Sloan Group Received Homophobic Threats

By Ramya Sankar

Sloan, page 15

A Sloan student was not expelled or suspended after sending a homophobic, threatening e-mail to members of the Sloan LGBT student group.

The e-mail was sent in December, the resulting Committee on Discipline case was resolved in February, a letter to the Sloan community was sent in March, and an open forum was held in April. The incident and subsequent discussion have forced the Sloan school to seriously reevaluate its values and to implement diversity training, according to students.

On Dec. 10, the officers of the MIT Sloan LGBT received a homophobic e-mail from a fellow Sloan student, threatening violence. A case was filed with Cambridge officials, and Sloan administrators filed a complaint with MIT’s Committee on Discipline.

The offending e-mail was a response to an invitation sent out by the Sloan Lesbian, Gay, and Transgender Club to an end-of-semester celebration. The response reads in part: “If you fucking fags send me anything by that email, I will sue the fuck out of you!”

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MIT Student Fights to Protect Activists’ Privacy

By Michael McGraw-Herdeg

A New York City Law Department subpoena to an MIT graduate student over text messages has raised questions about how the First Amendment protects online speech, and whether the government is allowed to ask service providers for messages they store.

On a winter day in February, Edward A. Hersch was in the Rotch Library writing a thesis chapter about his TXMtno service system, which he had developed to help protesters communicate during the 2004 Republican National Convention. As he began a paragraph about how his system theoretically protected people’s privacy, he learned that New York City had just put his theory to the test.

“If you just use a commercial provider,” he said, “you end up with an archive of messages that could be provided to the cops if they wanted, and that might not be great. So I’m writing that sentence in academese when my phone rings.”

Hersch was asked for text messages sent by his TXMtno service during the Republican National Convention in a broad subpoena issued by the New York City Police Department.

MIT News Office Publication Violates Federal Law

Wednesday’s issue of TechTalk appears to violate federal law. A front-page article discussing Dan Ariely’s book “Predictably Irrational” included a color image of a U.S. $1 bill. The image is 127% long, 85 percent as long as a real $1 bill. Printed images of U.S. currency must be “of a size less than three-fourths or more than one and one-half, in linear dimension, of each part of any matter so illustrated,” according to 18 USC § 504, as amended by the Department of the Treasury under amendment 411.1.

The News Office was unavailable for comment on Thursday night.

In Short

* Feeling screwed? Voting in the APO Big Screws charity fundraiser ends tomorrow in Lobby 10. Pick someone who’s done their worst to you and vote with dollars!

* A memorial service for Professor J. Mark Schuster PhD ‘79 will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Media Lab’s Bartos Theater.

* Yes, MIT has journalism. See for yourself at The Tech’s open house today, all afternoon, on the fourth floor of the Student Center. Current students and admitted freshmen are welcome.
Security Will Be Tight During Pope's Visit to New York

By Al Baker

NEW YORK

Portions of the sky above, the water around, and streets all over New York will be sealed off next week when Pope Benedict XVI arrives in the city.

As a70-year-old leader and a head of state, recently accused by Osama bin Laden of leading a crusade against Muslims, the pope presents city and federal law enforcement authorities with a security challenge of considerable complexity.

Planning began in October for a three-day trip that will involve visits to the United States' biggest and most high-profile ground zero, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Yankee Stadium, the United Nations and the Park East Synagogue — which will constitute the "first-ever visit by a pope to a synagogue in the United States," Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly said Wednesday.

All the locations will be swept for bombs. Some other measures will be visible: acaba divers in the East River, counter-snipers patrolling rooftops, helicopters, and armond limousines.

Other measures will not be visible, like undercover detectives mingling in crowds or carrying pager-sized radiation detectors on their belts.

Officials Tell How Sect in West Texas Was Raided

By Greta C. Kovach and Kirk Johnson

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS

For years, the veiled world behind the doors of a fundamentalist Muslim mosque was an American secret.

On Thursday, a Texas ranger described in detail what occurred last week as federal agents confronted officers, responding to a call for help from a 16-year-old who said she was being sexually abused in the compound, sought entry.

In essence, Capt. Barry Caver of the Texas Public Safety Department said at a news conference here, the officers knocked and asked for a key. The church members quietly said no.

"They opted not to do that because they would be aiding or assisting in the desecration of their worship place," Caver said.

The authorities called in a locksmith to open the gate, but they were unable to move the deadbolts to open the front doors of the temple. They tried to use a "jaws of life" tool, normally used to remove people trapped in cars after accidents, to open the doors. But the doors were too tightly constructed, Caver said.

