Beware of SPAM fraud e-mails

The campus has seen a high volume of e-mail fraud messages over the past weeks that could subject users to Internet scams known as “phishing.” The latest round contains subject lines making e-mails appear as if they come from Huntington Bank, Washington Mutual Bank, E-Bay and Pay Pal. The e-mails usually contain a message asking readers to “confirm” information like account numbers and personal identification information in order to continue to use banking, credit or online-transaction account use. In reality, the messages are fraud -- an attempt by identity thieves to steal financial account and identity information. If you haven’t set up your cpSPAM filter folder already, now is a good time to do so. For details, visit: [http://email.calpoly.edu/spam/index.html](http://email.calpoly.edu/spam/index.html). ITS has a Web page offering the latest information on viruses, hoaxes and how to combat them (check out the list of ‘Top 10 Virus Hoaxes’) at: [http://software.calpoly.edu/virus-hoax-spam.html](http://software.calpoly.edu/virus-hoax-spam.html).

Avoid a nasty computer virus in e-mail

One of the latest e-mails containing a virus purports to be from the ‘ITS support team.’ The e-mail began circulating on campus last week. The message in the e-mail states that ITS “has identified your computer” as the source of a high volume of spam, and that your computer is suspected to be infected with a virus. The e-mail message offers a link to a program that will reportedly remove the virus from your computer. The link will actually infect your computer with a virus. Do not click on the link; simply delete the message, ITS staff advise. ITS is tracking down the computer source of the e-mail.

Post-retirement restrictions announced

CalPERS permits retired members to work for CalPERS agencies under certain circumstances for a limited time. However, additional restrictions were recently implemented which require faculty and staff who retire and have not yet reached age 55 (age 50 for safety members) to have a 60 calendar-day break in service after retirement before returning to work. Also, prior to retirement, there must be no agreement, either spoken or written, to return to employment between the member and a CalPERS employer. These new restrictions do not apply to disability retirements. It is imperative that department administrators consult with Human Resources or Academic Personnel prior to appointing a rehired annuitant. Non-compliance may result in the member’s retroactive reinstatement to active membership and serious financial consequences to both the members and employer. Questions on retirement may be directed to Human Resources at ext.6-2236 (select Option 2) or e-mail humanresources@calpoly.edu.

Bike racks springing up around campus

Facility Services is busy installing 30 new bike racks around campus, including two “racks with plaques” recognizing special individuals. One now in place in front of the Recreation Center recognizes Ann Nebiker, a 1990 Business Administration graduate, for her dedication to the creation of the Recreation Center. Another soon to be in place at Campus Market recognizes Michael Cadena, a 1993 City and Regional Planning graduate, "whose senior project laid the groundwork for Cal Poly's Sports Complex." Rod Hoadley, a lecturer with CENG, Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering, owns the company that manufactured the bike racks and donated the plaques.
Employment

Faculty: Candidates are asked to visit our online employment Web site at www.calpolyjobs.org to complete an application and apply for any of the positions shown below. Please submit all requested application materials as attachments to your online application, unless otherwise specified in the ad.

#100516-Tenure Track Position, BioResource & Agricultural Engineering Department, College of Agriculture (ext. 6-2378). Closes May 2.

#100518-Tenure Track Position, Architectural Engineering Department, College of Architecture & Environmental Design (ext. 6-1314). Review begins April 1.

#100519-Department Head (Tenure-Track), Architectural Engineering Department, College of Architecture & Environmental Design (ext. 6-1314). Review begins April 1.

#100522-Part-Time Lecturer Pool, BioResource & Agricultural Engineering Department, College of Agriculture (ext. 6-2378). Closes April 1.

#100524-Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Mathematics Department, College of Science & Mathematics (ext. 6-1227). Closes March 18.

#100526-Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Agribusiness Department, College of Agriculture (ext. 6-5001). Closes March 23.

#100527-Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Construction Management Department, College of Architecture & Environmental Design (ext. 6-5118). Closes March 15.

Happenings:

Pride Alliance film March 1

The Pride Alliance will host a special preview screening of “The Graffiti Artist” at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, in the Rotunda (Room 213), Orfalea College of Business Building. For details about the film, go to www.thegraffitiartist.com.

Doctoral program deadline is April 4

The deadline for applications for the CSU's 2005-2006 California Pre-Doctoral Program is Monday, April 4. The program is designed to increase diversity among CSU students who continue their studies at the doctoral level and become eligible for faculty positions. A special emphasis is placed on increasing the number of CSU students who enter UC graduate programs. Each student chosen will work closely with a CSU faculty sponsor to develop an overall plan which leads to enrollment in a doctoral program. The three major criteria for selection are potential for success in completing a doctoral program, probable effectiveness of the student/faculty plan, and level of economic and educational disadvantage. For more information and an application, call Becky Powell in Research and Graduate Programs, ext. 6-2328.

OCOB has new advancement director

Pam McClure has joined the Orfalea College of Business as the director of advancement. She brings more than 20 years of experience as a professional fund-raiser to her new position. McClure most recently served as vice president for advancement at Pacific Oaks College and Children’s School in Pasadena. Prior to that, she was Director of the Western Regional Office for the University of Pennsylvania, where she helped raise more than $2.5 million for the university. She served as executive director of external affairs for the College of Business Administration at Cal State Sacramento and as executive director of the Cal State Northridge Trust Fund and University Advancement. McClure began her fund-raising career in corporate relations at Caltech. She earned a bachelor's degree in European history from Wheaton College in Massachusetts and a master’s in international education from Columbia University.

Nominees sought for faculty advisor award

The Academic Advising Council is currently accepting nominations for the 2005 Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award. This award recognizes a faculty member who provides a positive influence for students through academic advising. Nominations may be made by faculty, staff or students. Find more information online at http://www.academics.calpoly.edu/advising/award.htm. Nominations should be submitted to Cindy Jelinek, College of Science and Mathematics Advising Center, Building 53, Room 219, by 5 p.m. March 4. For more information, call ext. 6-2615.

Enjoy fine wines amidst the oaks

The Vines to Wines Club is hosting its third annual “Afternoon Amidst the Oaks,” 3 p.m., Saturday, April 30, at Santa Margarita Ranch to benefit the university’s growing viticulture program. The event will feature selections from 50 California wineries, accompanied by food from Central Coast restaurants, as well as Cal Poly cheeses and chocolates. The annual event is planned, organized and run by student members of the Vines to Wines Club. Tickets are $50 per person general admission or $30 for Cal Poly students, faculty and staff. (All attendees must be 21.) To purchase tickets, send a check made out to Vines to Wines Club, c/o Molly Strobel, CP Vines to Wines, P.O. Box 389, San Luis Obispo, CA 93406. For more information, student Molly Strobel at mollycp03@yahoo.com.