Could the iPad revolutionize education?

By Tara Albert
The Collegian

With hundreds of thousands sold in the first two weeks, iPads have been a big hit in stores. But how will they be received at Fresno State?

 Wes Crockett, an information technology consultant for the Henry Madden Library, said it is definitely a possibility that the iPad will be used as an educational tool, but it needs many adjustments first.

"The possibilities are fairly endless in educational use," Crockett said. "It comes down to if developers go in that direction or not."

Crockett said the iPad could be a beneficial study tool for students, because it is lightweight and portable. Also, the device makes searching for information much easier.

"You can do searches through the text, rather than going to the index every time," he said.

However, Crockett said the functionality of the iPad as a study tool depends on the student.

"Every student is going to react to it differently," Crockett said. "I think it will work for a lot of students, and it will not work for a lot of students."

Crockett said he still prefers to read books in their print form.

"I'm curious to see how the institution adopts them," Crockett said.

Otto Benavides, the technology director for the Kremen School of Education and Human Development, said he is exploring the possibilities the iPad has in education. He said the iPad may provide students with the ability to carry all of the material they need for their classes in one device, rather than having to carry several textbooks.

He said he is also researching the possibility of using the iPad as a textbook reader, but it needs a lot of adjusting. She said students need time to adapt to the digital form.

State Assembly majority leader Alberto Torrico spoke to a crowd of about 60 in the Free Speech Area while pushing AB 656.

"Politics are broken in Sacramento," Torrico said. "That's why we're trying to get people involved in the campaign. They need to hear the struggles of the people."

Whitney Thompson, a member of the Califor nia Higher Education Endowment Corporation, which would annually allocate revenues to the three-tiered college system in California. Fifty percent would go to the California State University (CSU) system, 25 percent to University of California schools, and 25 percent to community colleges.

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I’m with the team

The Weir’d Life

Matt Weir

We all know someone who seems to care way too much about “their team,” especially now that the NHL playoffs have officially begun. All of the closet hockey fans, die-hards and bandwagon fans alike have started to bust out the jerseys, hats and other apparel that contributes to their collective “swag.”

They won’t shut up about ‘em, they can’t go one day without checking the stats online, and they keep referring to themselves as a part of the team.

Ladies and gentlemen, that someone is me.

I am a born and raised die-hard San Jose Sharks fan. You could cut my arm off the ice and they are not the ones putting the pucks in the net.” You would be correct.

But as a person who played hockey (and participated in a few other sports here and there), I know that the system of support off the ice is something that no one can put a price on. Watching a few player interviews would do it all to prove it. When the crowd is in the game, yelling, screaming, and even booing, it amps the players up. It lets them know they are playing for more than just themselves as a part of the team.

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So while I may not be sitting on the bench, facing off at center ice, or even driving the Zamboni, I know that my support contributes to the overall end result of the season.

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The daily crossword

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ACROSS

1 Fire starter?
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13 Mts. in 1781 in which Cornwallis surrendered
14 “... Really Going Out With Him?”, Joe Jackson hit
16 Volcanic flowers?
17 Princeton jazzman?
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20 One way to run
21 “Egg-laying for Dummies,” etc.?
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26 Subj. including grammar
27 What a New York baseball owner would do to ensure player fitness?
32 It’s hard to cut through
33 Company with toy trucks
34 Young hooter
37 LAX datum
38 Its youngest British member, Elise Tan Roberts, was admitted at age 2
39 Pres. Jefferson
40 Like Wiener schnitzel
42 Sign outside a boarded-up JFK?
44 Joker
47 Figure of speech
48 Hard to endure

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56 Carpet-cleaning android?
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60 100%
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9 Sullied
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11 Facility
12 Jr.’s exam
15 Abbr. often following a comma
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22 Classic Welles role
24 “Let it stand”
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30 Day star?
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49 Get-up-and-go
50 Legal hire
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The replacement saying for “It pays the bills” in reference to writing off a job as merely a means of income, and in no way an enjoyable or lucrative way of making a living.

Source: UrbanDictionary.com
Arts may even require a degree from an interior design program. Some states applicants who are looking to join the aspect to consider to many college Smith said.