Dalai Lama Visits Seattle Town

By William Yardley

THE NEW YORK TIMES SEATTLE

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By Steven Lee Myers and Thom Shanker

WASHINGTON

President Bush said Thursday that the senior U.S. commander in Iraq "could have all the time they need" before reducing U.S. forces there any further, but he promised shorter tours for troops and longer breaks for them at home.

Democrats responded by saying that no one was in sight of the U.S. troop commitment.

Bush defended the costs of the war, in lives and money, declaring that his decision to order more troops to Iraq last year had averted potential defeat there and that withdrawing would be catastrophic to U.S. interests.

Speaking at the White House to a small audience that included Vice President Dick Cheney, the secretary of state and defense and representatives of veterans' organizations, he signaled that a U.S. force nearly as large as at any other point in the last five years would remain in Iraq through his presidency.

He left any significant changes to policy at the next president.

"Fifteen months ago, Americans were worried about the prospect of failure in Iraq," he said, sounding a triumphant note about his decision last year to send 30,000 additional troops. "Today, thanks to the surge, we've restored and revived the prospect of success."

As was the case during two days of congressional testimony this week by the U.S. commander, Gen. David H. Petraeus, the Democratic presidential candidates offered assessments that differed sharply from Bush's.

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton said the president "refused to face the reality that we are confronted by in Iraq."

"It's time for the president to answer the question being asked of him," she said while campaigning in Pittsburgh. "In the wake of the failed objectives that were laid out to be met by the surge, what is the exit strategy in Iraq?"


"We have a blank check strategy in Iraq that is reordering our military, distancing us from the other challengers we face, burdening our economy and failing to pressure the Iraqi government to take responsibility for their future," he said in a statement.

By Jeff Bailey and Marina Trahan Martinez

DALLAS

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Her group has lived off USO food and drinks, available to military in the airport, since the Navy told them they would be issued military attire. But they were learning one of the harsh realities of air travel these days. "None of us have had an uneventful flight," said Peyregne. "They are learning one of the harsh realities of air travel these days. None of us have had an uneventful flight," said Peyregne.

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By John K. Williams

"The sky was so blue, it was as if we were in a dream," said Emily Seidman, 25, who was vacationing on the Outer Banks of North Carolina when Hurricane Ernesto passed it by on Thursday. "It was just so surreal."

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Clinton's Poverty Policy Brings Back Memories of Riff in 1966 Campaign

By Peter S. Goodman

In the summer of 1966, President Bill Clinton delivered on his pledge, as we now know it, as we know it: Despite howls of protest from some who saw it as a betrayal of the trust the people had placed in him, he helped to unseat the Bush administration with a focussed and effective campaign to increase the federal government's ability to bail out and reward those who make irresponsible decisions with the taxpayer's money, by helping some homeowners in danger of losing their homes, by helping them to refinance and get federally guaranteed 30-year mortgages.

There is nothing more important than keeping alive the American dream that you own your home and will have to pay no more than 20% of your income toward your mortgage payments, without the national government backing your house.

For the president of the Olympic committee, Mr. McCain, that is his job. He wants to make sure the Olympics are a success, and he is willing to do whatever it takes to make sure that they are. McCain's job is to ensure that the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and its members are satisfied with the Olympics, and that they believe that the games were a success.

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Opinion
The Flow of Things

Clearly alcohol is NOT a part of college.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR CPW WEEKEND?

HAVE A PREFRESH?

BRAIN CAMPUS

HAVE BETTER PLANS!

SAD AND LONELY?

NO YOU DON'T!

TODAY'S YOUR LUCKY NIGHT

IPSETS?

PUNT!!

DRY FRAT PARTY!!!

Overheard at MIT

Person 1: “Hey, let’s get it on!”
Person 2: “Oh… what?”

“What does a hanger have to do with abortion?”

“OK, so what is Third Eye Blind?”

“April Fool’s Day is on April 1, right?”

WMBR Top Ten Albums of 1990*

Brought to you by Ben Shanks and Dagan Hayes from WMBR 88.1 FM

1. Fugazi, “Repeater”
   - As quietly, humorous, and fun as always, TMHB wrote some on their most infectious and unabashedly dorky (and sometimes inscrutable) songs for the record that scored them two videos on “Tiny Toons.” “Birdhouse” may have been the hit, but “Dead” is my personal favorite.

2. Sonic Youth, “Goo”
   - Could no-wavers turned alt-rockers Sonic Youth preserve the urgency, the social critique, and the daring experimentation of earlier albums? “Eric’s calm but still fun, “Eric” is a perfect rock-out track.

3. Galaxie 500, “This Is Our Music”
   - This shamefully underappreciated Boston band cemented their legacy with a ferocious, feedback-laden post-punk rock-out track.

