UCSB Expands Bandwidth to Increase ResNet Speed

By TED ANDERSEN
Staff Writer

In response to a continuing stream of on-campus resident complaints of snail-paced Internet traffic, UCSB's Housing and Residential Services has taken several steps since summer to plug students in to quicker connections and curb adverse effects of online file sharing.

In Fall Quarter, the campus-wide Information Technology Planning Group approved a Housing and Residential Services proposal to increase the residence halls' bandwidth — the capacity for a network to carry data — from 10 Mbps to 20 Mbps (Mbits), said George Gregg, assistant Housing and Residential Services director.

Gregg said the campus has a 620 Mbit connection to CalRENII — an Internet network run between a consortium of universities in California, including the UC system, Stanford and USc and other private institutions. ResNet traffic flows onto CalRENII through a border router, Gregg said, which uses 10 Mbits for residence hall Internet traffic out of the 622 Mbits available to the campus. He added that UCSB is charged for any Net traffic going outside of the CalRENII gateway to the Internet, and that Housing and Residential Services pays for residence students' proportion of this traffic.

"We needed to increase the bandwidth because we were getting a lot of complaints from the students, so we attacked it on several different fronts," said Assistant ResNet Coordinator Maria Chanley and sophomore aquatic biology major Cassie Lewis all in front of new routers that will increase the bandwidth of on-campus Internet connections.

20-Mbit Connection To Alleviate Strain on Internet System

An unidentified human skeleton was discovered in a field in Lompoc on Tuesday. The body, said Lt. Mike Burridge, County Sheriff’s Dept., public information officer, was "cleaning vegetation near the entrance of a 'packeteer box,'" which ResNet installed in December. The box, located between ResNet and the feed to the CalRENII, prioritizes campus Net traffic, placing connections to music and video file sharing sites such as Napster.com and Song.com lower than e-mail or other HTML Web traffic.

"Basically, it manages traffic better — it's like stoplights. It prioritizes traffic, which has made ResNet traffic go faster," said Assistant ResNet Coordinator Chanley, UCSB's only full-time, nonstudent ResNet staff member. "It's a whole new way of managing bandwidth."

Before packeteering, which Chanley said close to 150 universities across the country have purchased to control residence hall Internet traffic, many students could not even check their e-mail because Napster alone took up all 10 Mbits of bandwidth.

"One student was caught using 26 percent of all ResNet bandwidth, so one person was using one quarter of this traffic," said Gregg.

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— George Gregg
Assistant Housing and Residential Services director

Construction Worker Discovers Human Remains in Lompoc Field

"The remains are sun bleached and appear to have been at this location for an extended period of time, " said Lt. Mike Burridge, County Sheriff’s Dept., public information officer.

The remains have been transported to the sheriff's morgue, where they will be examined and the investigation will continue.

— Shaun P. McGrady

Leg Council Approves Ballot for Election; Declaration of Party Affiliation Remains

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With elections just around the corner, Associated Students Legislative Council voted to approve the ballot for the Spring 2001 General Elections last night at its first meeting of the quarter.

The new Elections Code changes the way this year's election will be run, and one of the major changes under consideration should be allowed on the ballot.

Proponents of party affiliation argued it is a way to hold people accountable, and it was too late to change the ballot. Off-Campus Rep Jonathan Butterfield said the issue was only being brought up in order to help certain people in the upcoming elections.

"Parties are clashing 2 to 3 weeks before the elections," he said. "They looked at the ballot, didn't like the numbers and decided to make an amendment and blame it on confusion. Let's not let them pull a fast one on us."

Debate ended in a tie, leaving the final decision to Internal Vice President Alison Scheer. After taking a five-minute recess to consider her decision, Scheer vetoed against the amendment, allowing party affiliations to stay on the ballot.

The motion to add SAC as the party affiliation next to the names of almost twenty people on the ballot failed. However, the affiliations will be added if the candidates can prove they requested the change to the ballot. Almost an hour and a half later, the ballot was approved with minor changes in the wording.