“T”his day, the first stop I make in any new town is to the weird local record store. It’s how I get my bearings. I wanted to document that as it was disappearing.” — Gary Calamar, Co-author of “Record Store Days”

a fleeting bit of consumption. The result is 1924. The new technology is the vinyl album, and the new retail concept as seen by one particular forward-thinking San Francisco piano dealer is the record store.

“That was a time when people thought records were really bad for musicians,” said Gary Calamar, the co-author of “Record Store Days: From Vinyl to Digital and Back Again,” a new history of (and unashamedly geeky parano) to the culture of the record store. “People were just getting used to electricity, and many artists presented the presence of records. They thought nobody would buy sheet music any more.”

Calamar and Phil Gallo document the presence of records. They used to electricity, and many artists recorded using 78s as promotional items to sell new and more profitable home electronics. But with the rise of teen culture in the 1950s and rock music in the 1960s, record stores became the front line for youthful rebellion. Buying each Tuesday’s new releases under the glare of a long-haired, oft-stoned store clerk was an initiation rite into adolescence and the complexities of American identity.

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Senior interior design students hold a show for reaccreditation

By Alex R. Cecileva The Collegian

Seniors of Fresno State’s interior design program are stretched thin this semester as they seek to complete their senior show and receive reaccreditation.

The Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA) has accredited hundreds of colleges and universities throughout North America to assure the integrity of an interior design education for more than 55 years. School must undergo a rigorous evaluation every six years to maintain the accreditation. Fresno State’s interior design program has been accredited since 1986.

The CIDA show will be held in concurrence with the program’s senior exhibition.

Brian Smith, president of American Society of Interior Designers Student Chapter at Fresno State, has had her hands full with graduation and CIDA’s arrival nearing.

“As a senior, I am working with my classmates to prepare our senior exhibition as well as a second show strictly for CIDA that will exhibit how our curriculum meets CIDA’s standards,” Smith said.

Accreditation is an important aspect to consider to many college applicants who are looking to join the interior design program. Some states may even require a degree from an accredited school to consider an applicant for employment.

“Since I have been part of an accredited program during the entirety of my time here at Fresno State, I will be able to state that I graduated from an accredited institution regardless of whether or not our program loses its accreditation in the future,” Smith said.

Previous graduating classes have not had the opportunity to put on multiple shows in one semester.

“I feel truly honored to be involved in an event that will help make sure our department stays accredited,” said interior design senior Mara Peterson.

Peterson is currently designing the senior show, Paradigm Interior Design Exhibit, as well as blogging information regarding each exhibit to provide the CIDA with documentation.

Stress has been circulating through the students and faculty as the date for both events draws near.

“So far, the CIDA exhibit process seems to be running smoothly. This could very well change once we begin construction on the exhibit kiosks and final set up,” Peterson said. The CIDA exhibit coincides with the Paradigm Interior Design Exhibit, and senior students will have to set up their own gallery exhibits in addition to CIDA’s.”

In order to fund the shows, the students must also undergo multiple fund raising efforts. They will be putting on anything from a garage sale to a special donation from Panda Express with a dinner purchase.

“I have been working tirelessly on my exhibit for the senior show, and have also been working to oversee the budget and a great deal of fundraising and overall planning of the show,” Smith said.

The four-day exhibition in the Conley Art Gallery began on April 15.

The CIDA show will run concurrently in the Pete P. Peters gallery in the Henry Madden Library.

BOOK REVIEW

Record Store Days: From Vinyl to Digital and Back Again

By August Brown McClatchy Tribune

Picture a time when new technologies are threatening the livelihood of performing musicians. Music business is scrambling to adapt to the decentralization of distribution. Skeptics say it was all better when music was an intimate transaction between artist and fan, instead of

“Record Store Days: From Vinyl to Digital and Back Again” co-authors Phil Gallo (left) and Gary Calamar visit Freakbeat Records in Los Angeles, California.

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The Collegian is a forum for student expression.

COMMENT: The Collegian is an implicit case that the rise of the record store mirrors the advent of American pop culture.

