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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."

The semester is coming to an end and graduation is near. On behalf of CISMO and the executive board, we hope everyone has a great summer and safe return from their travels. This semester CISMO and ACM teamed up to increase interest in the two CIS organizations. This partnership increased membership and awareness among the CIS students. February 14th CISMO asked everyone to be their Valentine while handing out Valentine's hearts and candy. And just last week, CISMO had another successful Bake Sale. Cookies, cakes, brownies, and other goodies were sold.

Be sure to come out and support CISMO at the end of the year Spring Picnic. Thank you for all the support and look forward to more upcoming events presented by CISMO next year.

If you are attending summer school, here are some tips to help you out.

- Bring your own air supply because FAMU doesn't know how to spell AC in the summer.
- Drink plenty of water when out in the sun.
- Study hard and long during terms A and B.
- Less partying and more studying equal "A" grades.
- Most of all be safe and have a fun summer.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Marcus

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CISMO President

ACM Programming Competition Chantel Bowie

On Saturday, March 25, 2006, the Association for Computing Machinery hosted its Annual Programming Competition. It turned out to be an extravagant event for the semester! Approximately 30 participants comprised of 10 teams gathered in the Department Computer and Information Science Computer Labs of the Benjamin Banneker Technology Building "A" to compete.



The Programming Competition was organized by ACM President Christopher Moss, ACM Vice President Chantel Bowie, ACM Director of Corporate Affairs Christian Cooper and ACM Co-Advisor Dr. Clement Allen. Dr. Allen garnered five

programming problems for each of the two divisions of teams to complete within a two hour time limit. Division I teams consisted of those who had passed the Data Structures course, while Division II consisted of those who had not.

The lone faculty team consisted of our Chairman, Dr. Edward Jones, Dr. Ken Riggs and Mr. Chris Nowicki. They finished four of the programming problems within two hours.



Three student teams surfaced to beat out the rest. First Place went to Team 2 (Division I):



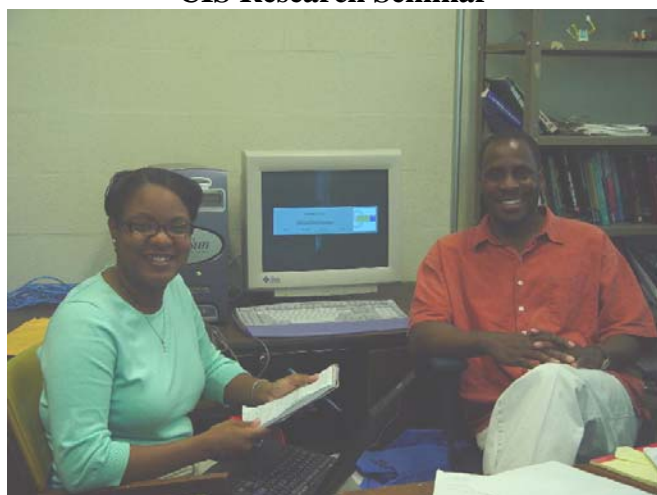
Martin Brown, Ricardo Eights and Nikada England, who completed the most problems the fastest. As time winded down, the remaining teams shuffled to complete and submit their problems to be tested for completeness. Second place was

awarded to Team 5 (Division II): Shina Aofolaju, Brian Johnson

and Jamaal Sands. There was a tie for the number of problems solved between Division II Teams 6 and 10. Team 6 members: Sidney Fenelus, Bevon Edwards and Raymond Pierre-Louis. Team 10 members: Kelvin Green, Cromwell Roberts and Joshua Mack for Third Place. But Team 6 beat out Team 10 by solving their problems the quickest.

All participants will receive ACM Programming Competition tee shirts. The three winning teams will receive a trophy and a plaque with team members name engraved. All team plaques will be on display within the CIS department.

CIS Research Seminar



The CIS Research Seminar was held on March 28, 2006 in the CIS Conference Room. Jakita N. Owensby, Ph.D. a Research Staff Member at IBM's Almaden Research Center (ARC) in San Jose, California was guest speaker. Her topic was Services Sciences, Management and Engineering (SSME). Dr. Jakita N. Owensby is a member of the Services Research Division as a member of the People and Practices group, which explores the socio-technical aspects of services. Dr. Owensby's research interests include exploring the development of complex cognitive skills, learning from experience/cases, and understanding how technology can be integrated into learning environments of all kinds to promote deeper, more flexible learning. She received a B.S. in Computer Science from Spelman College and the Ph.D. in Computer Science, with a concentration in Learning Sciences and Technology and a minor in Educational Research and Cognitive Science, from the Georgia Institute of Technology. During her visit, she also met with the CIS faculty to discuss research collaborations with IBM, as well as gave presentations to the Professional Development classes.

