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COMMUNITY UPDATE

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Culture Corner

Chinese New Year & Year of the Ox

Chinese New Year or Spring Festival is the most important of the traditional Chinese holidays. It is often called the Lunar New Year, especially by people in mainland China and Taiwan. The festival traditionally begins on the first day of the first month in the Chinese calendar and ends on the 15th; this day is called Lantern Festival.

Celebrated in areas with large populations of ethnic Chinese, Chinese New Year is considered a major holiday for the Chinese and has had influence on the new year celebrations of its geographic neighbours, as well as cultures with whom the Chinese have had extensive interaction. These include Koreans, Mongolians, Nepalese, Bhutanese and Vietnamese. In mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan, Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand and other countries or regions with significant Han Chinese populations, Chinese New Year is also celebrated, and has, to varying degrees, become part of the traditional culture of these countries.

According to tales and legends, the beginning of Chinese New Year started with the fight against a mythical beast called the Nian or "Year" in Chinese. Nian would come on the first day of New Year to devour livestock, crops, and even villagers, especially children. To protect themselves, the villagers would put food in front of their doors at the beginning of every year. It was believed that after the Nian ate the food they prepared, it wouldn't attack any more.

One time, people saw that the Nian was scared away by a little child wearing red. The villagers then understood that the Nian was afraid of the color red. Hence, every time when the New Year was about to come, the villagers would hang red lanterns and red spring scrolls on windows and doors. People also used firecrackers to frighten away the Nian. From then on, the Nian never came to the village again.

The Ox (牛) is one of the 12-year cycle of animals which appear in the Chinese zodiac related to the Chinese calendar. The Ox is thought to be the sign of prosperity through fortitude and hard work. The Ox is a power sign, like the Rat, Snake, Dragon, Tiger, and Monkey. They're quite dependable and possess an innate ability to achieve great things. As one might guess, such people are dependable, calm, and modest. Like their animal namesake, the Ox is unswervingly patient, tireless in their work, and capable of enduring any amount of hardship without complaint.



Ox people, according to tradition, need peace and quiet to work through their ideas, and when they have set their mind on something it is hard for them to be convinced otherwise. An Ox

person has a very logical mind and is extremely systematic in whatever they do, though they have a tremendous imagination and an unparalleled appreciation for beauty. These people speak little but are very intelligent. When necessary, they can be articulate and eloquent.

OX

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To submit news items, please contact Trevor Bryant at 3-2885 or email thbryant@berkeley.edu.

commendations

Area E Custodians Doing “An Outstanding Job”

Please tell Area E Custodians **Martin Gonzalez** and **Kwok-Fai Ng** - on behalf of everyone in the Dean's Office - that they did an outstanding job cleaning the carpets in our area (in Gilman Hall). Not only do the floors look clean (and totally free of those ugly stains) they smell good. It is really a moral booster to work in a clean environment. So please thank them for us.

Monica Jackson
Student Affairs Officer
College of Chemistry
Undergraduate Office

I want to say ‘thank you’ for having your respective crews mobilize last week to tackle some pesky leaks. We really appreciated the work, and you should know that the fixes stopped thousands of gallons of water a week from being wasted. I know that working here sometimes presents particular challenges you may not face elsewhere on campus, so know that your assistance in helping maintain our invaluable collection is greatly appreciated.

Anthony Garza Jr.
Supervisor of Horticulture & Grounds
UC Botanical Garden

2009 CAL STAFF SUMMERFEST

You are invited to participate on the 2009 Cal Staff Summerfest Committee!

The planning committee will meet bi-monthly from February through May.

Participating on the planning committee offers a chance to network with other staff across the campus as well as participate in planning the annual staff recognition event.

If you are interested in serving on the committee please contact Lillian Brock at lbrock@berkeley.edu or 3-0104.



word of the month

ob·seq·ui·ous (ōb-sē'kwē-əs) *adj.*

Full of or exhibiting servile compliance; fawning.

Despite being adverse to the nation's own interests, elected officials continued to make obsequious decisions favoring a rogue foreign power.

If you'd like to submit a Word of the Month, please contact Trevor Bryant at 3-2885 or thbryant@berkeley.edu.

Compliments on Being a ‘Huge Help’

I wanted to write to inform you that one of the custodians at Barrows Hall, **Teresa Ochoa**, has been a huge help to the political science graduate students. Although it was not part of her job, nor even asked of her, she thoroughly cleaned and rearranged the graduate student lounge, which had been filthy for about two years. Thanks to her extra effort on our behalf, the lounge is now a pleasure to work in.

