Hello,

The CSIS Department has again had an eventful year, especially with the implementation of Android mobile development, initiated last year with Google grant and with the implementation of several student interactive and generative art projects initiated last year with a Kelly grant. As always, we continually strive to move our programs forward. The new Information Technology (IT) program with its three areas of emphasis: Web Development, System Administration and Security, and General IT, is generating large enrollment increases for us. In fact, our lab which holds 30 computers, was overflowing this spring when our freshman-level second semester course had 35 students.

We are continuing our development of a State of Nebraska IT Teacher Certification program. We are also in the planning phase for an IT BS online degree with cooperation from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. We also worked with the University of Nebraska at Lincoln to sign a Memorandum of Understanding for graduate school admission in computer science. (Details are provided in the newsletter.)

CSIS graduates continue to be in demand. They are still receiving three or more job offers in Kearney, and salary offers are increasing as companies compete for our graduates. I am glad that our students have excellent career choices.

Our faculty and students were again active with scholarly and service activities. We had several student projects and internships. Students again participated in the Midwest Instructional Computing Symposium robotics competition. We also assisted with several events for high school students, and co-hosted the annual Technology Breakfast for students and business professionals.

The CSIS Advisory Council held their annual meeting on March 11, 2011. The Council continues to be extremely helpful with both curricular and recruiting ideas.

This spring, CSIS completed its five-year Academic Program Review (APR). The APR review team was pleased with the successful curriculum, the scholarly work conducted, and the service provided, as well as the employability of CSIS graduates. They also were pleased with the CSIS relationship with alumni and the Advisory Council. The review team identified the main concerns for the department as: “student scholarships to reward academically outstanding students, a desperate need for adequate lab space and classrooms that enhance learning rather than detract from it, and reinstatement of at least one faculty position to continue to maintain viable programs”.

Assistance is needed from friends and alumni to address these concerns, primarily in endowing the Marilyn Jussel scholarship. We are one of the few UNK departments without a scholarship to offer. Please help us change this. The University of Nebraska Foundation indicates the balance must reach $25,000 to one to a deserving CSIS student. To make a tax deductible contribution, go to the University of Nebraska Foundation page at http://nufoundation.org/Page.aspx?pid=1875.

Sincerely,

Sherri Harms, Chair
The UNK CSIS Department is now on Twitter and Facebook! We also have an alumni group on LinkedIn. On Facebook, search for “UNK CSIS”.

Follow us on: [http://twitter.com/#!/csis_unk](http://twitter.com/#!/csis_unk).

Join the LinkedIn UNK CSIS alumni group at: [linkedin.com/groupRegistration?gid=1913576](http://linkedin.com/groupRegistration?gid=1913576).

Visit the CSIS website for information on CSIS activities: [unk.edu/csis](http://unk.edu/csis). You are welcome to provide feedback with the “Contact CSIS” link.

We also would like to increase CSIS’s search results. An important factor in determining search engine optimization is the number of other websites that link back to a site. If you are willing, the CSIS Department would like to have you link to our homepage [unk.edu/csis](http://unk.edu/csis) from your website. If you would like us to link to your page, we can do that as well. We have a page for alumni at [unk.edu/academics/csis/CSIS_Alumni/](http://unk.edu/academics/csis/CSIS_Alumni/).

### INTERACTIVE AND GENERATIVE ART EXHIBITION

CSIS held a free public Interactive and Generative Art Exhibition on May 3, 2011. This exhibition was a diverse showcase of unique projects completed this semester by CSIS students. Projects included a motion-sensing Nerf turret, electronics built into clothing and augmented reality air hockey.

A “Made in Nebraska” NTV video describing the event is available at: [http://fb.me/Zxjvz0Hq](http://fb.me/Zxjvz0Hq).

UNK students who exhibited their projects are listed below alphabetically by hometown: Amherst- Tyler Adelung; Columbus- Tyler McConville; Cozad- Ryan Levell; Elm Creek- Garrett Kearney; Gering- Patrick Mooney; Grand Island- Jennifer Dieckhoff and Joshua Wilson; Kearney- Paden Hogeland, Jason Webb and Adam Zheng; and North Platte- Scott Tallmage II. More information on these projects can be found at [cs.unk.edu/~csis495](http://cs.unk.edu/~csis495).