4. A Tribe Called Quest, “People’s Instinctive Travels and the Paths of Rythym”
   - Releasing their debut in 1990, Tribe managed to hit the perfect balance between political lyricism and laid-back but innovative beats, essentially setting the bar for underground hip-hop. “Bonita Applebum” features both a memorable rap delivery and a great guitar hook.

5. The Pixies, “Head”
   - The Pixies were masters of making ultra-mellow psychedelic guitar harmonies that perfectly soundtrack a sunset, an afternoon nap, or (of course) a drug trip. “Amen” is a great example that also anticipates the gospel influence of Pierce’s later band Spiritualized.

6. The Jesus Lizard, “Head”
   - Debut featuring some of the best melodic work that the Jesus Lizard could ever hope to achieve. “7 vs 8” is the Jesus Lizard at their best.

7. Spacemen 3, “Taking Drugs to Make Music to Take Drugs To”
   - The title says it all — the band that started the “spacelod” genre with their debut album “Space Age Pop” perfectly summed up everything that was happening in the early 90s.

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10. 10. They Might Be Giants, “Fluxus”
    - TKMB Top Ten Albums of 1990
    - What does a hanger have to do with abortion?
    - “OK, so what is Third Eye Blind?”
    - “April Fool’s Day is on April 1, right?”

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**CONCERT REVIEW**

### Three Nights of Da Dirty Jicks

By Sarah Dupuis

Three Nights of Da Dirty Jicks

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**ARTS**

**MOVIE REVIEW** ★★★½

### A Bold Red Balloon

By Praveen Rathinavelu

Flirting of the Red Balloon

Directed by Hou Hsiao-hsien

Written by Hou Hsiao-hsien and Francois Marthouret

Starring: Juliette Binoche, Simon Iznas, and Faye Song

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**CONCERT REVIEW**

### Sashà and Digweed Melt Faces, Shake Booties

Tour Opener at The Estate A transcendental Dance Experience

By Benjamin P. Gleitzman

Sashà and Digweed: Melt Faces, Shake Booties

The Estate

April 2, 2008

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**THE TECH**

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April 11, 2008
Steal My Comic

by Michael Ciuffo

IN HONOR OF OUR VISITORS, TODAY’S STEAL MY OBSCURE HISTORICAL REFERENCE WEEK COMIC HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO TUESDAY. SORRY TO DISAPPOINT THE THREE PEOPLE WHO LAUGHED AT LAST TUESDAY’S COMIC.

IN THE MEAN TIME...

HOW-TO:

feed the homeless.

Pseudoscience

by Daniel Klein-Marcuschamer

Figure 31. The graph shows the trends in temperature and number of clothing layers in Cambridge, MA, from January 1st (day 1) to mid-June. In general, clothing thickness decreases as the temperature increases, but these variables are not perfectly correlated. Instead, sharp decreases in average layers respond to key facts; for example, the number decreases when daylight savings time begins, regardless of temperature. In addition, small fluctuations in temperature can cause sharp decreases, especially when they happen after mid-March. We conclude that perceived rather than actual temperature is more important in the layering decision process.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1 Group of seven
7 Well-tuned engine sound
11 Actress Tyler
14 Aquatic mammals
15 “The African Queen” screenwriter
16 “...Fine Day”
17 Scrooge’s clerk
19 TV adjunct
21 __ Lanka
22 In a plucky way
24 Vim and vigor
26 With GIA, Marine cartoon hero
28 Concert hall
37 Animated construction worker
42 Yore
43 TV classic, “...Room”
44 Manor
46 Again, in music
47 Potemkin
51 Dolphin in Canton
54 Goopy moss
55 Old sayings
56 UFO personnel
59 Personal pension
60 Part of RSVP
61 See 26A
62 Shoshone
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64 Gone by
65 Remote ctrl.
66 Ballet wear
67 Actress Smith
68 Mos. and mos.
69 Look for
70 Wrote in a tiresome style
71 Lanka
72 In a pluckily way
73 Favored soprano
74 Change genetically
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2 French star
3 Malone’s TV craft
4 Oldtime gumshoe
5 Goofs up
6 Russian
7 Polo’s cash provider
8 Yuck!
9 Rules
10 Mark new prices
11 Affectionate nip
12 On Easy Street?
13 Beyond
18 “...the season...”
22 Part of MD
23 Part of MD
25 Unfeeling
26 With 61A, Marine cartoon hero
28 Concert hall
30 Same old same old
31 Umost degree
35 Eagle’s nest
37 More gory
38 Eccentrics
39 NYSE entry
40 ____ Zeppelin
41 Residue
42 Ambassador and his stuff
43 TV classic, “...Room”
44 Manner
45 Easter treat
46 Creamy soup
48 Broken-bone supporters
49 Aerial combat mission
50 Humiliated
52 Takes five
53 End of auction?
54 Office fill-in
55 Old sayings
56 UFO personnel
57 Office fill-in
58 Go a round with?
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Instructions: Fill in the grid so that each column, row, and 3 by 3 grid contains exactly one of each of the digits 1 through 9.

