East Campus Senior Was Athena Hacker

By Keith J. Winston

Yuran Lu ‘05 wanted to prove a point: you can’t trust a strange computer.

For twenty years, MIT students have sat down in Athena clusters and typed their passwords to log in. Nobody knows if their computer has been tampered with. Maybe, just maybe, the computer will steal your password and send it to someone bent on wrongdoing. You might never know that somebody else was reading your e-mail.

Information Services & Technology knows, as do many students, that this kind of tampering is possible. Most people seem to think the risk is acceptable. Instead of trying to lock down cluster workstations, IS&T focuses on detecting tampering and catching perpetrators.

That wasn’t good enough for Lu, an East Campus senior majoring in electrical engineering and computer science as well as mathematics. Six weeks ago, he modified several public Athena computers to steal the password of everybody who used them. He collected about 620 passwords than with their best friends, and all manner of secret crushes, fetishes, and embarrassing phrases was on display. Adding injury to insult, IS&T was then forced to lock everybody on the list out of their e-mail and Athena until the next day, when they could call IS&T to change their passwords over the phone.

“Yes, I did cause a lot of inconvenience for a lot of people, and with some better planning and execution, this inconvenience could have been reduced,” the Athena Insecurity Squad wrote to The Tech three days later. “However, I think that a benign compromise of this scale is the only way the administrators of the Athena system can be convinced to change their security policy. And I feel a real need for that policy to change, as the current vulnerabilities in Athena truly make it a dangerous system to use.”

“I was surprised by the magnitude of responses to the question, ‘When given an anonymous outlet, what will you say?’”

Diana Sim ‘07 puts up a project for Introduction to the Visual Arts (4.301) in the overpass connecting buildings 12 and 24. The display offers a multitude of responses to the question, “When given an anonymous outlet, what will you say?”

GSC Questions Mass. Ave. Safety

By Brian Keegan

The first signs of construction on the two-year South Massachusetts Avenue and Lafayette Square Project appeared on campus recent-ly despite lingering safety concerns about the design.

The Roads Corporation, a construction contractor, removed 19 trees along Mass. Ave. on Monday and Tuesday in preparation for road and sidewalk reconstruction to begin this summer.

“MIT trees or landscaping are scheduled to be removed during this period,” according to the MIT Facilities Web site. The project will replace these trees with 100 Pin Oak trees along Mass. Ave. between Memorial Drive and Lafayette Square.

COC Approves Institute Lab in Math Department

By Beckett W. Sterner

The Committee on Curricula has approved the first Institute Lab for the mathematics department, Project Laboratory in Mathematics (18.821).

The class is a combination of computational exploration and mathematical proof, intended to reflect common methods of research in math.

The class “employs the scientific method,” said 18.821 Professor Haynes R. Miller. Students work in groups of three and are presented with a very general mathematical situation, not necessarily a well-formulated problem.

Typically, students will begin a project by measuring statistics or properties of the system on a computer, then use that to help them make a conjecture subject to a mathematical proof, he said.

Math majors in the past have had to take Institute Labs in other majors, ranging from Weather and Climate Laboratory (12.387) to Managerial Psychology Laboratory (15.301).

“The math department has sometimes tried to suggest a course and had it rejected sort of out of hand because of a feeling that you can’t do a laboratory course sitting at a computer,” said Professor of Mathematics Michael Artin, who taught 18.821 last spring.

Miller said that the course had gone up for review by the COC once in the past, but that the class had needed to develop a track record before it could be approved.
Intelligence Nominee Vows Aggressive Use of Powers

By Douglas J. Lake

The Air Force general nominated to become the country’s No. 2 intelligence official said Thursday that American intelligence agencies need to get “aggressive,” established under privacy laws, in using eavesdropping, surveillance and other tools to gather information.

The nominee, Lt. Gen. Michael V. Hayden, told the Senate Intelligence Committee that he was committed to ensuring that all American intelligence activities fell within the bounds defined by the law and the Constitution.

But after six years spent heading American eavesdropping efforts as director of the National Security Agency, Hayden also made the case that American agencies needed to be aggressive in employing their powers.

