



Banks of the Boneyard

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(This is the first issue of the ACM newsletter under new management. This issue introduces ACM to the students of computer science here at the U of I. It also introduces some membership benefits and our fall schedule. -Ed.)

-What ACM is-

ACM is the Association for Computing Machinery. Founded in 1947, ACM is the oldest scientific society serving the computing community. The Association currently has more than 70,000 members. The major purposes of the Association are:

(1) To advance the science and arts of information processing, (2) To promote the free interchange of ideas about the sciences and arts of information processing, and (3) To develop and maintain the integrity and competence of individuals engaged in the practices of the sciences and arts of information processing.

The UIUC Student Chapter of the ACM is the official professional society of the University of Illinois Department of Computer Science. We provide almost a dozen speakers at our general meetings each year, both from the corporate community and from the ACM. The corporate speakers concentrate on what it is like to work for their firms, and the opportunities and benefits available there. ACM's lecturers will speak on topics ranging from the technical to the social impact of computing. We sponsor the Computer Science Open House every year and run a statewide programming contest for Illinois junior and senior high school students.

Participation in the local chapter of the Association provides an opportunity for students to develop and demonstrate leadership capabilities—an important factor to students in career development and professional growth. Whether you are a newly arrived student looking for new friends or someone who is looking for professional contacts, the ACM is the place to look.

— John Tullis; Chairman

Benefits of Membership

ACM provides many benefits to its members, including:

Job fair: ACM is sponsoring a job fair in February. Open only to members of ACM, the fair will allow students to talk to corporate representatives concerning summer, co-op, and permanent job opportunities.

Entertainment: Free weekly Film Series presentations each Monday at 3:00 PM in 115 DCL. Each week, movies related to computing will be shown. Also, ACM will provide its members with discount tickets for Kerasotes Theatres movies for \$2.75 (a savings of \$1.25 per ticket off the normal \$4.00 price).

Meetings: ACM will continue to hold general meetings every three weeks, but in a modified format. The meetings will be held at 3:00 PM on Wednesday instead of the old time of 4:00 PM on Thursday. Speakers will limit their speeches to 30-40 minutes. Free refreshments, usually donuts and beverages, will be served following the meetings.

Study Lounge: CS majors finally have a study lounge sponsored by ACM. The lounge contains couches, chairs, and study tables as well as several hundred computer books and magazines. It is located on the 3rd floor at 1204 W. Springfield Avenue.

SIGs: Students are encouraged to join and form Special Interest Groups. Currently the largest group is the Unix Users and C Programmers (UUCP) SIG.

Other benefits include programming contests, paper competitions, plant trips and tours, workshops and inclusion in the national ACM Computer Science Employment Register.

— Jim Dobyns

The Fall Schedule

The following is the current fall semester schedule of films, meetings, and tours.

Aug 27th- Quad Day

Sep 3rd - Engineers Night

Sep 8th - "Star Trek Bloopers No. 1" & "The Computer Programme[1]: It's Happening Now"

Sep 10th- General Meeting: Orientation, Schedule, Benefits, Opportunities

Sep 15th- "Star Trek Bloopers No. 2" & "TCP[2]: One Thing After Another"

Sep 22nd- "Information Systems and Databases (Computer-Based Information Systems)" & "TCP[3]: Talking to a Machine"

Sep 24th- General Meeting: Cray

Sep 29th- "Ballet Robotique" & "TCP[4]: It's on the Computer"

Oct 4th - Tour: Argonne National Laboratory

Oct 6th - "Connections[10]: Yesterday, Tomorrow, and You"

Oct 13th- "TCP[5]: The New Medium" & "TCP[6]: Sound and Motion Pictures"

Oct 15th- General Meeting: The National Security Agency

Oct 20th- "America: On the Edge of Abundance"

Oct 27th- "The Billion Dollar Bubble"

Nov 3rd - "A Matter of Survival" & "Coping with Technology"

Nov 5th - General Meeting: Jay Bloombecker "Why I'm not a Computer Criminal"

Nov 10th- "TCP[7]: Let's Pretend" & "TCP[8]: Artificial Intelligence"

Nov 15th- Tour: Urbana Gould Plant

Nov 17th- "Now the Chips are Down"

Nov 19th- General Meeting: IBM

Nov 24th- "Security and Integrity (C-BIS)" &

"OCL Data Modeling (C-BIS)"

Dec 1st - "Occupation: Student" & "The User and the Database (C-BIS)"

Dec 8th - "TCP[9]: In Control" & "TCP[10]: Things to Come"

Dec 10th- General Meeting: Lotus Software

— John Tullis, Chairman

Officers and Committee Chairs

There are several committee chairs available, as well as openings on the following committees:

Chairman: John Tullis

Vice-Chairman: Pete Hlavach

Secretary: Chris Gerrib

Treasurer: Tony Alonso

Newsletter: Jim Dobyns

Entertainment: Julie Helmer

Publicity: Jackie Reisdorf

Membership: Open

Social: Open

Fundraising: Open

Computer Science Open House: Open

SITE & JETS tours: Open

Engineering Council Rep: Mary Peterson & Open

Programming Contest: Open

Our Office Address

Our office is located on the 2nd floor in Room 201, at 1204 W. Springfield in Urbana. Our phone number is 333-5828. The new ACM study lounge is upstairs on the 3rd floor. The lounge and office will be open 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Monday through Friday.
