

MIT Plans to Make Course Materials Available on Internet

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The Massachusetts Institute of Technology announced Thursday that it plans to put most of its course materials on the Internet for free — making it accessible to both students and the public.

Patti Richards, director of communications at the MIT Lab for Computer Science, said the program will cost \$7.5 million to \$10 million annually for each of the 10 years it will take to put all the course materials online.

Richards said MIT is still looking for the majority of funding for the project.

She emphasized that the program will span the entire university by incorporating all departments. "It will involve nearly every course at MIT, but only the content of the courses."

Richards said this would include basic teaching materials such as lecture notes, course outlines and reading lists.

But she stressed that MIT was not offering long-distance learning.

"It's not a substitute for going to school at MIT," Richards said. "We are

looking at the Web in a positive way. Imagine if every university does this; what an incredible repository of information this would create."

MIT Faculty Chairman Steven Lerman echoed Richards. He said the main purpose of putting course materials online was for reference.

He added that MIT would not offer courses online and emphasized that visitors to the MIT Web site would not earn credit. "It's very much like putting a text book online," Lerman said. "This will be a great reference for research and educa-

tion, particularly in developing countries."

Lerman also said the course materials would not be for sale. "Obviously there's no financial gain, but we are enhancing the image of our university."

And he said MIT expects to attract a worldwide audience. "We're doing something useful for the world, doing the right thing," Lerman said.

Other Internet sites that provide course material are not worried about competition from MIT.

David Heiserman, general manager at Free-Ed, an Ohio company that offers

free education resources through its Web site, said he thinks it is a great initiative.

But Heiserman said he does not think MIT's program is a novelty.

"I don't see how this is different from World Lecture Hall and other Web sites where college professors put up notes," he said. "But it's going to save us a lot of time in putting together our Web site."

But none of the UNC-system schools will follow MIT's footsteps, said Gretchen Bataille, UNC-system vice president for academic affairs.

Bataille said some professors already

offer their course materials online, but that the system does not have the money to implement a similar program. "We're anticipating a budget cut, so we're not planning on any decision like that."

She added that she thinks most students would prefer to see money spent in other areas. "I think most students in our system would like to see us spending money on other priorities, like student aid and faculty salaries."

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U.S. Seeks Quick Resolution to China Standoff

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As the standoff over the detained crew of a downed American spy plane entered its second week, top Bush administration officials said Sunday a quick resolution was crucial to avoid further straining U.S.-China relations.

Continued delay in sending the 24 Americans home could have repercussions on Capitol Hill, said members of Congress, citing a possible trade fight later this year and an upcoming decision on U.S. weapons sales to Taiwan.

The administration refused again to apologize for the collision between a Chinese fighter jet and the U.S. plane, which was forced to make an emergency landing on an island in southern China. The Chinese jet and its pilot are missing.

During the weekend, the Chinese military took a tough stance on who was to blame and has called for an end to the surveillance flights. U.S. officials said the flights will continue.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said the United States was "sorry" about the pilot's fate as he used a word the administration has generally avoided. But he emphasized the United States should not and will not apologize for the collision of the planes.

Powell, Vice President Dick Cheney and the president's national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice, said an extended standoff threatened to make it harder to repair relations between the two countries.

"I don't want to put a timetable on it; every day that goes by without having it resolved raises the risks to the long-term relationship," Cheney said on NBC's

"Meet the Press." Administration officials were careful to avoid spelling out specific consequences of further delay.

Shifting from a diplomatic to a personal level, the White House said the president was answering the missing pilot's distraught wife, who had written Bush and accused his administration of being "too cowardly" to offer an apology.

"The purpose of the letter is to respond in a humanitarian way, in an American way, to a widow who is grieving," Powell said on "Fox News Sunday." "Whatever you think about the politics of it, she's lost her husband."

"We have expressed regrets, we've expressed our sorrow, and we are sorry that a life was lost," Powell said, referring to the missing pilot.

In comparison, he offered this explanation for the U.S. position on an apol-

ogy to Beijing for the collision: "The question of apology is something quite different, because then we are being asked to accept responsibility. And that we have not done, can't do, and therefore won't apologize for that."

Cheney rejected the description of the crew as "hostages" by Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill. Cheney said the United States has access to them and they were being treated well. But Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., said, "We're getting precariously close to that."

Bush spent the weekend at Camp David, conferring with aides, including Rice and senior adviser Karen Hughes. Rice said Bush had not personally called Chinese President Jiang Zemin because that is an option he can use one time and "one (he) wants to use when it really might make a difference."

Campus Calendar

Today

6:45 p.m. — The **Black Student Movement** invites all to the **African Dance Extravaganza** to be held with "The Magic of African Rhythm" in the Union Auditorium. There will be a **dance workshop** open to the campus following the performance at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

7 p.m. — **Carolina Style Dance Company's Spring Performance** will take place in Memorial Hall. Tickets are \$4 in advance and \$5 at the door. Come out and enjoy a night of dance!

7:30 p.m. — The **Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies** will hold a debate on the topic "Resolved: The nations of Europe should each maintain their own monetary systems." The regular meeting of the societies will be held in the Dialectic Chambers, 308 New West. Guests are welcome to attend and speak.

8 p.m. — **Sen. Cal Cunningham** will be speaking to the **Young Democrats**

in 105 Gardner Hall.

8 p.m. — The first **Life Skills Seminar** will take place in 103 Bingham Hall. Attorney Carol Badgett will be there to give **legal advice** concerning rental contracts and landlords. Badgett will also answer any questions about general legal concerns.

Tuesday

6 p.m. — An **informal interest meeting** will be held in 431 Greenlaw Hall for **Alpha Epsilon Omega Christian Sisterhood**. All those interested are encouraged to attend.

8 p.m. — **Blank Canvas** will hold its **annual show** at 7:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall. Tickets are \$2 and will be available in the Pit.

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