Solution, tips, and computer program at http://www.sudoku.com; see also solution, page 14.
**Theory of Pete**

BY DECONSTRUCTING THE COMIC STRIP MEDIUM, I CAN INCREASE ITS VERSATILITY AND ITS CAPACITY TO COMMUNICATE.

COMICS ARE AN INHERENTLY LIMITING MEDIUM, BY STEPPING OUTSIDE THE BOUNDARIES, I CAN MAKE MY COMICS COMMAND RESPECT.

YOU’RE DRAWING STICK FIGURES.

I’M BETTER IN THEORY THAN I AM IN EXECUTION.

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**PhD Comics**

PILE HIGHER AND DEEPER

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**Doonesbury Flashbacks**

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

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**Dilbert®**

BY SCOTT ADAMS
April 11, 2008

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The Daily Blunderbuss
by Ben Peters

Think you’ve solved it?
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Prospective Students Consider MIT, But They’ve Got Options

Native, standing in a crowd of people during last night’s CPW Festival, described CPW as “very loud.” She was also accepted at Princeton University, Cornell University, and Dartmouth College, and she said she is not yet sure about attending MIT. Bagamery said she is interested in studying chemistry. People at CPW “are much more global than I expected,” she said.

David Zhou, from Wilton, Conn., said he thinks CPW is “great.” He’s “definitely leaning” towards MIT, and he said he hopes that CPW will confirm this inclination.

Noah Brown, a prospective student from Iowa City, IA, has recently attended Interlochen, an arts preparatory school in Michigan. Brown plays the bassoon in orchestras and ensembles, and has played a concert in Carnegie Hall.

Brown is currently deciding among MIT, Stanford University, the University of Pennsylvania, and Princeton University. “You have to give those schools their due,” he said.

About CPW, he said, “It’s slightly disorganized, slightly psychotic, but I love it.”

Daniel E. Klenk ’09 (center) shows prospective freshmen Michaela LaVan (left) and Qingnan Li (not pictured) how to get to Next House as his own prefrosh, Ryan Terbush (right) looks on.

Katie Harrington (center) and Liz Levin (right) help carve a camel out of a large block of ice during yesterday night’s Campus Preview Weekend Festival.

Prospective freshman Sarah Southerland removes a 2x4 while playing 2x4 Jenga at yesterday night’s CPW Festival. Jenga was sponsored by Random House.

Prospective student Kirsten Hessler drives a tricycle off a ramp at the 2008 Campus Preview Weekend Festival in Johnson Ice Rink.

Prospective freshmen line up to receive liquid nitrogen ice cream sponsored by the second floor of the west parallel of East Campus.

Prospective students participate in an icebreaker at the 2008 Campus Preview Weekend Welcome in Rockwell Cage yesterday.
Innovations in Communication Could Speed Flood Recovery

It's just the right time to develop such a system — cell coverage in Bihar is good and improving rapidly, and relief workers use phones extensively. Also, donors are beginning to see information and communication infrastructure as a necessity rather than a waste of money.

To be sure, there are problems. Internet access at the CRS offices is reliable, but the electricity is flaky. Offices are all equipped with battery backups and generators often supply backup power. (Sometimes this backfires. One time the grid went down while I was in the CRS office in Delhi. The generator started, but somehow worked improperly; the overhead lights started flashing and the air conditioner made an ominous rattling noise — it felt like a cheap Exorcist remake! One of the CRS staff ran to turn them off, then tried to reassure me: “Don’t worry — we’ve only had one fire here.”)

I spent several days visiting villages affected by last year’s floods. Nine months later, much arable land remains underwater and hence unusable. Recovery from the destruction of crops and livestock will take a while. It’s rare for computer scientists to be able to make a positive difference in the world.

India, from Page 1

from the Himalayas that starts right on its northern border. Since 2002, parts of Bihar have suffered severe flooding every year. Lives and livelihoods have been lost as crops have been inundated and animals have starved. Nine months after last year’s disastrous flood, some of the waters still haven’t drained away.

Here’s the problem: it’s hard to collect information about where areas are hit worst by a flood. The first response (food rations, first aid kits and so on) ought to occur within 48 hours of the flood. Presently, collecting and analyzing the information and distributing it among various responders takes around a month. Meanwhile, under-supply leads to people going hungry, while over-supply produces corruption and long-term economic problems.

