Summer Events

We're excited to meet many prospective students and parents this summer! We will have an information table at the following events. Please stop by to pick up some information and chat with our staff!

**PROJECT UPLIFT**
- May 23, 3–5 in the Great Hall
- May 30, 3–5 in the Student Union, room 3200
- June 6, 3:30–5:30 in the Great Hall
- June 13, 3:30–5:30 in the Great Hall

**CTOPS and TTOPS**
- June 4, 11, 18, 21, 25, 28; 1:15—2 in the Great Hall
- June 7, 14; 7:30–8 in the Student Union Breezeway
- July 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 31; 1:15—2 in the Great Hall
- July 29; 7:30–8 in the Student Union Breezeway
- August 14; 7:30—8 in the Student Union Breezeway
- August 16; 1:15—2 in the Great Hall

**INFORMATION SESSION**
- August 22; 5–6 in Manning 208 (with pizza!)

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**Introduction: The Inaugural Issue**

I am pleased to present our very first e-newsletter. With the close of the 2012—2013 school year, we have much to celebrate and even more to look forward to.

Our May 2013 Commencement ceremony celebrated the graduation of one of our largest BSIS classes to date! Guests, faculty, students, and staff were welcomed by undergraduate, Sean Gartland. Gartland, who founded an Apple repair shop on Franklin Street, spoke about his experience at SILS: “The Information Science program did not just provide me with the tools to enhance my technical abilities, it taught me how to apply them. Information Science did not develop my passion for technology; it fueled it. I could go on about the innovation that goes on in our classrooms, the industry-focused nature of the course material, and the incredible exposure to some of the best technology firms in the country, but none of those would do SILS justice, as it is truly the people that make SILS.”

As summer begins, we continue to look forward and move forward. Professor Ron Bergquist will assume a new role this summer as Director of Undergraduate Studies. To learn a bit more about Professor Bergquist, read on to page 2. We are excited to welcome him into this role.

With that said, enjoy our first edition of iNews!

— Kaitlyn Murphy, Undergraduate Student Services Manager
Get to Know Your Faculty: Ron Bergquist

As Professor Bergquist steps into his new role as Director of Undergraduate Studies, we were able to sit down and ask him a few questions.

What courses do you teach?
INLS 200 Retrieving and Analyzing Information
INLS 261 Information Tools
INLS385 Information Use for Organizational Effectiveness
INLS 718 User Interface Design
INLS 758 International and Cross Cultural Perspectives on Information
INLS 843 Seminar in Public Libraries

What is the greatest strength of the undergraduate program?
The varied interests of the students and the challenge they offer to the faculty.
One will have to sprint to stay out in front of this group.

What are you most looking forward to as you step into your role as Director of Undergraduate Studies?
I guess it would be having the opportunity to help guide the program forward to the hoped-for 2020 goal.

A piece of advice for Information Science majors?
Don’t limit yourselves to any idea, any focus, any guru. Be open to new things.

Currently reading any books?
I have way, way too many purchased, but as of yet unread books at home. Right now I’m trying to finish At home: a short history of private life by Bill Bryson.
As soon as I’m done with that, I have four more lined up to read: Why does the world exist?: an existential detective story by...

What is your favorite food?
Anything Italian.

Where is your favorite place to eat on Franklin Street?
Carolina Coffee Shop.

Jim Holt; Grace Hopper and the invention of the information age by Kurt Beyer; The Other by Ryszard Kapuściński; and Thinking, Fast and Slow by Daniel Kahneman.

Dr. Bergquist was honored with the SILS Award for Teaching Excellence for Adjunct Faculty in 2007 and he has been nominated for the award in the years he is eligible. His academic interests include Public libraries in North Carolina, Information visualization, visual language, user-centered design, and public library policy. He graduated with a PhD from SILS in 2006 and is a retired U.S. Air Force Colonel. He can be reached via email at bergr@email.unc.edu.
Featured Student: Sharon Austin

This summer, rising senior Sharon Austin has accepted an internship at IBM in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina.

She is working as a Co-Op/Intern Engineer in the WEB and J2EE Tools HCI area. “I’ve just been calling it UX intern for short,” Austin says.

Austin found the internship on her own. “I found it just by searching on IBM’s job site—they hadn’t posted it to Careerolina.”

Her role this summer involves working in the Rational software group. She will complete some design for the requirements management portion of the software and will also do some usability testing.

“The software itself is centered around the systems development lifecycle (SDLC) and INLS 382, Systems Analysis and Design, is hugely applicable to the whole project.”

Students at SILS are able to earn credit for their internships by enrolling in INLS 393, Field Experience. The course is supplemented by seminars.

Austin during spring 2013’s iPad Project: “What Does Information Science mean to you?”

Q: How do I change the number of credits on a variable credit class (i.e. INLS 490)?

A: Students have the option of updating the number of credits on a variable credit class when placing a class in the shopping cart.

If you forget to do this, or need to change the number of credits, you can use EDIT after the initial enrollment to update the number of credits on a variable credit class. Remember to double check that you are enrolled for the correct number of hours! All special topics total credit hours are listed on our website.
Important Dates

• May 27
  Memorial Day

• May 30/31
  Maymester classes end

• June 14
  SSI classes end

• June 20
  SSII classes begin

• June 21
  Last day for late registration

• July 23
  SSI classes end

• August 20
  First day of fall semester

Questions?

Is there someone or something you would like to see featured in the next edition? Let us know! We love feedback.

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