A Close Call: Student Groups Escape $27K Network, Phone Bill

By John A. Hawkins

Student groups were billed $27,000 in unexpected charges for phones and network in June, covering the fiscal year from July 2007 to June 2008. The MIT administration has agreed to cover the charges this year, but plans for who would pay similar charges next year remain uncertain.

A committee including student representatives is being formed to address this question.

The charges, posted to student groups’ accounts on June 23, were a result of changes to the billing model for phones and network that Information Services and Technology put into place in June 2007.

As reported in The Tech last April, IS&T transitioned their bills to departments from charging monthly fees for each telephone and IP address to charging a fee based on the number of employees to try to simplify billing and encourage the faculty to make more effective use of telephone and networking services.

Milonas said the later decision to exclude student groups and external vendors from the new billing plan has agreed to cover the charges this year, but plans for who would pay similar charges next year remain uncertain.

Military Chalkboards

Nearly everything in the lecture hall has been upgraded, currently new seating and audiovisual equipment are being installed and the ceiling over the front of the room is being finished, said Bedrosian. Only the motorized chalkboards will remain unchanged, as they were replaced two years ago. The ceiling has been elevated, the dark overhang above the side steps eliminated, and the columns shaved and refined. These modifications, said Bedrosian, complement the new energy-efficient lights to provide an overall brighter appearance.

10-250 Upgrades to Be Completed by Fall With New Seating, Audiovisual Equipment

By Arkajit Dey

Lecture hall 10-250, closed for renovations in the spring, will be bigger and brighter when it reopens for the first day of classes in the fall.

The renovation project is on schedule, and the upgrades will be "substantially complete by the middle of August," said Assistant Registrar Peter D. Bedrosian.

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Lawyer: Student in NW16 Basement Was ‘Hacking’ Felony Charges Against Student Are Still Pending

By Austin Chu

More than four weeks after Michael P. Short was arrested after being found in an off-limits location in NW16, felony charges are still pending against him. Despite silence from officials at MIT, Short’s lawyer seems optimistic that the charges will eventually be dropped as in previous hacking-related cases.

Steven J. Sack, Short’s lawyer, drew a connection between Short’s case and the case of Kristina K. Brown 99, David Nawi 98, and Matthew W. Petersen 09, who were charged with trespassing and breaking and entering with intent to commit a felony after being found in the Faculty Club after hours in October 2006. In that case, the charges were eventually dismissed at MIT’s request after substantial community outcry. Sack was also the lawyer for Brown.

“It’s a hacking case,” said Sack. “In hoping that the case will be resolved in a similar fashion [to the Brown, Nawi, and Petersen case], but I haven’t spoken with anybody at MIT. Short, who is a former Tech feature writer, declined to comment.

Numerous MIT administrators who were contacted for this article declined to comment on the details specific to this case, most citing its pending state and the ongoing fact-finding process.

Ozir Nt, president of the Graduate Student Council, wrote in an e-mail that “there are a couple things going on,” but otherwise also declined to comment.

Two MIT police officers responding to a motion to trigger a motioning alarm just before midnight on Saturday, June 20, found Short, along with fellow MIT graduate student Harold S. Barnard and Brandeis University graduate student Marina Dang, in a normally locked caged room in the basement.

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EZRide Shuttle will increase its service and implement new stop locations in University Park beginning Monday, July 14. Service on Sidney St. will be relocated to Landowne St. to provide better commutes for MIT graduate students, according to the Graduate Student Council. See http://www.charlesriver.com/program_ezride_suburbs.html.

Timothy J. Berners-Lee, inventor of the World Wide Web, has been named the 3Com Founders Professor of Engineering with a joint appointment in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.

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By Natasha Plotkin

Associate Provost for Faculty Equity Barbara H. Liskov became an Institute Professor, achieving the highest faculty rank at MIT.

With this role, she joins a group of 12 other current Institute Professors in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.

Liskov has built a name for herself at the Institute for her work in research, teaching, and the promotion of faculty equity over the 36 years since she became a professor here in 1972.

Liskov, head of the Programming Methodology Group in the Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, was involved primarily in the development of programming languages earlier in her career, but now focuses her research on distributed systems.

