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Students sabotage computer

CHICAGO — A high school student's prank that sabotaged a university computer has banks and other businesses worried about the security of their own computer systems. "There's quite a bit of concern," Douglas Ellis, a police investigator, said Tuesday. "If someone of this age has the ability to get into a computer system which an institution feels is relatively secure, then in turn would make other institutions who have compatible systems take a closer look at that security."

Two youths, both high school computer science students, gained access to the computer at DePaul University by telephone and shut down the entire system. It cost DePaul \$22,252 to purge the system and find and correct the security breach.

"These kids are exceptionally bright," Ellis said of Brian Catlin, 17, and a juvenile whose name was not released.

"Someone said that it couldn't be done, and they spent approximately a year proving that they could do it. And they did."

The juniors, in their class at Fremd High School in northwest suburban Palatine, were using a computer terminal hooked up to DePaul's computer system by telephone. All they had to do was dial the computer number on the phone.

During the week of Sept. 17, the two high school students "broke into the DePaul University Hewlett Packard 2000 computer system and caused a complete shutdown of the university's computer," Ellis said.

"Once they gained access and were able to log onto the computer, they altered the programs and created their own programs."

Computer courses were shut down, research data could not be retrieved, and student tuition payments and account activities were not picked up in the computer.

The computer was out of operation Sept. 17-19. After partial services were restored, authorities said, the culprits threatened to shut down the system again.

Both teen-agers were charged with theft of services. Catlin was to appear in Misdemeanor Court Jan. 13. His friend, who is now 17 but was 16 at the time, was scheduled to appear in Juvenile Court Friday.

But even more important than the DePaul shutdown, investigators

said, was the question of what the computer whizzes would do next.

"What was to preclude them from getting into the First National Bank and beyond?" asked one investigator looking into the case.

"What they consider nothing but child's mischief could result into a bigger problem for someone else," said Ellis.

He said the youths could be sentenced to jail terms, but probably will not receive anything more than supervision.

Fremd Assistant Principal Morris Tharp "assured us they would take action at the high school. We were told they would be suspended and taken out of the computer science program for the remainder of the school year," Ellis said.

Teens express conservative attitudes in national survey

NEW YORK — Teenagers billed as tomorrow's leaders swing far to the right, favoring mandatory draft registration and opposing the Equal Rights Amendment, a national opinion survey shows.

The majority of the 24,000 top high school juniors and seniors participating in the nationwide survey espoused attitudes of the type credited with the landslide election of Ronald Reagan to the presidency.

Most said they were against the Equal Rights Amendment, and favored

mandatory draft registration and nuclear power.

More than two-thirds said they believe in censorship of movies, television, books and magazines, and 94 percent said they had never used drugs, including marijuana.

The 11th annual survey of teen leaders, conducted by "Who's Who Among American High School Students" of Northbrook, Ill., was released Tuesday. It makes no claim to be scientific.

Eighty-eight percent of the students surveyed believe "fighting inflation should be the new administration's top priority," and 86 percent said its top foreign

affairs priority should be "getting the hostages out of Iran."

More than half the top teenagers said they felt business should be forced to exercise more social responsibility, even at the cost of lower profits.

Nearly 60 percent think it's the responsibility of business to keep employees' wages rising as fast as inflation, and 68 percent said business should take the lead in reducing inflation by limiting price increases.

If it meant a rise in unemployment, two-thirds would not favor government policies designed to reduce inflation.

Meet as junkie, policeman

'Nam buddies at war again

SAN FRANCISCO — Steve Bosshard and Luther Brock were Marine Corps buddies and served together in Vietnam, but back home they found themselves on different sides in another war.

Bosshard became a narcotics officer and Brock became a junkie. Their latest meeting was over the barrel of a gun.

Brock, 33, surrendered to Bosshard and was charged with being responsible for the drug overdose death of his girlfriend, Iris Southall.

"Luther started out as a together dude," said Bosshard, 34, who had contacted Brock and asked him to surrender on his own. He said they met in line at the Oakland Induction Center 16 years ago, joined up, went to basic training together and shipped out together for Vietnam.

"Luther was one of the few guys to make private first class out of basic," and was "always on top of it," said Bosshard.

That is, the officer added, until they met in a Vietnam village called "Dogpatch," after having not seen each other for two years.

"It was the first time I'd ever seen anyone on heroin," Bosshard said.

"Luther didn't have it together anymore."

Again in 1971, Bosshard saw Brock among a number of other suspects being booked into City Prison after a narcotics arrest.

"Luther had gone to hell," Bosshard said. "He was getting involved in armed robberies, dope dealing, you name it. It was the dope."

Brock was arrested twice for murder. Charges were dropped in one case, but in 1974 he was sentenced to four years in prison for manslaughter.

Bosshard said he met Brock after he was released and Brock said he started a shipping company in Long Beach and was staying away from drugs.

"I wished him good luck," Bosshard said.

However, Brock was recently arrested in another narcotics raid along with Miss Southall, who appeared ill and was sent to a hospital. Brock visited her in the hospital and she died of a drug overdose, police said. Brock was suspected of complicity.

Bosshard was able to get in touch with Brock in Long Beach and told him over the phone to give himself up. "Otherwise we were just going to

end up looking at each other over a gun."

Brock did not surrender, but police eventually tracked him to a residence in San Jose. Two officers entered the front door and Brock went out a second-story window in the back.

Brock landed on his feet and found himself looking at Bosshard, over the barrel of a gun.



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