles Lin

The Darjeeling Limited
Written and directed by Wes Anderson
Starring: Owen Wilson, Adrien Brody, and Jason Schwartzman
Rated R
No playing

The Darjeeling Limited,” the latest film by Wes Anderson, is a tour de force of overt symbolism. In the film, three brothers bring their emotional baggage (played by real luggage) to India (played by India) and go on an emotional journey (played by a train ride) to confront their past (played by their mother). It’s hard living in Wes Anderson’s universe. Chances are ennis is the prevailing feature of your life. That and you are estranged from your entire family. On the plus side, your outfits are awesome, your luggage is mind-blowing, and you live a life of eccentric luxury. These are reasonable trade-offs, especially when you consider how awesome the luggage is.

Anderson’s mastery of detail is perhaps his greatest talent and his most annoying tendency. It is no secret that Anderson is a huge fan of J.D. Salinger (See “The Royal Tenenbaums”). Just as Holden Caulfield once judged his roommates by their luggage, the immaculate wardrobe set in “The Darjeeling Limited” can tell a lot about the characters and even more about Anderson’s style of filmmaking. The mere fact that a set of luggage could play such a prominent role in a movie belies Anderson’s almost obsessive attention to detail. Anderson’s mastery of detail is perhaps his greatest talent and his most annoying tendency. He has the ability to capture a moving and poignant scene and at the same time lure your attention to the comic detail. Whether the detail adds or detracts from a scene is a matter of contention. Though “The Darjeeling Limited” is rife with such detail, for the most part, it contributes rather than detracts to the air and feel of the film. “The Darjeeling Limited” is a visually stunning film. The sets and scenery are saturated with vibrant tones of blue, rust, and yellow. Anderson’s India is a fictitious country imagined out of picture books, Kipling, and travel guides. This world is at once quaint and desolately beautiful.

Combine the scenery with what essential amounts to a buddy travel flick, and you’ve got yourself a pretty entertaining film. There’s nothing extremely deep or profound here, and that may even be intentional — the brothers’ attempts to find a deeper spiritual connection are most often disrupted by the need to get a drink and smoke a cigarette. What you do have is plenty of sight gags, copious abuse of inanimate matching wardrobe set. For the Wes Anderson fans out there, here’s all you need to know: Owen Wilson is Dignan again, “The Darjeeling Limited” is the Belafonte, the man-eating tiger is the Jaguar Shark, and Pagoda is still Pagoda.

I could describe the rest of the movie for you, but that would mainly involve references to previous Wes Anderson movies. This bodes well if you’re a Wes Anderson fan and not so well if you think he’s too precocious for your own good. For the Wes Anderson fans out there, here’s all you need to know: Owen Wilson is Dignan again, “The Darjeeling Limited” is the Belafonte, the man-eating tiger is the Jaguar Shark, and Pagoda is still Pagoda.

If that isn’t enough to convince you to watch it, at least go for the wardrobes, scenery, and luggage. They are magical.
Mad Science by Scott Berdahl

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Solution on page 20.

OVNI by Roxana G. Safipour

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PILE HIGHER AND DEEPER

AAAAH!!
I got scooped!
Someone already did
the research
I'm working on!

Well, I guess
I could start
over...
I've only lost
three years
of my life...

3 YEARS!!?
I can't
start over!
My graduate
career is
over!!

but that means...
I don't have to
be a grad student
anymore...
I'm...free...

GETTING SCOOPEED!
THE EMOTIONAL
ROLLERCOASTER.

AAAAH!!
what am I going to do with my life?

PILE HIGHER AND DEEPER

Alright, let's
assess the
situation.
You're
grouped.

How close
were you
to
publishing your
own results?

You'd written
the
manuscript?

Pretty
Close?

Well...

Analyzed
the data?

Run the
experiments?

Designed
the
experiments?

Sort
of.

OK, not
really.

basically, you
lost three years
of wasted time.

It took that long
to figure out
what my research
is called.
Warning! Excessive cell phone use will give you brain cancer! That’s what some scientists are saying these days, right? Nerd in lab coats getting all Chicken Little over cell phones and their effects.

But imagine if they were right and 10 years from now, we were all walking around with big tumors sticking out of our heads. This would be a serious calamity and its consequences must be addressed.

