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Another Computer Security Breach
Found at UNK!!

The hard drives of three computers on campus were found to contain every social security number ever issued in the United States. UNKITS officials also reported that every telephone number in the United States as well as every credit card number was also on these hard drives.

A routine Centipede program check of the hard drives on November 23 was inconclusive until the search parameters were extended to include sequences shorter than and greater than 9 digits. A systems analyst extended the search in order to see if he could find George Washington’s social security number (1). To his surprise, he found that if alphanumeric characters are removed, every sequence between 1 and 999,999,999,999,999 was found. Officials suspected that the components for every name and address in the United States may also be contained on the hard drives.

TIAA-CREF

The “wealth management” sessions organized by representatives of TIAA-CREF, have been cancelled until further notice.

Noell Levitz Concert

Noell Levitz will be giving a concert at the Health Center on February 15, 2009. Even though the capacity of the Health Center is 5,000 persons, the crowd is expected to exceed 15,000 Levitz fans. Officials hope that Noell’s cousin, Lyle, will play a set with the band. More optimistic reports suggested that Julia Roberts will make a cameo appearance.

Faculty Senate critics of Noell Levitz say that their music has appeal only in country music intensive areas like West Virginia, but are looking forward to their inspirational messages.

ITS Number Rules

Given recent security breaches on UNK campus computers, UNKITS announced that the use of alphanumeric and numeric data is prohibited on campus computers until further notice.

Surprise SVCAASL Candidate Interviewed

Governor Sara Palin of Alaska has been named a finalist for the position of Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Student Life. Alaska State Press Secretary Kris Stepovich released a written statement stating that Governor Palin is merely exploring her options in the lower 48. “Given her academic credentials and interest in education issues, the position seems a natural next step on the road to national office.”

Her on-campus visit and interview occurred on Friday, November 25, much to the dismay of faculty and staff who were on Thanksgiving break at that time. Selection Committee Chair Janet Soothes justified the timing of the visit saying that it was the ideal time for an interview given security concerns and unavailability of persons who might ask intelligent questions.

When questioned about the current budget crisis, Palin demonstrated her ability to cut the fat from the overstressed budget by killing and field dressing a music professor. She winked and said “Now that’s the way to cut a budget, you betcha.” Some of her other budgetary proposals included proposing legalizing a hunting season with a bounty on UN professors. She further suggested that hunting could be combined with the much embattled aviation program and the growing GOLD program, as long as certification for helicopter pilot training is obtained.

New Commencement Policy

Coordinator of commencement Lewis Maximum announced that a new dress code will take effect beginning with the winter commencement of 2008. For security reasons, faculty will not be allowed to wear shoes. The policy may be changed as soon as the new shoe-proof screens are constructed for the stage.
Bruner Renovation Stage VI

An additional stage of the Bruner Hall of Science renovation will delay completion of the project until 2011. A recent review of the blueprints revealed that offices for the Department of Physics and Physical Science were not included in the plans.

Anyone with information of their current whereabouts are asked to contact the CNSS Dean’s office.

New ITS Training

Given recent security breaches on UNK campus computers, UNKITS announced that training sessions for the new campus standard, Legalpadsandpencils version 1. UNKITS trainer Pete Janeson said that faculty and staff should be able to master the new record keeping procedures in 3 or 4 sessions. The software is only available on the Vista operating system, a Mac version has not yet been developed.

Bikac Named SVCAASL

Chancellor K announced that Dr Carl Bikac, currently Dean at a Catholic University in Texas has been selected as UNK’s new SVCAASL. Pending approval of the selection of Dr Bikac by the Board, his sentence term will begin in the spring.

Information from a member of the search committee, who wished to remain anonymous, indicated that the finalists were all very qualified and were very similar in their credentials. However, Bikac’s contact with the Catholic Church was the kicker. “During these tough economic times, familiarity with rosaries and indulgences and stuff can’t hurt. We were also hoping that he might bring in some kick-ass general studies ideas from the good fathers at St. Texas U.”

Other leaked information indicated that late entry former Senator Ted Stevens’s candidacy was undermined by his belief that the new pipes on campus really were a great bridge to the internet. When informed that the pipes were for cooling and heating, he replied that the UNK young whippersnappers were “cool and hot, too.”

Associate Deans’ Coup 40% Successful

The association of associate deans has declared that their coup of all of the Dean’s offices is underway and is 40% complete. Apparently the coup began last May with the takeover of the CNSS offices and continued with the takeover of the B&T offices.

Coup leaders had hoped that someone on campus would notice, but given that the coup has not reached the 50% mark and is still underway, the impact of the leadership change will eventually be felt somewhere on campus.

The coup hopes to be complete by May, 2011, but has been slowed by the unexpected assessment reports required from the coup leadership.

Faculty Recruitment Tours Cancelled

Admissions Director Dusty Oreo announced that all faculty involvement in recruiting activities are cancelled until further notice.

New China Program Announced

The Department of Industrial Technology announced that UNKmart will be offering a new Industrial Distribution track within the 1-2-1 programs. The new track, Industrial Recall Specialist, will include offerings from ITEC, Chemistry, Health Sciences, Modern Languages, and Communications.

LOST: Bloody Hand Stump

Campus Police has found the bloody stump of a right hand. Apparently an overeager staff member became confused when Sarah Palin was interviewed for SVCAASL and thought that he could gain a bounty for the right hand of faculty from pest departments. If you are missing this item, please contact Campus Police to claim it.

Safe Haven Law Challenged

Just before the Nebraska safe haven law was set to be replaced by a new version, Interim B&T Dean Kinkburr has focused state attention on UNK by leaving the faculty of the Economics Department at the entranceway of Kearney’s Good Sam-I-Am Hospital. Claiming that the Dean-faculty relationship is identical to the Parent-teen relationship, Dean Kinkburr hoped that the judicial system will be sympathetic to his position.

District Judge Galen Handley was also sympathetic and declared the Economics faculty wards of the state. Good Sam-I-Am Hospital was granted temporary custody until a hearing can be scheduled.

Good Sam-I-Am Hospital is housing the department near their recycling bin on 31st Avenue but plans on using the faculty to develop Public Service Announcement on the dangers of too much education.