This is where we come in. Our plan is to develop a cell phone-based application which the operatives can use to gather information and send it back to a central server, where instant analysis would make the information available throughout the organization. We plan to run an initial trial of our project, and he was very excited about it.

Villagers’ biggest complaint was that they have no warning of an impending flood and thereby no time to get their property and livestock to safety. This is another area where cell phones could come in useful. Adoption in rural India is growing rapidly and there’s at least one cell phone owner in most villages. I was encouraged by how keen Indian companies are to get involved with helping the less well-off. I met with the head of Corporate Sustainability of a major Indian cellphone operator, and he was very excited about our project.

He suggested using their ubiquitous network of manned public phone booths to collect and disseminate information. He suggested a long-term partnership between his company and MIT — which made a great end to a very productive trip.

We plan to run an initial trial of our solution this summer, in time for the monsoon in mid-June. Our work has revealed an exciting area with rapid growth and a lot of innovation. It’s rare for computer scientists to be able to make a positive difference in the world.

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If students looked a little wrinkly this week, it’s probably because their dry cleaners have been out of a job.

Alpha Cleaners, in the basement of the Student Center, was shut down on Monday because its owner had not paid for worker’s compensation insurance, according to Linnea Walsh, communications director at the Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development. It will likely reopen soon.

MIT noticed the closure on Wednesday and got in touch with the owner Thursday, said Phillip J. Walsh, director of the Campus Activities Complex, which manages the Student Center.

The owner, ShiRu Huang, hoped to obtain worker’s compensation insurance and reopen the store tomorrow, said Phil Walsh, who said he had been able to reach Huang Thursday afternoon. Calls from The Tech to a "S Huang" listed in the Boston white pages were not answered.

All Massachusetts businesses are required by law to have worker’s compensation insurance policies. Businesses that do not hold policies may be closed if the state’s Department of Industrial Accidents finds out.

Linnea Walsh said relying on tips and an information database, the agency determined that Alpha Cleaners might not have worker’s compensation insurance. An employee visited the site and verified that it was not insured, and a "stop work order" was issued that was effective Monday.

Huang’s dry cleaning business is at five locations. The other four are properly insured, said Rob Lamontagne, a spokesman for the state executive office.

In order to reopen, a business owner must show that they now have insurance, and they must pay a fine of $100 per day they were closed. So Huang must pay a fine of $500 if he obtains worker’s compensation insurance and reopens the dry cleaner’s tomorrow.

“For every business that doesn’t have a worker’s comp policy in place, that drives up costs,” said Linnea Walsh.

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The community feels the same way as he does. Raphael said he understands that not everyone in the LGBT community feels the same way as he does. But based on his personal contact with the individual, he said believes an expulsion or suspension would have been unjust. “I know the writer has learned a lot. It is a great opportunity for our community to come together” and to learn from the incident, said Raphael.

In contrast, Silverberg expressed dissatisfaction with the COD’s decision. “The administration has essentially sent me a signal saying that they see fit to allow a student that explicitly threatened me to be in class with me an hour and a half twice a week,” he said.

Privacy implications of academic records motivate the confidentiality of COD hearings, said David Kennedy, Director, Office of Student Mediation & Community Standards and a staff member who helps COD keep its records. The Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act protects students from having academic records distributed to a third party without their consent, he said. “The process may be clear on the Web site but the decisions are not,” said Silverberg.

Kennedy explained that all hearings are reviewed individually and therefore there are no exact precedents for sanctions. In fact, according to Widnall, the committee does not keep transcripts of its hearings. The only record of a COD hearing is a letter sent to the student and kept on file by the COD explaining what the hearing concerned, what information was presented, and what sanctions were imposed. Widnall said. Although the committee evaluates hearings on a case-by-case basis, she said, she made the committee review several dozen prior sanction letters when she became interested to see what they understand what timelines they have made in the past.

The committee is comprised of about a dozen faculty, administrators, and students, the membership is available online at http://web.mit. edu/committees/faculty/Rosters/CoDpdf.

An open forum was held at the Sloan School on Friday, April 4 to discuss the incident. The forum, which was facilitated by Chaplain Robert M. Randolph, drew a crowd of about 50 students, according to Raphael.

One idea that arose at the forum was a need for a code of Sloan community values. Students are currently working on this code and on a request to ask President Susan Hockfield or Sloan School dean David C. Schimitscher to acknowledge and condemn the event.

