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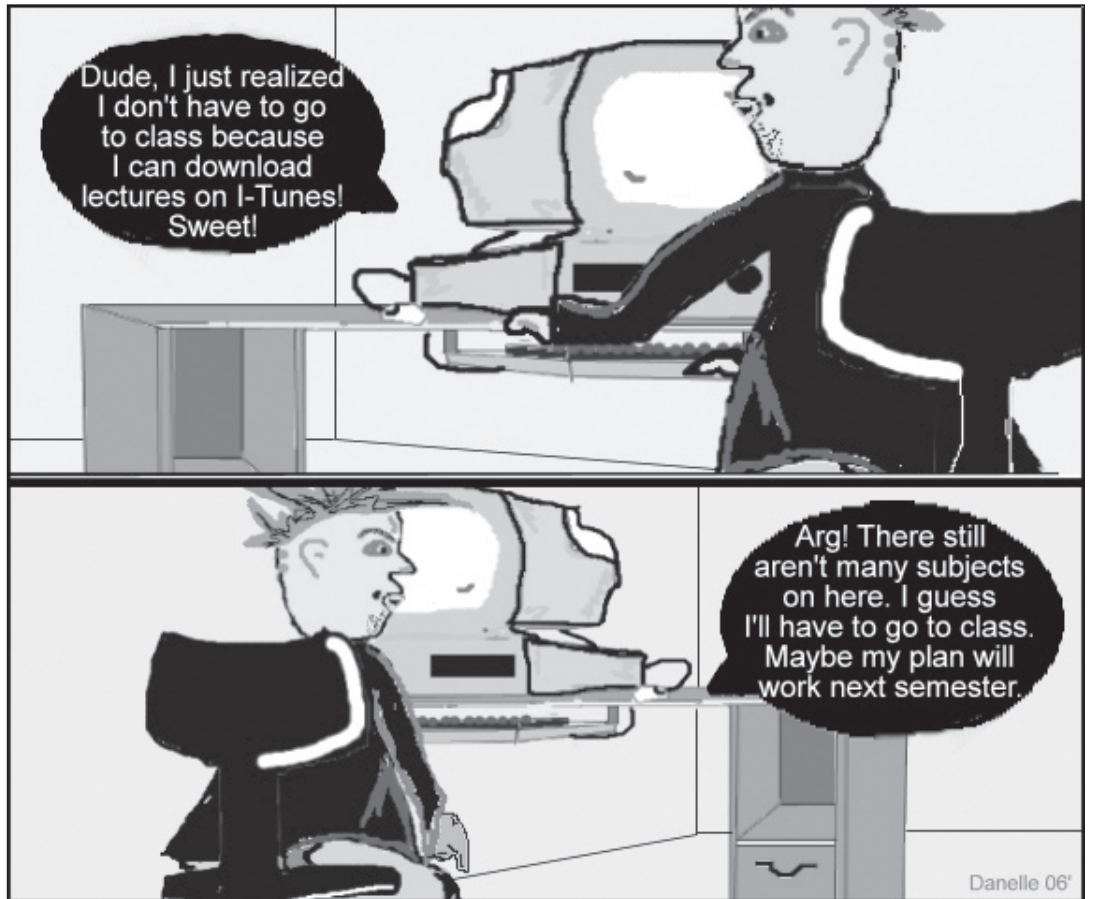


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OPINION

Extraordinary rendition violates civil rights

By **EMILY BURKETT**
Staff writer

Maher Arar, a naturalized Canadian citizen, was arrested at John F. Kennedy Airport on Sept. 26, 2002. He was not informed of the charges against him, or of his rights. Instead, Arar was detained at the airport and questioned for 13 consecutive days before he was placed in handcuffs and leg shackles and transported to an executive jet with a flight trajectory ending in Syria.

Arar had become one of the many victims of extraordinary rendition.

Extraordinary rendition is the

term coined by the CIA to describe an extra-judiciary procedure by which the CIA "out-sources torture." In essence, American officials have used extraordinary rendition to weasel their way out of such trivial laws as the Geneva Accords, the Fourth Amendment and due process. Never mind the law of the land. Who cares?