Athmeya Jayaram

Commendation from Lawrence Hall of Science

We got through the Winter Holiday period (one of our busiest times of the year) in good shape, thanks in no small measure to really great custodial support from you and your staff. **Ricardo Cason**, the custodian who filled in during the weekday holidays, did an outstanding job. Ricardo was friendly, helpful and always available. **Daniel Coito** did a top-notch and extremely thorough job cleaning the cafeteria, bathrooms and A-level.

Steve Mullin
Operations Director
Lawrence Hall of Science

I just want to say how nice and clean 2000 Carleton looks. **Damanus James** (Custodial) does a great job...and she has a nice attitude towards all. Thanks again... another job well done.

Jerrold E. Galena

commendations (continued)

Elevator Shop Receives Kudos

This letter was recently sent to Ron Cook (Elevator Shop):

I know you and your team have recently put a lot of energy and effort into repairing and upgrading the elevators in University Hall. Often, this type of work goes unnoticed. Such is the plight of working to maintain old equipment!

I just wanted you to know that many of us at EH&S have noticed that the elevators seem to be really working well now. The bearing / guide noise are now quiet, the doors open and close smoothly, and there feels to be a greater sense of reliability and safety in using them. I want to personally extend my thanks to you and your team for quietly helping to make our work lives better here at University Hall and EH&S!

Job well done,

Jim Gilson, PE
Assistant Manager of Safety
Environment, Health & Safety



policy changes

Smoking Policy Changes Affect 2000 Carleton

Physical Plant will no longer be able to accommodate the designated smoking areas at 2000 Carleton St. This change takes place to comply with the campus policy now requiring that smoking be 25 feet away from all building entrances, exits, stairways and air intakes.

This change will facilitate the campus efforts to obtain LEED certification for its buildings. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

For more information, you can contact **Angela Wade (Safety)** at 2-9348 or email awade@berkeley.edu.

public safety

2000 Carleton Building Security

In order to increase building security during the weekly Farmer's Market held on Derby Street, the front doors of 2000 Carleton will be locked at 3:30pm on Tuesdays beginning January 27th. Entrances on both the east and west gates will be unaffected. Thanks for your help in keeping the building secure.



community news

Cal Extern Program Comes to PP-CS



First-year electrical engineering/computer science student Jesse Chen had an opportunity to learn more about the campus facilities operations by shadowing **Jerry Jimenez** (Utilities Engineering) for two days as part of the Cal Career Center's Externship program! Jerry played host and tour guide, taking Jesse on tours of the CoGen steam plant, Hill sub-station, Switching Station 1 (the major switching station on campus), and the new CITRIS bldg, as well as providing a brief glimpse of the on-campus SCADA system. Along with showing Jesse the campus automated electric metering system, Jerry explained how his Cal degree has provided the foundation of knowledge for his current position.

Special thanks goes to Jerry Jimenez for taking the extra time to participate in the Cal Externship program, helping to serve the student community at Cal and giving students a chance to learn using our own campus as a lab!

FSIT updates

CalMail Quotas Increase

The UC Berkeley Messaging Steering Committee is pleased to announce the immediate increase of default CalMail quotas from 250MiB to 1GiB for all current faculty, staff, students, and affiliates.

Accounts have been automatically upgraded to the new quota limits. No action is needed by CalMail account holders.

The CalMail Team recently completed a multi-year project with the IST Storage Group to implement a low-cost, scalable storage platform. This new platform meets CalMail's performance requirements as well as increases the amount of storage space for email.

The new platform should provide sufficient room for growth over the next few years. As storage costs decrease and capacity planning permits, the CalMail team will continue to evaluate quota levels on the CalMail system.

FSIT Staff Moving To 2000 Carleton

As the FSIT team continues to combine their resources, members of the team currently located at the Promenade (1936 University Ave) are scheduled to move to 2000 Carleton. The first set of staff moves is scheduled to take place the week of February 2. **Dennis Arrigan** and **Trang Tran**, both part of FSIT, will move to the first floor of 2000 Carleton in offices near **Skip Noble**, FS's Chief Information Officer (CIO) and **Marilyn Todacheene**, FSIT Administrative Assistant. Trang, who is currently located at the Promenade, will not yet relocate to Carleton full time but will divide her work between the two locations.

