

Improving the Internet

Engineers try to design safer way to transmit information

WASHINGTON (AP) — Engineers designing a new way to send information across the Internet want to include a unique serial number from each personal computer within every parcel of data.

Critics warn that, if adopted, the move could potentially strip away anonymity and security enjoyed by tens of millions of home-computer users who dial into America Online Inc. and other Internet providers (IPs) over traditional telephone lines.

The debate illustrates the unintended potential consequences of design decisions aimed at ensuring the Internet's stability into the 21st century.

The proposal by the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF), an international standards body, would include the unique serial number for each computer's network connection hardware as part of its expanded new Internet protocol address.

These IP addresses, planted within

e-mails and all other informationing across the Internet, may be unique as telephone numbers distinguish each computer on the network and to guide the bits and bytes flowing among them.

The IETF's top engineers also edge some implications for privacy, but "I think the privacy issues are overrated," Fred Baker, force's chair, said.

But some privacy experts were appalled IETF engineers consider the idea. The new scheme, called IPv6, would come widely used for years, but would affect every Internet site.

Critics warned that, if implemented, record IP addresses could correlate these embedded numbers against a computer name, address and other details, from clothing size to racial affiliation.

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Tuesday

TSEA: Will host a guest lecture by Dr. Slattery at 8:30 p.m. in 212 MSC. For more information, please contact Janice at 694-7270.

IEEE: There will be a guest lecture in 104B Zachry at 7 p.m.

Circle K International: There will be a general meeting in 404 Rudder.

Future Aggie Physician Assistants: Baylor's PA program director and two Baylor PA students will speak at 7 p.m. in 401 Rudder. For more information, contact Lori at 696-8593.

International Study Society: Will be holding a meeting at 7 p.m. in MSC 228 with guest speakers from the Peace Corp and the Study Abroad Office. For more information please contact Adam at 595-1200.

Wednesday

No entries submitted.

Thursday

The Society for Marine Mammalogy-Texas Student Chapter: Dagmar Fertl with the Minerals Management Service branch of the U.S. Department of the Interior will speak about marine mammal research at Texas A&M-Galveston, CLB 100 at 6 p.m.

Friday

Symphonic Band: There will be a concert in the MSC Flagroom at 10:30 p.m., Concert Band also will perform.

International Student Association: ISA Mini-Olympics will be at various campus sports facilities. Check out the Mini-Olympics Website for times and locations of events: acs.tamu.edu/~t0y0469. Or contact Takuya at 847-5188.

CORPS

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A 1986 Texas law made not reporting hazing a crime, but the court ruled the law violates students' constitutional right against self-incrimination.

Jeremiah Leibowitz, first regiment commander in the Corps and a senior agricultural development major who formerly was a freshman commander in the Fish Drill Team, said while he is eager to see the team return, the team's disbandment was necessary to resolve problems within it.

"What happened was for the best," he said. "Now we can regroup and do things the right way."

Cynthia Lawson, director of the Office of University Relations, said the legal matter preventing the reinstatement of the program concerns charges similar to Alton's. The charges, which were filed in a South-Texas state court by a former team member who was identified only by his last name, Howard.

MEMORIAL

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Programs like "Drive Alert, Arrive Alive" campaign were created specifically for students driving drowsy.

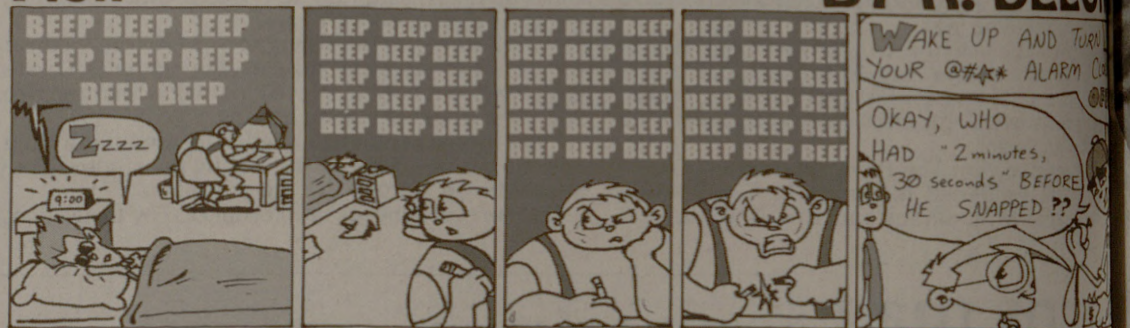
Ferguson said certain hotels offer reduced rates between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. for students with a student I.D. traveling 55 miles or more from their home college. Participating hotels include Motel 8 in College Station, Navasota, Temple, New Braunfels and Amarillo and Hampton Inn in College Station, Corpus Christi, Austin, Longview and Laredo.

"We've got to help make students aware that by driving drowsy they are in danger," Ferguson said. "They should naturally know that they should pull over when they are drowsy, but this is quickly rising to the second-biggest driving problem, next to drunk driving."

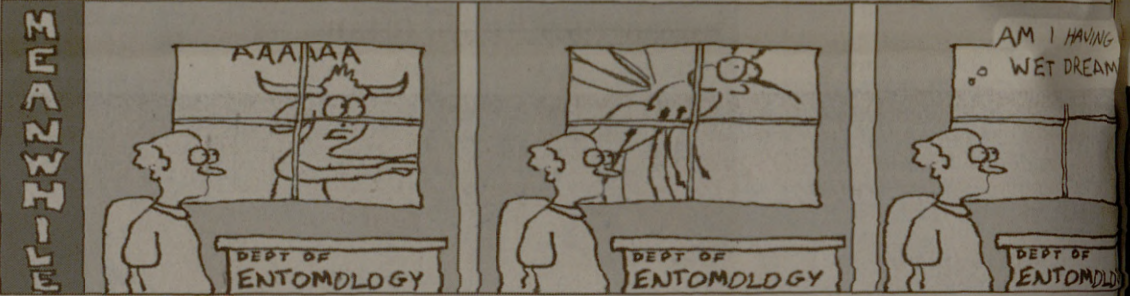
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Due to a technical error, a picture that appeared in yesterday's *Battalion* on page 1, labeled "Bruton," was run incorrectly.

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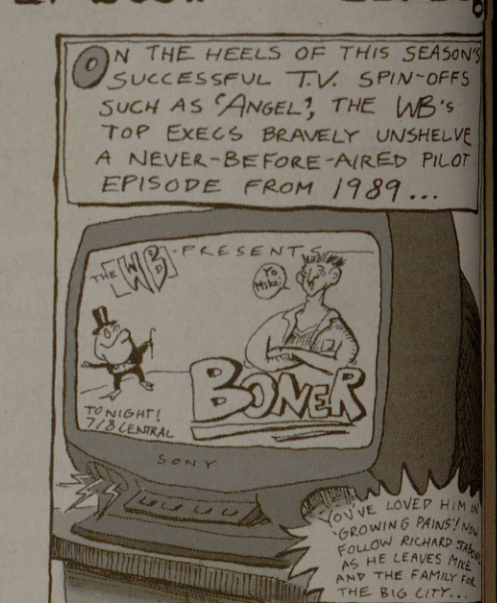
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9 - 4 p.m. on Thursday, October 14, 1999.

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Sue Foster - Associate Director of Residence Life
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