



## PHYSICAL PLANT - CAMPUS SERVICES

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# COMMUNITY UPDATE

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### commendation

Dear AVC Christofferson,

I am writing to acknowledge the exemplary service of two PP-CS employees, Plumber Mary Rose Czajka and Electrician Arthur Simmons. On Sunday, April 12th, a fire sprinkler malfunctioned in the Library Book Bindery, spraying water into a portion of our production area. We have a number of expensive machines as well as a significant number of valuable library books in this area.

Both Mary Rose and Arthur quickly responded to our calls for assistance and worked diligently to help resolve the situation, keeping water damage to a minimum. Their prompt and professional response was critically important in preventing this event from escalating into an expensive disaster. I want to commend PP-CS and these two employees in particular for their valuable assistance to this incident. Both Mary Rose's and Arthur's actions clearly demonstrate their commitment to service and quality.

Please convey my sincere thanks to each of them, and to your entire organization.

Sincerely,

David J. Martinelli, Manager  
Library Bindery Services

### budget resources

UC Office of the President has published a University budget fact-sheet entitled Budget Facts and Myths. It is posted in both English and Spanish here:

<http://atyourservice.ucop.edu/>

This information is also available in hard copy in various PP-CS work sites.

### community events

#### Facilities Services to Celebrate Take Your Child to Work Day on Thursday, April 23rd

On Thursday, April 23rd, Facilities Services will host a variety of fun activities in recognition of National Take Your Child to Work Day. Here's an excerpt from the official website for the Take Our Daughters And Sons To Work® program at [www.daughtersandsonstowork.org](http://www.daughtersandsonstowork.org):

"Exposing girls and boys to what a parent or mentor in their lives does during the work day is important, but showing them the value of their education, helping them discover the power and possibilities associated with a balanced work and family life, and providing them an opportunity to share how they envision the future and begin steps toward their end goals in a hands-on and interactive environment is key to their achieving success."



At last year's event, the Carpentry shop hosts a birdhouse-building workshop

This year's planned activities include an ID Badge Station, a field trip to the Lawrence Hall of Science, and a pizza lunch party at 2000 Carleton! If you would like to participate, please RSVP by contacting **Trevor Bryant** at 3-2885 or email [thbryant@berkeley.edu](mailto:thbryant@berkeley.edu).

The PP-CS Community Update is published monthly, with special editions as needed.  
To submit an item, please contact **Trevor Bryant** at 3-2885 or email [thbryant@berkeley.edu](mailto:thbryant@berkeley.edu).

## community news

### Jose Desenna Travels to Southeast Asia, Makes a New Friend



On a recent four-week trip to Thailand and Cambodia, **Jose Desenna** (Elevator Shop) visited the Elephant Nature Park, an elephant sanctuary in Chiang Mai, Thailand. While he was there, Jose made a new friend - Leo the Elephant, a 19-year old who was born and raised at the sanctuary. "Elephants are really sweet and gentle," Jose said. "They've got great spirits, and it's important that they have a safe place to live." Many of the elephants living at the Elephant Nature Park are rescued.

#### **Ele-facts** (from an article by Adam Flinn entitled 'Elephants in Thailand'):

- Bulls (males) can stand 9' in height and weigh between 3 - 5 tons
- Cows (females) can stand 7.5 feet in height and weight between 2.3 - 4.5 tons
- Newly born baby elephants (calves) stand at around 3' and they weigh around 200 lbs.
- Despite their huge size, elephants have an extraordinary sense of balance and extremely high tactile sense.
- An elephant's skin is around 2.5 cm (1") thick
- The brain of an elephant weighs about 11 lbs. (4 times the weight of a human brain), and their heart beats around 28 times per minute!

## project updates

### Naval Architecture Building Restoration

The Naval Architecture Building Restoration project will renovate, expand, and seismically upgrade the Naval Architecture Building, a simple wood-shingled building listed on the National Register of Historic Places that was built in 1914 and designed by John Galen Howard. A new wing will be constructed on the west side of the original structure. A second-level bridge, first-level terrace, and ground floor connector under the terrace will link the historic building to its new wing. A plaza area will connect the entire project to nearby engineering buildings.

