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I don’t understand which major you’re in. At least one of your instructors has addressed one topic in the first week of classes: How to reduce technology—namely, cell phones. Yet, despite cautions, prohibitions and desperate pleas, many students will continue their degenerate ways—even sneaking a peek at a screen that often is the primary priority in our lives. Why? The habit is easy to justify; especially for those with significant others, demanding jobs, children or an active social life. If those excuses sound weak, don’t fret. A study at Stanford University provides a more robust defense. It concludes habitual use of the dopamine, a neurotransmitter in the brain associated with pleasure and addictions. In essence, each time you phone someone to message on a Facebook app, your brain releases the signal of a positive or exciting event. How about this for an excuse: “I’m sorry, professor! I can’t stop texting because I’m an addict!”

Yes, many of us are addicts. We fill our downtime and hours in activity with a couple of minutes of playing “Angry Birds,” a quick check of Facebook notifications or a thorough purge of our e-mail inboxes. According to a recent New York Times article, this lack of downtime and free moments are hurting us. The article states that we think more clearly when we allow our brain a few moments away from the daily barrage of information. We may feel more productive exercising at a gym where we can connect with TV and gadgets, but our brain is better off after taking a run outside. Ideally, some of us would like to disconnect. Gadget like the iPod (which recently passed the 3.27 million mark in sales) don’t really help matters. Not only do these tech toys provide us everything from our daily schedule to our video and reading library, they practically define who we are in society. Iphone with iPads are smart, hip and interesting! How could such a tool be annoying but beneficial?

Recently I returned from a weeklong trip to Nicaragua. Without a global cell phone, I detached from text messaging, mobile Internet and phone calls. The truth is, I missed—I mean missed for the first few days. But by the middle of the week, I stopped wondering how many texts were in my inbox. I began to better engage in conversation and the work I was doing without a constant distraction in my pocket. While the electronic devices paragraph on near every syllaba may seem more like a guideline than a rule, I highly recommend the benefits of stowing your phone while in class. Your instructors, classmates and even your own brain will thank you.

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Figuratively Speaking

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they asked us if we would open up applications for the spring semester for one month but not make any decision on admission."

If the campus is above or below the target, it could be adjusted in the spring semester in case the Chancellor’s Office decided to be more strict with the cap, said Vinovrski.

Last spring, new student were not admitted for the semester except for very specific exceptions like credential students and those in certain graduate programs, he said. There were about 150 new students in total.

Today, there is a struggle in the legislation, said Vinovrski. Until a decision is made between the governor’s budget and the state assembly on who will restore the money, they are at an impasse.

"We will not admit any other students for the spring unless we get the funds restored and if there’s enrollment growth. We just can’t do it."

— Bernard Vinovrski, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Services

at Fresno State has 12.74 units. Last year, it was 12.96.

Ramirez believes the reason for such a low decrease in the average units is because more students are working and using financial aid in which being a full-time student is a requirement.

Also, Ramirez attributes the decline to the 16 unit registration cap and for equally distributing classes to students.

"As much as I had problems with it and didn’t like it, and a lot of students were frustrated, it did bring out a lot of students, especially underclass students. They need to graduate too, but I’m a senior, I’m going to graduate. I think I should have the opportunity so I can get out to make room for new students. So it’s a double-edged sword.

Vinovrski hopes they will be able to open spring admissions for new students, even if it is the very small amount they were able to admit last spring. But as soon as the budget is adequately restored, the university will be more open to a broader range of students, like lower division transfers, and not just seeking a second bachelor’s degree.

“When we are able to grow, there’s no need to be so restrictive.”

— Paul DeRuosi, University Scholarships

Food and drink pose a potential risk to library collections, equipment, and furnishings. To minimize damage to collections and maintain a clean environment conducive to quiet study, the Library has established the following food policy, effective 16 August 2010. We ask that you: act responsibly when consuming food and drink in the Library; be considerate of other students studying near you; and dispose of your trash.

“Food Friendly” Area — 2nd floor, North Wing

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The location and food guidelines specific to each sponsored event are carefully selected and approved by library administration.

Bugs. Stains. Mildew. (It’s not a pretty picture.)
Friday night lights

Rumor Has It
Danielle Gilbert

Rumor has it that at midnight Mars will dilate to the size of a full moon when the planet is near opposition: its closest approach to the Earth. (Mass email seducing its readers to keep their eyes peeled for two moons is circulating the internet. But is there any truth to the rumor?)

Dr. Frederick Ringwald, Associate Professor of Physics at Fresno State, set the record straight. “I’m sorry to have to inform you that there is no truth to the ‘Mars hoax,’” said Ringwald. “I wish it would go away. It’s not true, die,” he added. “I wish it is based on the fact that on Aug. 27, 2003, Mars made its closest encounter to Earth since the 19th Century. So, for all of you astronomy buffs who were looking forward to Friday night lights, there is no truth to the ‘Mars hoax.’ My deepest apologies are with those who once again fell victim to yet another Mars rumor. Unfortunately, there is no human life on Mars either, so NASA says. It looks like the only moons within distance from earth tonight will be the two over my hammy at Denny’s.”

By Alysia Ambriz
The Collegian

The students, faculty, staff and guests who are using the Student Recreation Center on campus are focusing more on the workout ahead than thinking about where to stash their belongings. But keeping your personal items safe can be just as important as working up a sweat.

“Some just leave their bag at home and bring only the essentials, many students are finding it easier to stash their belongings safely in a locker. ‘A lot of people don’t want to carry their gym bag,’ said Amy Allen, coordinator of customer relations. ‘They have the option to leave their stuff here.’

Most students take advantage of the smaller lockers to put their stuff because it’s free for daily use and it’s convenient. Students only need a lock to use the quarter lockers. If students don’t have a lock of their own then they can purchase one for $5 at the front desk.

