Flaws cause campus e-mail crash

By Kristin Berquist
The Collegian

Staff, faculty and students at California State University, Fresno know firsthand just how difficult life can be without e-mail.

For the past two weeks, access to the staff and faculty calendar and e-mail service Zimbra was hit and miss, said Richard Boes, director of information technology services (ITS) and chief information security officer.

The problem began when the university upgraded the e-mail and calendar service from Zimbra 5 to the latest version, Zimbra 6, on Oct. 28, Boes explained.

"Unfortunately, we also found some bugs in Zimbra 6 and that has caused a significant amount of instability in the system," Boes said.

Zimbra was never down longer than two hours at a time, but would fail multiple times throughout the day, Boes said.

"We dealt with a long period of instability that really made it unpalatable for the campus," he said. "Our services during this period have been unacceptable to anybody, including me."

Fresno State was the only Zimbra user to experience this problem, according to Boes. Zimbra, which is owned by Yahoo, had its entire server crashed two weeks ago, and students were unable to access their e-mails.

Marcia Martin, communications assistant in the Office of Community Economic Development said the last two weeks have been frustrating and a source of stress, as staff was unable to consistently utilize e-mail and calendar services.

"It messes up your whole day," Martin said.

The university is still fairly new to Zimbra. The transition to Zimbra has been challenging, said Marcia Martin, communications assistant in the Office of Community Economic Development. The university upgraded the e-mail and calendar service from Sun ONE Messaging for e-mail and Media Maker for calendars.

Despite the inconvenience, Reyna-Cano found alternatives to e-mail and used the phone to communicate with donors.

"I know a lot of people like e-mail because you’ve got that trail that shows the history of what you’re sending back and forth, but it was nice to pick up the phone and talk to somebody," she said.

Jill Wagner, director of campaign communications, said that since transitioning to Zimbra there have been a few hiccups but nothing like the last two weeks. The recent problems forced staff and faculty into more face-to-face interactions.

"It’s something that’s new and we all have to get used to it," Reyna-Cano said.

At this point, the CSU campuses are relying on two separate e-mail services to maintain system-wide impaction and is planning on more drastic reductions for the fall 2010 semester, according to a press release put out by the university.

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Reed speaks about proposed budget

By Collegian Staff

California State University Chancellor Charles B. Reed gave an update last week, previewing further cuts that will face the university.

The CSU estimates that it cut 4,000 students this semester and is planning on more drastic reductions for the spring 2010 semester, according to a press release put out by the university.

"Last year, we declared system-wide impaction and said we were going to reduce enrollment by 10,000 students," Reed said in a press release. "By spring, we will face the university.

"We can’t see a 20 percent drop in revenue and serve the same number of students," Reed said.

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"The system will remain stable. Any outages. Boes said he is hopeful that the system will remain stable.

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The weight of beauty

It’s irrational to believe that one device can possess so much power and have so much influence over her than in my view. This is not simply because of the throwaway nature of the object, but because it is a tool that can be used for both good and evil. By its very nature, a cell phone can be used to communicate, to share information, and to foster connections. But it can also be used to spread misinformation, to harass others, and to undermine relationships.

Take, for example, the way that social media platforms have revolutionized how we communicate. On the one hand, they allow us to connect with people from all over the world, to share our thoughts and feelings, and to learn from one another. On the other hand, they can be a breeding ground for cyberbullying, hate speech, and misinformation. The same goes for the way that smartphones are used in the workplace. On the one hand, they allow us to stay connected and productive, but on the other hand, they can be a source of distraction and stress.

Ultimately, the weight of beauty in this object lies in its ability to both connect us and to separate us. It is a tool that we must learn to use with care, and to understand the impact that it has on both ourselves and on others.
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The daily crossword
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Weiner cousins
When two men have had sex with the same woman/women, they become weiner cousins. This is a bond that can never be broken.

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The question I keep asking myself though is, is it worth all of this? Does the so-called “social networking” Web site warrant this much thought? Is Facebook becoming more of a source of stress than solace? Between the massive amount of photos people post and the jealousy that incites because my life isn’t the kind to produce hundreds of Kodak moments, I wonder if Facebook infames the feelings of fun or failure.