The students are also working closely with the Sloan administration to provide more diversity training during Orientation. Since the incident, curriculum changes have included a diversity workshop during the Sloan Innovation Period, a one-week interval between the two halves of the semester.
Anonymous Text Messages Test Activists’ Privacy on the Internet


Hirsch is contesting the subpoena with the help of two attorneys who are representing him pro bono: Mark Zimmerman, a staff attorney with the Electronic Frontier Foundation, and David B. Rankin, a New York attorney.

Zimmerman said that the case raised issues of the “right of individuals to be able to speak anonymously online or using new technologies.”

Hirsch said he feels a responsibility to people using service to protect their privacy – a stance he contradicted with that taken by major telephone companies, which have in recent years shared customer information with the government.

Hirsch’s case combines online technology and “text messaging in kind of a unique way that we haven’t dealt with before,” Zimmerman said. Both the First Amendment and a 1986 federal law support Hirsch’s decision not to hand over the messages, Zimmerman said.

Zimmerman said he hoped the city would drop the subpoena, but they might instead go to court to force disclosure by moving to compel.

A community organizing tool

The TXTmob service, initially designed to support street protests during the 2004 Democratic National Convention and Republican National Convention, had “something like 320 groups and 7800 users” during the conventions, Hirsch said.

It was designed to help activists spread information among themselves and to journalists, legal observers, and medical help by sending text messages to many cell phones at once.

TXTmob sends messages via SMTP gateways – sending e-mail to special addresses that major cell phone providers then forward to people’s cell phones.

Hirsch said he assumed that police were subscribed to some of these groups, a fact confirmed last year in a declassified New York City Police Department intelligence document.

Do the old messages still exist?

An issue which affects the subpoena’s effectiveness is whether three-year-old messages from summer 2004 are still stored in the system. Hirsch and his attorney Zimmerman both declined to comment on whether any messages were still stored in the system. Hirsch said that upon receiving the subpoena, he made a backup of the txtmob.com server – which is in the Media Lab as it existed at the time of the subpoena.

The database in the database which stores old messages is “purged sporadically,” Hirsch said. Database cleaning “is run occasionally,” he said, but “stuff is generally kept around.”

Once a user deletes himself, Hirsch said, his information is no longer stored in the system. But the system does associate existing users’ names with phone numbers, so that messages can be sent. Some usersnames in the system are e-mail addresses or names clearly identifiable as a person’s name. “I’ve been advised by my lawyers not to discuss the subpoena,” said Hirsch.

Lawyers claim First Amendment protects users

“People have individual rights and freedoms, regardless of what technological form they’re using,” Zimmerman said.

To protect people’s First Amendment speech rights, courts should require New York City to show why the requested messages will help it in its case, and the request should be very specific, Zimmerman said. He said that the subpoena against Hirsch was too broad.

Zimmerman said the TXTmob messages have nothing to do with the cases against New York City. The hundreds of cases generally include claims of false arrest, which requires showing whether the arresting officer had probable cause to arrest the citizen, Zimmerman said.

Probable cause depends on the arresting officer’s state of mind, which Zimmerman said should not involve text messages sent to arrested protesters.

Asked about messages that officers might have received, Zimmerman said that the subpoena did not only request such messages, but broadly encompassed messages to protesters.

The subpoena is “focused on people who were engaged in lawful protest,” he said. “Protestors should not feel chilled.”

Case could set precedent

Zimmerman said that he had handled three or four similar subpoena cases in the past two years. He said that courts generally “respond positively” and “frequently articulate a standard in the judge’s motion to compel would be heard in the Massachusetts District Court, where the subpoena was delivered.

Zimmerman said he was unaware of any existing standard under which subpoenas should be able to force the disclosure of anonymous people’s names and messages.

If a clarifying opinion were issued in the Massachusetts District Court, “it could provide ammunition for future” cases about Internet speech, Zimmerman said.

Even if the First Amendment prevents the release of the information to the government, it would still be illegal under the 1986 Stored Communications Act, part of the 1986 Electronic Communications Privacy Act, Zimmerman said. “The act protects when people may share other people’s electronic information which their system is storing, for instance e-mail.

The Stored Communications Act “prohibits government entities from using subpoenas like this,” Zimmerman said.

I intend to comply with whatever the court tells me to do,” Hirsch said.

Hirsch works for community empowerment

Hirsch has been a community organizer since the last 1980s, he said. But his entry into the technical field is new. His other research includes a project to help connect Chinese-speaking Boston residents with telephone lines to help them talk to English speakers, and a project called Dialog Radio, designed to let people hear radio shows by telephone in Zimbabwe, where he said the government strictly controls radio broadcasts.

Hirsch’s PhD thesis at the Media Lab, which he expects to complete this summer, describes how to design “communication systems for protests and community empowerment,” he said. There is “only one legal radio station” in Zimbabwe, he said. “And the government owns it.”

