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WKU Computer Science Alumni Newsletter 1991-1992

Introduction

Welcome to the seventh edition of the Computer Science Alumni Newsletter! This is an especially significant one, as it includes a request for help from you (no, not \$\$!). Dr. Robert Crawford, as editor, has selected a wide range of interesting articles, but we are not receiving many updates or news items about YOU! Consequently, this issue is noticeably bereft of alumni news. We have had a few notes during the past year about weddings, habies, new jobs, etc. but do not want to slight all the other news which surely transpired. This will truly be an "alumni" newsletter only when it contains lots of news about alumni! So, please send us your goodies (family, career, etc.) as soon as you can.

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WKU GRADUATE RECEIVES ASSISTANISHIP AT PENN STATE FOR DOCTORATE

Mr. Chandra Danam, a 1992 graduate with the Master's in CS will be attending graduate school this Fall in the Department of Computer Science at Penn State University in College Station, PA. He has been awarded a graduate teaching assistantship with a stipend and full tuition waiver to pursue the doctorate in Computer Science. His present interests are operating systems and programming languages.

While at Western, Chandra maintained a 4.0 grade point average and was a member of the student ACM and the honorary Computer Science society, Upsilon Pi Epsilon (UPE). He was awarded the honor of Most Outstanding Computer Science Graduate Student by the faculty. Best of luck, Chandra!

NEW FACULTY HIRED Art Shindhelm

After a long search involving over 200 applications, the CS Department has selected Mr. Ali Kooshesh for the Assistant Professor of Computer Science opening. Ali expects to be able to add the "Dr." to his name by this summer. Ali will be receiving his Ph.D from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque and his dissertation title is: "Shortest Paths in Isothetic Line Segments."

Ali has expressed a strong interest in operating systems in general and Unix in particular. He is currently teaching Unix as a component of a course at the University of New Mexico. We are all looking forward to this strong addition to the department.



Student Computing Laboratories

Two new student computing laboratories and four electronic classrooms came on-line on a full-time basis during 1991-92. The ribboncutting ceremony for the labs, held on April 26, 1991, was attended by faculty, students, WKU administrators, and members of the CS Professional Advisory Board. A copy of the lab setups with the equipment is attached. Total retail value for all equipment and software now exceeds \$320,000, based on a University investment of \$75,000, over a 400% increase!

Software Loans

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A large inventory of state-of-the-art tools has been obtained in the areas of computer-aided software engineering (CASE), expert system shells, data base systems, computer-based education, graphics packages, project planning, CAD, programming languages, and fourth generation languages. Over \$104,000 worth of software from 30 corporations has been donated to date, excluding the \$110,000 amount for PLATO software.

Computer Science initiated a major campus-wide pilot test for PLATO (R) -- a world-wide system for computer-based education. WKU is using a library of nearly 1000 hours and 1800 lessons of such proven material, including:

Mathematics	(B:Basic, I:Intermediate, A:Advanced)
Literacy	(B,I)
Science	(Physics and Chemistry: A)
	(Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Earth Science:I)
Programming	(Pascal and Fortran)
Life Skills	(parenting, life coping, job search)
Substance Abuse	(alcohol, tobacco, drugs, STDs, AIDS).

PLATO is integrated, interactive, graphical and proven material, which would complement what instructors present in class and laboratories. Well over 300 students have participated in this pilot test for about 30 classes throughout the University. Instructors can see, on a demand basis, e.g., daily or weekly, how each of their students are doing. In addition to the existing software base, we also are experimenting with a state-of-the-art authoring system, whereby faculty can design their own computer-assisted learning materials. A decision will be made this summer about the permanent presence of PLATO on the WKU campus.

Accreditation by the Computing Sciences Accreditation Board (CSAB) Plans and Progress Ken Modesitt



The Department will apply for national accreditation of our program in June, 1992, to the appropriate agency, the Computing Sciences Accreditation Board (CSAB). This board is composed of representatives from both ACM and IEEE. Most recently, accreditation was granted to 16 additional four-year computer science programs, bringing the total to 111 programs on a wide variety of public and private campuses. Of special note is that Eastern Kentucky University now has its Computer Science program accredited. To qualify for evaluation, a computer science B.S. program must be designed to prepare its graduates for professional employment and progressive careers as computer scientists. An accredited program meets or exceeds requirements in five areas: faculty, students, curriculum, laboratory and computing resources, and institutional support.

What does this have to do you, the alumni of the Department? At a meeting of the CSAB, it was stated that "If the graduates of a program are readily acceptable as computing professionals, then the program should be accreditable. The Department must show this to be the case." So, how can you help show that you are "readily acceptable as computing 3 professionals?" THIS IS WHERE WE REQUIRE YOUR HELP!! Please complete and send us the enclosed survey as soon as possible. This will be absolutely essential information for CSAB, as well as the regional accrediting agency for the entire University. Thanks a bundle!!

Survey for Alumni Ken Modesitt

We currently have some information on over 400 of our alumni (notice the map on the cover which shows where you live!) and some employment data on about 100, thanks to the enormous success of the phonathon last fall (over \$2000). Completing the enclosed survey will provide lots more useful material, especially for receiving national accreditation as a highquality Department of Computer Science.

This information is requested to demonstrate the very high calibre of our graduates (YOU) and to provide input on possible changes for the department, e.g., curricula, laboratories, etc. Three different accrediting agencies insist that the Department of Computer Science show that our graduates are "good." We have chosen to have you help us do this, via completing a survey, rather than administering some type of examination to graduating seniors. Thus, the results of the survey will be compiled for you, our current students (to see what real CS grads do!) and for professional accreditation by the following agencies:

> Computing Sciences Accreditation Board Southern Association for Colleges and Schools (regional accrediting agency) and

Kentucky Council on Higher Education.