The project will create a new home for the Richard C. Blum Center for Developing Economies as well as teaching and student space for the College of Engineering. Construction will begin Spring 2009 and is scheduled to be completed in Fall 2010.



This construction project is being managed differently to others on campus. Under a short-term ground lease agreement between The Blum Center for Developing Economies at UC Berkeley Foundation, also known as the Blum Center Foundation (a private, non-profit organization) and the University of California, the foundation will lease the existing Naval Architecture Building and immediate site from UC and complete the improvements under its management and at its expense. After the project is completed, the improvements would be gifted to the campus by the Blum Center Foundation. The building will be designed, built and inspected in accordance with all campus and state building code requirements. PP-CS staff with questions about the project should direct them to Sally McGarrahan (3-5560 or [smcgarrahan@cp.berkeley.edu](mailto:smcgarrahan@cp.berkeley.edu)), who is serving as the Capital Projects liaison.

A groundbreaking for the project will take place at Naval Architecture on Thursday April 23 at 2pm. Former Vice President and Nobel Laureate Al Gore will be the featured speaker at the event. The celebration is open to all members of the campus community.

## staffing changes



**Brian Moltrup** has joined PP-CS in February as the Lead Payroll Specialist, working with the Payroll/HR team. Brian comes to PP-CS with 10 years of experience as a Senior Accountant.

In his new position, Brian will assist in all areas of Payroll. Brian is located in the Payroll office at 2000 Carleton St. Room 244, his email address is [bmoltrup@berkeley.edu](mailto:bmoltrup@berkeley.edu) and phone is 2-2627. Please welcome Brian to PP-CS!

## community news (continued)

### Daryl Mathews Riding as Part of the AIDS/LifeCycle Cal Team



This year, **Daryl Mathews** (Stationary Engineer) is participating in Aids/LifeCycle as a member of the Cal Team, a group of Cal students, staff, alumni and friends who have come together to raise funds for the SF AIDS Foundation and LA Gay and Lesbian Center.

AIDS/LifeCycle is a fully supported, 7-day bike ride from May 31 through June 6, 2009. Cyclists and volunteers will travel 545 miles through some of California's most beautiful countryside from San Francisco to Los Angeles. AIDS/LifeCycle increases awareness and knowledge about HIV/AIDS among participants, their donors and the general public.

How did Daryl get involved in the AIDS/LifeCycle event? "Well, my wife did it last year," Daryl said, "and when I went to pick her up at the end of the race, I got to see the amazing level of support and community and really felt like it was something that I needed to be a part of... I'm really looking forward to the ride."

You can find out more about the AIDS/LifeCycle event by visiting <http://www.aidslifecycle.org>

## benefits information

### Fidelity Retirement Services Workshops

*Fidelity Retirement Services has been conducting workshops on how to enroll and manage your UC Retirement Savings Program accounts, helping you to achieve your personal retirement savings goals and ensuring your retirement readiness.*

#### Special Workshop – New!

The series includes a special workshop, "Remaining Confident in a Volatile Market." This workshop will help you have a better understanding of current market activity, gain historical perspective on the markets, and learn about some basic investment concepts and strategies. For a complete list of workshops, go to:

<http://hrweb.berkeley.edu/benefits/UCBrrrep.pdf>

Note: To reserve a space in a workshop, please call (800) 642-7131, Monday through Friday, 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., PT.

#### Online Workshops

Employees who are unable to attend a workshop in person can now view self-paced workshops on the NetBenefits website at anytime.

1. Log on to NetBenefits at: <http://netbenefits.com>
2. On the right side of the home page, under News, click on Recorded Workshop.
3. From the Recorded Workshop page, you can choose a workshop(s) that meets your learning objective:
  - a. Accessing NetBenefits
  - b. Enrolling in Your Workplace Savings Plans
  - c. Determining Your Investment Strategy
  - d. Achieving a Sound Retirement
  - e. The Fundamentals of Retirement Income Planning

#### Accessing Fidelity Retirement Services

Faculty and staff have three options for accessing Fidelity Retirement Services to obtain assistance or information about their accounts.