CISMO BAKE SALE



Thank you for making CISMO bake sale a great success. CISMO sold a variety of cakes, cookies, muffins, and brownies. Everything was simply delicious. CISMO earned at total of \$100 to go towards our Spring picnic.



CONGRATULATIONS!!! Drs. Clement Allen and Jason Black

Drs. Clement Allen and Jason Black have been awarded a 2-year research grant from the National Science Foundation. This grant will be used to establish their Ambient Computing Usability Mobile Computing and Smart Rooms.

SUMMER/FALL 2006 GRADUATES



If you are graduating Summer or Fall 2006, please submit your graduation packet no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 14, 2006 to Ms. Jones, Room 310B, Benjamin Banneker Technology Building "A" (TECH "A"). Your graduation packet consists of graduation application, evaluation form, and exit survey, which are located in Room 309. Do not wait until the last day or minute,

to submit your graduation packet. Please submit your graduation packet before leaving for the summer. **PLEASE REVISE YOUR EXIT SURVEY BEFORE GRADUATION DAY!!**

The History of Easter Shayla Baxter

Easter is a time of springtime festivals. In Christian countries Easter is celebrated as the religious holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the son of God. But the celebrations of Easter have many customs and legends that are pagan in origin and have nothing to do with Christianity.

Scholars believe the name Easter is thought to come from the Scandinavian "Ostra" and the Teutonic "Ostern" or "Eastre," both Goddesses of mythology signifying spring and fertility whose festival was celebrated on the day of the vernal equinox.

Traditions associated with the festival survive in the Easter rabbit, a symbol of fertility, and in colored Easter eggs, originally painted with bright colors to represent the sunlight of spring, and used in Easter-egg rolling contests or given as gifts.

Easter is observed by the churches of the West on the first Sunday following the full moon that occurs on or following the spring equinox (March 21). Christian churches in the East which were closer to the birthplace of the new religion and in which old traditions were strong, observe Easter according to the date of the Passover festival.

Wherever Christian worship of Jesus and Pagan worship of Attis were active in the same geographical area in ancient times, Christians "used to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus on

the same date; and pagans and Christians used to quarrel bitterly about which of their gods was the true prototype and which the imitation."

A very common theme present in many ancient religions described the life of a man-god -- a savior of humanity -- his execution, his visit to the underworld, his resurrection after three days, and his ascension to heaven. The life of Yeshua of Nazareth (a.k.a. Jesus Christ) as recorded in the Gospels includes the Christian version of this theme. Good Friday is observed in remembrance of Jesus' execution by the occupying Roman army, and his burial in a cave-tomb. Easter Sunday is the date when a group of his female followers first noticed the empty tomb, and concluded that he had been resurrected.

Academic Advisement

CIS Academic Advisement is going on now. Please check the bulletin boards in Benjamin Banneker Technology Building "A" (TECH "A") for your advisor. Students are listed on the bulletin boards by their academic advisors. Please see your academic advisor for advisement time or an appointment. If your advisor has not posted advisement hours, or is not available during posted advisement or office hours, please email your advisor and cc: Dr. Edward L. Jones at ejones@cis.famu.edu. **PLEASE BE ADVISED BEFORE LEAVING FOR THE SUMMER.**

Note: Advisement will not be completed by Mom, Dad, Sister or Brother, Girlfriend, Boyfriend, Friend, Fiancé, over the telephone or cellular phone, by email, text messages, facebook or MySpace.

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.

It's CIS Basketball Time Again Richard Marcus



Some may ask who invented Basketball. Basketball was invented by Dr. [James Naismith](#) in [Springfield, Massachusetts](#) in [1891](#). Basketball is a sport in which two [teams](#) of five players each try to score points by throwing a ball through a hoop under organized rules. This year the CIS Basketball team has done just that, but not enough to put a slash in the win column. The basketball team has lost by five points on each game lost. The good news is that everybody in the league makes the playoffs, so the team considers these games as practice games. Please come out and support the basketball team during the remaining games. Look around the CIS building for game dates and times.

LOOKing for a Faculty Member?

Listed below is the directory for the CIS department.

<u>Faculty (Teaching and *Non-Teaching)</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>UserID</u>
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Black, Jason	412-7354	211B	jblack
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
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Hairston, David	599-3222	022	dhairsto
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ACM Meeting Dates
April 12, 2006, 5:00 p.m., Tech "A", Room 209

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