A variant of this survey will also be administered to employers and graduate schools. Your suggestions on this survey, as well as the one for employers would be very welcome! If you have some ideas on how to collect employer data, please let us know. Please return it by July 1!



Computer Science Student Advisory Board (CSSAB) Ken Modesitt

The third year of this Board began in 1991. It is composed of 10 students representing virtually all the types seen in the Department: freshmen, sophomore, juniors, seniors, graduate students, co-op, assistants, non-traditional, transfers, minors, etc.

During the last year, the members came up with many good ideas for improving the operation of the department. As one result, we will offer an increased emphasis on UNIX, with the bi-term course being offered every semester. Another venture to be completed this summer is the creation of a disk which runs on both a PC and a Macintosh, and which tells the story of Computer Science at Western: curriculum, enrollment, students, faculty, equipment, alumni, etc. We plan to use the disk for high school recruiting, alumni distribution, employers, public relations, and other target areas. The program will be extremely user-friendly with lots of graphics, animation, sound, pictures of people, mouse interface. What suggestions might you have?

Computer Science Professional Advisory Board (CSPAB) Ken Modesitt

The Computer Science Professional Advisory Board finished its second year during 1991-92. Members include:

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Ashland, KY Louisville, KY Bowling Green, KY Louisville, KY Russellville, KY Glasgow, KY Bowling Green, KY. These corporations have agreed to help the Department with "Quality Assurance" of our program. They are telling us what expectations they have of our graduates -- that's YOU! Hence, it is doubly important that we hear from YOU re: whether or not these expectations match reality.

These industry representatives also meet with faculty and the Student Advisory Board. A number of mutually beneficial arrangements have already occurred and more are in the offing. These include: employment of our graduates, co-op and internship programs, scholarships, site visits, joint research efforts, adjunct professors, etc. In 1990-91, CSPAB members made an substantial financial investment, by providing over \$17,000 to the Department, to help equip the student computing laboratories, and for faculty research. I am extremely enthusiastic about the potential for these interactions. Would be interested to know if any of you would like to have your company join, with perhaps you serving as the representative? Current plans only call for meeting twice a year, usually around interviewing times in the fall and spring. Your contributions could go a very long way in ensuring that CS at WKU is responsive to the "real world" of the computing industry.



The MICAL Project Darleen Pigford / Greg Baur



The MICAL Project (Multimedia Interactive Computer Aided Learning),

under the direction of Dr. Darleen Pigford and Dr. Greg Baur was begun in the spring of 1991. Its purpose is to investigate and develop a multimedia based instructional delivery system that can be used in CS 145, Introduction to Computing (for non-CS majors) or in selected major computer science courses.

Assisting Drs. Pigford and Baur are three Ogden Research Scholars: Jenny Chiles, Lon Maynard, and Rachel Scott. Sam Ware is also assisting. All four students are undergraduate computer science majors or minors. The group is working with both Macintosh IIsi and Zenith 386 platforms. It is using the Authorware Professional authoring system and peripherals including laser videodisk, graphics overlay and CD-ROM. Bar code generation software is also being used.

The MICAL Project has four phases. The first phase is to develop small units of instruction for CS 145 that use bar code symbols as input to control the laser videodisk player so that the user can randomly access a desired frame or sequence of frames on the videodisk. This application could be used by an instructor in front of class or by an individual student. Work on the phase nears completion in May.

The second phase involves the use of an authoring system to prepare instructional materials that use the laser videodisk with graphics overlay. Graphics overlay allows both the videodisk image and computer generated graphics to be displayed on the same screen simultaneously. Materials will be developed in a HyperCard-like environment. The third phase involves the use of an expert system shell to control user access to a given set of instructional materials. This will allow for greater individualization of instruction. The fourth phase will create a networked environment where multiple work stations can share the same set of instructional materials. This involves the use and movement of video, audio and data across the network. The target date for project completion of a prototype system is scheduled for May 1994. Successful completion of a prototype will greatly increase chances of outside funding to set up a multiple workstation environment for the use of students.

The project team has made several presentations on its work to professional groups in the past year. Project assistants made presentations to the Small College Computing Conference in Nashville in November and to WKU faculty in a Center for Teaching and Learning workshop in October on campus. In addition, Drs. Pigford and Baur have presented papers at the Association for the Development of Computer Based Instructional Systems last November. Further dissemination of the group's work is planned for 1992 and 1993.

Alumni who are interested in more information on MICAL or who would like to share ideas are strongly encouraged to contact either Dr. Pigford or Dr. Baur.

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CS1 & CS2 Laboratory Courses

Carol Wilson

Carol Wilson has developed hands-on

laboratory courses to accompany CS240, Computer Science I, and CS241, Computer Science II. The Pascal laboratory courses provide a supervised environment in which the beginning computer science student has an opportunity for hands-on reinforcement and exploration of the topics being covered in lecture. Because appropriate published material was not available when the course was first implemented, Mrs. Wilson wrote a set of assignments that could be used with any Pascal textbook. These assignments were expanded into lab manuals, Pascal Laboratory Manual and Turbo Pascal Laboratory Manual, which were published by West Educational Publishing in March 1992.

