## 8—The Daily Collegian Monday, Aug. 29, 1983 FBI puts end to Milwaukee computer bandits' games

### Associated Press Write

MILWAUKEE - Neal Patrick, 17year-old honor student and computer raider, writhed in his seat as the airplane taxied for takeoff. Over the last few months, he had figured out how to use his small home computer to break into dozens of large, sophisticated government and business computer systems

from New York to California. But now he couldn't figure out how to work his seat belt. Finally fastened in, Neal was flown by NBC one night last week

from his family's Eagle River, Wis., vacation home to Chicago for a television interview the next morning. He would also appear on CBS and ABC to talk about what he and six other young Milwaukee men did to trigger an FBI investigation and provide a big boost in business for computer security specialists.

The jet flights, the urgent calls from producers, the chauffeured limousines —it's heady stuff for a 17year-old. But then, this is a heady 17year-old. He and his buddies, who range in

age from 15 to 22, cracked codes that allowed them to tap into computers at the Los Alamos, N.M., govern-

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Their raids apparently caused little or no damage to any of the computers they penetrated. But the fact that they did it at all —and on how easily computer crimes can be committed

The raids also show how the law has failed to keep up with new comtechnology. For instance, there are questions about what, if any, crimes were committed. The federal government and most states have no specific laws aimed at people who invade a computer with no intention of stealing or changing anything

What Neal Patrick and his friends did even requires a new use of language. Rather than saying they trespassed or broke into computers, both the young men and law enforcement officials say they "accessed" the systems. Neal, the only one of the seven-

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speak out in public. And he agreed to cause an acquaintance who was not a 414 had claimed he was one of the group and said he was not remorse-For Neal, the story begins a year

and a half ago. That was when his father, Richard Patrick, who helps small companies set up manual bookkeeping systems, bought a modem for \$300 A modem is a device that allows computers to "talk" to each other via telephone lines. In this case, it

allowed Neal to use the family's 3year-old TRS-80 Model 2 home computer from Radio Shack to talk to other hackers on computer "bulletin boards. After receiving a \$300 phone bill

for the first month after the modem was hooked up, Richard Patrick laid down the law to his son: no more long distance calls to billboards in other cities.

Neal did not stop making those calls, however. Instead he charged them to "borrowed" credit card numbers other hackers routinely shared via the bulletin boards as a way to avoid telephone tolls.

The seven young Milwaukeeans first met "on the boards," corre-

said of his first time.