Colleagues and students admire Liskov for her intellect and attitude towards her work. “Barbara is very good at cutting to the heart of systems,” said Benjamin M. Vander '00, one of Liskov’s recent students who graduated in 2008. “This allows her to understand systems quickly and also to teach them succinctly.”

Vander noted a group meeting in which Liskov spoke in place of a student who could not attend. “Barbara stood up and gave his talk with basically no preparation — probably better than he would have done,” Vander said.

A current student of Liskov’s, Carlos Scherer ’11, described Liskov’s “tremendous lucidity and echo Vander’s appreciation of her ability to un-
Iran Says 'Crushing Response' Would Follow a Western Attack

By Alan Cowell

THE NEW YORK TIMES

A senior Iranian official was quoted Tuesday as threatening that Iran would respond to any military attack by striking Israel and America’s vital interests around the globe.

"They are the ones who commit acts of foolishness," Ali-Akbar Velayati, the foreign minister, told the state-run IRNA news agency.

The threat — which drew immediate no-response from Israel or the United States — was the latest salvo in the complex maneuvering around Western efforts to persuade Iran to abandon its nuclear ambitions, particularly the enrichment of uranium.

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Senate Report Links Dead Doctors to Payments by Medicare

By Robert Pear

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

Congressional investigators said Tuesday that Medicare had paid tens of millions of dollars to suppliers improperly using identification numbers of doctors who died years ago.

The government has no reliable way to spot claims linked to dead doctors, many of whom are still listed as active Medicare providers though they died 15 or 20 years ago, the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations said.

Medicare covers wheelchairs, walkers, home oxygen equipment and many other types of medical equipment. When suppliers file claims for equipment provided to a Medicare beneficiary, they normally must list an identification number for the doctor who prescribed or ordered it.

"From 2000 to 2007, Medicare paid $478,500 claiming containing identification numbers that were assigned to deceased physicians," the subcommittee said in a new report. "The total amount paid for these claims is estimated to be between $60 million and $92 million. These claims contained identification numbers for an estimated 16,548 to 24,120 deceased physicians.

Iraqi Officials Still Insisting on Timetable o Withdraw

By By Stephen Labaton

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGOTN

President Bush and leaders of the world’s richest nations pledged Tuesday to “move toward a low-carbon society” by cutting greenhouse gas emissions in half by 2050, the latest step in a long evolution by a president who for years played down the threat of global warming.

The declaration could enhance efforts that both developed and developing nations like China and India, which have declined to accept mandatory caps on carbon emissions, must be included in any climate change treaty.

European leaders, who have long pressed Bush to take more aggressive stances on global warming, said the declaration would enable Congress to reach a binding agreement to reduce emissions when negotiators meet in Copenhagen later this year under U.N. auspices.

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Richiest Nations Pledge To Halve Greenhouse Gas

By By Sheryl Gay Stolberg

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

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In a sense, the document represents an environmental quid pro quo. In exchange for agreeing to the “50 by 2050” language, Bush gave what he has sought as his price for joining an international accord: a statement from the rest of the Group of Eight that developing nations like China and India, which have declined to accept mandatory caps on carbon emissions, must be included in any climate change treaty.

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Fed Sees Turmoil Lasting Longer Than Expected

By Brian H. Tang

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

The Federal policymakers have con-

Weather

Situation for Noon Eastern Daylight Time, Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Hurricane Season Underway

By Brian H. Tang

THE NEW YORK TIMES

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By Clifford Krauss

July 9, 2008

The New York Times

Russian security. Putin said it could be reached with a Central or East European country, was signed in Prague last March. The United States hopes to build the system in both countries, but the governments in Warsaw and Washington have so far failed to reach an agreement.