CS240 Class Programming Contest Darleen Pigford



Dr. Darleen Pigford's CS240 class,

Computer Science I, had their own VAX/PASCAL programming contest. The rules of the contest were similar to those of the regional and national ACM programming competitions. The programs are scored on accuracy of output and speed of completion.

Initially the students were divided into teams of two or three, each trying to solve five practice problems. Each team could use only one terminal. The actual contest was Wednesday, April 8, 1992, from 3:45 to 5:00 (with a fresh set of problems).

The winning team members were, Mr. Billy Gonyo, a pre-med major from Cross Plains, TN and Ms. Melinda Brown, a computer science major from Bowling Green. They worked four out of five programming problems. Second place went to Ms. Carolyn Wood, a computer science major from Franklin, KY and Mr. Jackie Anderson, an EE technology major and computer science minor. They completed three out of five problems.

Award certificates were given to the winners, and a "frustratingly fun" time was had by all.

An Early Overview of Computer Science Uta Ziegler

"Pascal I, Pascal II, Assembler, is this what computer science is all about?" some of our CS majors wonder after their third semester. Programming seems to be the major theme. Well, okay, so now Pascal I is called CS I and programming is not the only thing students are supposed to learn, but the emphasis certainly seems to be on programming.

Some faculty members thought that it might be a better idea to tell students early what CS is about. So we developed a bi-term class to be taken along with CS 240 to do just that. The course will be offered for the first time this coming fall. It's supposed to be fun and informative, giving students an idea and appreciation of the various fields of CS (such as OS, computer organization, applications, data structures, software engineering, foundations, computability, artificial intelligence,) as well as introducing them to the CS faculty here at WKU.

A Simple Simulator for Micro-Programs Uta Ziegler

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How does a CPU work? Well, it indefinitely repeats a fetch-and-execute cycle. That is, it fetches the next computer instruction and executes it through a

series of micro-instructions. The micro-instructions manipulate registers, initiate Read and Write operations with main memory, determine the addressing mode of operands based on bits in the computer instruction, control the actions of the ALU, and make sure the PC is correctly updated for the next fetch.

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Get the picture? No? That's what my students said, too. So I thought if they can see what's happening and can write micro-programs maybe they'd understand. So I sat down and started to learn about TURBO PASCAL's graphic capabilities and gradually built a small simulator for micro-programs based on the example computer discussed in our text book.

The simulator displays parts of the main memory which are accessed, such as stack, data, or instructions. It also shows parts of the control memory (which contains the micro-program) such that the student knows which micro-instruction will be executed next. And of course there is the ALU-box, some registers, and status bits.

Since there are quite a number of boxes on the screen, the simulator high-lights the ones it manipulates to draw the student's attention to the action. The registers or memory locations which are accessed in the current micro-instruction are highlighted, as well as the operation and the register/memory-location where the result is to be stored.

A student can watch the execution of a computer instruction through a sequence of micro-instructions (which is a lot neater than watching me on the board reportedly executing the same micro-program). Moreover, after a student sees that there is no miracle involved what so ever, she/he can write a micro-program and test it using the simulator.

Students seemed to like the simulator because they could see what happens and - I guess - because it's something different.



Automated Reasoning and Fuzzy Logic Art Shindhelm

This summer, the CS 475/G course offering will be in automated reasoning and fuzzy logic. Larry Wos' text <u>Automated Reasoning</u>: Introduction and <u>Applications</u>, <u>2nd edition</u> will be the class text. It comes with the latest version of OTTER. OTTER is a public domain theorem prover created at Argonne National Laboratory. Students will use OTTER extensively in the course to solve problems in different areas.

The basic concepts of fuzzy logic will also be presented. The relationship between fuzzy logic and automated reasoning will be explored as well as the reasons for the widespread use of fuzzy logic in a variety of areas ranging from expert systems, camcorders and the brake systems of automobiles. For more information the instructor can be contacted by email at SHINDHELM@WKUVX1.BITNET.



Advanced Graphics Offered Robert Crawford

For the first time at WKU, an advanced graphics course was offered this spring. The core of the course was the construction of an objectoriented ray tracer which (at last count) was running something over 12,000 lines in length and growing. Topics

covered in the course included: the fundamentals of ray casting and ray tracing; illumination models; shading; texturing; bump mapping; Bezier patches; transparency; fractals.

This year the students received credit through CS476, but it is hoped that a regular advanced graphics course will shortly become part of the standard offerings.

Computer Information Systems I Darleen Pigford



Computer Information Systems I is a Senior level course required for the Business

Option. Students enhanced the traditional database curriculum with team

projects. Even though the homework assignments were done using Structured Query Language and a PASCAL precompiler for VAX/RDB database files, the team projects spanned across various platforms. Project work consisted of project definitions, cost estimates, progress reports, ten deliverables, database software presentation, and documentation. Each team consisted of four members, one of whom served as the team leader.

The following is a summary of the project titles and the implementation platforms:

Undergrad Degree Form Manger	DBASE IV, Novell Multiuser Environment
Gradbase	VAX/RDB 4.0/PASCAL
Car Rental Database	Paradox 3.5/PC/AT
Computer Science Scheduler	NetwareSQL
ACRS Supply Inventory	VAX/RDB SOLC

The team implementing the ACRS inventory brushed up on their knowledge of C while the teams using Netware discovered the complexities of a networked environment. Details of the project strategy and deliverables can be found in Dr. Pigford's paper "The Documentation and Evaluation of Team-Oriented Database Projects" published in the Special Interest Group Computer Science Education Bulletin (SIGCSE) Volume 24, Number 1, March 1992.