First, and most importantly, we have asymmetric heads. I don’t know about you, but when I’m judging appearance symmetry ranks pretty high on my list. You know how Katie Holmes does that thing where she only talks out of one side of her mouth? That’s a minus 10 points. So what the heck am I going to do if everyone around me looks like half of their dome was dipped in Miracle-Gro? More like half of their dome was dipped in spray foam. It’s no wonder we seem strange. We lead a life that is both descriptive and for innuendo. We lead a life that is both descriptive and for innuendo. We lead a life that is both descriptive and for innuendo. We lead a life that is both descriptive and for innuendo. We lead a life that is both descriptive and for innuendo. We lead a life that is both descriptive and for innuendo. We lead a life that is both descriptive and for innuendo. We lead a life that is both descriptive and for innuendo.

The other day, I encountered a tour passing the Student Center. The tour group, as near as I could tell, consisted largely of wide-eyed parents and nonplussed teenage tour guides. I was pressed with the Infallible Conundrum (I guess they never seem anything imminent before and are still recovering from the shock). At any rate, the parent seemed enthused about exploring campus, and, after passing a group of sorority members, the group seemed to perk up as well.

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I’m astounded to know that people are actually interested in the place I call home. Some are traveling for hours and hours and sometimes millions of Smoots just to take a tour of my neighborhood. That the motivation for travel lies in the neighborhood and not in my presence here is, as far as my ego is concerned, a minor detail.

Reasons to keep watching our students abound. We have a lovely mascot that is both descriptive of MIT spirit and ridiculous for innuendo. We lead an existence so strange even our own comprehension that our best metaphor for it involves tapping into municipal fire-fighting utilities and inserting our faces into a high-powered torrent of water. It’s no wonder we seem strange. The especially amusing part is that the collective behavior of strangeness has some bizarre hypnotic power over those unfamiliar with it, a power not unlike that possessed by a group of Sigma Kappa stooges peering into a tour group containing no small proportion of teenage boys.

Not long after my encounter with said tour group, as I walked back to my dormitory, I overheard what sounded like a pair of alumna re-entering their alma mater. Passing by, I heard one say to the other, “I haven’t seen that new dorm yet, the one that’s supposed to be all new-looking.” This conversation took place only 10 feet away from where I happened to be.

Simmons Hall, would loom around the athletic center in all its square-edged glory. What, fancy, I feel sort of special knowing that the building where I hang my slide rule is foreign even to MIT graduates.

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By Christina Kang

Ever since I was little, I’ve dreamed of becoming Superman, minus his wardrobe and enemies, of course. As I grew older, I felt most content when I could help others. In a sense, volunteering is one of the most selfish things a person can do. Volunteering gives me a purpose for my own life and makes everything worthwhile. Though it is satisfying to serve in my own community, I had always dreamed of helping those suffering in developing countries around the world. I always thought that this would make the biggest difference.

However, my summer experiences have showed me that perhaps the best way to make a difference isn’t to focus so much on helping developing countries, but rather learning from them and bringing those lessons back to our own communities. Helping blindly can be worse than not helping at all. There are so many factors to consider, so much to learn, before you can really figure out how best to help and if help is even needed at all. Who’s to say that they are the ones that need help, and not us?

In the camps in India, children and adults alike followed me with their eyes and their bodies, saying “phatic,” one of the few English words they knew. Many of them would tap on my shoulder and point to themselves or their friends, asking me to take a photograph of them. I would comply and then show them the photograph, bringing a huge amount of joy to their faces that sent them running excitedly to their friends. Some were bashful and others were natural models. I felt the bond between the human beings having the same reaction to being photographed as the Indians did. I may as well have been back home.

I was astounded by how willing the community members were to speak to our group and welcome us into their homes. Do you know many people in the United States who would accept a stranger into their home and let them take photographs of their family? And I doubt many people in India would accept a stranger into their home and let them take photographs of their family and welcome us into their homes. Do you know many Americans would give a stranger a beam smile and joke with him or her.

The children would run around mostly in worn out clothing, often torn, or with hardly any clothing on at all. Their playground is a barren land littered with broken shards of brick and trash. Many are barefoot, and the interiors of the shanties are bare with little to no electricity. The meager living conditions and infestation of disease were shocking, but what surprised me the most was the laughter in their eyes.