In response to questions, he told the committee that it would be vital to ensure “that we’re not pulling punches, that we’re using all of the abilities that Congress has given us under the law.”

Propellant is Loaded on Shuttle In Major Test Before Launching

By Stephanie S. Coogan

In a major test of its plan to return the space shuttle fleet to orbit, NASA pumped half a million gallons of propellant into the Discovery fuel tank on Thursday and conducted a practice countdown to 31 seconds before liftoff.

NASA plans to launch the Discovery between May 15 and June 3.

A crew of seven is to fly on a 12-day mission to deliver critical supplies to the International Space Station. Besides food and water, officials expect the shuttle to carry a gyroscope, one of four devices needed to keep the station properly oriented.

A spokesman for NASA, W. Bruce Buckingham, called the exercise “a full-up test of the external tank and the main propulsion system.”

“We’re basically doing everything but fire the engines,” Buckingham said.

The launch on Thursday was the first time in more than two years that the team that fueled a shuttle with the super-cold mixture of liquefied oxygen and hydrogen gases.

Venezuela Tightens Grip On Private Oil Companies

By Brian Eilsworth

In a new revenue-raising measure, Venezuela’s energy ministry said Thursday that private oil companies operating in the country will have to convert to joint ventures with the government within six months.

Energy Minister Rafael Ramirez said at a news conference on Thursday that the operating agreements would have to be swapped to ventures that are 51 percent state-owned and pay royalties of 30 percent.

The fields in question produce roughly 500,000 barrels of oil a day of Venezuela’s total production of 2.6 million barrels a day.

The energy minister, along with the national oil company, Petroleos de Venezuela, “will begin a process of discussion with the 32 operating agreements so that we can reach the objective of the migration of these contracts to the existing law,” Ramirez said.

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The ruling, by U.S. District Judge Tena Campbell, calls into question whether the Food and Drug Administration may enforce its ban on ephedra anywhere in the United States, although its immediate effect will be limited to the sale of ephedra in Utah.

The ruling was “a green light to abuse this substance again,” Bailey’s research established the link between ephedra and heat stroke deaths among young athletes.

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The complaint also charges that Park met with a second unnamed senator in the United States, although its immediate effect was to set up and shape the U.N. program.

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Bush Says World Bank President Will Passes House With Big Margin

By Jonathan Fuerbringer

April 15, 2005

WASHINGTON

The appointment of Wolfensohn, the outgoing president of the Internationalen Union, the United Nations and Russia, the so-called "Bronze Horseman," as the middle Eastern peace plan known as the "road map" to a two-state solution seems to be off the table in the next few months. The thesis of Wolfensohn in an interview after Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice announced this move was that "it is necessary for China also to move." The German foreign minister and a vote in the European Parliament, meeting in Strasbourg, France, voted 431-85, with 31 abstentions, in favor of a resolution urging the European Union not to lift the arms embargo on China.

"For this, it is necessary for China also to move," Fischer called on China to "ease administrative detentions and human rights violations. "We want to reach a consensus, but this requires that everyone in China -- each and everyone -- recognize their obligations," he said.

On Thursday, Europe seemed farther away than ever from lifting its 16-year-old arms embargo on China. Following comments by the German foreign minister and a vote in the European Parliament, both of which urged linking the embargo question to human rights, Europe's high-level council on China also decided it would be better to wait.

But it is a major victory for Bush, who supported the measure, and a sharp setback for civil rights organizations. They say the new law will be a huge giveaway to special interests. They say the new law will be a major victory for Bush, who supported the measure, and a sharp setback for civil rights organizations. They say the new law will be a huge giveaway to special interests. They say the new law will be a major victory for Bush, who supported the measure, and a sharp setback for civil rights organizations. They say the new law will be a huge giveaway to special interests.

The 302-126 vote adopted the first major rewrite of the bankruptcy laws in 27 years and is the culmination of a long effort by the lobbying network of the largest banks, credit card companies and retailers.

