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The First Close Look at Colleges' Digital Pirates

Illinois State U. opened up its computer network and found a haven for illegal activity

BY BROCK READ

LATE in 2006, a group of officials from Illinois State University and a few other colleges met at a heart-shaped conference table in a New York City office and stared into the eyes of the enemy.

Chery A. Elzy, dean of libraries, and Warren Arbergst, a college technology and information systems professor on one side, opposite were dozens of entertainment-industry executives, lawyers, and

other intimidating people in business suits. "To say there was distrust is like saying the Atlantic Ocean is moist," he says.

"Everybody in the room was civilized," says Ms. Elzy. "But there were some hot heads."

Some of that heat radiated from the entertainment industry, which argues that colleges are responsible for most movie piracy

on typical college campuses.

Ms. Elzy and Mr. Arbergst wanted financial support from the industry, and they got

it. The Digital Citizen Project, as Illinois State calls it, has received considerable industry funding since the meeting, including an influx of several hundred thousand dollars that came shortly after the meeting. Later, Illinois State sought permission that the industry collects would not be used to prosecute students.

So the university opened up its campus network, collecting never-before-seen data on what its students are swapping and how they share them. (See Page A43.) It

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Va. Tech Was Slow to Respond to Gunman, Panel Finds

BY KAREN FISCHER
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A STATE panel that investigated last spring's massacre at Virginia Tech has issued a harshly worded report that says the university was slow to respond to a mentally disabled student who became a killer and in how it dealt with the immediate aftermath of the shooting.

The report was one of several developments involving the shootings in the last several weeks, including the release of an internal review of the university's response.

Despite complaints from professors and students that Seung-Hui Cho, the gunman, was unstable and threatening, no one at Virginia Tech "connected all the dots" and adequately dealt with his problems,

the state review panel found.

It also found that last week, also said university offices—including the counseling center and the student-affairs office—had misinterpreted a professor's request

refusing to share information about Mr. Cho's behavior with one

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Building a New Economy With Biotechnology

BY KAREN FISCHER

Roy Hanshu wants to get training so he can work at a new research campus on this former mill site.

KANNAPOLIS, N.C.—THE TOWN BACKSTOPS AT THE FORMER CANNON mill is getting a new life as a boom one foggy morning last summer, a

the hundreds of residents who gathered here to watch them fall were not just bidding the town's textile past goodbye.

It was a welcome return. Its future.

After three years of dormancy, the 1.1-million-square-foot mill complex was being leveled to

make way for an audacious undertaking in an unlikely location, a \$1.5-billion biotechnology research center.

The project, called the North Carolina Research Campus, is the brainchild of David H. Murdock, owner of Dole Foods and a one-time operator of the former textile mill that closed in 2003, leaving 4,800 people out of work.

He and his wife, Debbie, have signed

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Study-Abroad Investigation Raises Alarms

Colleges defend practices but rush to make sure arrangements are legal

BY ELIZABETH F. FARRELL

A THREE-MONTH-OLD investigation of the study-abroad industry by the New York State attorney general's office has sent college leaders racing to ensure the legality of their arrangements with independent providers of overseas education, while defending practices they say are necessary to offer competitive programs on tight budgets.

In mid-August, five study-abroad providers received wide-ranging subpoenas from Andrew Cuomo, New York's attorney general, requesting information about any incentives they offer to colleges, such as free trips to study abroad.

Despite complaints from university officials, dis-

courted rates for exclusive access to students and subsidies to colleges that enroll large numbers of stu-

dents.

More than two dozen colleges and study-abroad providers contacted by *The Chronicle* noted that their arrangements were ethical, and that such arrangements did not sway their advice to students on choosing an overseas educational program.

Nevertheless, college presidents and leaders in the study-abroad industry are not taking any chances.

At Dartmouth College, Princeton University, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and other institutions, study-abroad directors have been asked by their bosses to

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