Despite the living conditions which would put many Americans in a depressed state, the people in the camps of India were so happy! They did not seem to “realize” that they are “in the slums,” making me question if they really need any help at all. Non-governmental organizations or NGOs, caring volunteers, and I go in with this concept that we’re going to help these poor people with short life expectancies who are not getting a good education. Yes, their quality and quantity of life may be enhanced significantly should they live in a cleaner area and get a better education, but then again, may not be. We put so much emphasis on education and living long and healthily. Perhaps this is because our society has been turned into one where you can’t be truly happy unless you have a good job and have a significant amount of money. Of course, you can’t usually get to this position unless you have a good education. We are near obsessed with finding a fountain of youth and being disease free. But really, isn’t that the natural course of life? How much do money and education mean?

I can sense you getting defensive because I don’t even buy my own argument. However, it is something we need to consider. Maybe we aren’t right. The wide, authentic smiles from these people seem happier and more content with their lives than people who have so many opportunities and possessions? Perhaps they aren’t actually happy but are dealing with the situation they are in because they have to. Perhaps they are just ignorant of what they could have. But maybe ignorance is bliss? I’d like to think so. How do I know? If we succeed in bringing them a good education (often defined on our standards) and change their ways of life, will they really be happier?

I took a photograph of a graceful elderly woman sitting outside. She told me that I should have come to take her photograph when she was in her teens and was more beautiful. I responded that she was still very beautiful and my skills did not do her justice. A man was selling popsicles off a cart and teased me when I tried to take a picture by covering up the tin containers with the popsicles as I raised my camera, then quickly uncovering them with a mischievous smile as I began to lower the camera, and then covering them again as I was about to take the shot. He finally laughed and gave me a twinkling smile, pulling back the fabric so that I could get a picture. As I was leaving, he ran up and handed me a popsicle. I tried to refuse because I knew I could not eat it anyway, but he insisted, so I accepted. None of the other project members felt comfortable eating it either, so I gave it to a child, something I have never done before. Though it is satisfying to serve in my own community, I had always dreamed of helping those suffering in developing countries around the world. I always thought that this would make the biggest difference.

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Regardless of what is right or wrong, I hope I can bring back some of that carefree happiness to MIT and other people around me. Bring back some of the honesty and hospitality. The true caring and friendship that goes beyond friendship. Becoming family. We have so much to learn...
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Watch for 125th Anniversary events throughout the year!
The annual Sigma Kappa Late Night talent show was held on the evening of Saturday, Oct. 6 in Kresge Auditorium.

(clockwise from top left) Serdar Karatinkin ’10 (left) and Xavier R. Gonzalez ’10 perform Piraña during Sigma Kappa Late Night. A group of freshmen perform a traditional Japanese song and dance called Yatta. They went on to win the competition. JamesLevi M. Schmidt ’10 (left) and Ted A. Fernandez ’09 teach useful lessons about the danger of drugs and alcohol during the “Phish Farewell Tour ’07” skit. Jason J. Ashe ’11 performs the “Inseparable” skit during Sigma Kappa Late Night. Photography by Helen Xun Hou.
The Ig Informal Lectures were held in 10-250 on Saturday, Oct. 6.

(clockwise from bottom)

¶ Ig Nobel laureate Kees Moeliker tells stories of famous dead birds during the Lectures. Moeliker won the 2003 Ig Nobel in Medicine for documenting the first scientifically recorded case of homosexual necrophilia in the mallard duck.

¶ Professional Indexer Glenda Browne answers questions. Browne won the Ig Nobel in Literature for her study of the word “the” and problems it causes for anyone trying to put things in alphabetical order.

¶ Brian Wansink describes his study where he fed subjects with a constantly refilling bowl of soup. Wansink won this year’s Ig Nobel in Nutrition for studying the effects of visual cues on food consumption.

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Ig Informal Lectures Equal Scientific Hilarity in 10-250

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The second annual HONK! festival returned to Somerville and Cambridge this past weekend, ending on Sunday with a parade from Davis Square to Harvard Square. The festival is a celebration of activist street bands from all around the world. Seventeen bands from as far away as Italy marched the streets and held public concerts throughout the weekend. Sunday’s parade also featured the Bread & Puppet Theater and Car Talk’s Click & Clack, the Tappet Brothers.

clockwise from top left:

There was little subtlety when marchers expressed their feelings on political current events. Bands in the HONK! parade bring energy and fun costumes to the streets. With bold signs and fantastical costumes, parade marchers get their point across.

