Rebelmail’s extreme makeover scheduled for March 23rd

It’s smart. It’s fast. It’s strong. On Tuesday, March 23rd, Rebelmail will be powered by Google. With unbelievable spam protection, an incredible search engine, and over 7 gigabytes of storage, you won’t recognize Rebelmail when you see it.

“IT’s about time!” is what we hear from students when we tell them about Rebelmail’s extreme makeover.

UNLV students and employees will be asked to activate and log in to their new accounts by visiting rebelmail.unlv.edu. Even though they will see a brand new e-mail account, e-mail addresses will remain the same (username@unlv.nevada.edu). The Rebelmail website will include instructions on how to move e-mail from the old system to the new one. All forwarding and POP3 connections will need to be reset inside the new Rebelmail system if students choose not to use it.

Google is providing this service to UNLV at no charge. While the change saves the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) hardware hosting costs, UNLV has incurred the cost of supporting an additional e-mail system for campus. UNLV software and database engineers, server administrators, and support staff have developed the technologies and instructions to support UNLV during and after the change.

Our goal this spring is to ensure that the 140,000+ accounts on the old Pioneer Rebelmail system are either decommissioned or successfully moved to the new system. The additional applications offered by Google (Docs, Calendar, etc.) will be available after the successful completion of the e-mail change. More benefits, frequently asked questions, and tips are available at rebelmail.unlv.edu.
New student information system, MyUNLV...

**How this change is being communicated to students:**
- An image on the homepage and various UNLV websites students visit now
- Postcard mailed to student home addresses
- E-mails to Rebelmail
- Flyers available in enrollment services and various locations across campus, as well as classroom announcements being sent to faculty
- Table tents where possible
- Desktop background images on computers in OIT labs and Technology-Enhanced Classrooms

**Terms to know:**

**MyUNLV:** the new student registration and information system. The system is web-based and allows 24/7 access for students, faculty, and staff

**iNtegrate:** the project to replace the current student information system (SIS) for all seven schools in the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE).

**NSHE ID:** a unique, universal ID provided to all students and staff in the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE). This number allows information to be synced from one school to another. Students only need to remember and use one ID number regardless of which NSHE school they attend.

**PeopleSoft:** the name of the software that MyUNLV runs on. Instead of using the brand name PeopleSoft when referencing the system, use the term MyUNLV.

**Examples of terms used in context:** Students and employees should log in to MyUNLV with their NSHE ID. MyUNLV is the result of iNtegrate. MyUNLV uses PeopleSoft — enterprise information system software that was developed by Oracle.

**Ready Made Websites save faculty time...**

management system called WordPress. You may be familiar with WordPress as powerful blogging software, but at UNLV we have turned WordPress into a way to give faculty clean, professional looking websites that are easy to edit and friendly to use.

To get started, go to faculty.unlv.edu to request an account. You will be notified via e-mail that your account has been created. The e-mail will contain your username, password and URL. When you log into your website for the first time, you will see the administration panel. From that panel, you can add pages to your website and choose a design that’s best suited to your needs.

More information is available at faculty.unlv.edu.
Secure wireless to arrive April 12th

On April 12th, UNLV-Secure will be available campus-wide. UNLV-Secure is a wireless service that encrypts data as it travels between your device and the access point installed on the wall in a hotspot. Be sure to take a few minutes to set up this service on your phone or laptop. Here’s what it will do for you:

1. **Increase your data security.**
   UNLV-Secure encrypts traffic between your wireless device (laptops or handhelds) and wireless access points, protecting information from being intercepted.

2. **Simplify your log in process.**
   Once you set up UNLV-Secure on your wireless device, your username and password will be stored so that you will not have to log in every time you use wireless on campus. Remember to protect your device from theft or misuse when you save usernames and passwords.

More information will be available at wireless.unlv.edu as the date nears. If you have questions about the project, please contact CJ Odgers at 895-0724.