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**Music review**

“The Twilight Saga: New Moon” soundtrack.

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“Satellite Heart” was shot in Portland with Scott Coffey behind the camera.

**Does this make my Facebook look fat?**

I was peer pressured into creating a Facebook account. I succumbed to the blue and white Web site, with all of its status updates and news feeds 16 months ago. What started out as fun and easy is now not so easy.

The process of posting pictures, uselessly poking people and accepting or ignoring friend requests hasn’t changed. What’s shifted is the way I think about Facebook. More than 200 million people have an account on the social networking site and while the majority of our profiles will never be viewed by that many people, the ever increasing number of friends we have full access to our relationship status, favorite music and all things “about me.”

With that realization, I’ve started to become self-conscious about my Facebook image. In addition to thinking about my physical appearance, I now think about how my profile appears. It’s kind of ridiculous, I know. But who give any thought to the things we write in those info columns and the pop culture artifacts we post on the Web site? I think, because they say something about us, and more importantly, we choose them for what they reflect of that person. A common facet of Facebook is the posting of favorite music, YouTube videos and lists of movies you have or haven’t seen. The site is full of applications and quizzes related to entertainment, all encouraging users to express themselves in terms of pop culture and thus, brand themselves with it. I frequently post music that I like, but do so for several reasons. Usually the tunes are by relatively unknown bands that could use the publicity but also because I get the benefit (in my mind) of being on the band’s bandwagon early on. Again, I’m expressing myself through pop culture and relaying a preferred image of myself.

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**Cosmic Egg’ hatches rock**

The album is heavy on the guitar solos, with chord progressions begging to be featured in the next version of ‘Guitar Hero’ The ear-piercing solos and warping guitar sounds of “Sundial” and “Pilgrim” match Stockdale’s intensity, making the silence stunning when the tracks are over.

“New Moon Rising,” the first single and second track on the album with its infectious and catchy guitar riffs, has all of the makings of an air guitar anthem to play at stoplights. Atkins keeps the consistent percussive beat while Stockdale’s shrill vocals accompany the track, slowly incorporating the sounds of an electric guitar until it’s unleashed in the chorus.

On “Cosmic Egg,” Wolfmother isn’t concerned with evocative lyrics that tell stories or breaking ground with a new genre. The goal of the band, illustrated by the sheer decibels of the album, is to make head-banging rock anthems, which it succeeds at.
WHEREAS California State University, Fresno recognizes the value of international exchanges that promote mutual sharing and intellectual and social growth among our faculty, staff and students; and

WHEREAS California State University, Fresno is committed to increasing opportunities for international exchanges among our faculty, staff, and students; and

WHEREAS California State University, Fresno currently hosts visiting scholars and international students from over 80 countries around the world; and

WHEREAS these scholarly exchanges enrich the academic and cultural experience of all members of our university and community;

Now, therefore, I, John D. Welty, President of California State University, Fresno and the leadership team do invite all members of the university and community to join together to celebrate International Education Week; and hereby proclaim the week of November 16 to November 20, 2009, as "International Education Week" on our campus and in our community.

Dated this 16th day of November, 2009, at California State University, Fresno, Fresno, California.

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Robberies near campus

By Collegian Staff

Three separate robberies took place off campus on Thursday, Nov. 12 and Friday, Nov. 13, according to a press release from public information officer Amy Armstrong of the University Police Department (UPD).

According to the press release, which was sent by e-mail to campus listservs on Friday at 9:30 a.m., three separate reports of armed robbery were made to the Fresno Police Department. Each offense took place in a close proximity to Fresno State.

In a report made on Thursday at 10:30 p.m., the suspect was described as a black adult male, approximately 5 feet 8 inches, wearing black sweat pants and a black hooded sweatshirt. The suspect was carrying a black backpack.

The second report, made on Friday at 5:15 a.m., also described the suspect as a black adult male, approximately 5 foot 7 inches to 5 feet 8 inches tall, wearing a blue ski mask, blue hooded sweatshirt, blue jeans, carrying a black bag.

The suspect left the scene in a tan, four-door older sedan.

In the third report made on Friday at 5:35 a.m., the suspect description matched the 5:15 a.m. report.

