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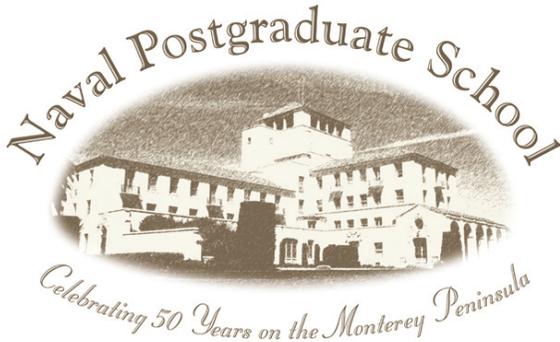
PRESS CONFERENCE
Cyber Defense Exercise

Date/Time:
Thursday, April 25, 2002
11 a.m. to Noon - Observation period
Noon to 1 p.m. - Interview period

The Naval Postgraduate School will hold a press session on Thursday, April 25, to offer media a firsthand look at the 2002 Inter-Service Academy Cyber Defense Exercise, a mock cyberwar waged by Air Force and Army computer specialists against student teams from all U.S. service academies and the Naval Postgraduate School.

Media will be able to observe the final period of the cyber attacks, scheduled to conclude early Thursday afternoon, and interview members of the NPS student team, which includes National Science Foundation-sponsored civilian students as well as military officers from the Navy, Marine Corps, Army and several countries.

The first wave of attacks in the information security exercise, which began early this morning, follow three weeks of preparation by student teams at NPS, the Naval Academy, U.S. Military Academy, Air Force Academy, Coast Guard Academy, and Merchant Marine Academy.

The teams were given rules and guidelines for setting up and securing a computer network. Their simulated networks will be the target of daily attacks between 6 a.m. and 2 p.m. PDT, with the student teams required to file daily reports on damage caused by the hackers and shore up the network's defenses before the next set of attacks.

For additional information about NPS programs in information security and information assurance see http://cisr.nps.navy.mil/.

Media wishing to cover the cyber defense exercise press session must contact John Sanders, NPS deputy public affairs officer, via e-mail (jfsander@nps.navy.mil) or phone (office: 831-656-3346/cell: 831-277-4299) NO LATER THAN 3 p.m. April 24 to be placed on an access list.

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