In the early 20th century, record stores were often isolated outposts of regional or ethnic music, or retail outlets using 78s as promotional items to sell new and more profitable home electronics. But with the rise of teen culture in the 1950s and rock music in the 1960s, record stores became the front line for youthful rebellion. Buying each Tuesday’s new releases under the glare of a long-haired, oft-stoned store clerk was an initiation rite into adolescence and the complexities of American identity.

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When people walk through the Henry Madden Library to get their daily Starbucks fix, they might unknowingly pass by a quiet student working on his computer. Business administration major Naun Garcia, 22, may have changed his major from computer science, but he is still connected to his computer. He even claimed to be “kind of a computer nerd,” despite the fact that Garcia spends his free time playing soccer. His motto in life is “live to play and play to live.”

Q: Why did you choose to attend Fresno State?
A: It was close to where I am from. Also, I could not go away for school.

Q: Why did you pick your major?
A: Business administration was a lot more interesting than my old major, computer science. I didn’t like the department.

Q: Do you have any brothers and sisters?
A: Yes, I have one sister and two brothers.

Q: What has been your favorite class here?
A: My soccer class. I also really liked decision science (DS) 72 because of my professor. That was a math class, but to have a decent professor teach it makes it a better class.

Q: If you were a candy, what flavor would you be?
A: I would be strawberry because I like strawberries. They are sweet.

Q: Who is your hero?
A: I do not have any heroes.

Q: What is the weirdest thing you have ever eaten?
A: It was a beetle. It didn’t taste good at all, but I made $50 by eating it. I gave into peer pressure.

Q: What is your favorite physical activity?
A: My favorite activity is playing soccer.

Q: What would happen if you took over President John Welty’s job for a day?
A: I would bring back the soccer team and club.

Q: What would people find surprising about you?
A: I am kind of a computer nerd. I know a lot about computers. I think that fact would stand out to a person.

Q: What is your plan after college?
A: I will get a job and hopefully it is something within my major.

Q: Are you going to Vintage Days?
A: Yeah, I am going. I always check it out for an hour or so with friends. If I like it, then I go back.
BILL: State Assembly majority leader, Torrico, pushes AB 656 on campus

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Students for Quality Education (SQE), helped organize the event and passed out flyers for the bill.

“We just want to bring awareness to the tuition and educate the public,” Thompson said. “This is a cool opportunity to join Central Valley students and education funding.”

Mayra Miranda, along with SQE, said she is hopeful, if the bill passes, it will take some of the burden of tuition off students’ backs.

“We are a part of those proceeds coming to us, it means we wouldn’t feel the impact of college costs so much anymore,” Miranda said. “We still want funding from California.”

This bill just means more people can get access to an education.

Newly elected Associated Students, Inc. President Pedro Ramirez was also on hand to show his support for the measure.

“It is important because it’s going to bring more money into the CSUs and more money to all systems of higher education,” Ramirez said. “The lack of money has been a problem, but there are many more students that need education and a higher education.”

The lack of funding, she said, is a near necessity.

“People need to talk to their legislators, both democrat and republican,” Torrico said.

Torrico added that with the extra tax, some oil corporations may try to raise the price of gasoline, but the bill has a clause in place to prevent that.

“We don’t believe the oil companies, we put a provision in the bill that says the Board of Equalization has the authority to oversee and monitor the prices of gas,” Torrico said. “If they jack up the price first of all, it’s illegal under the bill, and second of all they can get their profits taken away.”

Torrico said once the iPad is set up to support textbooks, it could create a change in the textbook industry.

“I think that it could dramatically affect the bookstore,” Bartel said.

Daniel Frank, a first-year student’s master’s student, owns an iPad and said he is very pleased with the device.

“I am really impressed with it,” Frank said. “For the portability it gives you, it can do a lot.”

He said the device is very light and easy to carry to all of his classes.

“It feels like a piece of paper,” Frank said. “I don’t even feel it in my backpack.”

Apple’s iPad only weighs one and a half pounds, has up to 64 gigabytes of memory and 10 hours of battery life.

Frank also owns an iPhone and a MacBook Pro. He said he is very happy with his iPad, but it will never replace his laptop, because the lack of hard drive space limits its usefulness.