Biology major Deissy Ibarra said she uses the Student Recreation Center three times a week. The 19-year-old said she brings her own lock to utilize the free lockers.

A locker double the size is available for $10 a semester and $120 for the school year. which includes towel service and a lock.

Larger lockers are necessary for some students so they don’t have to bring their belongings to and from the gym every day. For others, a locker isn’t something they’re worried about. Biology major Brittany Stobbe said she wouldn’t purchase a locker because she pays for a lot of her own living expenses.

“My budget is not very generous,” said 19-year-old Stobbe. “I’m very careful with what I spend my money on.”

Like Stobbe, most students are working during the semester and don’t have a lot of extra cash to spend on a gym locker. “I don’t mind carrying a few things in the gym with me,” said Stobbe. “Or I usually just leave my stuff in the car.”

The pricing of locker rentals and guest fees were decided with student budgets in mind. “The pricing has always been that price since we opened,” said Allen. “Most of our pricing is really low.”

Towel service is also offered and the equipment: Student Recreation Center functions much like local gyms, only you already have paid for it.

Next time you pay your tuition at Fresno State, remember you’re also paying for your gym membership at the Student Recreation Center. You might as well take advantage and use it! 

Don’t have extra money? Bring a lock and use the free smaller lockers. Lockers at the Student Recreation Center are available to all guests. Guests can rent a locker for the semester or the year for a fee.
Four girls who are all art majors hope to close the gap between students and the community with art and design.

How are they doing it? They started their own magazine.

The student-run magazine “On the Verge” started last year and the staff hopes to get the work of fellow students out in the community by featuring them in the magazine.

“On the Verge” started in spring 2009 when art department advisor Dr. Sameh El Kharbawy asked interior design students Jenn Goforth and Theresa Lafranchise to create a newsletter for art students. The newsletter was used to inform art and design students, as well as the community, of the various artistic talents in Fresno. Because raising money is a challenge, Goforth and Lafranchise found advertisers and sponsors, and that is how the 12-page magazine started.

With local mentors including several architects and local art organization Creative Fresno, “On the Verge” grew faster than expected.

“We knew nothing about magazines when we started and it has grown so much in the past year,” says Lafranchise.

The bi-monthly magazine features a theme that ties together each article. The theme for today’s issue is Deep Roots. It focuses on the family and community, and how they influence creative expression.

Each issue is free of charge and can be found at various locations on campus as well as in the Tower District.

“Art is relevant and everywhere in life,” said Jenn Goforth, the magazine’s Editor-in-Chief. “You don’t have to be a great artist to create.”

The magazine wants to motivate students to submit different forms of art including articles, personal art, poems and short stories.

“We want the magazine to be a magnet for creative thinking and to provoke change,” adds Goforth.

Thus far, 30 members have signed up to submit material to the magazine for their next issue. The staff has their next meeting on Monday, Aug. 30, in the Conley Art Building.

The magazine staff will be participating in various activities, both on and off campus, and all of them involve art and design.

Contributors to the magazine will work with the Downtown and Community Revitalization Department.

The next event for On the Verge will be PARK(ing) Day on Sept. 17, where students transform metered parking spots into small, temporary parks. Grass, trees and benches are the usual decorations for Art majors bring art and community together by printing own magazine, raising art awareness

By Kellcie Mullaney
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But what Watney, the 2010 WAC Coach of the Year, has realized in recent years is individual success doesn't always translate to the team side of things and is now an emphasis for the 2010-11 Bulldogs.

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By Ben Ingersoll
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“The importance of depth as the season wears on will be a focus for Fresno State’s current 10-man roster if Watney can get players outside of Patel to perform at a high level, such as Michael Gideon and Brian Sunker, he is convinced his team will be much improved this season.”

Gideon is one of two guys on the team who have actually won tournament, and it’s very, very hard to win a golf tournament at the collegiate level.

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The volleyball team hosts first home tournament of the year

By Vongni Yang
The Collegian

When head volleyball coach Lauren Netherby-Sewell first stepped onto campus in 2008, she wanted to bring a preseason tournament to Fresno State that could help prepare her players for the rigors of a regular season. So in her first year, Netherby-Sewell established the Fresno State Classic, which begins today at 5 p.m. at the Save Mart Center.

Competing in The Classic this year are No. 20 Oregon, Santa Clara and UC Riverside alongside host, Fresno State.

"I'm excited about the level of competition to open our home weekend with two teams that are in the Top 25, well at least receiving votes for it, and a strong upcoming program with UC Riverside," Netherby-Sewell said. "It's a great way to start. We're setting the tone really high right away."

Netherby-Sewell said that she expects a different style of play this year. The team will take more of an attacking approach on offense this season as compared to Netherby-Sewell's first two years at the helm.

"Our focus is different," she said. "Last season, we were really focused on outside of the competition stuff and just our ability to practice at a higher level and be able to execute skills at a higher level."

But that is going to change this season. The reason for the change of philosophy is to force opposing teams out of their comfort zone.

"The main thing is that we hope we are attacking more efficiently than our opponent and we're getting them out of system a lot more," Netherby-Sewell said. "So we're putting them in uncomfortable situations."

Netherby-Sewell also stressed how important serving is to a team's success. She expects this year's squad to make drastic improvements in that area.

"I want to see by this Saturday that our team isn't afraid to serve tough because when you play opponents that are supposed to be better than you, you have to out-serve them," she added. "That's the way to do it, to get them out of their offensive rhythm, so that's our goal."

The Fresno State Classic will be an early test for the Bulldogs.

"We have very tough teams coming in," Netherby-Sewell said. "There's going to be awesome battles throughout the weekend."

The 'Dogs will try to rally around each other during the tournament.