Leg Council also briefly discussed the creation of a Local Affairs organizing director — a new title for
BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — The U.N. war crimes tribunal hardened its position Wednesday on Slobodan Milosevic, demanding the former Yugoslav president be immediately transferred to The Hague for trial — even as the European Union signaled he can be first prosecuted at home before ultimately answering to the U.N. court.

The senior political adviser to the tribunal, Jean-Jacques Joris, said Wednesday in Belgrade on Tuesday to Milosevic’s "tribunal headquarters in and must transfer Mr. for trial — . even as the demanding the former its position Wednesday on crimes tribunal hardened Slobodan Milosevic, (AP) — The U.N. war jeopardizing California’s environmental protections,” said, that both sides wanted a face-saving resolution’, the collision between a U.S. spy plane and a Chinese jet offered Beijing a chorus of regrets but no apology for WASH IN GTON (AP) — The Bush administration Qdlronaali? two new power plants in Sari Diego and Palm Springs 19-day expedited review process, Gov. Gray Davis said "We continue must be handed over to The on Milosevic’s extra­ proceedings would allow Yugoslavs "to hear in full the criminal complaints committed by Milosevic against his peo­<br>ple."

"Still, ultimately, he British foreign secretary must be handed over to The Hague tribunal to stand justice for his crimes against other people in the region." — Robin Cook The Daily Nexus, 20,000 copies a day, every day.

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SAN DIEGO (AP) — The state Wednesday approved two new power plants in San Diego and Palm Springs that officials said will help ease an expected energy crunch this summer.

State officials granted licenses to the plants under a 19-day expedited review process, Gov. Gray Davis said in a news release. Both plants will be online by July 5.

"We continue to move at warp speed to meet California’s summertime electricity demand, without jeopardizing California’s environmental protections,” Davis said.

The two natural-gas fired plants will be built by Wildflower Energy, a subsidiary of InterGen of North America based in Houston, Texas.

The 93-megawatt Lajolle Energy Facility will be located in the Otay Mesa area of San Diego. The 135-megawatt Indigo Energy Facility will be located near an existing wind generating facility in Palm Springs.

The California Energy Commission also said it has received proposals for two more plants in Chula Vista, in southern San Diego County, and in King City in Monterey County.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration offered Beijing a chorus of re­ but no apology for the collision between a U.S. spy plane and a Chinese jet fighter. China, still questioning 24 American crew mem­ ber said, it was a step in the right direction and" signs that both sides wanted a face-saving resolution.

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Now that I’m in college, mean young people with ty complexes and yellow teeth patrolled the playground armed with pink slips, whistles and explicit threats to "call the police." They used these devices to scold me when I violated their sacred "campus rules." These people are called CSOs.

Thursday's forecast: Partly cloudy, with a 95 percent chance of verbal harassment showers on your ride home from Chem 1179.
BANDWIDTH
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of all the bandwidth for 4,200 students. I don't know where we would be without (packeteering). We could have gotten 50 or 60 megabits, and it wouldn't make a difference," Chanley said. "It's made complaints — from a scale of one to 10 — from an 11 to a one. Mostly the people who complain are your die-hard computer performance guys who are always in their rooms doing complex things with the network, and they'll complain about speed. Ninety-nine percent of our complaints have dissipated because it has made everything speed up a lot better. It uses bandwidth a lot more effectively, so it has made the network quicker."

Since last summer, ResNet has also changed hub connections to switches in all university-owned housing except San Rafael, El Dorado and Westgate, which are scheduled for upgrades this summer. Switches are much faster than hubs, because with a switch each user has a 20 Mbit connection, as opposed to previously sharing one 10 Mbit connection with a hub.

"It used to be a whole floor would share a hub and now we have a separate switch, so the traffic stream is separately managed," Gregg said. "So instead of collisions taking place amongst anybody in a floor, it's being switched now so that the traffic is delivered to the higher speed switches without contention."