To support these office moves, a few PP-CS staff will also relocate within Carleton. **Howard Trent** will move to room 245A, **Kris Burgett** goes to room 225, and **Chuck Rose** and **Sugi Harto** will move to room 245.

The next set of moves for the FSIT team includes some construction to renovate room 240. The project plans are not yet complete but PP-CS staff currently located in room 240 are not expected to relocate; they will be joined by FSIT staff. Details of the renovation schedule and moves will be provided as soon as they are confirmed.

If you have any questions about planned staff moves, please contact **Marilyn Todacheene** at 2-3301.

PP-CS Computer Access Project Nears Completion

The PP-CS Workplace Improvement Team (WIT), in collaboration with Facilities Services IT (FSIT) and Capital Projects (CP), is in the final phases of initiating the *Computer Access Project*, a program allowing computer (and printer) access to employees who do not have such access. The program - managed by **E. Bond Francisco** (FSIT) - is focusing on providing computers and training to Custodial and Grounds staff. The computers will be located in Tolman, Valley Life Sciences, Barrows, Cory, Tan and Boalt Halls and Edwards Track.

A prototype computer that will serve as a "tester" has been set up at 2000 Carleton. Several Custodial staff will be invited to test the computer to ensure that it meets the needs of employees who will use the kiosks. After the testing, the computers will be configured, installed and will then be ready for use, providing basic access to websites such as *Blu*, *At Your Service* and the *Berkeley.edu* domain.

The Computer Access Program serves several important functions: it will allow employees direct access to their online benefits, wage and tax information, provide a vehicle for important communications regarding University policies, news and opportunities within the workplace, and will strengthen employees' computing skills.

The program, expected to be completed by the end of March, is sponsored by the WIT at PP-CS, a group working to improve the workplace for employees. **Trevor Bryant** (Communications), involved in the project since it began, is looking forward to seeing it come to fruition. "This program is absolutely critical," said Trevor, "in that it opens avenues for staff to communicate and receive important information, as well as offering an important opportunity for skill-building around computers that employees can use for career and educational development. I'm very excited that, after over a year of planning and work, that this project is nearing completion. Bond took over the project in November and has done a remarkable job in keeping everyone involved focused on making progress."

If you are a Custodial or Grounds staff member with experience using computers, and are interested in volunteering to test the computer set-up, please contact Trevor Bryant at 3-2885.

FSIT updates (continued)

CAD/GIS Update, How to Request Plans

The FS Information Technology group (FSIT) is currently evaluating the Computer-Aided Drawing (CAD) and Geographic Information System (GIS) systems that update and maintain campus architectural drawings. In early April, FSIT will convene a workgroup comprised of those on campus who contribute to and use the CAD/GIS information. The workgroup's charge is to guide improvements to CAD/GIS that will bring data together from across the campus in a consistent and accessible way. This campus-wide partnership should assure that we all have good data about campus facilities with which to work.

If you need copies of architectural drawings, please request them using the following procedure:

Step 1.

Identify the plans you would like copied using the Small Scale Reference Library at The Promenade (The Promenade 2nd Floor 1936 University Ave, near MLK Jr. Way in downtown Berkeley). The Promenade is open from 8am-5pm weekdays. You do not need to make an appointment in advance but will need to present your campus ID.

Step 2

Fill out a Print Order Form including key reference and payment information (AE #, Building Code #, Payment Chart String or Project Account #) as well as how you would like your prints formatted. The Print Order Forms are located in front of the CAD/ GIS area of 2000 Carleton, in the inbox marked 'Print Order Forms.'

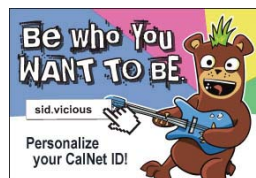
Step 3

Submit the Print Order Form by email or internal mail to:

Joshua Sanderford / Jonathan Martin
Capital Projects Planroom
The Promenade
1936 University Ave 2nd Floor
MC 1380
E-mail: resourcegroup@cp.berkeley.edu

Please allow 24 to 48 hours for confirmation that your request was received. Upon confirmation you will be notified of an estimate of cost and completion date.