Computer Information Systems II

Students enrolled in Dr. Pigford's CS543 Computer Information Systems II supplemented volume II of Date's <u>An Introduction to Database</u>, with individual project reports. These technical projects were designed to extend the standard curriculum with current database topics. Individual projects consisted of a project definition, midterm progress report, oral and written reports. Each project presenter prepared a list of ten questions / answers for the class members. Project questions were included on the final examination. Project source material came from technical manuals, library references, and the new CD-ROM Computer Selects in the Science Library at Western.

A summary of the projects is given below:

PERSON

PROJECT

Diane Carver	FOCUS: the database management system
	for the programmer and nonprogrammer
Murali Krishna Golla	Communication Strategies in Distributed
	Databases
Paul Janssen	SQL servers (Backends) which run on
	Novell Netware, A discussion of current product offerings
Francis Siaw	DatabaseInsight into Multimedia Databases
Fei Wang	The Strategy of Database Security and Integrity
Wei Yang	Recovery in VAX/RDB
Yuan Zhang	Database Integrity and Its Implementation in Paradox

The class award for the **BEST DATABASE PROJECT** was earned by Mr. Golla and the class award for **THE MOST PROMISING DATABASE STUDENT** was awarded to Diane Carver.



Phonathon Ken Modesitt

This year marked the second time that Computer Science has participated in the annual

University phonathon. This probably comes as no surprise to you, as you undoubtedly had a call from one of our student volunteers. What may

be a surprise is that over \$2,000 was pledged by you, including matching grants from your employers. THANK YOU!! Three of you, in fact, joined forces and contributed \$700 to help upgrade our UNIX resources (with 50% coming from a generous employer

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matching grant)! It was disappointing, however, to discover that we had current correct addresses and phone numbers for only about 50% of you. Would sure appreciate your help in locating correct information for other alumni. Thanks!

First-ever Visiting Research Scholar Ken Modesitt

Dr. Tong Long En, Associate Professor of Computer Science and Engineering from the University of Science and Technology at Beijing (USTB), People's Republic of China, was a visiting research scholar with us from September, 1991 until March, 1992. His research involved working in expert systems, particularly inductive ones. This was a memorable experience for all of us -- he learned LOTS of English and we learned a little Mandarin! Such intercultural exchanges provide marvelous opportunities for all concerned, as Dr. Tong saw first-hand how a United States university differs from one in China. His department head, Professor Tu Xu Yan, is the president of the Chinese Association of Artificial Intelligence, and may be coming in the fall. Dr. Tu's textbook, Artificial Intelligence and Its Applications, is the one used in most Chinese universities.

Activities Last Year Ken Modesitt

1991-92 was a very good year professionally. A major highlight was to be an invited lecturer at the Computer Science and

Engineering Department of the University of Science and Technology in Beijing (USTB). I gave a two-week series of lectures on "Computer Science in the Real World: Expert Systems, Software Engineering, and Computer-based Learning." A joint communique was signed, in which a long-term relationship will be set up involving exchanges of scholars and the possibility of some of their best graduate students attending WKU.

The faculty and students at USTB were marvelous hosts, lecture participants, and guides. The English language proficiency was excellent on the part of the students, as well as for several of the faculty. However, it was often easier to converse with the latter in German or Russian. Students attend school six days a week in China, and work extremely hard. The computer equipment, while not up to the par of the United States, is adequate for both personal computers (IBM-compatible only) and larger ones. The main interest is related to the ability of the United States to be a world-wide leader in computer software development.

One of the most visible outcomes of the trip to China was the presence of Associate Professor Tong Long En from USTB as a visiting research scholar in Computer Science. See related article.

I presented a paper, "The Golden Arches of Academic Computing," at the 34th International Conference of the Association for the Development of Computer-based Instructional Systems (ADCIS), at St. Louis, MO. I am the joint author of a paper to be presented in Chicago this summer on "PLATO (R) and The Community College, Leading Technology in a Leading Commonwealth," at the Leadership 2000 Conference of the League for Innovation. Also, a chapter, "Basic Principles and Techniques in Knowledge Acquisition," was published by the Association for Civil Engineers in Expert Systems in Civil Engineering: Knowledge Acquisition.

ACM 1991-1992 Christy West

Western's chapter of the Association of Computing Machinery has been very busy this year!

During the fall semester, we had three meetings. The September meeting

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focused on the computer systems at WKU through speakers such as Mr. Hunter Goatly on the VAX, Dr. Ken Modesitt on the CS department labs, and Mr. Eric Hall on UNIX. In October, Ms. Carol White from the Career Services Center spoke about co-op and permanent job opportunities. At our last fall meeting in November, Mr. Kevin Raymer from South Central Bell spoke on telecommunications.

Also during the fall semester, we sent two teams to the ACM Programming Contest in Indianapolis, Indiana. The team members were Mark Bitterling, Philip Brown, Reggie Burnette, Chandra Danam, Eric Hall, Mark Mayes, Geoff Parsons, and Danny Vandermeer. Although the teams did not bring home a gold medal, they both made very respectable finishes.

We had four meetings during the spring semester. In January, Dr. Ken Modesitt spoke on computing in the far east. At the February meeting, an ACM national speaker, Dr. Ernst Leiss from the University of Houston spoke about viruses and worms. In March, Dr. John Crenshaw demonstrated how music and computers can work together. At our April meeting, Dr. Tom Cheatham, CS department head at Middle Tennessee State University and former CS professor at WKU, spoke about Software Testing. Also at the April meeting the officers for the 1992-1993 year were elected -- Laurie Goad as Chairman, Baron Chandler as Vice-Chairman, and Andrew Vanover as Secretary/Treasurer.