1. Online, accessing NetBenefits at: <http://netbenefits.com>
2. By phone, using the automated telephone line at 1-866-682-7787.
3. By phone, speaking to a Fidelity Retirement Services Specialist at 1-866-682-7787, Monday through Friday between 5:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., PT.

Questions about the workshops may be sent via email to Kim Martin [kmartin@berkeley.edu](mailto:kmartin@berkeley.edu) or by phone at 3-7634.

## sustainability corner



When **Mike Schefers** (Stationary Engineer) heard that PP-CS wanted to lower the number of fleet trucks, he jumped on the opportunity to volunteer. His

proposal was simple: he would give up his work truck in exchange for a bicycle. The department gladly obliged.

After six months of riding to campus, Mike wouldn't have it any other way. "It usually takes me about 5-7 minutes to get to campus," Mike says with a smile. "Plus, I get to turn down roads that trucks can't. It's one of those things where, after you ride a few times you think 'Why haven't I been doing this all along?'"

What does Mike do when he needs to carry tools? "I have a toolbox mounted on the back of the bike, and it works well for me," he replies, again with a smile – and he has plenty to smile about. Not only is Mike improving his health and well-being by staying active, he's saving the campus money in both gasoline and vehicle maintenance, as well as helping the University to lower its "carbon footprint," a term to describe the contribution to emission of greenhouse gases. Way to go green, Mike!



## workplace improvement

### WIT Project Updates

#### Bike Parking Installed at 2000 Carleton



New bike parking on the West Dock

The Workplace Improvement Team (WIT) has installed four bike parking spaces on the north end of the West Dock, and will be installing five more spaces on the East Dock by the end of the month. Two of these bike parking spaces will be reserved spaces for the Cal Green Bike Share loaner bikes; the other spaces will be freely available to staff who commute via bike.

## Computer Access Project (CAP) for Custodial and Grounds Staff

The Computer Access Project (CAP) is nearing completion, and computers are expected to be installed in Custodial muster areas by the end of April. Initially, one computer kiosk will be installed at each muster site, with a second kiosk for each muster site scheduled for installation once the first set are all up and running.

Soon after the computers are set up, the WIT - partnering with the Center for Organization & Workforce Effectiveness (CORe) - will be offering trainings for Custodians on how to use the computers to access pay and benefits information, sign up for and check e-mail, and more! More information about the training opportunity, as well as a sign-up form, will be available soon.

If you have questions about the Computer Access Project, please contact **E. Bond Francisco** (FSIT) at 3-5523 or email him at [ebondf@berkeley.edu](mailto:ebondf@berkeley.edu).

## Cal Green Bike Share comes to PP-CS!

In partnership with the Workplace Improvement Team (WIT) and PP-CS, the Cal Green Bike Share (CGBS) program – a student-led effort that offers short-term access to bicycles – will provide two bicycles for use at 2000 Carleton St. As part of the pilot project, membership fees for PP-CS staff (normally \$15/yr.) will be waived. The program, expected to begin in mid-May, will even offer subsidized bike helmets to PP-CS staff for \$5!

After filling out the application and taking a brief bike safety course taught by CGBS, you'll be able to reserve and use one of the bicycles, located on the newly-installed bike racks on the East and West Docks of 2000 Carleton.

To learn more about Cal Green Bike Share, visit <http://greenbikeshare.net>. If you're interested in participating, please contact **Trevor Bryant** at 3-2885 or email [thbryant@berkeley.edu](mailto:thbryant@berkeley.edu)

For more information on the Workplace Improvement Team, you can email [workplaceimprovement@lists.berkeley.edu](mailto:workplaceimprovement@lists.berkeley.edu), or leave a message on the WIT Hotline at 3-2308.

