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AMTRAK SERVER CRASH KILLS 45, INJURES 132

By Mr. Millhauser '08

INTERNETS DEPT.

(THE INTERNET, EARTH) Internet users were in a state of panic yesterday when the Amtrak website crashed, leaving forty-five dead and one hundred thirty-two injured.

The official police report states that data headed westbound from Boston collided with incoming data from Minneapolis, hurling dangerously large shards of information towards neighboring website thefacebook.com at high-speeds. The barrage of cyber-shrapnel tore through thefacebook's profiles, killing and wounding hundreds of college students. The wreck then careened onto the information superhighway and crashed into oncoming MP3 traffic, causing a seventy gigabyte pileup.

Other sources, however, suggest that a group of fourteen-year-old computer game enthusiasts who refer to themselves as the "L33T N1NJ@Z" were responsible for the crash. The group hacked into Amtrak's server and caused it to derail when they discovered it did not contain any pornographic material.

Corey Williams, a spokesperson for Amtrak, speculated on the cause of the accident at a press conference. "We're still trying to figure out exactly what led to the crash," Williams said. "So far, our internal investigation has ruled out equipment failure. Nothing has ever gone wrong with Amtrak equipment and it never will. Ever."

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BELL LABS DISCOVERS "SPEAKING"

By Mr. Erb '05

THE FUTURE IS NOW DEPT.

(HOLMDEL, NJ) Engineers at Bell Laboratories, the Research and Development wing of Lucent, Inc. have stumbled upon a new way to communicate with others in a clear and completely wireless way.

Graham Jenkins, the president of Bell Labs, held a press conference earlier today announcing the discovery. "This technology is absolutely amazing!" Jenkins claimed. "We call it 'speaking'. There is no need for a cell phone, laptop computer or a personal digital assistant. It works everywhere! Even the subway!" If speaking functions in underground transit as Jenkins claims, this new technology could enjoy rapid success in urban markets around the world.

The process is surprisingly simple. Engineers discovered that when they combined the use of their vocal cords with human contact, fast and easy communication was made possible. This discovery happened when two Bell Labs employees were forced to leave their computers to use the restroom. The two engineers, discovering that their hands were occupied, were forced to communicate without the aid of their cell phones or PDAs.

"It was weird at first but then we really got into it," Tyler Rolston, one of the engineers responsible for this startling technological breakthrough, said. "It's hands-free and

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AMERICA CRACKS CORN, CANDIDATES DON'T CARE

By Mr. Lazemby '09
DELIRIUM DEPT.

After the recent public debate for the presidential election, I felt that though the two candidates covered many important topics of discussion, they neglected the most important one: the issue of corn cracking in America.

Corn cracking was first done by English settlers upon landing in Ohio for the first time in 1923, and has since become an icon of American values. The negligence that the presidential candidates have shown this ancient and time honored tradition makes me question their very humanity, let alone their qualifications to be President of the United States.

However, with recent polls showing that 100% of people surveyed consider corn cracking to be a red hot issue in the upcoming election, the candidates have wasted no time in preparing their comments and thoughts on the issue.

A spokesman for Democratic Senator John Kerry has stated that his candidate “[S]upports a government subsidized corn cracking initiative, which includes better health care and higher wages for corn crackers. While he did vote for the Corn Cracking Protection Act of 2003, he does not support the policy anymore. He believes we need to take a smarter, more sensitive approach to the corn-cracking issue in order to gain respect from the rest of the corn-cracking world.”

Republican candidate George W. Bush feels that corn cracking is not only a revered American institution, but one that intelligence shows will come under fire by terrorist factions poised to undermine American confidence in their very way of life. “Nothing is more important to me than protecting the integrity of American corn-cracking,” Bush claimed during the third and final

debate. “If Andrea Sanchez of Prairie View, Texas or Frank Mitchell of Boise, Idaho can’t crack corn, then the terrorists have truly won.”

Miller Wheatley, the Lecturer on Corn Cracking at Southwestern Iowa A&M University, is skeptical and questions the candidate’s ability to govern the corn cracking of this great nation. “While of course both these men are perfect leaders for this country in a time of war, it is in the time after war, perhaps a time of peace and rhetoric, where their corn cracking skills will be necessary.” Wheatley added, “[A]nd – unfortunately – when that time comes I believe we will find them lacking.”

When asked for further comment, Mr. Wheatley went on the record to say “This is off the record,” nullifying the reporter he was talking to.

R.I.P. Philip Lazemby, nullified at the age of 23.

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CAMPUS SAFETY SIGNS LAWRENCE TAYLOR TO BOLSTER RUN DEFENSE

By Mr. Butler '06

BAD BOYS BAD BOYS WHATCHA GONNA DO DEPT. (CLINTON, NY) In a surprise move, Hall of Fame linebacker Lawrence "LT" Taylor has come out of retirement to sign a three year deal with Campus Safety. Taylor, who led the NFL in tackles for twenty-seven consecutive seasons, will join a young campus safety squad that was among the worst in the nation last season at stopping the run.