During the month of April we also sponsored several other events. In conjunction with Upsilon Pi Epsilon, we sponsored a trip to Huntsville, Alabama to visit the Marshall Space Flight Center and the Space and Rocket Center. We also sponsored the spring picnic with Pi Mu Epsilon at Covington Woods Park. Finally, ACM and UPE sponsored the First Annual Awards Banquet which was held in the Executive Dining Room of DUC. At this banquet many outstanding CS majors were recognized, including the ACM Outstanding Sophomore, Junior, and Senior, who were Lon Maynard, Grady Bullington, and Darrell Burkhead respectively. The ACM Executive Committee for 1991-1992 -- Mark Bitterling, Philip Brown, Jay Snider, Christy West, and Clark West -- would like to thank you for a remarkable year!

COMPUTER SCIENCE ENROLLMENTS UP! Ken Modesitt

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Computer Science at Western Kentucky University is an excellent example of the growing nationwide interest in the development of computer scientists and software engineering professionals. See the following data.

	1988	1989	1990	1991	change (1988-1991)
Majors	229	214	220	243	6.1%
ACT scores	21.9*	22.4	21.9	22.1	1 %
Student credit hrs-fall	2724	3173	3510	3744	+36.4%





The average ACT scores of Computer Science students has been above that for Ogden College and Western Kentucky University for the last <u>seven</u> years! The same scores for entering freshmen have also exceeded the other averages for six of the same seven years -- bright students!!





A major concern, however, is the reduction in the number of women and minorities choosing computer science. For example, the percentage of entering CS students who are women has diminished from 35% to 25% since 1989. The story for minorities is even more gloomy. How can computer science meet the demand for qualified graduates (900,000 estimate for 1995; Bureau of Labor Statistics) without drawing from these qualified sources? When women (51.3% of the population) and minorities (20% of the population) are not well-represented, we have a problem! What do your companies do to encourage these potential computer scientists and software engineers? We could sure use your suggestions! (Self Employed)

SAMPLE EMPLOYERS OF ALUMNI

Anderson Computing Systems AT&T Bell Laboratories Bioscience Information Service BMG Direct Marketing, Inc. Boeing Computer Support Services **Business Computer Solutions** Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. Cabinet for Human Resources (KY) Chemical Abstracts Service Citibank (Citicorp) City of St. Louis Compaq Computing Solutions, Inc. Convex Computer, Frankfurt, Germany DataRose Dept. of Defense E & S, Inc. E-Systems Electronic Data Systems (EDS) Eglin AFB Environ. Research Inst. of Michigan Farmers Bank and Capital Trust, Co. First Texas Computer Corp. General Electric Co. General Motors Research Georgia Institute of Technology Harris Corp. Harris Corp. (Government Sys. Sector) Hewlett-Packard Hughes Aircraft Co. Humana

Image Science, Inc. Intergraph Corporation J.C. Holland & Company, CPAs Lexmark Lockheed Missiles & Space Locus, Inc. Management Science America Martin Marietta Energy Systems Measurex/MDDC Division Microdynamics, Inc. Monsanto Research Corporation National Healthcorp Natl. Center for Supercomputing Appl. NCR Perot Systems Corp. Politeknile ITB Pressure Systems Inc. ProCom R. R. Donnelley & Sons Company Square D State of Tennessee State of Tennessee General Assembly Stetson University Teledyne Brown Engineering Texas Instruments Thoroughbred Mazda Trendar Corporation Union Underwear Company U.S. Army Wake Research Group Western Kentucky University

"Imagination Is More Important Than Knowledge." Albert Einstein

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DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The major in Computer Science (reference number 629) requires a minimum of 40 semester hours of Computer Science courses, ENG 307, and an approved second major or minor depending on which of the three options is selected. All three options require CS 240, 241, 242, 250, 338, 340, 360, and 425. Computer Science electives may include from 0-6 hours of 200-level courses. Additional requirements are as follows:

SYSTEMS PROGRAMMING

CS 342, 445, 450; a math minor including MATH 126, 227, and 307; Physics 250, 251, 260, 261, or Physics 201, 202, 207, and 208. (CS 443, 476, and MATH 329 are recommended)

SCIENTIFIC APPLICATIONS

CS 405, 446, 456; a math minor including MATH 126, 227, 307, and 327; Physics 250, 251, 260, 261 or Physics 201, 202, 207, and 208. (CS 406 and MATH 329 are recommended)

BUSINESS APPLICATIONS

CS 245 COBOL or CS 246, and CS342, 343, 443; MATH 126; ECON 202, 203; a minor in Business Administration or a major in Economics; a descriptive statistics course such as MATH 203 or ECON 206. (CS 476 is recommended).

