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Phishing Spawns Network Response

by April Heyward

Phishing, one of the latest online scams aimed at snagging consumer's personal information, penetrated the Montreal system with e-mail messages posing as Huntington Bank, Citi Bank group, South Trust, and Washington Mutual.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, "phishers send an e-mail or pop-up message that claims to be from a business or organization" like an Internet Service Provider (ISP), bank, online payment service, or government agency.

The messages tell consumers to "update or "validate" account information and some may impose serious threats if the recipient doesn't respond. A link on the e-mail goes to a web site that closely resembles the legitimate organization's site.

Many students noticed the increase of phishing e-mails on

their Montreal accounts. "Sometimes we get a bunch [of e-mails] and sometimes we don't get any, it's really annoying," says junior Jeb Berkeley.

In response to the e-mail scams and as a normal procedure, the technology department undergoes a series of practices to detect and block the amount of phishing and spam reaching Montreal accounts. According to network administrator, Paul Hawkinson, the department uses programs like Domain Name System (DNS) blocker, Keyword filter, and anti-virus filters.

A DNS blocker blacklists addresses linked to spamming. Key Word filter blocks common subject titles used within spam and phishing e-mails. An anti-virus filter strips off dangerous attachments from e-mails containing viruses.

"We're blocking 70% of e-



Over forty runners from the surrounding community participated in the first annual Campus to Campus run on Saturday March 19. The five-mile race started at the Montreal gate and ended at the Black Mountain Campus. Members from the Sports Marketing class organized the logistics of the event. Proceeds for the race benefits student scholarships.

mails that come to campus," Hawkinson says.

Hawkinson advises anyone who receives suspicious e-mails to use common sense before accessing a potentially dangerous site. "Legitimate banks would never send you links to the websites and ask you to enter your password."

He also advises students to be

cautious of a recent AOL Instant Messaging (AIM) virus. "It's the number one thing students fall for recently," Hawkinson says.

According to the AIM website, users should be careful when clicking on any hyperlink coming from an instant message or an AIM profile. "We recommend that you not click on any link sent by IM or found in an

AIM profile unless you know specifically where the link will lead you," the security page for the AIM website says. "Even if a

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Worship Arts Major Debuts Fall Semester

by Dr. Eunice Stackhouse

The Fine Arts Department recently announced the approval of a Worship Arts major, which will become available to students in fall 2005.

This new major is designed to prepare graduates to serve in a variety of capacities, as leaders and facilitators for the arts in worshipping communities. This interdisciplinary major builds upon existing programs and

incorporates several courses that are already offered by the college.

Students who pursue the Worship Arts major will choose from three concentrations: Music, Theatre, or Visual Arts. They will take approximately 21-23 credit hours in the chosen area, in order to develop their performing and artistic skills to a professional level. The major

core (33 hours) will also include a course from each of the other two arts areas, as well as three new interdisciplinary courses- Worship Arts Survey, Technology in the Church, and a Seminar in Worship Arts.

Montreat will be one of only a handful of colleges in the country to offer such a degree.

The Gaither computer lab will be converted to provide ten Macintosh computer/keyboard MIDI stations. Several new software programs will be added to support classes in Photography, Audio Recording Techniques, and Technology in the Church.

Other courses, taken through the Bible and Religion Department, will provide students with the Biblical foundation necessary

for effective Christian ministry.

Sophomore Steve Carter enthused, "I'm excited to be able to major in the Visual Arts here at Montreat, and it's cool that there is a Christian foundation upon which everything builds."

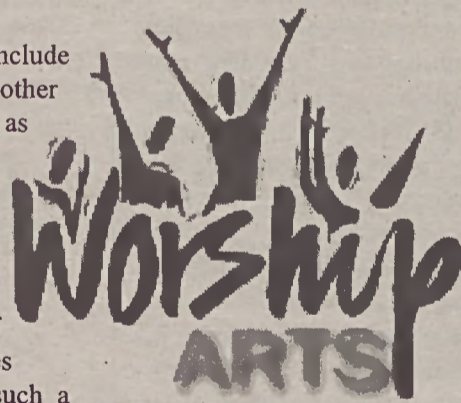
The majority of prospective students who have inquired about the music program in recent years have indicated

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"...for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said: 'Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'"

- Ephesians 5:14 NIV



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