Sophomore electrical engineering major Carl VanArsdall, a San Miguel resident who last year worked as a resident computer consultant, said that since the packeteering box was installed, Napster file transferring has slowed to the point where, "I can't even get a song." He said Napster posed a problem to the university since the university pays for every bit of information sent over the Internet.

"They want the students to have plenty of bandwidth to work with, not for people to goof off, and that's the biggest issue with Napster," he said. "VanArsdall, who helped install the switches in the residence halls in August, said the university also implemented a cable-modem project in Family Student Housing.

"Eventually, all the dorms will catch up with the technology," he said. "It's pretty much preparing for the really big jump [in speed], which I think will come in the future. That freshman class is going to have one hell of a connection — but I don't know how long that'll be."

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UCSB Must Provide Affordable Housing for Students

Marty Markovits

Recognizing the urgent need for students to have their own housing in the University of California system, as well as the inadequacies of the current funding system and the private market, students and campus groups from across the state are uniting to make UCs eligible for state-funded housing. This issue has a profound effect on the quality of a UC education and on our standard of living. So for all of those fed up with overpriced housing, listen up!

The cost of housing in Isla Vista has increased at an extraordinary rate. The average rent for a two-bedroom apartment in 1999 was almost $375 per person. That same apartment in August 2000 cost $460. The university is planning to create only 1,500 beds for the 3,000 additional students expected by 2010, and the expense of housing is causing reluctance to become a student. The university is not taking sufficient action. The private market is obviously not capable of dealing with our problem.

The university is working to reduce the pressure on the housing situation, but students and families will have to confront an extraordinary cost of education.

So what is the obstacle? Since the regents consider housing a necessity, but not essential, housing is designated as an auxiliary service, just like parking and food. Being considered an auxiliary means that something is not eligible for state funding and the university has to turn to private investors to borrow the money. Therefore, their investors take their money back by charging interest to the university.

McCorvey’s demeanour; Kristi is completely justified in being both upset and offended by it.

But neither of us would be justified in believing that gravity doesn’t exist or that cheese is intelligent, no matter how kindly these follies could be argued. The issue of abortion revolves around the humanity of the embryo, fetus, etc. in question. If it’s a person, like I believe it is, it has got all the rights of a person (regardless of its age or location). If it’s just a lump of atoms, like some other people believe it is, then it has the same rights as any other inanimate object. But these debates don’t rest on the personality of the person arguing them.

And in response to Kristi’s argument about illegal abortions becoming more common if abortion is declared illegal: that is a tragedy. Please don’t condone abortion just because it happens in back alleys. I don’t want to force it into back alleys, where the mothers are put in jeopardy; I want it to happen at all.

If you believed, like I do, that embryos are people, you would agree that every abortion, no matter where or when or how it takes place, is by definition murder — it’s ending a life.

Lastly, Kristi is commendable in her attack on hypocrisy. In fact, she is almost quoting Jesus himself ("do not be like the hypocrites," Matthew 6:5). It is the biggest problem in the history of Christianity, hands down.

Kristi, I say to you and the many people who share your point of view, to read the Bible for yourself. If you are really dedicated to understanding the issues we’re discussing, read the gospels of Luke or John and see how Jesus deals with issues of feminism and hypocrisy. You are right in suggesting that a lot of Christians act in ways contrary to their beliefs. That is why I don’t trust Christians; I trust Jesus. Examine him, test him and see if he ever does anything contrary to what he says he stands for and whom he says he is.

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The Reader’s Voice

FORMER JANE ROE WAS CALLOUS BUT NOT WRONG

Edna, Daily Nexus:

In response to Kristi Maso’s opinion column, Daily Nexus, “Women Receive Stubborn Dogma Cold Shoulder From Jane Roe,” April 3, Kristi had a lot of intelligent things to say in her column regarding Norma McCorvey. She attacks hypocrisy and criticizes the speaker’s disregard for the audience. For these points, I applauded Kristi. However, there are some things she says that I do not agree with. I think it is less logical to say “if people who genuinely believe in someone or something,” than to try to find truth. Would you applaud Kristi for believing in the power of a turnip to reverse the direction that the earth spins? I hope you wouldn’t — in fact, I hope you would kindly point out to me the massive mistake I’m making.

