

Dear SSU Computer Science Community,

Welcome to Spring 2007!! We are looking forward to a terrific semester with classes beginning on Monday, January 29. Here is an update on the latest in the department:

Enrollment

For the most part, class enrollment looks okay. If you are having any trouble getting into a class you should contact the instructor. CS 349 (Programming Team) is likely to be cancelled due to low enrollment; contact Dr. Watts (tia.watts@sonoma.edu) asap if you are interested in taking CS 349. Seniors should consider taking CS 380 (Preparation for the Major Field Test in Computer Science). Also, don't forget the importance and value in completing an internship (CS 497) before graduating. Internships are a terrific way to gain entry-level experience and often are a "foot in the door" for permanent positions. Check out the CS 497 webpage <http://www.cs.sonoma.edu/~stauffer/497S07/497S07.Ref.html> for more information.

Lab Access

We NEED lab monitors to supervise the computer labs during open lab hours. Please consider volunteering a couple hours a week – you can get your own work done during that time and also help your fellow students by giving them access to the labs. Contact Dr. Stauffer (lynn.stauffer@sonoma.edu) if you can volunteer. Thank you once again to Jeff, Karrah, Travis, Joe, Derek, Hyun Ji, and Ahren for their help last semester.

Roger is working with the campus locksmith on the keypad locks to the computer labs. We are hoping to be able to issue a code to students thus allowing access to the labs outside of scheduled class time.

Graduation

Students planning to graduate this May must have their graduation papers submitted before February 15, 2007. Students planning to graduate in December 2007 should submit their paperwork before the Priority Filing Date (also February 15, 2007) since students who file by the Priority Filing Date will have the benefit of receiving a Graduation Evaluation prior to registering for their final semester. See <http://www.sonoma.edu/ar/graduation/> for more information.

Colloquium

The 26th Computer Science Colloquium series begins on February 8. See the Colloquium listing http://www.cs.sonoma.edu/cs_dept/events for more information on scheduled speakers.

The Computer Science Colloquium on May 10 will showcase student projects and research. If you are interested in presenting, please contact Dr. Stauffer.

Once again, welcome back. We look forward to a great semester.

The Computer Science Department