COMP	UTER SCIENCE COURSES	redit hours	Prerequisites
145 *	Introduction to Computing	3	Two years HS Math
230 *	Introduction to Programming	3 .	Two years Alg or M100
240	Computer Science I	3	M118 or CS145, Coreg M118
241 **	Computer Science II	3	CS 240
242	Assembly Language Programming	3	CS 241
243	Introduction to Microcomputer Systems	3	CS230 or CS 240
244	Computer Science I Lab	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	Coreq CS 240
245	Introduction to Programming Languages	1.5	CS 240
246 ***	COBOL Application Programming I	3	CIS 241
250	Social Implications of Computing	1.5	CS 241
295	Introduction to Research Methodology	1	Ogden Scholar
299	Introduction to Research in CS	1-3	"B" grade in CS 240 and 241
338	Discrete Computational Math	3	CS 241
340	Computer Organization	3	CS 242, 338
342	Use of an Operating System	3	CS 242
343	File Management	3	CS 246 or 245 COBOL
346	COBOL Application Programming II	3	CS 246
349	Consulting Practicum in CS	1-2	CS 340
360	Software Engineering I	3	CS 242
369	Cooperative Education in CS	1-3	Dept. Approval
389	Practicum in CS	1-4	CS 242
405	Numerical Analysis I	3	CS 245 FORTRAN, M327
406	Numerical Analysis II	3	CS 405, M331
425	Operating Systems I	3	CS 340
442	Data Structures	3	CS 338
443	Database Management Systems	3	CS 338, CS 360
444	Programming Languages	3	CS 242
445	Operating Systems II	3	CS 425
446	Interactive Computer Graphics	3	CS 360, M307
447	System Simulation	3	CS 241, M203
450	Telecommunications	3	CS 425
456	Artificial Intelligence	3	CS 338, CS 360
458	Expert Systems	3	CS 456
460	Software Engineering II	3	CS 360
470	Introduction to Operations Research	3	M 327
475	Selected Topics in Computer Science	1-3	
476	Research Methods and Projects	3	CS 360
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*Does not count toward a CS major or minor

** Math 126 or 119 or 120 a corequisite for this course

*** Only 1.5 hours count toward a CS major

Example course schedule for a Computer Science major with Scientific or Systems option

Freshman Ye		Junior Y	ear				
First Semeste	er	Second Semeste	er	First Seme	ester	Second Sem	ester
LME 101	1 1						
Eng 100	3	Hist 119 or 120	3	Eng 300	3	CS 425	3
Math 118	5	Math 126	4.5	CS 340, 360	6	CS Electives	6
CS 230 or 240 (244)	3-4	CS 240 (244) or 241	3-4	Math 307	4	Math 327	4
General Ed	3-4	General Ed	6	General Ed	3	Eng307	3
Sem. Hours	16-18	Sem. Hours 10	6.5-17.5	Sem. Hours	16	Sem. Hours	16
Sophomore Y First Semester	ear	Second Semest	er	Senior Y First Seme	ear ester	Second Sem	ester
Eng 200	3			The second second second			
CS 241 or 242	3		1.1.361	CS Electives	6-9		
Math 227	4.5	CS 242, 250, 338	7.5	Math 329	3	CS Electives	6-9
Phys 201, 207,		Phys 202, 208,	ALC: NO.	General Ed	5-6	Electives	8-9
or 250, 251	4	or 260, 261	4	Sem. Hours	14-18	Sem. Hours	14-18
General Ed	3	General Ed	6				
Sem. Hours	17.5	Sem. Hours	17.5	相当のないの構成			

For the Business Applications Option, replace the math and physics courses in the sophomore year with Math 203, Acct 200-210 and Econ 202-203. Also, the courses required for the Business Administration minor or Economics major must be included in the junior and senior year.

OTHER BASIC COURSES FOR THE COMPUTER SCIENCE MAJOR

Econ 2	202-203	Principles of Economics		Math	327	Multivariable Calculus	(M 307)
Eng	307	Technical Writing		Math	329	Probability & Statistics I	(M 327)
Math	118	College Algebra & Trigonometry	1	Math	331	Differential Equations	(M227)
Math	203	Statistics	(M 118)	Phys	201-202	College Physics I, II	
Econ 2	206	Equiv to Math 203		Phys	207-208	Labs for College Physics	
Math	126-227	Calculus & Analytical Geom I, II	1.	Phys	250-260	University Physics I, II	
Math	307	Linear Algebra		Phys	251-261	Labs for University Physic	s

COMPUTER SCIENCE MINOR

A minor in Computer Science requires at least 18 semester hours which must include CS 240, 241, 242, and three upper level courses, one of which must be at the 400 level. An introduction to the calculus (M 119, 120, or 126) is required for the minor but is not part of it. EET 491 Microprocessor Systems Design may be included as a 300 level course.

NOTE: Forty-two hours of upper level (300-400) courses are required for all CS majors.

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DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The graduate program requires a minimum of 30 semester hours of graduate level course work, at least 15 of which must be in courses numbered 500 or higher. The student may elect either Plan A which includes 6 hours for a thesis or Plan B which is the non-thesis option. The Graduate college requirement for a research tool component may be met by electing CS476G, Research Methods and Projects in Computer Science. The research tool requirement is in addition to the 30 semester hours required for the graduate degree.

The six core courses must be included in each student's program. During the last semester of coursework, the graduate committee will conduct the required comprehensive examination of the candidate.

A maximum of six semester hours in cognate courses may be included in the program. Cognates and other elective computer science courses are selected with the approval of the graduate advisor. If the student has completed some of the core courses as an undergraduate, additional electives will be included in the program. Mathematics, statistics, operations research, management science and physics are appropriate cognate fields.

