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Greetings from CISMO New President Richard Marcus



I bring you greetings from the Department of Computer and Information Sciences Mentoring Organization (CISMO). CISMO provides incoming students within the Department of Computer and Information Sciences with a vital support system that will allow their transition into the University to be effortless through encouragement, direction, and coordination in critical areas such as academics, administrative services, and the basic

college lifestyle. CISMO is determined not to leave any student behind, as well as, leaving a permanent impression on the lives of our students. With this in mind, always remember, "if only everything in life was as reliable as CISMO."

This semester our goal is to increase and retain the CISMO members and to be the "away from home" family. We have some very exciting events planned for Spring 2006 and CISMO would like everyone to participate. If there is one organization that you should join, CISMO is the one. If you would like to become a member of CISMO, please email cismo@cis.famu.edu, cismo@famu.edu or visit us at www.cis.famu.edu/~cismo.

I would like to introduce to you CISMO's Executive Board members: Vice President – Ms. Chantel Bowie; Treasurer – Ms. Shayla Baxter; Secretary – Mr. Ronald Stevens; Historian – Mr. Emmett Graham; Webmaster – Mr. Jermaine Stewart; Chairman of Community Service – Ms. Kindsay Reed; Chairman of Fundraising – Mr. Christian Cooper; Director of Compliance – Mr. Bryan Taylor; Director of Member Relations – Ms. Nettkiya Joseph; Director of Communications – Mr. Chase Williams; Director of Social Events – Mr. JeRone Gant; and Librarian – Mr. Lemonteh Horne. CISMO advisors are Ms. Julia Jones and Mr. Thomas Robinson.

On behalf of all the members of CISMO, I would like to wish you a successful Spring semester. Be safe!

Sincerely,

Richard J. Marcus

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CISMO Spotlights CIS Alumni Daniel Watkins



Spring 2005 Graduate (Science Option) from Augusta Ga.

I am currently attending University of Central Florida's Interactive Entertainment Academy (FIEA) http://fiea.ucf.edu/shield/showpage.php?page_id=1. This program is a one year program that provides a master's degree in interactive entertainment. The school is in partnership with EA Games and has exclusive access to the x-box development platforms. I am in the programming track and have thus far created 2 games and learned 3 different programming languages. I have been in the program a month and a half and I am in the second cohort to attend the school and program an average of 40 hours a week. I love it! If you have a passion for making games FIEA is definitely the program for you. Make sure you take the software testing special elective if you want a jump on things.

What is Spring Break? By: Richard Marcus

Spring Break is defined as a week or more of recess during the spring term at school. It is traditionally a time when students travel to a tropical location and party hard for a week. In the past FAMU students have worked during spring break, traveled to the beach, amusement parks or home. The one requirement of Spring Break is, some much needed, R&R. March 6th -11th kicks off Spring Break this year at Florida A&M University. Daytona Beach, Cancun, Key

West, Orlando, Atlanta, Los Angeles, and Miami are some hot spots for Spring Break. If you are like many college students who can't afford to travel this Spring Break try catching up on your school work, sleep or some activities that you have put off. But of all things, **"Be safe"**.

St. Patrick's Day

By Jerry Wilson



The person who was to become St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, was born in Wales about AD 385. His given name was Maewyn, and he almost didn't get the job of bishop of Ireland because he lacked the required scholarship.

Far from being a saint, until he was 16, he considered himself a pagan. At that age, he was sold into slavery by a group of Irish marauders that raided his village. During his captivity, he became closer to God.

He escaped from slavery after six years and went to Gaul where he studied in the monastery under St. Germain, Bishop of Auxerre for a period of twelve years. During his training he became aware that his calling was to convert the pagans to Christianity.

Patrick was quite successful at winning converts. And this fact upset the Celtic Druids. Patrick was arrested several times, but escaped each time. He traveled throughout Ireland, establishing monasteries across the country. He also set up schools and churches which would aid him in his conversion of the Irish country to Christianity.

His mission in Ireland lasted for thirty years. After that time, Patrick retired to County Down. He died on March 17 in AD 461. That day has been commemorated as St. Patrick's Day ever since. The first year St. Patrick's Day was celebrated in this country was 1737 in Boston, Massachusetts. As the saying goes, on this day "everybody is Irish!" Over 100 U.S. cities now hold Saint Patrick's Day parades.

