



**CourseCast of the Week – August 25, 2008 – Episode 63**

**Key Topics:**

- A Long Way to Go
- Students Gagged
- News Briefs

**Talk About It:**

1. Do you know anyone who has purchased an iPhone 3G? Have they had problems? If so, what kind? How were the problems resolved? Do the benefits outweigh the problems with the 3G? (A Long Way to Go)
2. What exactly did the MIT students hack in to? Were they successful? What is a gag order, and what do you think about the implications of the order on the students?(Students Gagged)

**Explore Technology:**

1. Log on to the Internet to learn about the following technology: 3G network; patch; dropping a connection; Gmail; PowerPoint; Windows Vista; and downgrading (from Vista to XP). Are there any similarities or differences (A Long Way to Go)
2. Research Defcon. What does this organization represent? What is the purpose for its annual meeting? (Students Gagged)

**Think Critically:**

1. What are the possible implications of the Princeton Review publishing personal data and test scores of tens of thousands of Florida students on its Web site over a seven-week period? (News Briefs)
2. In the first article we learned that a third of new PCs are being downgraded from Vista to XP by stores and customers. In News Briefs, it was mentioned that Microsoft will be launching a mega million dollar ad campaign in September to boost the image of Vista. In order for the ad campaign to be successful, what must Microsoft make sure of before the ads roll out? (A Long Way to Go; News Briefs)