The major stock-market gauges fell 4 percent in after-hours trading. The Nasdaq, now down 10.5 percent, was 389.78. The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 1,228 points, the Standard & Poor's 500 index tumbled 141.4 points, and the Nasdaq composite index closed up 14 percent, despite a strong earnings report from Apple Computer.
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The filmed-for-$7,000 "El Mariachi," has creativity. A hit man's (Josh Hartnett) exploits starts a city war between the women and the life. Finally, a wanted character with a new (Jamie King), who's given him the night of his "Goodbye," "The Big Fat Kill," and "That Yel- Frank Miller's graphic novels ("The Hard lains. That world is "Sin City.")

Imagine a world where the basic rules of society are broken, and justice is nonexistent. A world ruled by hot babs with badass superhero battles pervasive venge venge is all too real. Sean Maguire answered it in his own way. See "Fever Pitch" to see a girl? For some Sox fans out there, the question of "Red Sox or the girl" is still too real. Sean Maguire answered it with "the girl," and Jimmy Fallon's character answers it in his own way. See "Fever Pitch." to see his decision; you'll have a good time.

Ben (Jimmy Fallon) and Lindsey (Drew Barrymore) watch a game at Fenway Park in "Fever Pitch."
Discovering the Joys of Solitude

By William A. Gabriel

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Emerson Quartet Rises to Mendelssohn Challenge

By Jacqueline O'Connor

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beautifully executed by Philip Setzer, the first solos in the first violin part, which were all Emerson's performance was truly outstanding-

44, No. 2 quartet in E minor. Not only is it my favorite Mendelssohn String Quartet, it was about the complete cycle of Mendelssohn's String Quartets. That concert was inconsistent and at times confusing. Despite the few moments of excitement and inciting great enthusiasm from the audience can leave singing.

Taste of the Nation opened movement of the Opus 44, No. 3 quartet in E-flat major. The sound was full

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23. Spiteful
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26. On the quiet side
27. Comprehend
28. Entertainer Zadora
30. “Star Wars” weapon
31. Chow down
32. Ireland county
33. Attention getter
34. Tense
35. 2 Tone treat
36. “do-well
38. Big Ten team
40. Invites
41. Underwater shocker
42. From the start
47. Play on words
49. Zodiac’s twelfth sign
50. Slide sideways
51. Staggering motion
52. Plants with aromatic seeds
53. Potbelly, e.g.
54. Duck down
55. Kind of crow?
56. Building additions
57. Runner Devers
58. Norway’s largest city
59. End of quote
60. Israeli airline
61. Dynamic leader?
62. “Star Wars” weapon
63. Attention getter
64. Bread spread
65. Concluding passage
66. Springfield
67. Affirm
68. At any time
69. Symbol of stoicism
70. Plot along
71. Withered

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3. Big Ten team
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5. A rmy leaders
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ACROSS
1 Struck, old-style
6 Speaker of Cooperstown
10 Avian abode
14 Intrusive online ad
15 Talk wildly
16 Chorus voice
17 Quantum theorist’s fantasy?
20 Slangy refusal
21 Dotted cubes
22 Formal agreement
23 Lady’s guy
24 Performer’s engagements
25 Collude
26 Calf-length pants
27 Attempt a pickup
28 Great care and effort
32 Neighbor of Cuba
33 Washed-out
34 On the sheltered side
35 M.C. Escher’s fantasy?
36 Jogging pace
39 Prohibits
40 Give a ring
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42 Norwegian king
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44 Detest
45 Exuberant cry
46 Pairs
47 Increase
48 Wight or Man
49 URL starter
50 Beer quantity
51 As to
52 Mature
54 Bagel topper
55 New Zealand parrot

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1 Whirl around
2 NYC cultural attraction
3 Colorful fish
4 Harbor boat
5 Contagious outbreak
6 Pamphlet
7 Unlikely
8 Climbing vine
9 Ona standing guard
10 Designates
11 Isle near Corsica
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Lu Known for Academics, Mischief

Yuran Lu ’05 has a distinguished academic record even by MIT standards. In high school, he attended the ultra-exclusive Mathematical Olympiad Summer Program, won a bronze medal at the Balkic Olympiad in Informatics, and three times placed among the top 15 in the USA Computing Olympiad. He was a Presidential Scholar and a Lucent Global Science Scholar.