“The iPad is going to be less functional in some ways than the MacBook Pro,” Frank said.

However, he said the iPad is a great educational tool, and allows him to learn the way he likes.

“I really am a fan of digital stuff,” Frank said. “I would rather read and write digitally. The iPad makes that possible.”

Frank said he is excited to see what types of programs developers create for the iPad, and hopes that they work to make digital copies of textbooks available for the device.

He said digital textbooks would be a great tool for students, because they would have their books and notes in one small package.

“I would jump at the opportunity to buy my textbooks digitally,” Frank said. “I think it will happen someday, but it is going to be a big job.”

Frank said the iPad is very easy to use and works well with the Internet network at Fresno State. He said the device has several applications that can be used for taking notes in class.

Frank said the application Evernote is particularly useful, because it allows users to take photo, audio or text notes. He said the application automatically makes all text and photo notes searchable, so students can type in keywords when looking over their notes.

Paul Dingler, said, is another useful application for taking notes, because it allows users to type and draw on files.

If your instructor gives you a worksheet, you can do it digitally, Frank said.

The built-in digital keyboard takes some getting used to, Frank said, but can be even faster than typing with a regular keyboard, because it has a feature that automatically fixes mistakes.

“You can really fly on these keyboards if you trust the auto-correct feature,” he said. “It really catches a lot of errors.”

Sophomore Addison Balasbas was not enthusiastic about the iPad, used as an educational tool. He said if he were to buy an iPad, he would use it to watch videos and read books, but not for educational purposes.

Balasbas said the device will have a very limited use in an educational setting.

“I don’t think students will really need it,” Balasbas said. Balasbas was not convinced the iPad would be a durable product. He said the screen of the iPad is likely to crack, because it is not protected or reinforced like a laptop.

“I won’t have as much endurance as a laptop,” Balasbas said. “I don’t want something that will break that easily.”

ipAD: May be some time before the device is integrated into education

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All-star Dad

With much more on his plate than school and baseball, Trent Garrison embraces his role as a father and fiance.

By Vongni Yang
The Collegian

Sophomore Trent Garrison not only juggles his time as a full-time student and a Division I athlete; he also saves time to be a father.

Garrison is the starting catcher for the Fresno State baseball team. His life as a student athlete differs from many. Not only does Garrison have to meet the demands of a student-athlete, he also has to take care of his year-old son, Bryce.

“It’s definitely hard,” Garrison said. “I got to get up in the morning, go to school for three or four hours and come to practice or play a whole game. Then take care of my son and my fiance.”

With such a grueling schedule, Garrison said he gets tired sometimes. Ideally, he would prefer to wake up at 7:30 a.m. or later, but every so often, he has to wake up much earlier than that. Bryce. It’s something that Garrison has come accustomed to in the past year or so.

“He’ll wake up occasionally in the middle of the night,” Garrison said. “I’ve kind of gotten used to it. It’s fun though.”

The presession first-team All-WAC selection said it’s tough doing all three on a daily basis, but he said managing his time efficiently has helped him throughout the process.

“You got to be organized,” Garrison said. “You have to put your priorities in the right position.

Time management has helped Garrison to be successful both on and off the field.

Garrison has started 29 games for the ‘Dogs this year. He is batting .319 with four home runs and 22 RBIs through 31 games. As a catcher, Garrison has caught 10 players stealing base, which ties him for third in the WAC.

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conference play.

Conference play comes to Beiden Field

Pre-conference play gives ‘Dogs questions to answer.

By Ben Ingersoll
The Collegian

With the bulk of a tough pre-conference schedule now behind them, the Fresno State baseball team has officially begun its quest for a third straight Western Athletic Conference (WAC) title.

The ‘Dogs managed to escape the first 29 games against opponents from such top conferences as the Big 12 and Pac-10 with a respectable 17-12 record, but serious areas in need of improvement emerged during conference play.

Expected to be the WAC leader, the ‘Dogs cannot be considered as a serious threat to the ‘Dogs this year. Derek Benny has slumped to a 1-2 record with a 7.78 ERA, while juniors Greg Gonzalez and Gene Escat each sport unbeaten records and have made up much of the slack.