Prague and the United States against Iran, which is under international sanctions and regularly throughout any extended conflict. The president would have access to military and intelligence material. The president would need a report released on Tuesday, the study group concluded that the 1973 law, which is known as the War Powers Resolution and was adopted

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With a month remaining before the Beijing Olympics, the International Olympic Committee on Ballistic Missile Shield

The New York Times

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"There will be a lot of opportunities to use all the icons," Verbruggen said. "We have certain stipulations on when they were permitted to televise from Tsinanmen Square, but that has not deterred the local authorities from letting it be possible to film there." Last year, Beijing lifted certain domestic travel restrictions on foreign journalists as part of its Olympic pledge to allow more open media coverage. But foreign journalists have had their permissions revoked according to the Foreign Correspondents' Club of China. Security officials have become security officers as they tried to film live shots at non-Olympic venues. Live shots at non-Olympic venues. Live shots at non-Olympic venues.

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By Somini Sengupta

The New York Times

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The June 13, 2008 article about a graduate student facing charges for breaking and enter-
ging gave misleading information about the person he may face. Though a sentence of up to 20 years in state prison is allowed under Massachusetts General Law, the Massachusetts Sentencing Guidelines make it difficult to impose more than a one year sentence for a first-
time offender.

The same article misspelled the name of graduate student Michael P. Short's attorney. Short is represented by Steven J. Sack, not Fack. Sack also represented Kristina K. Brown '09 when she faced the similar charges after being found in the Faculty Club in the middle of the night in 2006.

Exploration Doesn’t Merit Incarceration

MIT has not yet issued a summons charging as felons two graduate students who were found in W16 on the night of Saturday, June 7.

Unlike last time — in February 2007, when we found out about charges filed against a student in the Faculty Club — it is not yet too late to stop another terrible mistake which will sour the relationship among students, the MIT Police, administrators, and the courts, a mistake that could irreparably damage students’ futures.

Administrators should act swiftly to make sure that summations are not issued, and they should act to have the district attorney drop charges pressed against a third student, Michael P. Short G.

The students do not seem to have committed the felony of “break-
ing and entering with intent to commit a felony,” with which Short is charged; police have not explained what felony Short meant to commit.

The police report suggests they think Short meant to steal “parts.” Police would have to prove he intended to steal from W16 in order for the other felony charge he faces, “possession of burglary instru-
ments,” to hold water.

We do not think that these students are thieves. We also think that judgments like this should not be tried in the press or the courts; judging the ethics of the students’ actions should be a matter for MIT’s Com-
mittee on Discipline.

The Brandeis University graduate student travel-
ing with Short should be handled by that university’s Student Conduct System.

Short allegedly used a piece of aluminum can — traditionally called a “shim” — to open a combination lock attached to the W16 basement. Police, alerted by a motion-triggered alarm, found Short inside the cage. Although the police report says there’s a history of theft in W16, the lists of positives checked in as an evidence spe-
cific about Short’s arrest seems to indicate which include any W16 property.

The arrest is especially jarring because one of Short’s companions is a graduate student in the Plasma Science and Fusion Center, which is housed in W16. And Short himself works in W22, just two doors down. (The Brandeis graduate student is Short’s girlfriend.)

You should expect to get in trouble at MIT if police find you looking around for a place was supposed to be locked. But you shouldn’t face a felony conviction or years in prison for those actions.

MIT should be reasonable and get the courts out of the equation. Any ethical lapse on the students’ part should be judged by MIT’s and Brandeis’s disciplinary processes.

The Tech has criticized the Committee on Disci-
plore for the secretive nature of its rulings and guidelines. By way of con-
trast, we praise Brandeis’s Department of Student Development and Conduct, which has for their years provided case-by-case summaries of every incident it hears and every outcome. (For instance, see http://
www.brandeis.edu/studentlife/icd/stmts/summary-06.htm.) Despite our misgivings about the MIT system, we still trust its judgment far more than the outcome of the Massachusetts criminal courts.

After the fiasco of the fall 2006 arrests, we had hoped things would be different. We had hoped the MIT administration would value its re-
lationship with students, alumni, and faculty who support the Institute’s hacking tradition and respect its established disciplinary processes.

We had hoped that a year’s worth of discussion about reasonable treatment of hackers would be fruitful, and that the new “official statement on hacking” would help students avoid felony charges for exploration.