COURSES FOR GRADUATES AND UNDERGRADUATES

Course Number & Description	Credits	Preq.	Course Number & Description	Credits	Preq.
405 Numerical Analysis I	3	CS245, Fortran, M327	447 System Simulation	3	CS241, M203
406 Numerical Analysis II	3	CS405, M31	456 Artificial Intelligence	3	CS338, 360
442 Data Structures	3	CS338	458 Expert Systems	3	CS456
443 Data Base Management Systems	3	CS338, 360	460 Software Engineering II	3	CS360
444 Programming Languages	3	CS242	475 Selected Topics in CS	1-3	
445 Operating Systems II	3	CS425	476 Research Methods & Projects in		
446 Computer Graphics	3	CS360, M307	Computer Science	3	C\$360

GRADUATE COURSES

Course	e Number & Description Cre	dits	I Course	Number & Description	Credits
541	Mathematical Foundations of		549	Analysis of Algorithms	3
	Computer Science	3	567	Micro-Computer Operating Systems	3
543	Computer Information Systems Design	3	595	Advanced Topics in Computer Science	3
544	Compiler Theory and Design	3	599	Thesis Research and Writing	6
545	Advanced Operating Systems Principles	3		r neois research and trining	Ŭ

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Master of Science Degree Program

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DEGREE DESCRIPTION

The program is designed to provide an emphasis in programming systems and information systems. In addition, a course in mathematical foundations of computer science is required. The following courses identify the core of the curriculum and indicate the minimum content in each graduate students program.

Course	Description	Hours	Prequisites
CS442G	Data Structures	3	C\$338
CS443G	Data Base Management Systems	3	CS338,360
CS445G	Operating Systems II	3	CS425
CS541	Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science	3	
CS543	Computer Information Systems Design	3	CS443
CS544	Compiler Theory and Design	3	CS444
CS	Four elective courses selected from computer		
	science and approved cognate courses	_12_	
		30	
	*		
CS476G	Research Methods and Project	3	CS360
	(Satisfies graduate research tool requirement)	33	

NOTE: A minimum of four 500 level computer science courses is required.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to satisfying general Graduate College admission requirements, a student entering the program will have completed an undergraduate degree' in computer science, mathematics, physics, engineering, or a similar field. Minimum requirements include a knowledge of programming in both assembly language and a higher level language, a discrete mathematics or logic course, a computer organization course, a course in data structures and at least eight semester hours of calculus. Minimum requirements may be satisfied by courses actually taken as an undergraduate, substantial practical experience in the computer field, or remedial course work taken while a graduate student.

Computer Science Macintosh Laboratory

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WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY COMPUTER SCIENCE DEPARTMENT ALUMNI SURVEY MAY 1992

Estimated Time To Complete: 20 - 30 minutes.

Today's Date:

OPTIONAL:				
Name				
Address				
		-		
E-mail				
Phone				
1. Computer Scie	ence degree(s) obtain	ed at WKU	÷	
BS	(date)	MS	(date)	
Option:	SystemsSci	ientific	Business	
No degree	e received but took co	ourses durin	ıg	(give approximate dates)
2. University deg	grees obtained elsewho	ere or in a	different field:	
BS	(field)		(date)	(school)
MS	(field)		(date)	(school)
Ph.D	(field)		(date)	(school)
3. Are you curre	ntly employed full-tim	ne?	part-time?	
4. Total years of	full-time work experi	ence in con	nputer-related field	s?
5. Total years of	part-time work exper	ience in con	mputer-related field	ds?
Intern/CC	D-OP	Researc	h/Teaching assistan	nt
Lab Assis	tant	Contrac Other	t Programmer	

- 6. If you are currently employed in the computer field, check off the items that most closely describe the primary focus of the company/entity you work for:
 - Accounting
- Aerospace
- Banking and Insurance
- Computer Hardware Manufacturing
- Computer Service (installation and maintenance of hardware and/or software)
- Computer Sales and Marketing
- Contract Programming
- Education
- Engineering (other than Aerospace)
- Entertainment
- Government
- Manufacturing
- _____ Military
- Publishing
- Retail (other than computer related products)
- Software Engineering
- Software Publishing
- _____ Telecommunications
- Other:

7. JOB TITLE INFORMATION:

What is your current job title?	
How many people do you currently supervise?	2
What is the job title of your immediate manager?	
What was your job title when you were first employed?	
Year	

- 8. If you are working in a computer-related field, check off the items that most closely describe the primary activities of your current job:
 - Administration/Line Management
- Computer Hardware Testing
- Customer Support
- Computer Programming
- Network Systems Management
- _____ Sales and Marketing
- _____ Software Design
- Software Maintenance
- Software Testing
- Operating Systems Management
- Teaching
- ____ Other: _____

9. In which of the following computer application areas have you had significant work experience?

	Administrative Data Processing
	Artificial Intelligence
	Compilers
_	Computer Aided Engineering
	Computer Graphics
	Computer System Implementation
-	Design of Digital Computers
	Image Processing
	Networks and/or Distributed Teleprocessing
	Numerical Computation
	Operating Systems
	Real-time Programming
	Simulation and Modeling
	Software Engineering
	Other:

10. If you are not employed in a computer-related field, describe your current job.

GRADUATE SCHOOL INFORMATION: Current Program Field	School
Completed Program (after WKU) Field	School
Degree: Ph.D. M.S.	Other Year
Courses Taken (after WKU)	
Field Scho	ool Year

Items 12-18 are designed to be answered by students who have completed a degree in computer science at WKU. For items 12-18 circle the response which most closely indicates how well you agree with the item statement:

12. The Computer Science program at WKU prepared me sufficiently for my first job.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Comments:			

13. The required courses in the Computer Science program at WKU provide a comprehensive foundation in the computer field.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Comments:			

14. My job requires that I continue to learn new computing techniques, beyond those I studied in my WKU Computer Science program.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Comments:			

15. The computing facilities at WKU were adequate to meet the needs of the Computer Science program.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Comments:			

16. The Computer Science program at WKU prepared me for the amount of teamwork required in my job.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Comments:			

