Whatz Up?

Dr. Edward L. Jones, Chairman

By now you've settled into the semester. I hope all is going well. In this, the second issue of the CIS Vision, I want to recognize highlights from the semester and remind you of upcoming events.

Let me begin by thanking you for your patience as we suffered through problems with our labs. We had to shut the labs down for about two days, followed by greatly reduced service for about 10 days. These actions were precipitated by a national virus attack that adversely affected many campuses, including FSU. We decided to make a concerted effort to weed out that virus and others that had crept onto our NT network. PC access was restored once those clean-ups were done.

Over the summer our Unix system was compromised by hackers and intruders, forcing the removal of certain hosts from the network. Since our Unix system provides the gateway to the outside world, including email, it was necessary to restore partial service (only email and Internet browsing). We are nearing completion on securing all Unix hosts, to restore full Internet ftp and telnet access.

You can set up Windows dial in: MyComputer ➔ DialupNetworking ➔ NewConnection ➔ 599-8489, ID, Password. For more information, see the Lab staff.

We want to be able to locate you. Log into Unix and type MyProfile, and enter the requested information. Have your friends do likewise.

CIS Alumni, Welcome Home!!

We extend a warm welcome to friends and alumni visiting the campus and department Homecoming week. We hope your being here will kindle fond memories of the time spent in CIS. After all, those were the best years of your young lives.

You may notice some changes, but the best things never change — our devotion to you. Please take time to say thanks to faculty and staff, and fellow alumni who added to your FAMU experience.

Help us keep in touch with you. We have big plans we want you to be aware of and proud of. It would be helpful to us to know: a current email, the year graduated, mailing address, company name, position title, and any family data/pictures you care to share. And get others to do likewise. We are setting up an alumni affairs web site – stay tuned! In the meantime, send the requested data to the special account alumnews@cis.famu.edu.

It's Homecoming … (Get Ready!!)

- Tidy up classrooms, labs
- Signs, banners
- Eli Lilly Student Government Barbecue, Wednesday, Oct 17
- Edward Jones Company CIS Picnic, Thursday 11-2
- CIS Labs Closed Saturday, Homecoming Day!!

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Career Expo

I hope you took the time to attend the Fall 2001 Career Expo. Career Expo is the best time to learn about companies, career opportunities, and yourself. Many of you are uncomfortable talking about yourself and what you want. Expo is the time to practice, so you'll be very skilled by the time you graduate.

I attended to see old grads and to tell companies about our great product – you! I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Bill Moore (below), the second Chairman of our department, then known as the Data Processing. Look for Mr. Moore to visit our department some time in the future.

Accreditation Team Visit Nov 4-6!!

The CIS Science option is being evaluated by a team of professionals and educators, who will be on campus Sunday-Tuesday, November 4-6. They will interview faculty, administrators and students. They will also examine exhibits of course materials and student work—exams, homework, quizzes, programs, etc.

It is especially important that all of us make our best positive impression regarding our building (it's old, but it's ours), the condition of the labs, classrooms, halls and stairwells. If you encounter our guests, remember your "home training" and be friendly, courteous and helpful. When you talk to the team, be professional.

Accreditation will mean a lot to you in terms of graduate study and employment opportunities, not to mention smaller classes and more faculty. Thank you for permitting us to use your graded work as exhibits.

Student Happenings

- Gordon Radney and Jason Simmons were guests of The Eli Lilly Company for the weekend of October 4-7. They participated in the Eli Lilly Career Planning Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana. They were treated to the Circle City Classic football game and other social activities.
- The ACM Club is on the move!! They have held workshops on Unix, and Flash, with many more planned. Start your career as part of this professional organization. Contact Club President, Andrea Bottoms (abottoms@cis.famu.edu).
- On October 6-7, two teams from CIS participated in the Southeast Regional Programming Contest at Georgia College. The team of Darryl Moses, Tasha Crichlow, and Julia Ison placed 31st out of 66 teams. The other participants were Aubrey Rembert, Hugh Stone and Clifton Peters.
- On September 27, Anthony Abernathy (below) was awarded a laptop for his participation in the Advanced Graduate Education and the Professoriate program, which is run by the College of Arts & Sciences. The AGEP program encourages students to become college teachers and researchers. Inquire about openings for Spring 2002 through the Dean's office (599-3430).

Spring 2002 Registration

Competition for classes for the Spring 2002 term will be intense, so get your affairs in order. Be determined to do these things:
- Pass your classes! First-timers have precedence.
- Pay your bills, so you will not be on HOLD.
- Get Advised for the Spring
- Phone register immediately
- Do not register for classes for which you don't have the prerequisites.

Classes will be larger than usual, but there still may not be room for late comers – even if you plan to graduate. The early bird gets the worm.

Teacher of the Year

Submit recommendations for your favorite CIS teacher before Nov 13. (Forms in Dean’s office)

Research News

- A paper by Aubrey Rembert, and Dr. Jones, "A Simulation Based Trainer for Software Reliability Modeling," has been accepted for the International Symposium on Software Reliability Engineering in Hong Kong. Aubrey is looking forward to the trip!!
- Dr. Roger Riggs' paper, "XML and Free Text", has been selected for publication in the Journal of the American Society for Information Sciences and Technology (JASIST).
- Drs. Riggs and Granville need research students!! Inquire. $$$

Next Time

News from Homecoming and the accreditation visit, your articles!!
- Best is not an Accident!