Defensively, 2010 has been an uneventful year for Fresno State. Preseason All-Americans Danny Muno and Dusty Robinson have been overshadowed a bit by Garrett Weber’s .377 batting average and Jordan Riberia’s 14 home runs. Ribera is just one home run shy of being atop the WAC leader board. With five more bombs, Ribera will launch himself into Fresno State history, breaking into the top-10 all-time home run leaders.

Although Batesole has expressed his dissatisfaction for his offense, the ‘Dogs are averaging almost exactly as many runs as they were this time last season.

Fresno State had a strong opening weekend at Hawaii, taking the series 3-1, highlighted by Gonzales’ Saturday no hitter and Riberia’s Sunday two-run home run.

But posing the biggest threat to the Bulldogs’ conference title hopes is New Mexico State, which boasts a 24-11 record, and has six of the top 10 batting averages in the WAC, including the leading slapper Mike Sodders who has 15 home runs.

Ucharacteristically, the ‘Dogs have been better on the road so far this year than the comfortable confines of Beiden Field.

The ‘Dogs are just 9-10 at home this year but 9-2 away from home, which is tops in the conference.

After falling to Cal State Bakersfield 12-2 on Tuesday, the ‘Dogs will look to regroup for this weekend’s WAC home-opening series with Louisiana Tech. Fresno State has had trouble with Louisiana Tech in recent meetings. The Bulldogs have not defeated their cross-country rivals since March 23, 2007. Louisiana Tech travels to Fresno with a 17-4 record and has not played on the road since a March 28 date at Minnesota.
Freshman diver Stacey Luke made history her first year in the swimming and diving program taking a spot at the NCAA Diving Zone for the 1-meter dives in Austin, Texas.

Growing up a gymnast, Luke found her way to the pool after a tragic accident that resulted in a stress fracture in her back. She was told that diving would be a good transition and easy on the body. "My freshman year of high school I switched and I have been doing it ever since because I love it," Luke said. Making the transition was a breeze for the former gymnast as she competed in high school and club competitions. Her decision to come to Fresno was late. However, she was excited for the opportunity to dive for an up-and-coming team.

"Since I’m from the Seattle area, we dive indoors. That was a big switch for me. But I really like it, being out in the sun." Luke recorded her best score against the 'Dogs' rivals, the San Jose Spartans, with a career best score of 265.87.

As a freshman, Luke placed top in her meets and earned a spot at the NCAA Diving Zone competition. She became the first Bulldog since the return of the program to have an opportunity to compete in the zones.

Q&A

Was the height factor overwhelming in the beginning?

It was really scary when I first started. I said there is no way I am ever going to jump off that. They work you into it and do a lot of basics and training to get you prepared. But I am still scared, but it adds interest and excitement into the sport.

What was it like going from high school to the collegiate level?

It was definitely different because you do different dives. You do easy and hard dives when you’re in high school, then in college you do just your options, which is all of your hard dives. It was different adjusting to the competition and hard dives.

It was definitely a hard adjustment. I think any freshman athlete would tell you that. Just because the college training is so different from high school and training and what they expect of you especially at 6 a.m. I wasn’t use to.

Did you reach your goals your first season as a Bulldog diver?

It was hard to know where my skills were going to fit in the competition that we have in WAC. So, I tried to gauge it off of previous scores when I was making goals for our championships, and I definitely hit my goals at championships. I was excited about that and got a few extra achievements along the way that I hadn’t expected so it was a really good season.

How was the NCAA Championship experience?

It was really intense. It was a great experience. I was kind of taken back, I don’t think I was ready for it. I didn’t know what to expect because I had never been there before. It is definitely a really high level of competition, but it was interesting to see what skill is out there. So, I have so much motivation for next year to get new dives and better dives to improve my own skills so I can be more competitive.

What are some fun things you like to do in your spare time?

I don’t have a car so I don’t know. As a team we have done some fun stuff, like go to Millerton and Shaver Lake. I have seen so much of California because I am not from here. It has been fun just visiting different places.