At MIT, he has won the Tau Beta Pi Engineering Design contest, the Beatonsahl Engineering Design contest, and the Imagine Cup Software engineering contest. As a freshman, he placed in the top 25 in the Putnam Mathematical Competition.

Lu also has an uncommon record of Athena pranks that have angered and humiliated their victims, including his publication of 620 people’s passwords last month.

Some of Lu’s precious mischief:

In late 2003 or early 2004, Lu took advantage of a mistake by the Department of Materials Science and Engineering to add himself to the department’s e-mail list for faculty. The department discovered him in September 2004 and discussed referring Lu to the Committee on Discipline.

"I’d been on the dmse list for about a year now... they really should have noticed sooner," Lu wrote at the time in a Zephyr conversation with IS&T employees. "[B]ut I have a semi-valid argument for the DMSE affair… I hadn’t actually read any of their mail, nor did I intend to, and I just wanted to see how long it would be before someone noticed," he wrote.

In March 2004, Lu took advantage of the Chinese Students Club’s mistakenly generous permissions to replace the group’s Web site with a “Hacked by Chinese” version and then would not relinquish control, according to John T. Wu ’06, the group’s webmaster. The dispute was resolved by IS&T.

In June 2004, the Department of Urban Studies and Planning realized that Lu had taken advantage of a mistake and put himself on the department’s e-mail list for faculty, according to Laura E. Baldwin ’89 and then declined to comment for a Tech article. He subsequently offered Lu the opportunity to write an opinion column in place of this article. He declined, and also declined to comment for a news article. Jerrold M. Grochow ’68, the vice president for information services and technology, declined to comment.

In September 2004, Lu took advantage of a mistake by the Undergraduate Association to take over all of the UA’s mailing lists and its Athena locker. “It was five in the morning and I was trying to plead with him to get our lists back,” said Harel M. Williams ’05, the UA president. Lu refused to return them and said he would keep the lists and locker for three more days.

Lu then sent out an e-mail announcing a contest for the best humorous Web site — the winner would get to temporarily replace the UA’s own Web site. In the Sept. 14 e-mail to two dormitory lists, Lu wrote:

[...]

IS&T May Improve Its Ability to Detect Future Tamperings

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caught him. (They will not say how or when.) He admitted to IS&T that he was responsible, and has been referred to the Committee on Discipline. In the meantime, IS&T may improve its ability to detect tampering with cluster workstations, but has announced no plans to follow Lu’s advice and lock them down.

Lu’s identity as the admitted Athena Insolvency Squad was confirmed to The Tech last week by several individuals familiar with the matter. Lu said it was not known for certain that Lu acted alone.) The Tech subsequently offered Lu the opportunity to write an opinion column in place of this article. He declined, and also declined to comment for a news article. Jerrold M. Grochow ’68, the vice president for information services and technology, declined to comment.

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As a result of Lu’s actions, in September 2004 IS&T scoured Athena for “public self-owned lists” — e-mail lists whose control is essentially shared by the entire MIT community — and converted them all into “private self-owned lists.”
Just-Approved Math Lab Uses Computers To Investigate Theory

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Artin said attitudes towards the project lab’s content have changed recently. Comparison “is becoming a larger part of research in math,” he said, although the class’s main merit lies in how it challenges students with open-ended projects that they must define for themselves.

The class will “certainly be open to other majors, but since it’s the only laboratory course in mathematics, we’ll be oversubscribed,” Miller said.

He said a lottery to get in was likely, and possible math majors would have preference. There are 20 students taking the class this term, and Miller said the total would be capped at 30.

“It’s a fun class,” said Yasin Ozcan ’06. “You choose your own projects, and you get to work with your own friends, and there’s no lecture.”

He said he would recommend it to other students “as long as they like math.”

Exploring theory with computers

The project lab is not of the same nature as the very hands-on “Junior Lab” in physics (8.13, 8.14) or biology’s Introduction to Experimental Biology (7.02). There are few physical experiments you can do in mathematics, so testing out theories must take on another form. The “ultimate arbiter in experimental science is the experiment,” Miller said, but “in mathematics, the ultimate arbiter is the proof.”