Tsumura of the Hungry March Band blows a trumpet solo in a spontaneous jam session after the festival.

Photography by Samuel E. Kronick
Blexy Supports ‘Naked Abe Lincoln’ for UA Senate

By Kristen Green

Tufts Neighborhood Cry Out Foul Over Rowdy Student Behavior

By Christopher Green

Somerville officials and a neighbor group are calling on Tufts University to take more responsibility for students they say are behaving badly in the neighborhoods, jumping on cars, and urinating and vomiting in residents’ yards.

Neighbors have always had to cope with students living around them, said Tom Kinslow, a founding member of the West Somerville Neighborhood Group. But this year’s crop of students seems especially inconsiderate.

He described throngs of students passing between the students and the neighbors.

Some Tufts students seem especially inconsiderate, walking up and down the streets "howling." The noise was so loud this summer that he closed all his windows and occasionally resorted to contacting the landlord of one house, complaining that the screaming peaked between 1:46 a.m. and 2 a.m. Not long after, he said, several students assembled in his yard, early one morning, repeatedly yelling the time — 1:46 a.m.

"They feel like we’re an annoyance and a stumbling block to them basically enjoying themselves however and whenever they want to," Kinslow said.

Bruce Reitman, dean of student affairs at Tufts, said the university expects students to be respectful of their neighbors and to work with residents to address their concerns.

"We will never leave the neighbors of a neighborhood association on their own to deal with it," he said. "We care a lot about what happens in the neighborhoods, and we care about our students as well."

But Reitman added that there is always going to be some tension between students and the neighbors. And as new students move to the neighborhoods each fall, he said, the problems renew anew.

"The neighbors are fed up and they are not going to talk about the problems. They just want the behavior to stop. I understand that," Reitman said. "But I’m not sure it may not be addressed."

"The neighboring community in which it occurs," said Alderman Maryann Heaton.

The board’s licenses and permits subcommittee recently denied a one-year lodging permit to ATG, in part because it received complaints that bottles were being thrown from a roof deck onto the sidewalk and street below. The subcommittee gave the fraternity a conditional 60-day permit and outlining trash pickup policies when school started back last month.

"These kids just kind of laugh in their face and give them nothing but a smile," said Tufts Presidentesor of the Somerville Board of Aldermen. "It’s the attitude. We can do whatever we want to do."

Reitman said he has received about 50 reports of problematic student behavior off campus since the school year began. He said the university holds students accountable, issuing fines, requiring them to perform community service, contacting their parents, and putting some on probation.

"We want to do the things we can," he said.

Somerville Alderman Robert Bradley said that his department and the Tufts police are "working fairly well" in their families, as they have been doing for two years while class is in session. In this arrangement, two patrol cars each have a Tufts officer paired with a Somerville officer.

"The police department is not willing to do the work. Some of these people are just out of control," Reitman said.

Mooskowitz said the community tolerates a lot, and said it would be in students’ interests to quietly walk to and from parties. He said it’s important for students to build good relationships with their neighbors.
**MIT Graduate Student Designs Facebook Add-On for Enemies**

By Jenn Abelson

The Internet has fostered online relationships with the people they like, they can turn their attention to those they hate.

With Enemybook, a new program that runs on the social networking site Facebook, you can connect to people you loathe, display their photos and evil deeds, and give them the virtual finger.

Enemybook is one of several new online applications developed by computer-savvy twentysomethings who say they are tired of hating on-line friendships. In a dig at the notion of virtual networking, they hope to encourage people to undermine, or at least mock, the online social communities sites such as Facebook were designed to create.

Over the summer, Kevin M. Matulef G, who is doing a doctoral thesis on algorithms at MIT, designed Enemybook, a social application that lets people list enemies below friends on their personal Facebook page. He describes the program as “an ant-social utility that disconnects you to the so-called friends around you.”

Matulef, 28, got the idea from undergraduates at the dorm where he tutors, after hearing one student talk about how someone was a “Facebook friend” but not a “real friend.” Facebook users sign up for a profile and can request friends through different networks — high school, college, or at random. Some users have even created fake profiles for celebrities. At one time, Matulef joked that may be the two students should be Facebook enemies instead. And Enemybook was born.