The issue of abortion is not decided by the attitude or verbal skill of the person arguing for or against it. I agree that McCorvey was often tactless in the way she responded to questions. But her disrespect, callous as it may have been, does not necessarily make her wrong. A polite person could argue my above turnip example and be rudely opposed by another (more logical) person, but again, the politeness of the former figure doesn’t mean that turnips are super powered. I apologize for those who are downcast, rejected by society, and in pain. But would you suggest that heroin be legalized? For the time being, it’s sold in back alleys and cut with dangerous chemicals. However, the fact that people are hurt doing something illegal doesn’t mean that we should legalize it to make it safer. The point of declaring an action illegal is to stop people from doing something harmful, not to cater to people’s endless drive to disregard the law. I could never argue that heroin should be legalized just because people
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chair of the Isla Vista Community Relations Committee (IVCRC).
Off-Campus Rep Bridget Salmoni said, 
Basically, this bill would create a person who already exists. It would make the IVCRC chair work more closely with the external vice president of Local Affairs (EVPLA).

The EVPLA is already spread so thin.
Because it would be a By-Law change, the bill was automatically tabled. In other news, Leg Council vetoed Off-Campus Rep Matt McMillan’s 12-page Legislative Reorganization Bill, which has been on the table since January. McMillan said his bill would "address deficiencies that exist in this house."

Off-Campus Rep Josh Baker said the bill would just be another set of rules for Leg Council to ignore.

“We have a hard time following rules we already have," he said, "and since there are no important policy changes, I don’t think we should have more rules, which, in all honesty, we probably won’t follow.”

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Santa Barbara brings the Lumber in 9-0 Demolition Of Westmont

Pardon the expression, but as ESPN’s Dan Patrick used to say, the UCSB baseball team is “on fire.”

The Gauchos continued theirizzling play of late Wednesday afternoon against Westmont, crushing the Warriors, 9-0. Santa Barbara, scoring four unearned runs in the game, took advantage of multiple Westmont errors. UCSB has now won 11 of its last 12 games, improving to 22-8 on the season. The Gauchos also own sole possession of first place in the competitive Big West conference because of their best start since 1990.

I think we’re starting to come together, senior shortstop Jeff Bannon said. "Our pitching and defense has starting coming around lately and is making a difference in games. The difference between this year and last year is that our pitching has more depth and the team has more maturity.”

In the first inning, UCSB made the Warriors pay for an early throwing error to take a 1-0 lead. Senior second baseman Chad Peshke then brought the pain to start the top of the third inning, blasting a home run over the center field fence. It was a 3-1 count, so I was looking for a fastball,” Peshke said. “I wasn’t thinking home run, but I figured a fastball was coming, and I got it.”

The Gauchos followed the Peshke bomb with two walks and two singles, eventually going up, 4-0. Santa Barbara then scored a run in the fourth inning and added another in the fifth off of Westmont starter Kevin Whiter. In the sixth inning, UCSB capitalized on back-to-back Warrior errors, scoring three unearned runs for the final margin.

Westmont could only scrape together five hits in six innings off of Gauchos starter, freshman Matt Vasquez. The Warriors did threaten to score in the bottom of the second and fifth innings, leading off each with a double. But Vasquez recovered both times, ending Westmont's scoring hopes.

I was just looking to throw strikes out there today,” Vasquez said. "(Westmont) is a good team. I used a slider and a fastball mostly today. I only threw one change-up, and that didn’t go so well.”

After Vasquez hit the showers, three Gauccho relievers combined to hold the Warriors scoreless over the final three innings.

Next up for the Gauchos is a three-game home series with Riverside before heading to Los Angeles for a game against USC. Santa Barbara has only four games left before Big West play begins, and UCSB wants to enter conference play on a high note.

"We’re on a roll right now,” Bannon said. “We just like to keep rolling. Riverside is going to join the Big West next year, and we’d like to show them just what Big West baseball is all about.”

Matt Vasquez