Shamrock

St. Patrick used the shamrock leaf to symbolize the Trinity, and today many people wear a shamrock to commemorate Saint Patrick's Day.

TUTORS

Tutors are now available to assist you. Free of charge! They are setup on the 1st Floor in the Sun Room. Please take advantage of this opportunity provided by the HOMMER grant to raise your GPA. Check the bulletin boards for their schedule.

If you would like to be a tutor, contact Dr. Deidre Evans, Room 312, Benjamin Banneker Technology Building "A" (TECA).

Tutors are:



Martin Brown tutors Discrete I and II, Fundamentals of Programming and Lab, and Concepts. His office hours are:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
10-11	9-11	N/A	N/A	N/A
1:15-2:15	N/A	1:15-2:15	N/A	1:15-2:15
3:30-4:30	N/A	N/A	N/A	3:30-4:30



Candace Crawford tutors Fundamentals of Programming and Concepts. Her office hours are:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
12:30-4	12:30-2	N/A	12:30-2	12:30-4



Jamaal Jones tutors Fundamentals of Programming, Data Structures, and Concepts. His office hours are:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
9-10	N/A	9-10	9-11	9-10



Lamar Walton tutors Discrete, Fundamentals of Programming and Lab, Concepts, and Data Structures. His hours are:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
11-12		11-12	9:30-11	11-12
2-4		2-3:30		2-4



Jackye Wesley tutors Discrete, Fundamentals of Programming and Lab, Concepts, and Data Structures.
His hours are:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
10-11	10-11	10-11	10-11	10-11

Internships/Jobs Professional Development Center

Are you looking for an internship or job? Check-out the Department of CIS Professional Development Center website at <http://www.cis.famu.edu/~profdev>. The website lists a variety of job opportunities and valuable information. So get your GPAs up and your resumes ready. Visit the Professional Development Center's website today.

--Amber Alert---Amber Alert---Amber Alert--- CIS Alumni

CIS is looking for all alumni. If you are a graduate of the CIS department, send us your resume. Let us know what you are doing. If you have a story that you would like to share, CISMO would love to put it on the Press. Share this information with your former classmates or send us their email address. Contact us at alumnews@cis.famu.edu. Or you may join the CIS Alumni group at cisalumninews-subscribe@yahoo.com.

CIS Sports



It is almost that time. Let's show our support by attending games this spring as Coach Jason Black and the unstoppable CIS Basketball Team strike down their opponents. A schedule will be posted at a later date. For further information regarding CIS' striking basketball team, contact Dr. Jason Black at (850) 412-7354 or jblack@cis.famu.edu.

LOOKing for a Faculty Member?

Listed below is the directory for the CIS department.

Faculty (Teaching and *Non-Teaching)	Phone	Room	UserID
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Chandra, Usha	412-7352	211A	uchandra
Chatmon, Christy	412-7353	211B	cchatmon
Chi, Hongmei	412-7659	104	hchi
Evans, Deidre	599-3964	312	evans
Granville, Bobby	412-7360	310B	granvill
Harmon, Marion	599-8899	300	harmon
Jones, Edward	599-3022	307	ejones
Jones, Julia*	412-7357	310B	msjones
Nowicki, Chris	412-7362	104	cnowicki
Prasad, Bhanu	412-7350	207	prasad
Riggs, Ken	412-7351	211B	riggs
Robinson, Thomas	561-2296	104	Trobinson
Staff			
Hairston, David	599-3222	022	dhairsto
Myra Gurley	599-3042	308	mgurley
McDonald, Doug	412-7662	302	dmcdonal
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CIS Fax Number			
(850) 599-3221			

Obituary

Glen "Doc" Mitchell a 1997 CIS graduate of Southwest Atlanta died at the scene in a fatal hit-and-run accident near Underground Atlanta about midnight Sunday. "He was a really great and upbeat guy; we would stand out here in the driveway and talk a lot. He was just always trying to do better and better. Basically, a college grad, college educated, knew everyone in the neighborhood, always smiling, and always a friendly guy," said Earl Fagan, a neighbor and college classmate. For additional information:

http://www.11alive.com/news/news_article.aspx?storyid=76372

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