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Privacy Solution -- More than a third of the 12,000 telephones at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology were upgraded last year to instruments that display the telephone number of incoming calls on a tiny screen. The new telephones immediately forced the university to come to terms with the privacy implications of Automatic Number Identification (ANI), which is increasingly available across the country, according to PRIVACY JOURNAL correspondent Simson Garfinkel. To preserve the secrecy of an incoming caller's number, the Institute established a two-digit prefix code (65). When a number is called after the prefix, the message PRIVATE NUMBER is displayed on the called telephone instead of the caller's number. Students' phones did not have the display feature, and so they were at first unaware that their numbers were displayed when they called a dean, the campus police, or the student health services. Student volunteers spread the word on bulletin boards; now a small grey card placed next to every telephone tells students about the privacy feature. Nevertheless the school's confidential student counseling hotline, Nightline, worried that students might be reluctant to call. Students who run Nightline removed the display from their telephone, leaving a hole large enough to stick a deck of cards in it.

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