## REMINDER

All used toner and ink cartridges should be brought to Mail Services in Room 255 of 2000 Carleton. Please do not leave the cartridges in the copy rooms. Thank you for your cooperation.



## safety corner

### Upcoming Safety Events

The following safety events have been scheduled:

4-24-2009 - Executive Safety Committee Retreat

7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Richmond Field Station, 445

5-6-2009 - DOT, OSHA, & Hazardous Waste Training\*

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

775 Tan Hall

\*Employees can register through supervisors



## word of the week(s)

**fun·gi·ble** (fūn'jə-bəl) *adj.*

Interchangeable

Oil, wheat, and lumber are fungible commodities in today's markets.



## FSIT news

### FSIT Move Update

As part of changes planned for Carleton that will allow FSIT staff to work together, the next phase of office moves is scheduled to take place April 23. The staff currently located in room 240 at Carleton, including Fran Bridgett, Rodolfo Fuentes, Hadi Kamkar, Mike Lastra, Manny Rojo, Mike Salcido, Dave Smith and Norm Strait will move offices. Some of the moves will be to a permanent new location, while others will return to the area once renovations are complete.

Once room 240 is vacant, the existing furniture will be dismantled and removed. Construction to renovate the space will follow; details about that work will be shared with all building occupants as soon as they are finalized.

### The New FSIT Support Services Website Is Now Live!

1. Save the new site's web address

The new FSIT Support Services site resides in Calshare Services. Please save this link and bookmark it for future use:

<https://calshare.berkeley.edu/sites/fs/supportservices/default.asp>

2. Log in to use the new site

Log into the FSIT Support website using your CalNet ID and passphrase. This step provides you with personalization benefits and a more secure environment in which to make requests.

3. Instructions on using the system will be also be posted on the website.

If you have any questions regarding the Support Site, please contact **Joyce Martin** at [jmartin@cp.berkeley.edu](mailto:jmartin@cp.berkeley.edu).



### save the dates!

Dalai Lama at the Greek Theater - Sat April 25

Greek Theater concert season begins - Sat May 2

Instruction ends - Mon May 11

Cal Summerfest (Staff Appreciation Day)

- Wed May 13

Final exams - Thurs May 14 through Thurs May 21

*You're Invited!*

**Calypso**

university of california berkeley®  
**summerfest 2009**

(also known as Staff Appreciation Day!)

**Wednesday, 13 May 2009**  
from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm  
on Memorial Glade

free t-shirts! free food! live music and dancing!  
for more information, please visit  
<http://summerfest.berkeley.edu>



# recognition

## Service Awards Celebration at 2000 Carleton

On Thursday, April 2nd, PP-CS honored employees who have reached service year milestones. The event was held in the Pat Quigley Conference Room of 2000 Carleton St., and recognized the contributions of the following staff members:

### Service Award Recipients:

- Farouq Abdul-Hadi 15 Years
- Raul Abesamis 20 Years
- Byron Algere 10 Years
- Gerardo Cipres 15 Years
- Deborah Collins 20 Years
- Stephen Comrie 20 Years
- Michael Courter 10 Years
- John Dawson 10 Years
- Kerry Gaffey 10 Years
- Mario Geliberte 30 Years
- Sheryl Gonzalez 15 Years
- Ronald Gross 30 Years
- Gary Imazumi 20 Years
- George Jaqua 20 Years
- Chi Man Ku 20 Years
- Michael Lastra 10 Years
- Alfredo Magana 20 Years
- Matthew McErlane 20 Years
- Todd McFerren 10 Years
- Javier Mejia, Sr. 25 Years
- Luis Mendez-Morales 20 Years
- Don Micheletti 10 Years
- Keith Muller 10 Years
- Paul Murray 10 Years
- Mark Oda 10 Years
- Nick Pigati 10 Years
- Janice Slocum 25 Years
- Clifford Smith 10 Years
- Todd Stires 10 Years
- Mark Swanson 20 Years
- Michael Tam 10 Years
- Daniel Valdez 10 Years
- Steve Ventimiglio 10 Years
- Arturo Ventura 10 Years