“People are yearning to express the ridiculousness of some of the features of Facebook — having all these friends that aren’t genuine,” Matulef said. “For some people, Enemybook is about expressing their dislike for political figures or celebrities. And for other people, it is actually about spreading hatred for their despised co-workers and exes.”

Since May, Facebook has opened its platform and allowed developers to build applications to run on its site. According to Facebook’s Web site, more than 3,000 applications have been built on the platform and 100 new ones are added each day. The most popular, a utility to highlight a user’s best friends called Top Friends, has 5.1 million daily active users.

Enemybook is not in that stratosphere. It currently has 1,200 users, who cumulatively have recorded near- ly 2,300 acrimonious relationships. Many people are “enemying” fake Facebook profiles for public figures and celebrities. So far, Matulef has had the most success, followed by President Bush, British rock band Coldplay, Republican gadfly Ann Coulter, and Mark Zuckerberg, the founder and chief executive of Facebook (and a Harvard dropout).

“It seems worth pointing out that Facebook is not supposed to be a parody of Facebook, and by being able to work directly in and around Facebook makes it work so much better,” Choung said.

At Facebook, you can connect to people you loathe, display their photos and evil deeds, and give them the virtual finger.

Facebook users think Enemybook and Snubster are long overdue.

Helen Parker, of London, said she used Enemybook to go after school bullies, had bosses, and friends of friends she dislikes, hiding secrets about their behavior. But then, the 24-year-old student at Aberystwyth University, had a change of heart and deleted her enemies.

“It just seemed a bit petty,” Parker said. “Plus, not enough people I hate are on Facebook.”

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MIT Experiences Sharp Rise in DMCA Notifications

**Settlement Letters**

The notices come on the heels of 23 pre-litigation notices that were sent to MIT in May. Of the 23 individuals, 15 settled outside of court using the pre-litigation offer, according to an RIAA press release.

The eight remaining individuals had their records subpoenaed, according to Massachusetts District Court filings. Kennedy said that seven of the remaining eight individuals settled outside of court in a later offer, avoiding civil trials. The eighth case was dropped, since the user associated with the IP address used for downloading could not be identified.

**Neutral network**

In addition to deterring piracy by lawsuits and threats of lawsuits, the RIAA has been lobbying Congress to impose restrictions on universities to curb piracy. Some proposed restrictions include traffic shaping systems (hardware that limits the bandwidth available to P2P applications) and network monitoring systems (devices that detect the sharing of copyrighted material).

According to the IS&T Web site, a student's first case of alleged copyright infringement results in a warning, as long as the student responds that the copyrighted material was removed from their computer. A second violation results in temporary suspension of network access and a meeting with IS&T representatives. A third violation results in an indefinite suspension of network access and referral to the Committee on Discipline.

**Number of RIAA Pre-Litigation Letters Per School**

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Source: Recording Industry Association of America Press Release

These 22 universities were targeted in the eighth wave of pre-litigation letters from the RIAA. The letters, sent to the universities at the end of September, offer students a chance to settle at a reduced fee while avoiding civil action.
A day after a noose was found hanging on a black professor's office door at Columbia University's Teachers College, protesting students chanted "no diversity, no university" and confronted university officials at two emotional meetings on Wednesday.

The police said that their hate crimes unit had mounted a full investigation, including testing the rope for DNA.

The professor, Madonna G. Constantine, whose specialty is race, racial identity and multiculturalism, stood before protesters at midday and thanked her supporters.

"I am upset that the Teachers College community has been exposed to such an unacceptably vile incident," she said. "And I would like us to stay strong in the face of such a blatant act of racism."

Battled and anguished students and professors wondered how this could happen at Teachers College, which cherishes its image as a bastion of liberalism and multiculturalism.

"I think we are all pretty much mystified as to why it happened," said George A. Bonanno, a professor of psychology. "This is an institution that prides itself on having open dialogue about race and fairly progressive ideas."

At an afternoon news conference, Deputy Inspector Michael Osgood, commanding officer of the New York Police Department's Hate Crimes Task Force, said, "Right now we have no suspects, but we will go down all investigative pathways." He ruled out any possibility that Constantine had hung the rope herself.