But in the week following the incident, The Tech found key admin-
istrators, including Chancellor Philip L. Clay PhD ’75, seemingly un-
aware that a student had been arrested. And arresting officer Duane R. Kergan, who filed the complaint that led to Michael Short’s felony charges, was one of the two officers responsible for the ill-considered arrests against all three students in the Faculty Club.

If MIT wants us to believe that its stance towards hacking has changed in two years, it must act immediately to get the charges against Short dismissed. Otherwise, the message will be clear: hackers will be treated as felons.

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MOVIE REVIEW ***

WALL·E: a Winner for Kids, Adults, and Robots

By Andrew Lee

Directed by Andrew Stanton
Written by Andrew Stanton, Peter Docter, and Jetta Jackson
Starring Ben Burtt, Elissa Knight, Sigourney Weaver, and Jeff Garlin
Rated G
Now Playing

The worldliness of our introduction to WALL·E makes the toy automatically come across as one of Pixar’s animated shorts extended to feature-length. It’s gorgeously shot, however, that I really couldn’t complain. Some of the most memorable sequences for me were the ones where WALL-E crosses stately past the wreckage of our civilization sprawled across a sun-blasted wasteland. I was worried that I might hate how easily the little guy would come across as cute, but his personality works and are genuine and endearing.

WALL·E’s fascination with Technicolor shortstop on VHS is adorable while his blase attitude towards camouflaging family treasures for body parts is both funny and disturbing.

A plot to have arrived sometime, however, as a man in the grip of a hum (with a head), the probe called EVE that sparks a longing within WALL·E’s circuit-board heart for her companion, is as believable as the notion that loathsome love gets through a little heavy on the “WALL·E” and EVE (EVE: Echo Vehicular Ecosystem), and the ensuing space adventure is a visual feast for the eyes. But neither aspect of the story quite hits a home run for me.

The human race is eventually encountered, but, surprisingly, it seems that they’re depicted as nudged. They are a little too easily redeemed for my taste given the catastrophe they created back on Earth and ignored for so long. Without giving too much away, I think it’s a mistake to show WALL-E helping the human race with a sense of our own technology (too ingenious for their own good) instead of creatures with a dispensing technology to do or create anything that fosters a sense of blissful ignorance. WALL·E makes a couple cutesy homages here and there, but it neglects the deeper, darker Kubrickian theme of humanity as a race pandemoniously directed towards its own demise.

Post-apocalyptic, supposedly, is supposed to be a kid’s movie, but it’s not like Pixar hasn’t set a precedent for family movies with more subtle undertones. One of my favorites, Toy Story 2, grappled with the concept of immortality through the lens of a puppet cowboy’s decision to stay with his owner instead of being enshrined in a museum. In the case of WALL-E, the ending is a little too tidy for its own good. Pixar may have erred a little on the side of not developing the expense of that extra layer of poignancy that has elevated some of their movies in the past.

There are a few areas in which Pixar cannot be beat; namely, their attention to detail and brilliant sense of humor. Just watch-hing WALL-E’s camera-lens eyes twitch and calibrate, or seeing the obsessive-compulsive machine play a scene with a view of a now-scrubbed, dirt, is a joy. Try this for an exercise.

The last robot on earth, WALL-E, is fascinated by EVE’s ability to turn on an incandescent light bulb. 

MOVIE REVIEW ***

Living Passionately After Tiananmen

Summer Palace Portrays a Generational Coming-Of-Age

By Praveen Rathinavelu

Summer Palace
Directed by Su Yuan
Written by Ye Lou, Feng Mei, and Ma Yingling
Starring Ma Yun, Qin Xiaolong, Gao Yuanyuan, and Xing Yu
Now in Theaters and on DVD in Limited Release

Lou’s Summer Palace chronicles the life of a beautiful young Chinese woman: it’s the 1920s, in a culture where women are blotted out by the laws of a heredity, as from her dense, passionate college years to her bleak, deplanted years of adulthood that follow.

Bo Ling, for love of literature, and history are crucial. Summer Palace doesn’t trace the struggle and flourishes of an unspecified Chinese generation, but what is arguably the generation. Set predominantly on the Beijing University campus in the atmosphere turbulent times of the ‘80s, Summer Palace moves through its first half with the weight and perception of Tianan- men Square always present. When the moment does arrive—students jumping into the back of a truck and being attacked by the police—nothing is bloodied, with the film focusing on the context and significance of a country that occurred on the periphery of the incident.

