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## OPINION

# E-Tattoo will raise ethical concerns, but still cool

By SANDEEP ABRAHAM  
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Like almost all surgeries, it begins with an incision on your arm, a tiny one just wide enough to squeeze a tightly rolled, less-than-paper-thin sheet of electronic filament through it.

Once the filament goes through, it unfurls, creating a new layer between your skin and muscle. The filament comes attached to two nodules which reroute one of your blood vessels, allowing them to harness energy produced in your blood stream from sugar and oxygen.

Once the energy is processed, the filament lights up in grays, blacks and whites.

Behold the electronic tattoo, currently in the works by inventor Jim Mielke and others.

Once installed, a mere stroke of your skin brings up an iPod-like display, showing you anything from vital signs to the latest news headlines.

Given the right conditions and technological accessories (i.e. a cell phone), you might one day be able to make video phone calls literally on the palm of your hand.

Although this technology is in

its infancy, it should soon find itself wading through a nasty sludge of ethical questions.

Even as a concept, this clearly shows that there is no such thing as being too wired. If used as anything more than mere body art (though even that's suspect), you essentially turn the human body into a living, breathing cog in the world's emerging technological network.

Man and machine come together, in Borg-like fashion, sublimate one another and become "of one flesh."

Taken even further, if these filaments were then connected to the

brain through intravenous wiring to allow you handless control of the computer in your skin (which, remember, is still connected to the internet), imagine what havoc a well-developed virus might wreak.

OK, I admit I am getting ahead of myself here, but it is possible. Even if internet porn viruses do not hack into your body through these tattoos, we still don't know the medical side effects of putting something electronic between your skin and muscles.

Then again, the benefits are a little hard to ignore. At any given moment, I can say with complete sincerity

that I carry a small electronic store on my person. I've usually got my cell-phone, laptop and iPod, not to mention the various notebooks and textbooks stuffed in my backpack.

If I could simply condense all these into a paper-thin filament and absorb it into my skin, words wouldn't begin to describe my relief. And none of this even touches on the fact that an electronic, blood-powered tattoo is by far one of the cooler things man has invented.

Sarcasm aside, the ensuing delicious street cred would make the iffyness of electronic body art more than worth it.

# Despite love, marriage at a young age is unwise

By PEI JU CHEN  
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Last weekend, I got a phone call from one of my friends, and I was so shocked when she told me that she was going to get married this June.

She is in her early 20s and I asked her why she decided to get married at this young age. Why were she and her boyfriend in such a hurry?

She replied that they have been dating for many years and love each other deeply. They were ready to begin their lives

together.

At the time, I did not know how to express my feelings. A lot of questions were flying inside my brain.

What about their education? Both are students right now and are going to graduate after this semester. Don't they want to get a higher degree?

What about the financial issues? Will they have a stable income source, a good job to provide for their married life? And most importantly, are they really thinking clearly when they jump into such a big commitment at this young age?

Personally, I believe it is better

to not get married when people are too young. Young people have neither enough life experience nor enough maturity to deal with the imperfections of adult life. This may cause problems if they cannot communicate well.

Life in school and life after graduation are totally different. In my opinion teenagers, even people in their early 20s, are still learning the basics of adulthood. Between college graduation and their early 30s is when people really learn about being adults.

During this period, they find out that a lot about themselves will change. It can be difficult to maintain a marriage while they

become different people.

Money is another problem for young married couples.

Oh, don't tell me that love is everything...be realistic!

Usually, young couples live on a tight budget. They often do not have enough money after paying bills, taxes and everyday expenses (and it gets worse if they have children). The lack of a good income will often cause quarrels, especially if they do not yet know how to manage their money.

However, couples who get married after finding a career have learned how to manage their money and have a stable income.

Education is another risk young married couples will face. If one of them wants to continue their studies and the other works full-time to support them, it can lead to marital tension, even resentment.

What's more, some couples stop their education after getting married, leaving them with only a high school or bachelor's degree, when they might otherwise have gone further.

If you are thinking about getting married at this young age, why not finish your education, find a good job, talk about your future with the one you love and get married later, when you are really ready?

True love waits.

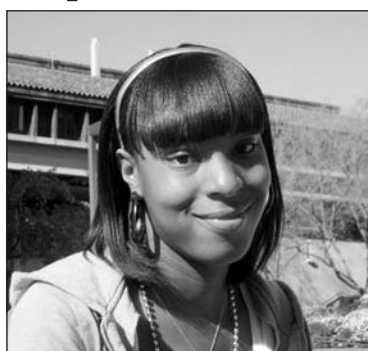
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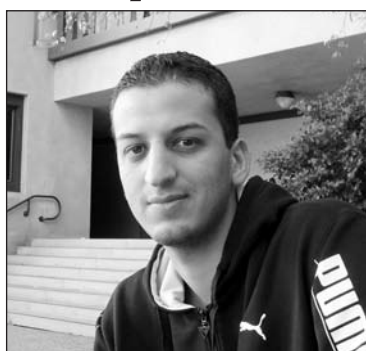
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