

Baylor officials trying to combat computer crimes

WACO, Texas — Tommy Roberson is used to seeing shocked faces.

As the network security administrator for Baylor University's computer systems, he has confronted dozens of students about computer crimes they have committed. Although some of them try to deny what they have done, most are so surprised they have been caught that they do not even try to come up with an excuse, Roberson said.

"Most of them are so shocked that they 'fess up right away," he said. "For some of them, it may have been six months since they did it and they thought they had gotten

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away with it. But there are very few cases that we can't solve."

Computer crimes have become more prevalent in all sectors of society in recent years, with college students increasingly becoming both perpetrators and victims, according to national studies.

Locally, McLennan Community College and Texas State Technical College have each had one student arrested for committing a computer crime during the past three years.

At Baylor, multiple students have been arrested during that same time period, with officials from the Secret Service and the FBI participating in some of the cases.

Jim Doak, chief of Baylor's Department of Public Safety, said campus computer crimes have become enough of a concern for him to send an officer to a computer crimes school recently.

It was the first time any of the department's officers had

received specialized training about the issue, he said.

The most common type of computer crime at Baylor is probably copyright violation, Roberson said. That usually occurs when students access or share copyrighted material, such as video or music files.

However, the university does not actively seek out those sorts of violations because of time and privacy constraints, he said.

The university most often investigates students accessing or storing illegal pornography, Doak said.

Students accessing other people's e-mail accounts or changing their passwords also happens fairly often, he said.

The university has handled some more serious cases as well. One of them involved a student who stole another student's identity and used the victim's credit card to rack up thousands of dollars in purchases, Doak said.

The department has also investigated several incidents of students sending others harassing or threatening messages. In addition, the university has been asked to help outside law enforcement agencies, such as the Secret Service and the FBI, solve computer crimes involving Baylor students, Roberson said.

Although he said he could not release the details of the investigations for privacy reasons, he said the cases typically involved Baylor students who victimized someone outside the university while using Baylor's computers or network.

Neither Doak nor Roberson could say exactly how many Baylor students have been arrested for computer crimes. They said it is difficult to determine because of the way records are set up.

There is not a separate category for computer crimes. For example, harassment by e-mail and harassment in person would be classified the same way.

However, Roberson said he has testified at three trials involving computer crimes committed by Baylor students during the past five years.

Water lilies



Dr. Michael Sweatt tends tropical lilies in the pond behind the floriculture greenhouse on Wednesday afternoon. The lilies must be kept trim to allow the fish that live in the pond to eat from the water's surface.

Bob Dole recovers after surgery

CLEVELAND (AP) — Bob Dole, the 1996 Republican presidential candidate, underwent an experimental procedure Wednesday



DOLE

to treat an aneurysm in his main blood vessel. Dole, 77, was in recovery by late morning at the

Cleveland Clinic after the treatment for an abdominal aortic aneurysm, the clinic said.

He was likely to remain at the clinic until the end of the week. His wife, Elizabeth, and daughter were with him.

He had originally scheduled the procedure for Thursday but moved it ahead a day, hospital spokeswoman Marion Moseley said.

"He maintained his sense of humor throughout," said Dr.

Kenneth Ouriel, one of three surgeons on the team.

The aneurysm was detected two or three years ago, Dole spokesman Doug MacKinnon said. An aneurysm is a bulge on a blood vessel. In the aorta, aneurysms can burst and kill nearly instantly.

The traditional treatment involves an abdominal incision. In Dole's case, doctors threaded a sleeve-shaped graft into the aorta to reinforce the blood

vessel.

The less-invasive, experimental device is awaiting government approval.

Dole elected to have the graft after a routine checkup in early June, MacKinnon said.

Dole, who represented Kansas in Congress as a representative and senator for more than three decades, now works for the Washington lobbying firm of Verner, Lipfer, Bernhard, McPherson and He

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will be the setup of the system at Texas A&M-Galveston.

Snowden said the system is called a workforce because it has a triggering process that informs counselors reviewing prospective students for admission that the application is complete. She said this will

speed up A&M's response to prospective students.

A&M President Dr. Ray M. Bowen said having a strong information system is crucial for A&M to be competitive with other schools. He also said he wants A&M to set the standard for imaging systems.

Other A&M officials agree.

"We believe that we will have the finest information retrieval system in the country,"

said Joseph Estrada, assistant provost for enrollment. "We [believe] that other schools will come to Texas A&M to learn how they can do this at their own schools."

Snowden said A&M's system will be unique because it is built from the newest and most efficient technology. One such technological innovation is a scanner with a paper feeder that can scan up to 60 pages per minute.

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Galvan has attended the conference for two years and said that, this year, the conference has improved.

"This year, the conference is smaller," Galvan said, "and we get to be more personal."

Anshawna General, a 16-year-old junior from Houston who also has attended both years, said this year's conference is much better because the high schoolers are allowed to participate in other activities involving the University, like going to the Student Recreation Center and Memorial Student Center.

"It's a (great) experience to see a new college and to expand my knowledge on the teaching pro-

fession," she said. "My mom teaches, my grandma teaches and a bunch of my other family members teach — so that's why I'm thinking about it."

General said her personal experiences and the conference have helped shape her thoughts on teaching.

"As a teacher, you're supposed to make your students feel like they can do whatever you try to teach them," she said.

The trip to the elementary school is one of several events the ExpLORE students have attended this week. Others include personal interaction with some of A&M's education majors.

Stephanie Lillard, a 17-year-old high school senior from Dallas, said getting to know A&M's campus and talking to a student panel within the College

of Education has been an excellent learning experience.

Lillard said the primary lesson she has learned from the conference is that teaching requires a lot of patience.

"I've always known that takes a lot of patience," she said. "But then I heard the [panel] talk about student teaching and how it's so draining."

She said the potential tribulations of teaching are very scary but she is still looking forward to getting into the classroom.

"Being there for that one hour and seeing how you've touched their lives — that makes it worth it," Lillard said. "I can wait."

Evaluations will be given to the high school students at the conference to help the University improve the program for future ExpLORE students.

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The movie did manage to further support the stereotypes of Asians, Hispanics and African Americans in the race scenes. The acting, the storyline and the overall feel of the movie is not nec-

essarily screaming, "blockbuster smash," although it is just fun to watch this movie if one has \$7 to waste.

The Fast and the Furious may remind one of the movie *Point Break*, except it replaces surfboards with high-dollar imported cars. After the movie, be prepared

to hear everyone who just got out of the theater revving his or her engines. Besides that, the movie can make one ponder: "Should I spend my hard-earned money on that air intake and turbo charger I've been wanting for awhile?" Grade: D-
— Dino Ram

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