Guests of UNLV now have easy access to wireless

Do you host campus guests like alumni, parents, local news crews, lecturers, vendors or researchers? Your guests now have free, easy wireless (Wi-Fi) Internet access in hotspot locations on campus. Visitors simply go to a hotspot, select the network called UNLV-Guest from their computers or smartphones, and agree to terms of service. That’s it! No log in. UNLV-Guest hours of operation are as follows:

- **Monday - Thursday**
  - 7:30 AM to Midnight
- **Friday**
  - 7:30 AM to 7:00 PM
- **Saturday**
  - 7:30 AM to 7:00 PM
- **Sunday**
  - 11:00 AM to Midnight

Current students and employees should continue to use the network called UNLV and log in with their wireless accounts. Network traffic priority is given to individuals logged in via UNLV during peak-use times. Also, there are no limits on hours of operation.

OIT hopes UNLV-Guest enhances teaching, research, scholarly and creative activity by permitting easier collaboration on campus.

CBC-C now enjoys wireless (wi-fi)

The Classroom Building Complex building C (CBC-C) now has full wireless coverage. We installed 24 new access points on Thursday, January 7, 2010. CBC-C has high density Wi-Fi coverage throughout the building. This is part of an ongoing initiative to expand wireless coverage on campus, as requested by students and faculty in OIT annual surveys. This new hotspot was made possible through CSUN and Office of Information Technology funding.

OIT continues to expand Wi-Fi as funding becomes available. For the best wireless experience, be sure your next wireless laptop purchase supports 802.11n 5 GHz (also referred to as a/b/g/n) technology (for example, all new Apple products come with this compatibility; on Dell computers, this is a $35 upgrade on a low-end laptop).

**Wi-Fi Popular in CBC-C:**

Use statistics for CBC-C (January 1 to February 19)

- **29,564** customer logins (the total number of times customers have logged in or accepted the guest terms and gone on to use the network)
- **7,248** unique device logins
- **5,004** unique login names (the number of different customer user names that have logged in and gone on to use the network)

Between its launch January 14th and March 8th, 6,129 unique devices connected to UNLV-Guest.
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But, what if I…

Currently use Rebelmail?
Activate, log in and enjoy your new account March 23rd.
Instructions for transferring your e-mail and contacts from the old system to the new one are available at rebelmail.unlv.edu. Your e-mail address is still the same: username@unlv.nevada.edu.

Already set Rebelmail to forward or POP3?
Either re-establish your forward and POP3 settings or use your new Rebelmail account.

Already have an e-mail account that I like?
Activate your new Rebelmail account and set it to forward to your preferred e-mail account. Or, forward your other e-mail accounts to this one.

Already have a Gmail account?
Consider forwarding Rebelmail to that account if you currently use Google Apps (like Chat, Docs, Calendar). Those services will be available in Rebelmail in Fall 2010.

Don’t do anything on March 23?
You will not receive official communications from UNLV. This includes notices about overdue library books, billing notices, registration information, and more.

Want to help with the campaign?
Contact Mamie Peers at 895-5306.

Two great ways to protect your computer from viruses

Between June 2009 and February 2010, 445 computers on campus were infected with viruses. On average, it took a campus technician 113 minutes (1.8 hours) to repair those computers. The good news is that computer viruses are fairly avoidable. With the right software and a change in personal knowledge and behavior, you can prevent viruses:

1. Install Symantec Endpoint, Version 11.0 (PCs) or Norton AntiVirus 11.0 (Macs). Your computer might be one of the over 1,500 UNLV computers running the old version of Symantec Antivirus, which no longer provides full protection.

2. Get to know viruses and protect your computer from them. Even though you may have the latest version of antivirus software, you should be aware of how viruses attack and protect your computer from them.

Visit oit.unlv.edu/network-and-security for more information and downloads.

493 more employees now have the latest version of antivirus!
Between February 14th and March 8th, our subscriptions to the latest version of antivirus grew from 1,534 to 2,027. Go to oit.unlv.edu/network-and-security to download the latest antivirus software and learn more about computer security.