

Message inbox:499 - Read
From: Vincent Manis <manis@cs.ubc.ca>
To: Maria Klawe <klawe@cs.ubc.ca> [return]
Cc: Sam Chanson <chanson@cs.ubc.ca> [return]
Subject: Sorry to do this, but...

...the following message appeared (with no prompting) in my mailbox this evening. I have had virtually no interaction with Feng, other than casual greetings in the hall, in my entire time here, with one major exception, back last November, where he appeared at my door and screamed imprecations at me. I reported that incident to Carol the next day. I would be quite prepared to make a formal statement on the matter should you deem it appropriate, but at the time, given Carol's assurances that senior faculty had things in hand on the subject, decided not to push it.

My assumption is that Feng cc'ed me because Chris is a TA in my course.

In the meantime, since I won't be able to attend the Computing Committee meeting tomorrow, may I make clear my vote that unless Feng undertakes to use Department facilities in a responsible manner (I would not, for example, permit a student in one of my classes to send a message of this sort), he should have his email/news privileges revoked.

Maria, I was going to send a message to John and Chris expressing an apology for this behavior. However, I feel it would be better coming from you. I will send them a message to the effect that I have forwarded Feng's message to you.

Again please accept my apologies for having brought you back into this unpleasant matter. -- v

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Delivery-date: Mon, 16 Mar 1992 16:33:35 UTC-0800
From: Feng Gao <gao@cs.ubc.ca>
To: Christopher Healey <healey@cs.ubc.ca>
Cc: <manis@cs.ubc.ca>, <juancho@cs.ubc.ca>
In-Reply-To: 207*healey@cs.ubc.ca
Message-ID: 1563*gao@cs.ubc.ca
Subject: What's The Problem

>Message inbox:56 - New, Read
>From: Christopher Healey <healey@cs.ubc.ca>
>To: <gao@cs.ubc.ca>
>Subject: What's The Problem

>Dr. Gao

> I'm the person you just about beamed with your coffee mug a few minutes ago. I don't know what it is you're upset about. I don't think we've ever spoken to one another before. At any rate, I neither need nor want you running around looking for an opportunity to take a shot at me.

> If you think I've offended you in some way, we should get together and talk about it. I've certainly never said anything to you or about you, so I have no idea why you're so upset. Nothing is going to get resolved by swearing and throwing things.

>Christopher.

It's not me running around looking to take a shot at you. It's you running around to look for me and so you deserve sh*t in your face. Who the f*cking you think you are that you have the qualification to talk to me?! Pretty ladies who don't know how to make me happy I don't even easily turn my head, and when I do I am only giving them an opportunity. Those your kind I ignore and I have said it before and that's enough. I blast if my individual rights are violated, because blasting is the easiest way for me to respond to harassment. If a dog give me trouble, I kick his ass because it's the easiest way to get him out of my way, nothing worth bragging about because it's too trivial. Anything you dare not to do to David Strangway or to George Bush or to Donald Trump, you don't do it to Feng Gao. Not that I were big but everyone's individual rights should be respected. When I blast I blast not just for myself but for all the good people who have been harassed. Some people thought I blast then I must be upset or have complaints so I should talk. No! They were dead wrong! I blast to carry out justice! Start respecting other people or you get "F*ck you!" in public.

P.S. Sorry John. You have nothing to do with the content or the intent of this message. I just want a witness to this and this guy is in your lab. You can choose to ignore it.

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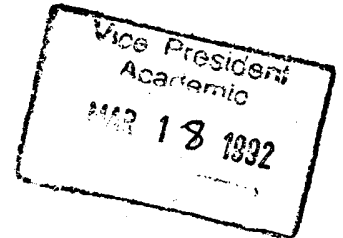


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March 18, 1992

Dr. Feng Gao,
Department of Computer Science,
UBC CAMPUS MAIL Zone 2



Dear Dr. Gao,

It has been brought to my attention that you are exhibiting behaviour which is having a negative impact on the activities of the Department of Computer Science.

In one instance, you threatened a graduate student verbally and subsequently wrote him an abusive e-mail message. The University and indeed society will not tolerate this type of behaviour. I find it particularly reprehensible when it is directed at such a vulnerable target as a graduate student.

The language in the e-mail message was irrational, offensive and abusive. We cannot allow this type of discourse on a publicly funded communication system. I have instructed the Department to remove you from the departmental e-mail system.

I trust that you will realize that you have acted in an irrational and threatening manner and will take steps to insure that the problem does not arise in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Barry C. McBride,
Dean of Science

c. Departmental Computing Committee
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Dear Dr. Gao,

The tone and content of your e-mail message to Chris Healey suggests to me that you are under severe stress. I appreciate that you are going through a difficult time as you prepare to leave UBC and seek employment elsewhere.

The only sure thing is that you will be leaving UBC no later than June 30, 1992. Given the uncertainty of your future and the obvious stress it is causing you, I would suggest that while you are still here that you seek the help of a counsellor who can help put your problems in perspective and provide you with the guidance to get on with developing the next phase of your life.

Yours sincerely,

Barry C. McBride,
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c. Dr. M. Klawe
Dr. D. Birch