Confusion and uncertainty may, in fact, be the emotional anchor of Summer Palace, from its opening moments of adolescent passion, to its ardent, steamy college years, to the fl- nal drama, matter-of-fact sexual encounters of postgraduate life (sex is, clearly, another the- matic anchor of the film). In the film, Yu Hong moves through a seemingly endless series of relationships with actions and decisions that are reckless, confusing, and hardy build up to any notion of character.

While this portrayal of youthful indecision is hardly a stretch, it is nevertheless frustrating for the viewer. Of the film, we are left with nothing to hold onto (unless you count the vague melancholy and resignation of her char- acter). Summer Palace is strongest when it is depicting Yu Hong’s first year in Beijing University. The bars, dances, idealism, and romance of college is almost pain- fully unoriginal (see: anything about the French student protests of 1989), and often feels a bit romanticized, but Lou does it well. But in the wake of Tiananmen, it’s a little jarring to see a film portrayed by a formidable series of heartbreaks (abortion...
By Christine Yu

Dear Facebook,

We have a problem. I just realized that our relationship isn’t working out. And for some reason, I can’t seem to break up with you. It’s not that we’re in an open relationship either. I’ve already broken up with MTT. I really thought that the random friend requests – and poke requests – solved the kind of MTT problems. This naive thinking led me to believe that MTT was swarming with eligible bachelors. If only I had not accepted your friendship request and actually started to learn about you.

Now I’ve realized the dire conditions of finding Mr. Right on campus. The guy who seemed really cute at the time just used a Chi-chick to seduce me when I was only a creepier than you. For some reason, I can’t seem to break up with you, Either you’re a double edge sword. There’s a benefit of being friends with you, you force me to acknowledge real life relationships. Everyone has an obsession with the idea that the guy on Facebook turns out to be a heinous, cretin, boyfriend. One of my roommates told me that she never would’ve found out. However, our relationship has some good. You’re a double edge sword. There’s a benefit of being friends with you. You have to support your fellow countrymen. You saved our brain stems from a slow burn. You carried us in our partying hour of need, and for that we thank you, Poland Springs Water Jug. Well you made up for the lost moment earlier today. I know it was hard to stash away our Blackberries and enjoy the sunshine, but thanks but no thanks, Poland Springs Water Jug, we didn’t do it.

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The Flow of Things

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**Steal My Comic**

by Michael Ciuffo

SO THE PHOENIX COMPLETED TODAY’S PROGRAM TWO HOURS EARLY...

AND THAT’S BAD?

IT’S JUST ODD. EVEN ASSUMING PERFECT CONDITIONS, IT WAS RUNNING AT 130% EFFICIENCY. IT DOESN’T MAKE SENSE.

ANOTHER A- SEARCH? SERIOUSLY? HUMANS ARE SUCH NOOBS.

**Theory of Pete**

by Cai GoGwilt

NO.

NO NO NO NO NO.

WELL, I HOPE YOU KIDS APPRECIATE THE SACRIFICES WE MADE TO SECURE THE LAB SPACE YOU TAKE FOR GRANTED.

NOT A DAY GONE BY I DON’T WONDER WHERE ANY OF US WOULD BE IF WE HAD LOST THAT DAY.

I WOULDN’T STILL BE IN GRAD SCHOOL FOR EXAMPLE.

HEY, OLD MAN, BACK TO WORK OR YOU’LL NEVER GRADUATE!

ALLRIGHT! ALLRIGHT!

I KNOW THIS IS REALLY LATE, BUT HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CECE!

AREN’T YOU FREAKED OUT ABOUT GETTING OLD?

OH WOW, THANKS!

I WAS, BUT THEN I REALIZED IT’S ALL A MATTER OF HAVING THE RIGHT PERSPECTIVE.

A COOKIES! THANKS!

YOU MEAN ACCEPTING MATURITY WITH MIGHTY AND GRACE?

