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UCLA Recreation Released Its New Gym Equipment Management System

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The UCLA Recreation has released its new gym equipment management system that can help people check availability of gym equipment and make reservation to use equipment at specific time since June 14th.

“We take this system as an innovative approach to provide user with interactive experience on accurate share of information related to gym equipment,” said Mick Deluca, Executive Director in Recreation and Campus Life of department of recreation, UCLA student affairs. “With the system, our students and faculty can flexibly schedule their time of exercise in advance to avoid unnecessary waiting.” For several years, students at UCLA have been complaining of the long time they spend on waiting for gym equipment when they take exercise on campus recreation centers. In John Wooden Center, one of the most popular recreation centers in UCLA, people will suppose to wait for as long as half an hour in order to use a treadmill at peak hours. “We have observed this problem for years,” said Mick Deluca. “We launched a project in 2010, trying to find smart solutions considering the increase in newly enrolled Bruins and the limitation of our budget and space. After a trial for three year, we finally come up with our new system that takes a good balance between increasing number of students and our limited resources.”

The gym equipment management system will revolutionize the common way people retrieve and make use of gym equipment. With the help of mobile apps that specially designed for UCLA recreation, people can easily check the availability of gym equipment at any time and make or change reservation on specific equipment. When they step into the gym, they can easily check-in on small screen that attached to equipment and use the equipment at the time they reserve, without even waiting for a second.

“We are forced to schedule our time more accurately due to our faster pace of life nowadays,” said Kenn Heller, project manager of the new system and associate director Innovation Initiatives of the department of recreation. “More accurate information on the availability of gym equipment will definitely help our talented Bruins to make better decision on their daily schedules, avoid unnecessary time of waiting while doing exercise.”

To serve people who have no time to make reservation, the modern system also provides first-come-first-serve options. Several equipment tagged with “FCFS” are available at each recreation center for people to use on a first-come-first-serve bases. In order to use that equipment, people should wait in line and use the equipment accordingly, like what they were doing before. “We intend to find a balance point between tradition and modernization, and provide our users with multiple options to serve their different habits,” said Kenn Heller.

“The new system is fantastically effective,” said Josh Yu, 3rd year phd student from the department of Electronic Engineering, who has been busy with his experiments and can spend only one hour to exercise each day. “Instead of wasting half an hour on waiting, now I can easily make reservation at my lab, come here and use the equipment directly.”

“UCLA has a good tradition in Athletics,” said Mick Deluca. “And I hope our new gym equipment management system will help this university to maintain its fame on sports.”

For a brief instruction on the new system, please check out [UCLA Recreation website](#). We also provide the [availability page](#) to show the up-to-date availability of all UCLA recreation equipment.

Mobile users can also check [apple](#) and [android](#) apps stores to download UCLA GymManager apps.

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