U. of California at San Diego Accidentally Congratulates 28,000 Rejected Students

“Campus officials blamed the mistake on an ‘administrative error’ that involved selecting the wrong database of recipients.”
The recent flooding in North Dakota prompted schools to post announcements on their home pages. This one created a Flood Blog with announcements about how grades will be handled during the flood and how supervisors are to be flexible with staff time off needs.
In the news...

- 2 years later, a reflection on how Virginia Tech used its Web site to communicate about school shootings.
In the news...

- “Last week the university’s disciplinary officers began e-mailing students whose profiles contained pictures of “trashings”, where students spray each other with champagne, flour or worse, to celebrate finishing their exams.”

- “I thought my privacy settings were such that only students could see my pictures.”

From The Times
July 17, 2007
Caught on camera – and found on Facebook

Patrick Foster

It has become as much a part of student life as hangovers and essay crises. But now Facebook, the social networking website, is being used as a disciplinary tool by university authorities.

Staff at Oxford University are searching the website, collecting photographs of students who they say have broken rules on post-examination celebrations, and handing down fines. The student union has branded the move a “disgraceful” intrusion into privacy and has e-mailed every common room advising how to prevent dons viewing the photographs.

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Study: Facebook users get lower grades in college

Science, technology, business majors most likely to regularly use Facebook

By Sharon Gaudin

April 13, 2009 (Computerworld) Need your kids to pick their grades up? Tell them to spend less time on Facebook.

A new study released by Ohio State University shows that college students who use Facebook spend less time studying and have lower grades than students who don't use the popular social networking site. But don't count on the Facebook users admitting the problem. The university report noted that 79% of them said that using the social networking site was not interfering with their studies.

"We can't say that use of Facebook leads to lower grades and less studying -- but we did find a relationship there," said Aryn Karpinski, co-author of the study and a doctoral student in education at Ohio State University. "There's a disconnect between students' claim that Facebook
May 6: “UM Students gathered in the first floor of the J.D. Williams Library to celebrate with a "Flash Rave" in the midst of finals week.”
Cisco installs firewall hardware.

Systems group moves test server behind it.

Things fail. Panic ensues.

Problems appear to be caused by the interconnectedness between test server and systems still outside the firewall.

Go-live Friday: Most things begin working as related systems are now all behind the firewall.

A sigh of relief is heard.
IT Updates (continued)

- Firefox found to function incorrectly with myOleMiss behind firewall. Searching for fixes.
- April 11: Power outage in Data Center due to storms – servers are shut down.
- Power outage continues.
- Power restored, testing resumes.
- April 13: Firefox issues continue.
April 16: Major SAP upgrade (EHP4) begins.
April 19: Upgrade completed two days early.
April 29: IE 8 is pushed as a critical update... still not functioning correctly with myOleMiss.
May 5: Firewall rules are adjusted and Firefox and IE 8 work much better! (Not perfectly yet, just better.)
Web Planning Update
myOleMiss links

http://www.olemiss.edu/depts/it/webmaster/shortcuts.html

myOleMiss Shortcuts

IT maintains the following shortcut links into myOleMiss applications. Please feel free to post these on your sites as needed. All other links into myOleMiss are subject to change without notice.

Student links:

- Transfer Course Equivalencies: http://www.olemiss.edu/transfer equiv
- Admission applications: http://www.olemiss.edu/application
- Application status: http://www.olemiss.edu/ystatus
- Financial Aid: http://www.olemiss.edu/finaid/portal
  - Appeals: http://www.olemiss.edu/finaidappeal
  - Award Letter: http://www.olemiss.edu/finaidaward
  - Book Voucher: http://www.olemiss.edu/finaidbookvoucher
  - Independent Study: http://www.olemiss.edu/finaidindstudy
  - Scholarships: http://www.olemiss.edu/scholarships
  - Summer Application: http://www.olemiss.edu/finaidsummer
  - Summer Grant: http://www.olemiss.edu/finaidsummer
  - Workstudy Request: http://www.olemiss.edu/finaidworkstudy
- My contact information: http://www.olemiss.edu/mystudentinfo
- Register for classes: http://www.olemiss.edu/registration
- Student account statement: http://www.olemiss.edu/myaccount
- Pay student account: http://www.olemiss.edu/billerdirect
- Required course materials: http://www.olemiss.edu/materials
- Check Financial Aid award status: http://www.olemiss.edu/finaid/portal
- MidTerm grades: http://www.olemiss.edu/midtermgrades
Helpful tool

Pixlr: www.pixlr.com

- Free
- Online
- Photo Editor
Helpful tool

Fireshot: screenshot-program.com/fireshot/

- Capture full height of page
- Both Firefox and IE
Just plain fun

Chrome Experiments

- Examples of what javascript and a lot of imagination can make happen.
  (Note: Only for Chrome, Firefox, or Safari.)

- Browser Ball
- Twitch
Flutter?

- As Twitter-mania reaches new levels, Slate V presents a mockumentary about a company that wants to take microblogging to the next level.

http://slatev.com/player.html?id=18328570001
Next Meeting...

- June 12