I MEAN USING THE RIGHT NUMERICAL BASE TO CALCULATE YOUR AGE.

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Boston Celebrates the Fourth of July With Music and Fireworks

(clockwise from top left)

Grammy Award-winning Rascal Flatts play at the Hatch Shell during the Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular on July 4.

Workers of Pyro Spectaculars Inc. load fireworks shells into firing tubes on the Charles River barge on July 2.

Friday’s fireworks display by Pyro Spectaculars Inc. is seen from the roof of the Green Building.

MIT students and friends watch the fireworks display from the penthouse of McCormick Hall on July 4.

Keith Lockhart, longtime conductor for the Boston Pops, tries to set a record for the most people singing “Take Me Out to the Ball Game” at the Hatch Shell on July 4.

Fireworks are launched from the Charles River barge in front of the Boston skyline on July 4.
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 on page 14.

ACROSS
1. Pigtail
2. Commission to Senate
3. Brooklyn’s Long Island City
4. Dalmatian
5. Acro
6. Marvel comic
7. Euphonium
8. Scientists’ mail
9. Scam
10. Sweet
11. Nineties
12. Audio
13. Lego
14. Bake
15. Spelling bee
16. Wax
17. Book
18. Friday
19. Bar
20. Christmas day
21. Which
22. Aire
23. Bone
24. Puff
25. Officiate
26. Ivories
27. Hag
28. Race car
29. Wood
30. Crew
31. Alan’s film
32. Advocating
33. Ground zero
34. Mole
35. Face
36. Nonagon
37. Sign
38. Being
39. Vermeil
40. Juxtaposition
41. Rhythm
42. Chorea
43. Smile
44. Play
45. Singing
46. Caper
47. Tango
48. Exploit
49. Craft
50. Fugue
51. Score
52. Neat
53. Bull’s eye
54. Tin
55. Pioneer
56. German
57. Cigar
58. Foot
59. Sea
60. Day
61. Sun
62. Snare
63. Shabby
64. Blank
65. Reindeer
66. Cello

DOWN
1. Kick
2. Jukebox
3. Make
4. Lunch
5. Aperture
6. Brown
7. Bell
8. Morale
9. Dam
10. Finance
11. Anchor
12. Building
13. Coal
14. Shell
15. Face
16. Memorize
17. Scream
18. Music
19. Potato
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25. Film
26. Shoe
27. Nurse
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31. Key
32. Cake
33. Table
34. Vessel
35. Sword
36. Ice
37. Cap
38. Compass
39. Knowledge
40. Asterisk
41. Acorn
42. Job
43. Shield
44. Chisel
45. Magazine
46. Flag
47. Foot
48. Land
49. Landmark
50. River
51. Point
52. Syllable
53. Water
54. Pianist
55. Monitor
56. Sports
57. Beach
58. River
59. Score
60. Clock
61. Wind
62. Mirror
63. Statue
64. Bridge
65. Horn
66. Reader

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MIT Grad Jobless, Selling Himself the Old-Fashioned Way

By Cyrus Sanati

Joshua S. Persky, 31, an out-of-work graduate of MIT, has been hunting for a job on Wall Street for more than six months. Recently he got so frustrated he decided to get a little creative.

Last week, Persky, 48, stood on Park Avenue, holding out resumes to passers-by and wearing a sandwich board that said: "Experienced MIT Grad for Hire: The sign included his name and contact information.

He picked a busy spot, with several hundred people passing every hour. And he did not look bitter or angry standing in the summer heat. Instead, he was smiling and standing tall, wearing his best suit under the placards.

A few looked and snickered when they passed by, but most paid no attention. Some gave him a sympathetic look.

But these days, jobs on Wall Street are scarce — and getting more scarce. Brokers have cut back last December, he said, and have reduced hiring with a boutique investment bank and other charitable organizations, and announced, on Monday, June 23.

Over the weekend, he went to work on re- searching fuel elements for nuclear submarines. While doing that work, his naval medical training led his super- visors to rely on him for their safety procedures and first aid issues. Kuchta would go on to consult numerous de- partments to improve safety issues before moving to the Safety Office full-time in the early 1960s.

