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This is CCIT NewsBriefs, your biweekly source of news and information about happenings within or affecting CCIT. You'll find more about CCIT NewsBriefs at the end of this message. And now--the news.

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>> Dates & Deadlines <<

- > Tuesday, March 25: Ruth Holthaus' Retirement Party
 - > Friday, March 28: Archie Snyder's Retirement Party
 - > Monday, March 31: Computing on Campus updates due
 - > Tuesday, April 1: Pay raise goes into effect
 - : Grand opening for Faculty Center for Instructional Innovation
 - > Saturday, April 5: Computer Center picnic
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>> Ruth Holthaus' Retirement Party <<

Come join CCIT in a farewell celebration for Ruth Holthaus, who is retiring from the University. There'll be food, drinks, and fun for all.

- > When: TOMORROW, Tuesday, March 25, 3 p.m.-5 p.m.
 - > Where: Alumni (Swede Johnson) Building, corner of Speedway and Cherry, Suite 205
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>> Archie Snyder's Retirement Party <<
Archie Snyder is also retiring. Come join his friends and co-workers to say "adios" at a farewell gathering.

- > When: Friday, March 28, noon
- > Where: Gentle Ben's, 843 E. University

And if you'd like to sign a card for Archie, or make a donation toward a gift certificate at a golf shop, stop by Terry Gonzales' office, Computer Center rm. 108.

>> Help Update Computing on Campus <<
Computing on Campus is now undergoing its annual revision. If you know of any changes, additions, or deletions that would improve this popular how-to guide to campus computer systems, please send an email message to: ccitnews@listserv.arizona.edu

Please send your comments by the end of March. You can get a review copy at the Help Desk or Customer Accounts, or from any member of the Information Delivery team.

>> Pay Raise is Coming! <<
The pay raise for state employees will start showing up in paychecks on April 1. All eligible employees will get a permanent increase of 1% of their salary plus \$500, spread out across the year.

>> Launch Party for Tech-in-Teaching Center <<
The Faculty Center for Instructional Innovation, a resource center for using technology in teaching and instructional research, is about to celebrate its grand opening.

- > When: Tuesday, April 1, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- > Where: Computer Center rm. 337 (third floor, west end)

Opening remarks by Paul Sypherd and Martha Gilliland will be at 11 a.m., followed by ongoing technology demos, presentations of faculty projects, and access to Center resources.

>> Computer Center Picnic <<
Don't forget the CCIT picnic and barbecue! Here are the details.

- > When: Saturday, April 5, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Barbecue lunch served from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- > Where: Reid Park, ramada no. 24
- > Who: Current and retired CCITers, spouses, children, and significant others
- > What to bring: A dish to share, plus place settings for everyone in your family group

Invitation/RSVP forms have been distributed. If you haven't done so already, please return the RSVP form ASAP. Return boxes are in the break rooms.

>> Mely's Presentation to SPBAC Group <<

Martha Gilliland and Mely Tynan were invited to the February 12 meeting of the UA's Strategic Planning and Budget Advisory Committee (SPBAC) to give an update on information technology. After an introduction by Martha, Mely discussed the many achievements and changes since the last visit to the committee in 1995, as well as present and future challenges and opportunities.

Mely started the update with the declared change in CCIT's intention in 1994, the organizational transition, and President Pacheco's challenge to "leap-frog" to the future. She then detailed CCIT's results and achievements, such as

- * 30 buildings and 17 dorms added to the network
- * UNITE standards developed
- * SIS2000 team's results
- * demonstrations of customer satisfaction
- * systems and services upgraded and improved
- * campus partnerships and service agreements
- * phenomenal growth of IT services.

CCIT used internal reallocations, the Telecom fund balance, and partnerships/grants to accomplish these results, she said, and pointed out that CCIT is only a small part of the information technology picture at the UA, as shown by the University's total expenditures on technology staff and hardware. When campus departments spend money on technology it has an impact on CCIT's costs, she said.

The consolidation of the former advisory committees into the Information Technology Council (ITC) was also discussed. The ITC's priorities and progress were reviewed. Ed Frisch emphasized that an additional \$8.8 million is needed annually to keep the University on a level playing field with regard to IT. Mely explained that IT spending by peer institutions far exceeds UA expenditures. If the UA followed industry norms in budgeting for central IT services, she said, it would spend \$68 million annually.

Mely ended the presentation by asking the University to decide which of four types of position it wants to take in information technology. Type A, leading edge? Type B, mainstream--react and respond as technologies become proven commodities? Type C, wait until things are mature and very cheap? Or type D, rely on used technologies?

Everyone from CCIT was encouraged by the expressions of the importance of information technology--and support for CCIT as a leader in campus IT efforts--by faculty and staff at the meeting.

--This article was contributed by James Danley and Pete Perona

>> New at Customer Accounts <<

The second-floor hallway is looking mighty spiffy these days, thanks to a new bulletin board and sign for Customer Accounts (Computer Center rm. 204).

Just posted: Shirley Esqueda's new easy-to-understand systems chart for CCIT computer accounts. If you've ever wondered how the different accounts are organized--or what their telnet addresses are--the chart should clear things up.

>> Using MeetingMaker as a Master Calendar <<

More items are being added every day to the Events section of MeetingMaker. To see this handy calendar of upcoming events of interest to CCIT and the University:

1. Open MeetingMaker
2. Click on PROXY
3. Select MORE PROXIES from the pulldown menu
4. Scroll down to EVENTS
5. Click on OK to see a five-day calendar

>> Job Openings at CCIT <<

CCIT internal posting for these positions ends at 5 p.m., Wednesday, Mar. 26, 1997:

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN (two positions open)

Contact person: Terry Coffee, 621-6007, rm. 118B

Submit UA employment application to: Dawn Cissell, rm. 131A

These full-time Extended Temporary Employment (ETE) positions are scheduled for two years and include full benefits. Benefits-eligible, regular classified staff employees are eligible to apply.

CCIT internal posting for this position ends at 5 p.m., Wednesday, Mar. 26, 1997:

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN, SENIOR

Contact person: Terry Coffee, 621-6007, rm. 118B

Submit UA employment application to: Dawn Cissell, rm. 131A

Benefits-eligible, regular classified staff employees are eligible to apply for this non-ETE position.

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