Armstrong said that all three cases were being handled by the Fresno Police Department, not UPD, so she didn’t have any specifics regarding the current status of the cases.

She did say, however, that students should use safety precautions.

“It’s important to always be aware of your surroundings, and keep a lookout for your safety,” Armstrong said.

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conversations and phone calls, she said.

Student e-mail, which still runs on Sun ONE Messaging, crashed Nov. 12 at 8 p.m. and was unavailable until 5 p.m. on Nov. 13. Shirley Melkian Armbruster, assistant vice president for university communications, said the university used other online services like ANL, Fresno State News, Blackboard and the Fresno State portal to notify students of the problem. Staff and faculty were also informed.

“We really tried to get the word out to the whole campus community that this is something they need to be aware of,” Melkian Armbruster said.

Freshman Rose Xiong said she hoped the e-mail wouldn’t be down for long since she expected a personal e-mail from an advisor about an upcoming appointment. “I also needed to talk to my professor and I wasn’t able to get in contact with them,” Xiong said.

Photo of the Week: Sexy ’66

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Financial literacy study released

Bank on Fresno hopes to educate the Hispanic community through advertising campaigns on Univision 21 Fresno.

By Chris Aguirre

This year, the aim has heightened their belts in response to the current economic climate, agencies throughout Fresno have joined together to raise financial awareness.

A study conducted by the United Way with help from California State University, Fresno economic professors Dr. Antonio Avalos and Dr. Janice Peterson looked at the financial literacy of Hispanics in Fresno.

The goal was to compile accurate information for the banks about the literacy of the Hispanic community.

“We wanted to provide organizations with good information on the subject so people are not behind in what we heard,” Peterson said. “We wanted to give them some solid information.”

The study was funded in part by the United Way of Fresno County, which runs the Bank on Fresno, and by Wells Fargo Bank, who granted $60,000 for the study.

The program is an initiative to boost financial education, according to officials.

More than 1,300 Hispanics from the Central Valley were asked about their attitudes toward their finances, their banking and credit relationships and their use of non-bank lenders, mortgage and remittances.

The study found that 45 percent of Hispanic residents wished they knew more about money management compared to only 20 percent of non-Hispanics respondents.

The reports also state that less than 21 percent of Hispanics felt confident about their financial future compared to 33 percent of non-Hispanics respondents.

With the findings, the Bank on Fresno hopes to educate the Hispanic community by advertising campaigns on television station like Univision 21 Fresno.

The groups are hoping that these techniques will help the banking community and the Hispanic community bridge the gap in the terms of financial education.

The study concluded that 32.4 percent of Hispanics reported sending money to relatives outside of the United States, while only 2 percent reported sending money every week. Fifty-eight percent of Hispanics reported sending money outside the U.S. several times a year.

Roughly 12 percent of Hispanics respondents reported having used a payday lender; compared to 5 percent of non-Hispanics. Hispanics respondents reported they used payday lenders 8.2 times a year; compared to 3.5 times a year by non-Hispanics, according to the study.

Tim Rios, senior vice president and community development officer for Wells Fargo bank, said the findings were what the experts believed existed within the Hispanic community.

“Now we have proof of these elements and can address some of them with services and programs that will help Hispanics with their financial knowledge and practices,” Rios said.

The Bank on Fresno is part of an initiative that ensures that every resident has access to mainstream financial institutions. The hope with this study is to inform Hispanics on how to manage their money and also to give them the information that will help them succeed in the financial world.

However, according to Avalos, this problem is not solely unique to the Hispanic population, but also a problem across the United States.

“We are discovering, unfortunately, that the current level of financial literacy among the U.S. is very poor,” Avalos said. “This is our contribution, our small contribution in our community to help fix this problem.”

As for the college community, this study shows that financial literacy is a part of life that most students should start to look into.

“Recognizing young, that you do have a financial life. Understanding credit, understanding the type of banking relationships that you can have,” Peterson said. “Saving now can make a big difference in your future.”

If you would like to learn more about Bank on Fresno, visit www.bankonfresno.ca.gov.

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Bulldogs held on to beat San Francisco State in season opener

By Michael Hamlin Jr. / The Collegian

The Fresno State men’s basketball team gave the Gators every chance to spoil their season opener and hand them a loss that would be sure to bring back memories of a tough 2008-09 year, but the Gators just wouldn’t take the opportunity.

