MIT's Gamelan Galak Tiká presents the music and dance of Bali in Gamelan Sekar Jaya held in the Sala de Puerto Rico yesterday evening.

Officials Give Hints on Security

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Choosing a Password. To make a password obscure, a user "might deliberately misspell a term or use an odd character in an otherwise familiar term," the guide says. Safe passwords consist of a combination of letters and numbers of at least six characters in length, and should never be any kind of common name or word in a dictionary, according to the guide.

"Never give your password to anyone under any circumstances, especially to people claiming to be system administrators," said Erik L. Nygren '96, a Course VI-3 major who often advises computer users. NYgren said.

"Give your password over the net in the clear" to prevent other users from snooping them, Nygren said. Remotely users should try to use applications on a local machine whenever possible, said Michael L. Burrow '93, consultant for Distributed Computing and Network Services. "If they are using native applications, they won't be typering their passwords across the network."

Electronic mail vulnerable

"Probably the easiest and most malicious thing a disruptive user can do is to send an e-mail to that user," Hudson said. Because electronic mail is not an authenticated service, a user does not need to know another user's password to send mail that appears to be from that user, Hudson said.

To protect electronic mail, users can encrypt their messages and sign them with digital signatures. "There are a number of programs available to students to help protect their data, and each program has its particular features that would make it desirable in certain applications," said Derek A. Atkins G, former chairman of SISP.

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be made," Merritt said. The applications will be evaluated on the quality of research by the UROP office and department coordinators, Merritt added.

Students will be notified about funding by May 2, according to Shoop.

Faculty, students concerned

Both faculty and students have been concerned about UROP funding and how far the $1 million commitment to UROP by the Provost will stretch. Jennifer L. Daigle '96, who applied for a summer UROP, said, "Definitely, there was confusion. I was confused, my supervisor was confused." However, she added that her supervisor "was pretty willing to find a way to get me funding."

"I think a lot of faculty members in the Physics Department had cut down on the number of UROPs they planned to have for the summer," said Professor David E. Pritchard, the Department of Physics UROP supervisor, "though I think that the $1 million infusion definitely caused them to hire more UROPs, especially to students in their group who had been working for pop." Shoop added, "The $1 million infusion is literally a Band-Aid to get through the summer. The [funding situation] will come up again."

At the least, the deadline extension will give more time for students to find a UROP. Daigle said, "It's good especially for me, because I was running a little bit late. I'm trying to get UROP office funding, but if that doesn't work, I can get probably get funding from the department." Cecilia J. Song '95 said, "Finding a UROP wasn't that hard, but finding was a problem." She said that getting full funding was essential. "If I don't get [full funding], there's no UROP."

Daigle said that starting her summer UROP right after her final exams would not be a problem. Song disagreed, "I would rather take a break and come back in June, since there is no penalty for starting later.... it's too much to continue right after finals.

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