

THE WEEKLY AWESOME

October 2, 2008

Volume 4, Issue 6

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 unfucking 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 consultation 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. Bush's order states:

I have issued an Executive Order blocking property 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 threatening 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 instantaneously, 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 order, titled Blocking Property of Persons Undermining the Sovereignty of Lebanon or Its Democratic Processes 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 Treasury authority to seize properties of those persons posing a risk of violence, or in any vague way assisting opposition to US agenda, the August 1 order targets any person determined to have taken, or to pose a significant risk of taking, actions violent or non-violent that 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 humanitarian aid to those whose assets have been seized including 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 dispossession 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 asphyxiated 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