Kuchta retired from the Safety Office in 1966, only to take on the role of executive from job coach by Jack Barry. In 1995 he retired a second time in 2003, but even then remained active on campus.

Kuchta first became involved in Alpha Phi Omega through the Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Society with the New England wheelchair games in 1968. Alpha Phi was building temporary wheelchair ramps on the MIT campus in cooperation with the Department of Defense.

Upon his return to MIT in 1968, Seams was named the associate director of the office, and continued to work as a student affairs administrator until 1968. MIT alumni have contacted him for advice and financial support was overwhelming — but I still need a job," he said.

Persky has had some luck on that front. He has been interviewed with a boutique investment bank and has another one lined up at a hedge fund. MIT alumni have contacted Persky and have tried to help him in his job search. One alumna said that if he would move to Denver that he could probably find a place for him. "They are looking for a bit of a change for Persky — but nothing solid yet. Nevertheless, he has received hundreds of e-mail messages and phone calls from well-wishers and companies wanting to find out more about him, which puts him in a better position than where he started.

It hasn’t been all roses, though. By broadcasting his phone num- ber and contact information around the world he has drawn attention from some sleazy people. He got some late-night phone calls from some young, probably investment bank- ing analysts or associates, probably drunk, screaming obscenities and telling me to give my degree back," Persky said. "There were probably several dozen of those.

Still, a couple of young brokers who passed Persky said they thought his unorthodox methods would pay off. One said he had a "first mover's advantage" and that "all this press coverage will probably get him a job!" His colleague agreed, saying, "Yeah, there is no question that it is going to work.

It certainly generated some at- tention. Persky was interviewed by many major news outlets, and appeared on Fox and MSNBC. His story went global. "I am extremely say- ing I am famous in Korea," he said. He recently did a radio program that aired in China, and it also appeared on the cover of a financial magazine in Greece.

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Surge in Overseas Applicants Driven by Weak Dollar

By Peter Schworm

The buffering U.S. dollar, which has steadily lost value against major currencies in the past year, has produced a silver lining for foreign students at American universities that recruit them.

With every dip in the exchange rate, student visas become cheaper, foreign students have dropped in kind, a discount that has contributed to a surge in demand for Boston-area colleges and universities, college administrators and international education specialists say.

American education, but for many families the cost has been prohibitive,” said Mary O’Malley, director of enrollment and international programs at the University of Surge in overseas applications are due to the surging dollar.

The University of Massachusetts at Amherst expects a roughly 10 percent increase in new international applications this fall, and its sister university, the University of Lowell, expects a 15 percent increase. Boston College estimates that its incoming first-year students will produce a 15 percent rise in their rates.

“We’ve stepped up recruiting, and the dollar has certainly played a role,” said Sanjiv Gissel, Bahsoon’s dean of undergraduate admissions. “As the dollar decreases in value, American colleges become that much more attractive.”

As the throngs of foreign tourists who flock to Harvard, Brown, and other campuses attest, the Boston area has long been a beacon for international students. In 2004, 24,000 foreign students, Boston is the country’s third-largest host city, behind New York and Los Angeles. Higher-education institutions such as Harvard University, Amherst University, Boston College, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Northeastern are known around the world.

“Is what a Harvard education is for?” asked Professor Gardner, who is teaching the seminars in English. A member of the Harvard faculty since 1968, Gardner has taught more than 300 classes at the university, including courses in psychology, education, and public policy.

“My idea of the Ivy League simply being complacent mechanisms for Wall Street?”

Although others have expressed similar concerns, Gardner says that his views have gained support on the Harvard campus with students, faculty, and alumni. In 1999, Dreh Glidden Faust, who made the topic of Harvard and his address to seniors during commencement week. Dr. Faust noted that in the past year, whenever she has met with in-...
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New Committee Will Consider Future for Network, Phone Bills

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how grant money can be spent, and a requirement that the federal government not subsidize external vendors. The Tech reported last April that student groups were likely to stop paying for phones and network as a result of the fee restructuring, but no decisions happened in the following 14-month period.

When students began to notice the June 23 charges, some complained to Wartman, who sent out an announcement to the affected groups that evening, apologizing for the lack of notice and explaining the charges.

