

# DAILY BULL



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"The great thing about democracy is that it gives every voter a chance to do something stupid."  
~Art Spander

## Technology, More Like Teh-suck-ology

By Matt Villa ~ Daily Bull

Technology exists to make life easier. Humans as a race have the unique ability to create complex tools to make once complicated tasks simple, that is one of the few things that separates us from our simple tool wielding, poo throwing friends, the apes. Creating Technology is human-nature, so why then do programs that make life as aggravating as having your wisdom teeth yanked out without anesthetic by a dentist with fat fingers exist? Programs like Mathematica and CodeLab.

Anyone who has taken a University Physics or Chemistry course can tell you the struggle that the Mastering programs can put you through. You can put in the right answer all day, but by the time you either figure out it wants you to give it the answer in exponential format, or you hit show answer. The question ins worth less than what the Global Economy is

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## The Zimbra Conspiracy

By Ryan Sandor Richards ~ Daily Bull

Whether you love the new web-mail or hate it with the burning passion of a million white hot suns, it looks like it is here to stay. It is quite unfortunate that the university decided to thrust this new web-mail on us so suddenly, and that raises a few questions. Why exactly wasn't this "newer and better" system waiting for us at the beginning of the semester? Why did they wait so long to implement it? Who was in charge of all this? If we couldn't have it this semester, wouldn't it have been more beneficial to wait until the next semester to make such a drastic change to a vital university service? And, most importantly, what in the hell does "Zimbra" stand for anyway?

To address these questions I had to do a little investigative reporting. And without much trouble I found myself an "inside" source. To protect his, her, or it's identity we will refer to the entity as "Pat Fluffballs", or just Fluffy for short. Also, to make things easier we will refer to Fluffy as a "he", cause lets face it, in all likelihood it's a dude anyhow. Fluffy was all too eager to share what he knew about the switch, who was in charge of it, and provided some interesting theories as to why it was rushed into production during the middle of a semester.

To understand the switch, according to

Fluffy, we have to "follow the money." By this he meant the amount of money that the university would be saving by switching to Zimbra. All reports show that the switch from Huskymail to Zimbra saved ol' MTU a total of about \$250, 000 per year. That's a lot of money! And apparently it is not going into new programs for students, saving us money on our tuition bills, or even towards reducing our incomprehensibly bloated computing fees. Nope, it is going directly back into the pockets of the incapable pricks who were wasting our money in the first place: Central IT.

According to a document that was given to me by Fluffy the average raise a Central IT employee is going to get is a little under 7%. That's a hell of a raise, by anyone's standards, but it only gets worse when you look at the top of the food chain. There are four basic services that Central IT provides: Administrative Information Services (Jarrod Karau, director), Educational Technology Services and Online Learning (Patricia Lins, director), Information Technology Services and Security (Daniel deBeaubien, director), and Telecommunications (Brenda Helminen, director).

The four directors of these four services are getting some hefty raises. Karau is being upgraded from \$79K to \$85K / year

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I hope everyone is having as much fun as I do with their first round of exams. Pretty awesome, huh?



## Pic o' the Day



One of the features that was not (but should have been) included with Zimbra. Also...



THE BEASTIE BOYS WANT YOU TO LEARN HOW TO USE TECHNOLOGY BY WATCHING THEIR TOTALLY CRAZY SWEET VIDEOS LIKE SABOTAGE AND INTERGALACTIC. SO IF YOU WANT TO BE MUCHO MACHO LIKE ME, YOU BEST BE IN ANOTHER DIMENSION RIGHT NOW WATCHING THEM. NOW. GO!

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