For more specific questions about getting copies of drawings, please contact Jonathan Martin at 3-7724, 510 812-0821 (cell) or email jmartin2@cp.berkeley.edu. For general questions or concerns about CAD/GIS, please contact **Skip Noble**, FS Chief Information Officer, at [wnoble@berkeley.edu](mailto:w noble@berkeley.edu), 2-7092 or 510 735-1116 (cell).



for your information

Changing Your CalNet ID

Staff are required to change their CalNet ID from a staff ID number to a personalized login. Your CalNet ID is used to access campus resources like FASDI and Blu - it's what you use to "authenticate". Reasons for the change include improving the security of campus data you access; more background is available at the second link in the message below. Staff should change their CalNet ID before the end of January. If you have already made the change, great and you're done - you can only change the ID once.

To make the change, visit:

<https://calnet.berkeley.edu/myi/id/change>

The process should only take a couple of minutes. If you have any problems, please contact **Dennis Arrigan**, FSIT, at arrigan@berkeley.edu or 3-7811.



'Are You Ready to Quit?' Smoking Cessation Class Offered

In partnership with University Health Services at the Tang Center, PP-CS is proud to offer the 'Are you Ready to Quit?' smoking cessation class at 2000 Carleton St. The class will be offered on February 11th beginning at 9am in room 246 A&B.

Employees attending this class will examine the factors contributing to smoking and determine whether or not this is the right time for them to begin the process of quitting. The instructor is a reformed smoker who is fully-committed to supporting her clients in every way. There is no cost to the employee for this course. Hypnosis and acupuncture are incorporated in the sessions.

All employees interested in not smoking anymore are welcome to attend. Night shift/custodial employees interested in a class during evening hours can contact **Angela Wade** at 2-9348.

recognitions

Donna Lee, E. Bond Francisco, Joel Wishnoff Receive Staff Recognition Awards

Three members of Facilities Services – E. Bond Francisco (FSIT) Donna Lee (FSIT) and Joel Wishnoff (CP) – were recently nominated and selected as recipients of campus staff recognition awards!

E. Bond Francisco was nominated for and awarded a SPOT Award based on his outstanding efforts as a co-founder and co-chair of the Business Process Analysis Working Group (BPAWG) staff organization. Here is an excerpt from his nomination:

“Over the past three years, [Bond] has assembled many panels of campus experts to help educate and inform interested staff on matters dealing with analysis. This month was no exception! He pulled together a group of subject matter experts by meeting with the management of IS&T on the topic of campus collaboration tools. After the lecture, attendees were shown how to use various tools, like Skype and Go To Meeting.

This is a very valuable service to the campus and his fellow staff as well. It shows the tremendous initiative Bond has taken in order to jump in and help solve problems for himself and his colleagues. It also presents a new model for staff on campus as they watch how he is able to collaborate with other units and divisions to bring training and education to all.”

Joel Wishnoff received a SPOT Award for “significant initiative and resourcefulness in regards to assisting the new formed department of FSIT. Joel worked with FSIT by offering the services of Joan Wolterding to help the CIO manage his administrative tasks, including the scheduling of meetings. This has been of significant value to FSIT and has vastly improved the communications with clients of FSIT services. Joel continues to support the FSIT department, knowing that by doing so, Facilities Services and the campus will benefit from better use of technology.”

Donna Lee received a Facilities Services Employee Recognition Award for her quick action in support of Inspection Services’ Joel Wishnoff (CP), saving both valuable time and resources. Instead of spending money to purchase a new (and expensive) laptop battery, Donna took the initiative to contact the vendor that sold the original laptop and succeeded in getting a free replacement. Congratulations to E. Bond Francisco, Donna Lee and

Joel Wishnoff for being for their outstanding contributions and support!

NEW PP-CS HIRES

Steven Matthew Tornatore
Utilities Steamfitter
Start Date: 1/5/2009

Danny Bedford
HVAC Mechanic
Start Date: 1/5/2009

Eric Jones
Custodian
Start Date: 1/5/2009

Nathan Huang
Custodian
Start Date: 1/5/2009

Miriam Azuara
Custodian
Start Date: 1/5/2009

Stephen Ho
Custodian
Start Date: 1/5/2009

Hong Wei Lin
Custodian (Career)
Start Date: 1/5/2009

Ana Hernandez
Custodian
Start Date: 1/5/2009

Jorge Santillan
Custodian (Limited)
Start Date: 1/5/2009

Marvin Cullado
Custodian
Start Date: 1/5/2009

Charles Crane Jr.
Custodian
Start Date: 1/5/2009

Mark Brooks
Custodian
Start Date: 1/5/2009

Rita Lai Man Lee
Custodian
Start Date: 1/7/2009