DOTS CHANGES 5:05 P.M. 09/22/17 N. LUKASAVITZ

 Students and professors alike are continuing to adapt to a variety of incremental, campus-wide changes that range from improved TV image quality to stricter password requirements.

Nathan Lukasavitz (LUKE-us-av-its) has the story.

MP3 RUNS: 1:30 Q: “…LUKASAVITZ.”

NATHAN LUKASAVITZ: ACCORDING TO ON-CAMPUS RESIDENT AND RETURNING STUDENT AARON LEIBY (LY-be), THE MOST NOTICEABLE TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE HAS BEEN IN THE CAMPUS TV SERVICE, WHICH EXPERIENCED INNOVATION OVER THE SUMMER AS THE PREVIOUS SERVICE PROVIDER WAS BOUGHT-OUT BY APOGEE.

AARON LEIBY: I LIKE IT A LOT BETTER. THE QUALITY HAS BEEN GOOD, THE CHANNELS SEEM TO STAY IN, AND YOU DON’T HAVE TO RE-SCAN IT ALL THE TIME. I’M SATISFIED WITH IT.

NATHAN LUKASAVITZ: IN ADDITION TO CHANGING TV SERVICE PROVIDERS OVER THE SUMMER, THE DIVISION OF TECHNOLOGY SERVICES BEGAN THE PROCESS OF UPGRADING ALL PERSONAL COMPUTERS ON CAMPUS TO MICROSOFT WINDOWS TEN, A CHANGE THAT SPANISH PROFESSOR JUAN CARLOS CHAVES IS EAGERLY AWAITING ON HIS OFFICE COMPUTER.

JUAN CARLOS CHAVES: THE PROBLEM IS IN THE COMPUTER IN MY OFFICE RIGHT NOW, BUT I CALLED DOTS, AND THEY ARE VERY, VERY FRIENDLY. THEY GET INTERESTED IN THE PROBLEM THAT I HAVE, AND THEY DO ANSWER ME BACK RIGHT AWAY, AND VERY POLITE.

NATHAN LUKASAVITZ: THOUGH THE SWITCH IN TV PROVIDERS AND THE UPGRADE IN COMPUTER OPERATING SYSTEMS WERE BOTH INICIATED OVER THE SUMMER, ACCORDING TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF DOTS, JOE KMIECH (KA-mitch), ONE MORE CHANGE IS FAST APPROACHING THAT WILL REQUIRE STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF TO CHANGE THEIR PASSWORDS.

JOE KMIECH: THERE’S A SET OF NEW UW-SYSTEM I.T. SECURITY POLICIES THAT WERE PASSED ABOUT A YEAR AGO. THEY WENT THROUGH A REVISION, JUST RECENTLY, AND SO NOW WE’RE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PHASE.

NATHAN LUKASAVITZ: ACCORDING TO DOTS, THE CHANGE IN PASSWORD REQUIREMENTS WILL BEGIN NEXT WEEK AND WILL CONTINUE THROUGH OCTOBER. FOR THE FALCON NEWS SERVICE, I’M NATHAN LUKASAVITZ.

While the password change is expected to begin on Tuesday, DoTS continues to upgrade personal computers, as many of them are still relying on the previous operating system.

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