#### police log • The State College Police Depart- E. College Ave., told State College Community Hospital where a blood By GRACE LoMONACO ment reported a burglary Saturday at police Saturday that four tires were test determined that the individual Collegian Staff Writer slashed on three tractors parked on was driving while under the influence The 414s accessed a number of 218 S. Sparks St. The individual(s) entered the building through a bed- the property. A damage estimate is of alcohol. computers through the spring, but it wasn't until this summer, after room window and took cash, a pair of not available, police said. hampered attendence at this year's Horizons festival, school was out and the movie "Warjeans and a wallet. The value of the • A resident of Wolf Hall told Uni-The group called themselves the Games" was released, that they • Clinefelter's Carpet Shop, 1199 missing items is estimated at \$82, versity Police on Saturday that an 414s, a joke in reference to Milwau-E. College Ave., told State College attempt was made to steal her vehibegan in earnest to see how many police said. needed in the future. kee's area code. police Saturday that a rock was cle parked in Parking Lot 44. A systems they could crack. The 414s did not know Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity, 406 thrown through a window. Damage is Neal would not say exactly when it screwdriver-type instrument was began. "It wasn't as thrilling as it they had cracked a computer with S. Pugh St., told State College police estimated at \$700, police said. used to enter the vehicle. The same non-classified information at Los yesterday that two speakers were type of instrument was used to atlacked student interest. Alamos until the FBI told them. • University Police Services remissing from the building. The cost of tempt to start the car damaging the the equipment is \$370, police said. ported Saturday that an individual ignition beyond repair. No estimate struck a police vehicle on Shortlidge of damage is available, police said. • Rishel's Sales and Service, 1352 Road. The driver was taken to Centre -by K.L. Kane Experts call computer law unclear collegian notes ciation's Computer Crime Committee Piaskoski said that if the six other raiders are received a minimal turnout. charged with any federal offense, it will probably be related to not paying for long-distance phone calls. Consider joining a Personal Piaskoski said the only apparent damage done was • The first meeting of the Juggling dent council will sponsor a free Mon-Club will be held at 8:30 tonight in 106 day Sundae Social at 7 tonight in the Growth Group. Phone 217 Ritenour. deletion of a file from the Sloan-Kettering computer. 863-0395 for information White Building. New members are Living Center of the Human Devel-That file contained records on about \$1,500 in bills the welcome. opment Building. All students in the hospital cannot now send out. College of Human Development are Wisconsin is one of 16 states with computer crime • The Aikido Club will practice at • The HUB Craft Centre is conlaws, and the penalties for unauthorized accessing welcome. 7 tonight in the wrestling room of the ducting registration today for mem-Intramural Building. • Dan Dupee will speak on "Know- bership and craft classes from noon Piaskoski, however, said he does not think the state will move against Neal or any of the others except at the ing God" at 7 tonight in the Frizzel to 3 today, and Thursday in room 312 Room of Eisenhower Chapel. • The Human Development stu-HUB recommendation of federal authorities. Eric Klumb, the assistant U.S. attorney here in charge of the case, refused comment on when a decision would be made about charging any of the 414s. Fraternity Accepting Sue Ellen Did It! **Fall/Spring Boarders** UNIVERSITY CALENDAR Why don't you? 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# sponding by electronic messages. corporate telephone numbers and has been the only one of the group to Their keyboards struck responsive secret passwords over sausage and answer questions, he said, only be- chords in each other as they shared mushrooms. tips on hardware, software, what movies to see and what magazines to A few months ago, the seven agreed to meet face to face. They began gathering every couple weeks or so at homes or in pizza joints was a matter of curiosity," Neal where they could exchange unlisted Another gray area By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS NEW YORK - What happens now to the 414s, the group of Milwaukee "computer hackers" whose fun was spoiled by the FBI, is not clear. Paul Piaskoski, the Patrick family attorney, quickly negotiated immunity for 17-year-old Neal Patrick in exchange for information on what the raiders did and how they did it. Piaskoski said what the 414s did was comparable to minor trespassing. He said some computer crime is range up to \$10,000 in fines and nine months in jail. like breaking and entering or burglary, but what the 414s did was more like standing outside a house and looking in through an open window. "If you're just trying to obtain access, that is a gray area of the law right now." said Louis Fanti, a Coatesville, Pa., lawyer who heads the American Bar Asso-JOB OPENINGS **PERSON TO PERSON** ...that's how we are reaching out to thousands of Penn State alumni for their support - by