17. The general education courses at WKU have been useful to me.

18.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	
Most useful ones?				
8. The advising process at W	KU has been usefu	l to me.		
Strongly Disagree Comments:	Disagree	No Opinion	Agree	Strongly Agree

19. Check those programming languages and application packages you regularly use in your current job.

Languages	Packages
Ada	CAD
Assembly	CASE/SE tools
Basic	Database (mainframe)
C	Database (micros)
C++	Desktop Publishing
Cobol	Drawing/Graphics
Fortran	Network Software
Pascal	Num/Data Analysis
-4GL's	Productivity: WP, Spreadsheets, Utilities
	Windows
UNIX Shell	
IBM JCL	Other
Other	b (but)

20. What computer hardware do you regularly use in your current job?

IBM/Compatible Macintosh Other microcom	e PC's puters	IBM mainframe/mini VAX HP CRAY
Workstations		Other mini or mainframe computers
Are these networked?		
Yes	No	System Name(s) and Types
What operating systems	s do you reg	ularly use in your current job?
CMS	0	DS/2
DOS		JNIX
Macintosh		/MS
MVS	v	Vindows
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23. The classical software lifecycle is composed of development (of new systems or major upgrades to an existing product) and maintenance. Management of the process is also critical, as in the generation of new ideas, e.g. algorithms (R&D). What percentage of your workload is devoted to:

Research & Development (R&D)	
Management	
Development	
Maintenance	
Other	

24. Please give a finer breakdown, if possible. Development

Feasibility: Is this software necessary/possible?

Requirements analysis: What does the customer want?

Design: How should we build it?

Code: Build it

V&V: Did we build the correct product? Correctly?

Documentation: User and system

Other _____

Maintenance

Corrective: Fix the defects

Adaptive: Port to a new environment (OS, HW, Language, etc.)

Perfective: Add new or enhance existing features

Other _____

25. How many hours per week, <u>on the average</u>, do you spend in your professional career? less than 35

	less that
	35-39
	40-44
	45-49
	50-54
-	55-59
	60+

 Check any new computing techniques or application areas that you have needed to learn for your job since leaving WKU.

GENERAL	COMPUTER SCIENCE AREAS
New Languages	Advanced Database Tools/Techniques
New Machines	AI Techniques
New Operating Systems	CASE Tools
	Debugging/Testing Techniques
ENGINEERING/COMPUTER	Graphics
HARDWARE RELATED AREAS	Networks/Telecommunications
CAD/CAM/CAE	OOP/OOD
Digital Signal Processing	Operating Systems Management
Hardware	Parallel Programming
Image Processing	Software Engineering Techniques
Other Engineering Topics	User Interface Design
Real-time Programming	Windows Programming
Repair/Upgrade	Other
Simulation/Modeling	
Other	

OTHER TECHNIQUES OR APPLICATIONS:

- Business Applications Interpersonal Skills
- Management Skills
- ____Management Skin
- Other

27. What distribution of effort best describes the amount of individual and teamwork required in your job?

Individual	%
With your department	%
With other departments	%
With other companies	%

28. Check those areas of your WKU education which have been most relevant to your job performance in the computer field.

HAD		HAD	
COURSE	RELEVANT	COURSE	RELEVANT
	Business Courses		Group Projects
	Classes with Writing		Large System Design
	Computer Architecture		Logic/Problem Solving
	Computer Science Theory		Mathematics
	Data Structures		Networks
22.0	Database/Files		Operating Systems
	Engineering/Physics		Programming Languages
	Ethics/Societal Issues		Programming Skills
	General CS Background		Software Engineering
Other		1.5	- Carles and a second

29. Check those areas of your WKU education which could have been strengthened by additional coursework. Include, if you wish, areas outside the computing discipline.

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COURSES	OTHER
	Management Skills
	Oral Communication Skills
22	Written Communication Skills
	С
	Circuit Design
	Database Techniques
	Hardware/Software Interface Techniques
	IBM mainframe environment
	Networks
	Software Design and Development
	Software Quality Techniques
	UNIX/Operating Systems
	Other
	Engineering /Physics
	Other
	Other

30. What do you see as the emerging computer technologies that ought to be taught in the WKU computer science program either as an elective or as a requirement? See attachment for current courses.

	CAD/CAM/CAE
	CASE/Other Software Engineering Tools/Techniques
-	Distributed/Parallel Computing
1	Embedded Systems/Real-time Programming
-	Expert Systems
-	Fourth Generation Languages
-	Fuzzy Systems
-	Graphics/Animation
_	Imaging Technologies
-	Multi-media
_	Networks/Telecommunications
-	Neural Nets
-	New Hardware Trends
-	OOP/OOD
-	Popular Microcomputer Application Packages
-	User Interfaces
-	Various AI Topics
-	Windows Programming
-	Other

31. Who or what sparked your interest in your current career?



32. If you had a younger sister or brother who wanted to major in Computer Science, would you recommend WKU?

Yes

No

33. What is your gender? _____Female _____Male

- 34. What is your ethnic background?
- American Indian
- Asian
- Black
- Filipino
- Mexican American
- Other Hispanic
- Pacific Islander
- White
- Other
- Decline to State

35. Did you work in the computer field either before or while you were a student in the Computer Science Program at WKU? No

Yes

36. Include any other information you think we should be aware of. Is there any question you think should be added to or deleted from this survey?

OPTIONAL:

37. Employer _____ Address

38. What is your current annual salary if you have a full-time job?

39. What is your current salary in dollars per hour if you have a part-time job?



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