Taylor's impact has already been seen in many areas. Last weekend alone he made seven tackles, which was the most by any Campus Safety officer in the NESCAC during that period. His hard-hitting style and intimidating presence has already caused four broken ribs and fourteen dislocated beers.



Taylor, celebrating after tackling a group of terrified freshmen on Minor Field last Friday night.

Mary Ann Cavanaugh, the director of Campus Safety, commented that Taylor has shown "incredible leadership abilities". She added, "LT has brought new, unconventional methods of law enforcement to our campus. Noise complaints are down forty percent, and we haven't had to chase anyone through the Glen for a while. And he's so enthusiastic about his job! Especially confiscating drugs. Although sometimes they don't make it

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effective. And speaking is so much clearer than a cell phone call! It's more efficient than text-messaging, too. I didn't need to use smiley faces or anything because I realized I could use my own face to show my emotions!"

Lucent, in cooperation with Arbitrary Domicile Publishing, will begin marketing speaking as a how-to book. The book will be on shelves next week under the title, "Face to Face Communication For Worthless Idiots With Low Self-Esteem." At the press conference, Jenkins announced, "This new book will allow people to put away their electronic devices and use this amazing new technology which the boys down in the labs like to call 'speaking'." He added, "The only drawback we've seen so far is a limited range of about one hundred yards. Also, we're still doing research on 'speaking', because we've seen some side effects, with the most prominent being social anxiety and making friends."

Alexander Graham Bell, the pioneer of communication technology who invented the telephone, could not be reached for comment because he's been dead since 1922.

R.I.P. Alexander Graham Bell, dead and skeletal at the tender age of 157

back to our evidence locker. He's a bit careless."

Taylor has decided that he will not wear the standard Campus Safety uniform, opting instead to wear his old New York Giants uniform, complete with pads and helmet.

R.I.P. Any Chance Of Escaping In Root Glen, dead at the age of 154

HAMILTON PERSONALS

- Hey alumni, looking for a good time? I'm desperate for your "donation". Call x4105
- MBAM seeks SWF for one-night stand November 9th. Internship experience, homeliness a plus.

COMPLETE ASS INFORMED OF HIS STATUS, CLAIMS IGNORANCE

By Ms. Healy-Wurzburg '05

THESE GUYS ARE JERKS DEPT.

(CLINTON, NY) In the Little Pub late Thursday night, Mike Therston '07 informed Al Mathers '05 that he was a “complete ass” and should, additionally “go soak his head.” John Mackensie '06, one of Therston’s companions, added “Yeah, or better yet, get back in your SUV and stop throwing popcorn at us! You’re such a dick!”

Apparently Mathers, despite being familiar with the fact that he is a “dick,” expressed disagreement regarding the comment. Mathers later reported that he was “[N]o ass. If anything, THAT dude was the ass!”

When asked by his friends as to where he got the “balls” to stand up to Mathers, a former linebacker on the Hamilton football team who was severely intoxicated at the time, Therston replied that having his “bros” there behind him gave him the strength to do what he could not have otherwise done. Therston later commented that his “bros” were “solid dudes.”

Mathers was asked for further comment on the mysterious denial of his ass status, but claimed not to remember the encounter. Several of Mathers’ associates reported this unlikely, despite the large quantities of alcohol consumed by the group. One, who wished to remain anonymous, said ‘I mean, Al’s a total ass. He knows it! I mean, I think he’s proud of it. God, he’s such a dick!’

R.I.P. Al Mathers’ dignity, dead at the age of 22

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When asked about the teenager hypothesis, Williams replied, “Since when are horny fourteen-year-old males any good with computers?”

The L33T N1NJ@Z could not be reached for comment because they were all grounded for two weeks.

R.I.P. thefacebook.com, dead and full of holes at the age of 8 months

BUSH WANTS SHORT WORDS ACT TO MAKE TALK EASY

By Mr. Millhauser '08

TALK ABOUT NEWS DEPT.

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) President Bush unveiled his newest idea yesterday: the Short Words Act, which he plans to enact if he is re-elected in 2004.

The Act states that using any word of greater than five letters is illegal and punishable by fine and imprisonment for up to two years. Bush claims that the purpose of the act is to “make guys talk short to make life easy.”

Political analysts, however, theorize that Bush designed the Act so that “he wouldn’t sound like such a freaking idiot whenever he tries to pronounce any word of three or more syllables.”

In response to this accusation, Bush quipped, “Well, you’re just a dumb guy who’s real dumb.” The President then proceeded to insert his thumbs into his ears, wiggle his fingers, and stick out his tongue.

Upon discovering that this article contained over 40 violations of the Short Words Act, the United States Air Force preemptively bombed the Duel Observer’s central offices.

R.I.P. Journalism, dead at the age of 549.