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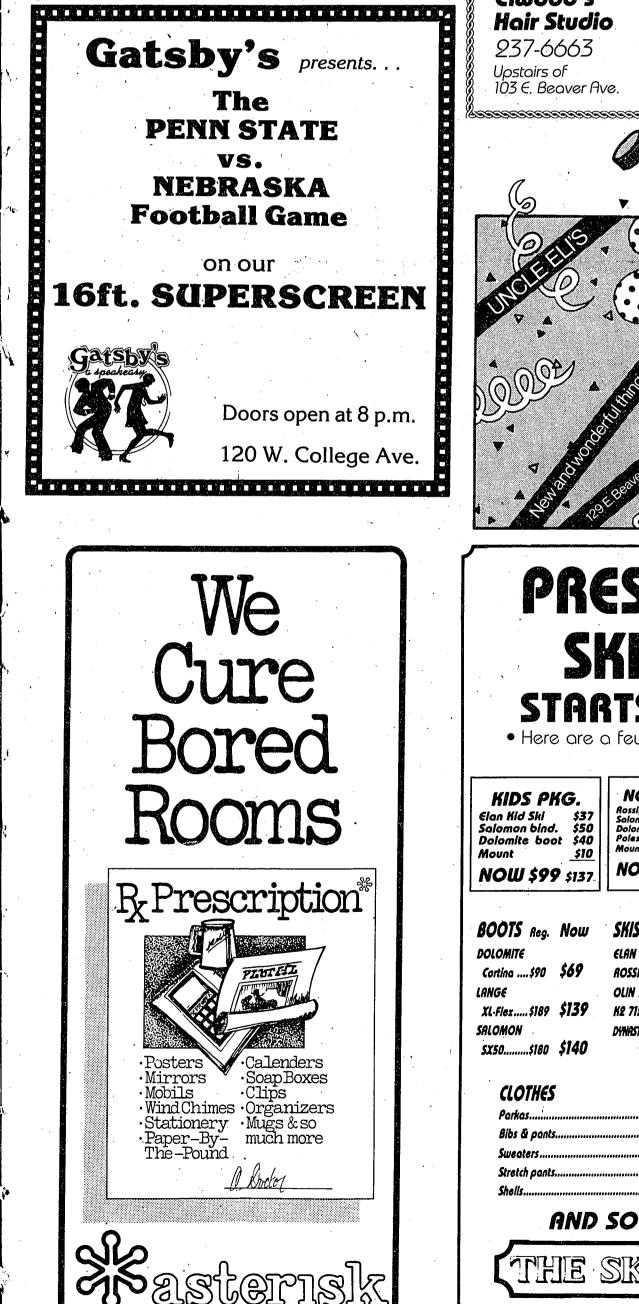
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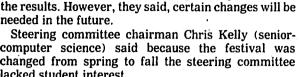
Despite the weather and calendar changes that

coordinators of the event said they were pleased with the results. However, they said, certain changes will be Steering committee chairman Chris Kelly (senior-

changed from spring to fall the steering committee busy with classes to participate.

had a lot of different things to offer." The Penn State Glee Club's performance was

classes at their scheduled performance time, Gallop Friday night. When the band began playing, four



Also, the festival should be scheduled at least two weeks later in the semester and only on a weekend because during the week, Kelly said, students are too "The idea was good, but people were just getting settled," Kelly said. "There's nothing you can do about

cancelled because a number of tenors had to attend The Dance Band attracted a large audience on

On Friday, the tables set up on the HUB law "People were stopping by and going to classes which had a lot to do with it." said Horizons master of ceremonies Ron Gallop. "It was a shame because they

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## The Daily Collegian Monday, Aug. 29, 1983-Rain on Horizons dampens fun people were on the HUB lawn. However, at the end of its show 150 people had gathered to listen, he said. Gallop said he blamed the poor turnout on the fact that the festival could not be effectively advertised to returning students. Saturday promised to have a better student popula-

tion on the HUB lawn, but the rain dampened the festive atmosphere The bands Image and High Strung performed on the HUB lawn at their scheduled times before the rain, and the remainder of the bands had to be relocated in the HUB Ballroom.

Kelly said the performance by Cartoon had to be cancelled because it began raining immediately before its performance and the Horizons committee had to set up the sound system in the HUB Ballroom. "Rather than being an hour behind schedule, we

cancelled their performance," Kelly said. Also, the group scheduled to perform after Cartoon, Ohio band Ronald Koal and the Trillionaires, was cancelled because it arrived at the University an hour late for the performance.

Do'a, a duo from New Hampshire that plays 25 instruments, attracted a crowd of about 150, Kelly said, "It was a great show for those who attended," he

After the performance by Do'a, an older crowd filled the HUB Ballroom to watch the Neil Simon play "The Good Doctor," which closed this year's Horizons, Kelly said

