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FROM THE EDITOR

This issue distills the proceedings of the sixth annual Silicon Flatirons Telecommunications Program symposium.¹ Articles by Jon Nuechterlein and Tim Wu recall the counterpoint of panelists discussing video-over-Internet-protocol, also known as IPTV. Expanding upon the symposium panel on digital rights management (DRM), Professor Randy Picker considers the utility of individual identifiers in DRM schemes, Public Knowledge president Gigi Sohn argues against government technology mandates, and Professor Chris Sprigman analyzes price discrimination (or lack thereof) in online music services. From the panel on industry structure, consumer advocate Mark Cooper offers his views on the political economy of information goods, while Alfred Kahn, known best for his role in promoting competition within the airline industry, responds to recent calls for antitrust-like reforms in telecommunications regulation.² Finally, Internet pioneer and conference keynote speaker Robert Kahn, along with Patrice Lyons, reflects on the role of “digital objects” in digital networks.

Three other submissions received after the symposium complement and illuminate the works enumerated above. Professors Jerry Brito and Jerry Ellig offer an interdisciplinary analysis of video franchise requirements. Professor Tom Hazlett reflects on recent developments in the long-running debate over a la carte in cable television. My own student comment, selected for publication by last year’s editorial board, rounds out the issue with a cautionary note on the role of the public interest in the IPTV debate.

I thank these authors whole-heartedly for their incredible contributions. Kevin Bell, James Crowe, Darlene Kondo, and Preston Johnson likewise deserve high praise for their ability to juggle their duties as articles editors with newborns, summer jobs, and weddings.

1. The Silicon Flatirons Telecommunications Program, The Digital Broadband Migration: Confronting the New Regulatory Frontiers, http://www.silicon-flatirons.org/conferences_old/20060219dbm.asp (last visited Sept. 29, 2006); *see also* Integrated Telecommunications Program, SFTP Conference Videos, http://telecom.colorado.edu/index.php?load=content&page_id=126 (last visited Sept. 29, 2006) (offering videos of the conference proceedings).

2. *See generally* PROGRESS & FREEDOM FOUND., PROPOSAL OF THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK WORKING GROUP RELEASE 1.0, 25 (2005), <http://www.pff.org/issues-pubs/other/050617regframework.pdf>; Kyle D. Dixon & Philip J. Weiser, *A Digital Age Communications Act Paradigm for Federal-State Relations*, 4 J. ON TELECOMM. & HIGH TECH. L. 321 (2006).

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Above all, however, we owe undying gratitude to Professor Philip J. Weiser. My predecessor often noted Phil's incredible ability to multi-task. Phil's peers will often praise Phil's intelligence, leadership, idetic memory, civic involvement, networking abilities, and undying love for the New York Mets. I can only echo these laudatories, and hope that they will soften the blow of an inevitable loss this October.

With that, we are pleased to offer this, the first issue of the fifth volume of the *Journal on Telecommunications & High Technology Law*.

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