TXTmob has evolved since 2004

In the since the 2004 convention, the TXTmob system “has moved on,” Zimmerman said. The TXTmob system has emerged. The public “NYC Beesty call” group offers “nsa [no strings attached] NYC Beesty.” The “SWAt防守 group offers “instant IN [Registered Nurse] TXT Sub Notification.” The “EBBANDFLOWUPDATE” group offers “Revolutionary hip hop straight to your phone!”

There was a text confession thing going on for a while,” Hirsch said. The anonymous messages seemed “sincere, which was kind of wonderful.”

But Hirsch said he didn’t know whether the system is still in use. He said the system recently, for instance to coordinate the Olympic torch protests in San Francisco. “The group appears to have about 13,078 users,” based on a list available to logged-in users at http://www.txtmob.com/invite.php.

Hirsch noted that he hasn’t followed TXTmob usage very closely since he inherited the system. He said he’s hoping that someone else will take the system over after he completes a significant redesign in the next few months.

Although Hirsch developed the service anonymously, a vulnerable cause depends on the case to a related group to the Institute for Applied Autonomy, he said after the subpoena was delivered. There was no point in preserving his anonymity. The IAA publishes works anonymously, but “basically I wrote it all,” he said.

Hirsch now finds himself protecting others’ privacy, which Zimmerman said was a novelty of the Internet age. “You’re relying on your own ability to fight off legal attempts to get at your identity” when your speech happened online, he said.

Information.txt was off-line for a few weeks, Hirsch expressed surprise. Someone must have kicked the power cord, he said. (It was back online a few hours later.)
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Fantasy Sports Leagues Provide Exposure for Unknown Players

Fantasy, from Page 20

More broadly, do brackets and fantasy leagues tarnish the purity of af- filiating yourself with a team? In general, I say no on both counts. Filling out a bracket usually involves reading up on players, check- ing out their statistics and head-to-head records, and so forth. The same goes for fantasy teams; people read up on players from teams that they normally would ignore. Whatever, he plays for the Royals, why should I care what his name is?” becomes “Alex Gordon is such a hot prospect! He normally would ignore. “Whatever, he plays for the Royals, why should I care what his name is?” becomes “Alex Gordon is such a hot prospect! I also encourage casual fans to pay attention to results and even watch games. Friends who normally tease me for being abnormally attached to my scoreboards and transaction pages also start checking the results and statistics lines. So long as they are interested, why should the reason for their interest matter? Finally, one thing I have not yet addressed is the direct conflict of a favorite team versus a bracket team. To me, this is an obvious decision: if I have to choose between my bracket- team and my favorite team win- ning, I will always choose the latter. Is this monetarily foolish? Perhaps. (Sorry, Dad) but the joy in watching my favorite teams win far exceeds the amount of pride derived from winning a bracket pool or fantasy league.

Winter Training Ends With Records as Team Prepares to Begin Spring Racing

Crew, from Page 20

Lightweight men’s crew opens in spring racing season this Saturday on the Charles River against peren- nial Eastern Association of Rowing Colleges competitors Yale University and Georgetown University. This year is the 29th annual contest be- tween MIT and Yale for the Joy Cup in the Varsity 8 race. Georgetown has been invited as a guest for 2008 and is joining the race for the first time.

Men’s Lacrosse Comes From Behind; Scores Three Goals in Last Three Min. for Overtime

Lacrosse, from Page 20

6:12 of the third period and Justin Mahoney found the back of the net with just 40 seconds left. Erik S. Zuk ’11 beat the clock for MIT with his only goal of the game coming with just ten seconds left in the third quarter to make it 6-3. Daniel G. Piemont ’10 made it a two-goal game by record- ing the opening strike of the fourth quarter at 11:47 for the Engineers. Before Thono scored UMass Bos- ton’s final goal. Aaron Pollock snapped 11 shots for the Beacons, who were outshot, 19-11.

Fantasy, from Page 20

The team brought out its box- and-one defense with co-captain Erika M. Swanson ’01 against five players on opposing teams. MIT’s defense was strong throughout the tournament, with Swanson, Jennifer B. Barry ’01 and Doris Ling ’01 forcing multiple turnovers in the end zone.

Women’s Ultimate Performs Well Despite Tough Winds

Women’s Ultimate, from Page 20

Women’s Ultimate performed well despite the strong winds at the New England Regionals this spring, said co-captain Catherine W. Seaborn ’01. “Everyone stepped it up for the tough games Saturday afternoon in the wind.” The team brought out its box- and-one defense with co-captain Erika M. Swanson ’01 against five players on opposing teams. MIT’s defense was strong throughout the tournament, with Swanson, Jennifer B. Barry ’01 and Doris Ling ’01 forcing multiple turnovers in the end zone.