Typically speaking, the U.S. kidnaps an individual like Arar and then gently nudges a pro-torture government into issuing a warrant for that individual's arrest. The usual range of receiving nations includes Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Uzbekistan, Israel and Lebanon.

However, a simple warrant is not enough. Before the U.S. can turn over an unsuspecting person to a country that will inevitably use torture techniques, the U.S. must first procure assurances from the nation that they will not use torture. But these assurances are merely for show; basically, our way of covering our behind.

The U.S. has seen repeated examples of the torture used in the nations to which they send people. Uzbekistan is known for boiling either the hand or arm during interrogation techniques and there have been several reports of suspects boiled to death. Furthermore, when

the U.S. demanded the return of a suspect held in Egypt, Egypt readily complied. However when the suspect was brought back, he was wrapped mummy-style in duct tape. Egypt's secret police, the Mukhabarat, is particularly known for its brutality. Prisoners have reported sleep deprivation, electrical charges to the genitals, standing in pools of water, threats of rape, beatings and other atrocities.

Surprisingly, it isn't the act of extraordinary rendition that is the problem but the lawlessness with which it has been carried out since 9/11. Previously, extraordinary rendition was used as a last resort,

viewed as an evil but a necessary one. Today, extraordinary rendition is being carried out on an exponentially larger scale. An estimated 150 people have been rendered and this count is not including individuals held in places like Guantanamo Bay or Abu Gharib. Furthermore, instead of allowing a foreign nation to commit the torture, American officials are directly interrogating suspects under duress.

The former head of the counterterrorism branch of the CIA, Cofer Black, gave clues as to the extent of extraordinary rendition's expansion in an address to the Senate and

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Solar research is not getting its deserved attention

By **ERIC DORMAN**
Staff writer

Turn on the news sometime and take a look at some of the problems that afflict the world today. You've got global warming, the war in Iraq, and the price of gas. At the heart of every one of these problems is one thing—oil.

Let's face it: in the long run, oil isn't going to work for us. The amount of oil we pump out of the

ground is expected to peak in about five years and the soldiers dying in Iraq is proving a cost much greater than the \$2.50 we're paying at the pump. So why not look into a new source of energy - solar power?

Even at first glance, solar power seems like the obvious method of choice to break our oil addiction. The sun will be around as long as we will, and using its light doesn't cost much, either. Furthermore, any sort of organic energy we use, be it oil or ethanol, was originally made through photosynthesis. Why not bypass this entire process, and

harvest directly from the sun?

Solar critics are fond of reminding us that it is not possible to power the nation using only solar panels, and if it were, we would have to cover our open spaces with black panels. Few realize that to power the nation purely by solar, we would need to use only about a quarter of the roof and pavement space in our cities and suburbs, and none of our precious open spaces, says the August 2005 edition of *National Geographic*. America powered by solar alone! Other than initial installation and upkeep fees, we

would have free and environmentally-friendly power.

Just last Monday, Google revealed plans to have 30 percent of its Mountain View campus running off solar power by next spring. The 9,200 solar panels that will be installed will generate 1.6 megawatts of electricity, enough to power 1,000 California homes. Google estimates that the investment will pay for itself in about 10 years.

Solar technology has improved substantially from the bulky black panels many envision when we think of solar power. A company

named Nanosolar is developing solar panels that are 50 times thinner than the current variety—and could be sold at 50 cents a watt, a price that could compete with today's utilities.

Sadly, our current administration has done precious little to fund any sort of solar research. Washington has spent \$83 million this year toward solar energy, less than half of what America is spending in Iraq per day. C'mon, Bush—is that all you can spare?

As college students, what can we

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Does file-sharing cause more music variety?



CASSANDRA SALAZAR
Sports Medicine

"If they want to share music, more power to them!"



GUSTAVO ZAMORA
Video Broadcasting

"I don't think it's due to file sharing, but changing tastes."



KAMRAN JOHAL
Peace and Conflict Studies

"Sharers have the opportunity to, but most listen to what they have."



SHREGA PATEL
Sports Medicine

"Yeah, I think there is."



TIMOTHY WEY
Engineering

"I don't think so. I don't think music has evolved because of it."