In interviews, Wartman and Cummings both agreed that important communication with student groups over these charges had not happened.

The final decision that MIT would cover the costs and a committee would be formed to address the question of future charges came as a result of student complaints about notice and explaining the charges.

Many questions remain as to how the issue of student phone and network charges will be handled in the future:

- Would keeping a per IP address charge for student groups restrict them in ways that departments are not restricted?
- Should student groups be treated financially more like departments or external vendors?
- What should be the basis for the rates student groups will be charged? Should the 2006–2007 usage be used as a starting point?
- Would it be fair to apportion the cost over all student groups, without regard to who uses these services at all?

The yet-to-be-formed committee may address some of these questions in the future. Peter Cummings, who also supervises finances for campus dining groups seems sensitive to the issues at hand: “I’d never want student groups to feel they’re a dining vendor,” he said.

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Seats in Renovated 10-250 Will Be Wider, With Power Outlets for Each

The purple seats will be replaced by maple-backed charcoal ones. While there will be fewer seats—423 instead of 490—they will be wider, at least 20 inches instead of 17 inches, said Bedrosian. To accommodate student laptop use, power outlets will be installed on the side of every seat, below each armrest.

Additionally, the carpet over the lecturer’s area is being removed in favor of a terrazzo floor which looks like granite. The carpet has already been taken out, and the terrazzo floor is to be installed over the next few weeks, said Bedrosian. The new audiovisual equipment will incorporate cameras dedicated to capturing classes for archival on OpenCourseWare, said Bedrosian. Previously, portable cameras had been used.

There will be a meeting in late August to familiarize faculty who teach in 10-250 with the new setup. Bedrosian said.

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Bob, Eveline Roberts Pledge $2 Million To Upgrade Steinbrenner Stadium Turf
By James Kramer
A gift from the parents of an MIT student-athlete is changing the landscape for outdoor competition in the Department of Athletics, Physical Education, and Recreation. The generosity of John N. Roberts ’90, and Eveline Roberts, whose daughter, Julie N. Roberts ’11 is a midfielder on the women’s soccer team, have pledged $2 million for the installation of natural grass at Harvard Stadium.

The generosity of the Roberts family is dedicated to the ongoing transformation of a new surface and upgrade to our outdoor facilities cannot be overstated. DAMP Executive Director, Department Head and Director of Athletics Julie Solomon ’82, said, “This student-athlete can proudly practice and compete in a first-rate facility. This is one of the many reasons St. John’s has become a home away from home for the entire MIT community. We are truly grateful and excited about the opportunity” section. But in a few years, maybe your pictures or ticket stubs from the exhibit will lie next to the team’s “Enterprise and Opportunity” section. But in a few years, maybe your pictures or ticket stubs from the exhibit will lie next to the team’s “Enterprise and Opportunity” section.

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For those interested in the technical side of baseball, the “In- vention and Ingenuity” placard dis- cusses the National League’s quest in shadow of the way that contest pitches, a Prelude to displays of equipment and communications advances. Arc- hing the curve ball, former Har- vard president Charles Eliot gave us this ironic gem: “I understand that a curve ball is thrown with a deliberate attempt to deceive. This art is not an ability we should want to foster at Harvard.” Additionally, there is a section devoted just to the Red Sox. A good portion of that section is taken up by the players taking the field in Fenway today. I’m not sure if this is in light of two titles since 2004 and the requisite mention (and resolution) of the 86-year curse, or perhaps a feature that the curators tweak every time the exhibit changes cities to reflect the history of the team closest to that city. It’ll be either, I’m even more impressed at the way the exhibit involves the national regional fan. That’s not the only personal touch, either. The exhibit encourages fans to upload their own baseball “stories” to its database. Additionally, when your party enters the exhibit you pass by “home plate,” and have the opportunity “to add your own story” section. But in a few years, maybe your pictures or ticket stubs from the exhibit will lie next to the team’s “Enterprise and Opportunity” section. But in a few years, maybe your pictures or ticket stubs from the exhibit will lie next to the team’s “Enterprise and Opportunity” section.

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