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The Dilemma: Supporting Your Fantasy Team or Favorite Team

By Caroline Huang

Garthwaite, Peterson, Wojcieszynski, Blankstein Enter Institute Top Eight

By Duho Bodupalli

Column

The lightweight crew team finished their indoor winter training season with four men breaking into the Institute's top eight this season with four men breaking into UNC's Kansas game. My crew coach said that I should root for UNC. But my heart told me to cheer for Kansas. It was the same feeling that I had last year when several groups of my friends asked me to join them on their fantasy baseball leagues, and I ended up with several Yankees players, including Alex Rodriguez. "Wait," you say. "If you picked your favorite team, why didn't you root for Kansas?" That's a great question. Ultimately, I settled on a passive-aggressive middle-ground of being frustrated that a team I normally despise for playing so well was playing so poorly. This just reinforces my hatred for UNC. The one time I was pseudo-cheering for them is also the time they decide to play a sleeky, sloppy game. It really should have been a win-win situation: whether UNC won (bracket = happy) or UNC lost (Duke fan = happy), the key feeling was supposed to be happiness. And even if I realized this, the situation still felt odd. So the question remains, is it loyal to cheer for individual players or teams other than your own for the purpose of winning an arbitrary bracket or league?

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SMITE Finishes Seventh in Yale Cup After Wins Against Brown, Williams, Vermont

By Rosa Cao

The MIT women's ultimate frisbee team "sMITe" came in seventh out of 16 teams in the Yale Cup tournament last weekend in New Haven. The tournament brought together top teams from the Northeast that MIT will be playing throughout the spring season in an attempt to go to Nationals. Seeded ninth for this the second tournament of the spring season, MIT made it into the championship bracket (top 8) on Saturday, defeating Wesleyan College (19-7) and Brown University (11-5) after a tough first game against Cornell University (11-2). The team then won the first elimination game against University of Vermont (15-2) in the quarterfinals.

On Sunday, the team lost two matches against Williams College (17-3) and Wesleyan University (13-7), beforeouting Boston College for third place finish. Tufts, seeded third, finished second after losing to top seed Dartmouth College in the finals. Fourth-year Daphne L. Wang '08 led off the last game of the tournament with three goals on the first point, shutting down BU's best player. MIT won the final game 9-5 under time cap.

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Comback Win Propels Engineers Over Hunter

By Paul Dill

The MIT men's volleyball team competed in their fourth consecutive North East Collegiate Volleyball Association Championship Tournament this past weekend at Ramapo College. The team earned a berth in the tournament after finishing the regular season with a 9-2 record to earn the New England Division title of NECCA. The winner of the tournament advances to the Molten Division III Final Four.

In the first round, the nationally-ranked no. 12 Engineers (25-11) faced no. 14 Hunter College. MIT got off to a slow start in the first two games with Hunter College playing with great intensity and producing a very formidable defense. After falling behind two games to zero, the Engineers slowly took control of the match midway through the third game behind the stellar play of Michael Domtrenzener '10 and Praveen Panmanikakula '08. MIT finally started to find its stride and picked up both its defense and serve receiving. Hunter Under more and more pressure. The Engineers fought back to take games three and four, and then closed out the match to complete the epic comeback, 3-2 (27-30, 25-20, 30-26, 30-25, 15-11).

The third round was the toughest, seeded no. 3 Vassar College. Although the team fought to keep each game close, Vassar eventually pulled away, winning the match 3-0 (30-27, 30-22, 30-22). Vassar went on to win the entire tournament, defeating Newbury College for their first ever NECCA Championship.

The team earned several awards at the end of the season. Panmanikakula was selected to the American Lake Region Division III Men's Volleyball All-America Second Team. This is

Game of the Week - Men's Lacrosse Wins Overtime Thriller on Garvey's Late Goal

By Mindy Brauer

Corey Garvey '10 scored with 1:44 left in overtime to give the MIT men's lacrosse team an 8-7 win over Wesleyan University (13-7) and Brown University (11-5) after a tough first game against Cornell University (11-2). The team then won the first elimination game against University of Vermont (15-2) in the quarterfinals.

On Sunday, the team lost two matches against Williams College (17-3) and Wesleyan University (13-7), before outting Boston College for third place finish. Tufts, seeded third, finished second after losing to top seed Dartmouth College in the finals. Fourth-year Daphne L. Wang '08 led off the last game of the tournament with three goals on the first point, shutting down BU's best player. MIT won the final game 9-5 under time cap.

"It was great for our second tour-