“The computer is a wonderful experimental tool in mathematics; that’s the way one should think of it in this class,” Artin said. The computer will “suggest answers for you but it doesn’t substitute for thinking at all,” Artin said.

The process used in the class “reflects my experience as a mathematician,” Miller said, and hence builds useful experience for future research.

Not all of the projects were home grown at MIT; Miller said. “It takes quite a lot of effort to create a syllabus like this,” and the class relies in part on projects created within the Computer Aided Teaching of All Mathematics program in the Cambridge-MIT Institute.

“We made an agreement with them whereby we could mine that library and adapt their ideas to this course,” Miller said. The class also received a development grant from the CMU program. “In exchange, we’ve provided them with a bunch of projects,” Miller said. E-mail join@the-tech.mit.edu

Solution to Bonus Xword

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Some GSC Concerns Addressed

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thinner than the buses using them. Rebecca Fuentes, community relations manager for the Cambridge Public Works Department, said that the city had addressed one of the GSC’s concerns by deciding not to narrow the 77 Mass. Ave. crosswalk by 15 feet and keeping it at its current 60-feet width. GSC President Barun Singh G said that a meeting with Deputy City Manager Richard Ross on Wednesday was “a good sign that the state and city have been responsive to student concerns.”

The city was, however, unwilling to consider the GSC proposal for a raised crosswalk to slow down traffic. In the past, city officials have said that raised cross-walks are not allowed on major arterial roadways such as Mass. Ave. Singh said that city representatives suggested the crosswalk in front of 77 Mass. Ave. would receive “special attention.” This could possibly include better paint, more lighting, strictly enforced speed limits, and educational programs for cyclists.

The proposal for improved bike lanes was also rejected by the city. Owen O’Riordan, assistant commissioner for engineering, said that “we don’t believe bike paths are a feasible given the number of side

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Ask a MedLink

How much coffee can I drink?

Dear MedLink: I drink a lot of coffee. What’s considered an unhealthy amount?
—Caffeine Fiend

Dear Fiend: It’s great you asked this question, because so many of us depend on that caffeine to get us through those late-night p-sets.

According to MIT Medical nutritionist Anna Jasonides, 200 to 300 mg. of caffeine per day would be considered a moderate amount. Since an eight-ounce cup of coffee usually has 65 to 120 mg. of caffeine, you probably want to limit yourself to two or three cups a day. Jasonides notes that coffee consumption doesn’t seem to pose any significant long-term health risks, but in the short term, excessive consumption can lead to anxiety, insomnia, and increased urination, which, combined with other factors, may contribute to dehydration. However, Jasonides emphasizes, individuals react differently to caffeine. Regular coffee drinkers tend to build up a tolerance to its effects, while someone who doesn’t normally drink coffee might react strongly after a single cup.

And it’s that individual reaction that matters, say both Jasonides and psychologist Xiao Hsi, Ph.D., of MIT Medical’s Mental Health Service. “If, during or shortly after drinking coffee, you experience such physiological reactions as palpitation, pounding heart, or tremor, restlessness, and/or nervousness that can’t be explained by other reasons, you may have had too much caffeine,” says Hsi, who also cautions that the same concern applies to other stimuli besides coffee. Regular coffee drinkers tend to build up a tolerance to its effects, while someone who doesn’t normally drink coffee might react strongly after a single cup.

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If you seem to be experiencing any of these symptoms, you probably need to cut back on the coffee. MIT Medical’s Center for Health Promotion & Wellness suggests other strategies to try when you’re tired but still have work to do. Going outside for some fresh air, taking a shower or splashing some water on your face, or taking an exercise break (especially late in the day), are all good ways to wake up without caffeine.

Hope this helps! —Anu ’07

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by Lori Eich

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The first game on Saturday pitted sMITe against the University of Pennsylvania. sMITe started off strong with intense defense forcing UPenn all the way back into its own end zone. A past wind caused a misthrow by UPenn, and Lori A. Eich ’07 caught the disc for the first point of the game. sMITe went on to win 15-4.

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