Register to Vote!

Staff

Thursday and Friday this week in the Student Center, outside of the game room, the Tech and the UA have all the forms and information you need to register to vote or fill out your absentee ballot. It takes five minutes and they even provide the stamp for you! You have no excuse not to register!

The Daily Blunderbuss

Ben Peters

Laundry Room

Nate Pallo

If you’re like me and wash your clothes, you may have found out that half of the machines in the MUNROE basement are busted, such that if you do happen to use one of them, it will flood the entire basement. You may have also found out that 7 machines cannot sustain the East Campus dormitory laundry needs. Irritated with the situation, I spoke with our dorm’s president, asking who I should email to complain about the status of the machines. It turns out this is something MIT Housing should be taking care of, but they refuse to acknowledge that this is a problem. If you think it’s time that Housing stepped up and took responsibility for unfuxing our machines, email colins@mit.edu (Dir. Housing) explaining your situation. Or better yet, have your parents write him - admins listen to parents much more than students. If you’re a freshman, more power to your parents: “My poor little boy/girl is now all on their own and MIT Housing ...”

Alumni Corner

Walker Chan

Rugby Announcement

Carly Narlesky

Unfortunately due to the weather, the Institute canceled all field reservations last Sunday. But if you feel you’ve missed out, worry no more! This Sunday, October 5, MIT Women’s Rugby takes on Rhode Island College at 11:00. The game lasts about two hours (in case you can’t manage to drag yourself out of bed at such an early hour). This is our last home game for several weeks, so now’s your chance!

Ask Dr. Dice

Dr. Dice

Q: Following the same vein as last week, here is another news story of critical importance.

A: #5 on ProjectCensored.org’s list of most censored stories of the year is this little gem:

“President Bush has signed two executive orders that would allow the US Treasury Department to seize the property of any person perceived to, directly or indirectly, pose a threat to US operations in the Middle East.”

The first of these executive orders, titled Blocking Property of Certain Persons Who Threaten Stabilization Efforts in Iraq, signed by Bush on July 17, 2007,
authorizes the Secretary of Treasury, in consulta-
tion with the Secretary of State and the Secretary of
Defense, to confiscate the assets of US citizens and
organizations who directly or indirectly pose a risk
to US operations in Iraq. Bushs order states:

I have issued an Executive Order blocking prop-
erty of persons determined 1) to have committed, or
pose a significant risk of committing, an act or acts of
violence that have the purpose or effect of threaten-
ing the peace or stability of Iraq or the Government
of Iraq or undermining efforts to promote economic
reconstruction and political reform in Iraq . . . or 2)
to have materially assisted, sponsored, or provided
financial, material, logistical, or technical support
for, or goods or services in support of, such an act
or acts of violence or any person whose property and
interests in property are blocked pursuant to this
order . . .

Section five of this order announces that, because
of the ability to transfer funds or other assets instan-
taneously, prior notice to such persons of measures to
be taken pursuant to this order would render these
measures ineffectual. I therefore determine . . . there
need be no prior notice of listing or determination [of
seizure] . . .

On August 1, Bush issued a similar executive or-
der, titled Blocking Property of Persons Undermining
the Sovereignty of Lebanon or Its Democratic Pro-
cesses and Institutions. While the text in this order
is, for the most part, identical to the first, the order
regarding Lebanon is more severe.

While both orders bypass the Constitutional right
to due process of law in giving the Secretary of Trea-
sury authority to seize properties of those persons
posing a risk of violence, or in any vague way as-
sisting opposition to US agenda, the August 1 order
targets any person determined to have taken, or to
pose a significant risk of taking, actionsviolent or non-
violentthat undermine operations in Lebanon. The
act further authorizes freezing the assets of a spouse
or dependent child of any person whose property is
frozen. The executive order on Lebanon also bans
providing food, shelter, medicine, or any humanitar-
ian aid to those whose assets have been seizedinclud-
ing the dependent children referred to above.

Vaguely written and dangerously open to broad
interpretation, this unconstitutional order allows for
the arbitrary targeting of any American for disprop-
osition of all belongings and demands ostracism from
society.

Bet you wished that hall shotgun passed, don’t you?

If you have a question for the doctor, email
ask-dr-dice@mit.edu.

Obituary
Sebastian Denault

This is an artistic work of fiction. You are a
fool if you believe anything contained in this
story.

Esteban “Penis Wrinkle” Hufstedler passed away
on Tuesday morning after a long battle with Head-
In-Ass disease. Doctors were unable to extricate his
head from his rectum, and he was eventually asphyx-
iated by his own fecal matter. He will be missed
sorely. I’d like to leave you with the memories of his
friends and loved ones:

“Esteban was the best damn white supremacist
there ever was. He could burn a cross like a nobody
else, and you should have seen him tie a noose . . .
I think I’m going to cry.” -Anonymous KKK member

“I remember the first time I met Esteban. He flew
in through the plenum on a plaid dragon and handed
me a burlap sack full of spaghetti sauce. That was a
very good day.” -John Escrow

“He was a jerk. He published an article in which
he called me emo-glasses. Then I cut myself.” -Emo-
glasses