Greg Smith, however, didn’t turn down the opportunity to make a great first impression and make the Bulldogs a winner.

In his first official collegiate game, Smith blocked five shots, scored 17 points on 8-of-12 shooting and grabbed 10 rebounds to help lead the Bulldogs to a 64-59 victory over the San Francisco State Gators.

“Greg’s a keeper,” head coach Steve Cleveland said. “He is doing everything we ask. I am very pleased with what he did [tonight].”

Although Smith shined in his debut, the Bulldogs, as a team, did not. The Bulldogs were sluggish in the first half, struggling both offensively and defensively. The ‘Dogs shot 43-of-65 from the field and 1-of-8 from 3-point range, while allowing San Francisco State to shoot an impressive 58.8 percent from the field.

Fresno State trailed at halftime, 32-31.

“Our energy was not what it needed to be in the first half,” Cleveland said. “We were a step slow defensively and made undisciplined decisions.”

Sophomore guard Brandon Sperling agreed, saying the team didn’t have the intensity they needed to have to open the game.

“We were flat,” Sperling said.

To open the second half, the Bulldogs were a different team, coming out with more energy and intensity. The ‘Dogs opened the second half with a 12-0 run, taking the lead 43-32.

Amidst the 12-point run, the ‘Dogs received the highlight of the night courtesy of Paul George. George stole the ball from Gator guard Marquel Hoskins, raced down court and threw down a thunderous windmill dunk to ignite the crowd.

George finished the night with a game-high 19 points and eight boards.

The Bulldogs’ hot shooting continued throughout the half, as they shot 57.9 percent from the field.

More importantly than the ‘Dogs strong shooting performance in the second half was their defensive intensity. Fresno State held the Gators in check throughout the half, causing them to shoot a mere 36.5 percent from the field on 9-of-34 shooting.

“I thought going to zone really helped us,” Cleveland said.

Even though the ‘Dogs were more efficient offensively and defensively in the second half, they could not put away the Gators.

“We couldn’t seem to separate ourselves from them,” Cleveland said. “We have to learn how to win.”

The Gators were able to stay in the game due in large part to poor free throw shooting by the Bulldogs. Fresno State went 62.2 percent from the line, making 23 out of 37 attempts.

“We missed a significant number of free throws,” Cleveland said. “We have to continue working on our free-throwing.”

With 2:31 remaining in the game, the Gators pulled within two points of the Bulldogs with a 3-point basket by Phoenix O’Bourke, making the score 59-57. The Bulldogs responded with the key play of the game.

George passed the ball down low to Smith. He turned towards the basket and with two players draped on him, finished with a powerful dunk. Sperling would add three late free throws to ice the victory.

“In the second half, we did what we needed to do to win,” Cleveland said. “There is nothing wrong winning a close game. If you don’t come ready to play, anyone can beat you.”

Sophomore forward Paul George logged 33 minutes against San Francisco State, scoring 19 points and grabbing eight rebounds. George’s 19 points led all scorers in the game.

Sophomore guard Mychal Ladd had a rough night shooting from the floor, making only two shots on nine attempts. He did, though, contribute with five assists and three boards.
FRESNO STATE BULLDOGS 14, NEVADA WOLF PACK 52

Pack runs ’Dogs out of town

If something happens once, it is probably an accident. If the same thing happens a second time, it’s likely just a coincidence. But if it happens a third time, now that’s a problem.

For the third season in a row, Fresno State’s star tailback and the best player on a 100-man roster has been injured, missing time and having a significant impact on his team’s performance.

In the ‘Dogs’ 52-14 embarrassing loss to Nevada, which hardly qualifies as a football game, the nation’s leading rusher, Ryan Mathews, was knocked out.


Mathews’ injury was the end of the game

The fans knew it. The announcers said it. The medical staff took his helmet away. But the worst part of it all—the Bulldogs players and coaches packed it in.

Coach Pat Hill should have just thrown in the towel, saved everyone two hours and used his headset to phone the bus driver to tell him to get the motor warmed up.

It was absolutely pathetic to see the Bulldogs lose all pride and lose their fight. All the players were looking