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Materials Challenges for a Sustainable Automotive Industry

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Alan Taub oversees GM’s science laboratories, located in the US, India, and Germany. These are focused on advanced powertrain systems, computer-based design and analysis systems for vehicle engineering, electronics and information-based vehicle systems, new materials and fabrication processes, new, more environmentally friendly fuels and lubricants, and more efficient emission control systems. He is responsible for GM’s advanced technical work activity and GM’s global technology collaboration network.

He has a bachelor’s degree in materials engineering from Brown University and master’s and Ph.D. degrees in applied physics from Harvard University. He has received 26 patents and has authored more than 60 papers and worked at GE and Ford prior to joining GM.

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Koch Institute Plans Robust ‘Smart Bomb’ Cancer Therapeutics

The university is raising the rest of the money from other donors and through loans. The center is expected to open in 2010 on Main Street in the heart of the Cambridge campus.

MIT has long been a leader in cancer research, but has focused more on understanding the underlying disease mechanisms than on finding cures. Yet, the work of its scientists laid the groundwork for at least two unique drugs, Herceptin and Gleevec, and the university believes that more direct collaboration among its scientists could bring even greater benefits.

“We’re going to merge cancer discovery with a real focus on cancer solutions,” said Tyler E. Jacks, an MIT biology professor who will head the new Koch Institute for Integrative Cancer Research.

The initiative is part of a growing effort at MIT and across the country to focus on interdisciplinary approaches to diseases and other problems.

At MIT, engineers and biologists have already begun working together through the university’s Center for Cancer Research. But the new building will allow them to work in closer proximity with state-of-the-art equipment. It will house about 500 scientists and staff members and the laboratories of 25 professors, including biologist and Nobel laureate Phillip A. Sharp and chemical engineer Robert S. Langer ScD ’74, a 2006 winner of the National Medal of Science.

Langer, who is working on tiny particles that home in on cancer tumors, said the center would “amplify what we do.”

“The things that will probably get the biggest boost are the things we don’t even know about yet,” he said. “That is the beauty of this - to open up new approaches to cancer therapy and diagnosis.”

One of the center’s projects, Jacks said, will be to build on the work of Langer and Sharp to “develop smart bombs for cancer, instead of carpet bombs.”

Currently most cancer treatments kill large numbers of healthy cells in an attempt to get at the cancer. Already, Langer and other MIT engineers are designing tiny substances called nanoparticles that could carry medicine directly to cancer cells. Meanwhile, Sharp and colleagues have been developing a potential treatment to shut off cancer-causing genes.

If the two approaches could be married in a safe and targeted treatment, Jacks said, “it would completely revolutionize how we treat cancer.”

Another effort will focus on developing devices that could be placed in a patient’s body following successful treatment to monitor any return of the cancer. The center will also focus on discovering the underlying causes of cancer’s spread and on researching how tumors evade detection by the body’s natural disease-fighting mechanisms.

While these projects could have a big impact on treating cancer, Dr. John Niederhuber, director of the National Cancer Institute, suggested that there might also be benefits for other diseases, as has been the case in the past.

The gift is the fifth largest to MIT, according to university officials. Koch, an MIT board member for nearly 20 years, was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 1992. The billionaire was moved to donate to cancer research as he adjusted to his cancer diagnosis.

“One of the last phases is wanting to be a crusader in seeking a cure,” Koch said. He has given millions of dollars for research at hospitals and cancer centers nationwide and had previously donated $30 million to MIT.

Koch is an owner of Koch Industries, a group of companies operating worldwide in energy, chemicals, forest products, and financial services, among others.

The new grant, he said would provide “world-class space” for researchers who have been working in overcrowded labs, as well as to fund “high-risk and high-potential research projects that would probably not get support” from the National Cancer Institute.

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Solution to Crossword

Solution to Sudoku
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Events over the last year and trends over the last few years have raised legitimate concerns, and it has become clear that we need to reaffirm core principles and sharpen our commitment to our obligations.

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If this is our history, you might be asking: what is new and why? I am concerned now? There are three shifts that I will highlight. First, this letter is prompted by numerous events over the past couple years that have revealed the need to re-examine safety, responsibility, and integrity. The incidents that give us pause come with a concerning frequency. Hackers or want-to-be-hackers have suffered serious injury and narrowly escaped much worse in recent years. Other incidents have put students (and MIT) in awkward positions in relation to law enforcement agencies or brought notoriety to the Institute. This is unacceptable.

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While our disciplinary system can and will hold students accountable, our pride and discipline are a far more reliable means to preserve and advance our community. I ask for your cooperation and support in collaborating and working to achieve a balance between taking responsibility, and upholding integrity. I welcome suggestions for how we can make the response to these challenges a community project with students taking a leadership role. Doing that will model the leadership we all want our students to claim and will be the source of great pride.


CoD Will Oversee Future Unauthorized Access Cases

Hacking, from Page 1

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Morris Records 3,000th Assist In Tech Win Over Coast Guard

By Mindy Brauer

MIT recorded a 30-28, 30-25, 30-14 win over host U.S. Coast Guard Academy on Tuesday night, recording its sixth consecutive sweep over a New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference foe. The Engineers countered by creating a three-point cushion that held at 29-26. Coast Guard earned two points before MIT closed out the game.

The second game was knotted at 11 before the Engineers mounted a 10-4 run. The Bears slowly chipped away at the margin, eventually coming within three at 26-23, but MIT sealed the win with several key blocks.

The Engineers were too much to handle in the final game as they cruised to a 30-14 victory, recording a 343-hitting percentage that was the team's best for the night.

With 38 assists, Amanda J. Morris '08 became the fourth player in MIT history to reach the 3,000-assist mark. Rose Zhong '08 and Katherine C. Row '10 each notched nine kills, while Katrina M. Ellison '10 notched eight. Zhong paced MIT with 12 digs, and Carrie C. Buchanan '08 recorded 10. Jennifer L1 '11 added seven kills and a team-high four aces. Barden E. Cletland '10 paced the blocking corps with nine blocks, followed by four from Rowe.

Torre's Managing Merits Respect

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Bourbonnais '10 and Kevin G. Kleiger's '10 single tied the game in the bottom of the ninth. It's hard to fault Torre for electing to put Rivera on the mound with a lead. For a results-at-any-cost organization, Torre was quite effective at putting his players in a position to succeed. Steinbrenner may have fired Torre by the time this article is published. The Red Sox fan in me is thrilled because the dominant Yankees era seems to be over. However, the baseball fan in me is mourning the loss of a great division rivalry. Sure, the Yankees will undoubtedly find a solid replacement manager, and they'll probably load the team with overpaid free agents, but I've grown up associating Joe Torre with the Yankees. I've enjoyed every minute of despising those pinstripes, and it saddens me to think that I'll have to adjust the object of my scorn. It goes deeper than that, actually. 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Torre’s Tenure in NY Should Not Hinge on One Division Series

By Caroline Huang

I may be a die-hard Boston Red Sox fan, but I am first a fan of quality baseball (Though I will never— that’s right, never— cheer a Red Sox play by Derek Jeter or Johnny Damon. Or Roger Clemens. The list could continue … oh, right, Alex Rodriguez). Despite the former, and because of the latter, I had mixed feelings when it had little to do with missing out on the drama of another Sox-Yankees American League Championship Series. Rather, I sympathized with the Yankees manager, Joe Torre, whose job security (per Yankees owner George Steinbrenner) depended on the Yankees winning the ALDS. Shocking, I know — this may be the first time I’ve ever sided with a Yankee, and it will probably be the last, unless I somehow involve in a Civil War reenactment. Yes, Joe Torre greatly benefited from the highest payroll in baseball, but I am first a fan of quality baseball. Torre, Page 23

SPORTS

Cross Country Teams Compete in All-New England Championships

By Chris Bruce

The MIT men’s and women’s cross country teams finished 12th and sixth, respectively, in the All-New England Championships this past Saturday. The less-than-ideal hot, humid, and dusty race conditions led to slower times than usual, but both teams posted solid performances on their home course at Franklin Park. In particular, the Tech women recorded the Institute’s highest-ever finish at this championship amid a field of National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I, II, and III teams. The women raced first, placing sixth overall even without a contribution from Kathryn A. Gordon ’11, who pulled out of the race with an injury. Led by Maria J. Monks ’07, who placed 23rd in the five-kilometer race, the team posted a time of 18:56, the women beat the nationally-ranked Bowdoin College, Middlebury College, and Keene State College teams. Amherst College and Williams College — both ranked in the top five in the country — were the only Division III teams to finish ahead of Tech.

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