Scott Tallmage II with his motion-sensing Nerf turret

Tyler McConville with the color blending multi-touch surface

Jeff Sylvester, UNK Alum, and Adam Zhang playing augmented reality air hockey
NEW AGREEMENT PUTS UNK STUDENTS ON THE FAST-TRACK TO GRADUATE SCHOOL

A new agreement between the University of Nebraska at Kearney and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln will put some students on a fast-track to graduate school.

CSIS and the UNL Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in January 2011 that will speed up the admissions process for UNK students who enter the UNL-CSE graduate program.

Dr. Sherri Harms, UNK CSIS chair, sees the MOU as an opportunity for both universities and the state. “The MOU offers a high-quality graduate program for UNK students,” she said. “It provides UNL with in-state students prepared for graduate-level research, and it provides Nebraska with computer science professionals who will likely stay in the state.”

Dr. Harms pointed out that there is a high demand for computer science professionals in Nebraska. “For the past several years, we have had a 100 percent placement rate for our students. The jobs are rewarding and diverse,” she said.

This trend can be seen in the growth of the CSIS program at UNK. According to Dr. Harms, there has been a 71 percent increase in student credit hour production since 2007.

"It's the people that I've been working with for many years, and we felt that the programs were aligned enough to streamline the admission process similar to what they'd been doing for their own students at UNL," Harms said.

UNK computer science students with a 3.65 GPA or higher after their junior year will be eligible for the program and will have the Graduate Record Evaluation (GRE) requirement waived. In addition, the UNL application fee will be reimbursed once the students join the UNL-CSE graduate program.

The related Omaha World-Herald article is available at: tinyurl.com/UNKUNLMOU.
The TV Channels 10/11 story is available at: tinyurl.com/fastTrackUNL.

JAY POWELL, 2011 STUDENT RESEARCH DAY (SRD) LUNCHEON SPEAKER

The 2011 UNK Student Research Day guest presenter was Dr. Jay Powell. Dr. Powell graduated from UNK with a Bachelor of Science degree in 2004. He majored in computer science and mathematics, with a minor in philosophy. He received a Master of Science in Computer Science from Indiana University in 2007 and earned a Ph.D. from Indiana University in February of 2011. His research work at Indiana focused on artificial intelligence and data mining. Jay has also worked at the United States Naval Research Laboratory under the Student Temporary Employment Program as a Computer Scientist. Following graduate school, Jay began work at PerkinElmer in the research and development division in Downers Grove, IL. At PerkinElmer Jay works with software that interfaces with equipment designed to assist researchers in health and life sciences laboratories.

While a student at UNK, Jay spent four years developing software for Ward Laboratories, Inc., a local agricultural laboratory. Jay also delved into artificial intelligence research with Dr. John Hastings. This work, in partial collaboration with fellow students Brandon Hauff and Siva Kommuri, was presented at several top-tier national and international conferences. These conferences include the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR-05), the Nineteenth National Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI-04), the Sixth International Conference on Case-based Reasoning (ICCBR-05), and the Twenty-First National Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI-06).
Dr. John Hastings and the CSIS Department received 15 Verizon DROID phones from Google's AndroidEDU program in the spring of 2010. Teams of students in the software engineering class this fall developed Android applications using these phones. The two projects were a campus tour application and a location-tracking workout application (both with GPS).

Students who developed the fitness application were (from left): Brian Flannery, Aaron Mitchell, Daniel Farlin, Kelsey Bard, and Phil Lempke, with Dr. John Hastings.

Students who developed the campus map application were (from left): Luke Decker, Tyler Adelung, Paden Hogeland, Jason Webb, and Wen Luo, with Dr. John Hastings.

The CSIS Department, together with the MIS, Telecommunications, and Multimedia programs, once again sponsored an Information Technology breakfast for IT students and business professionals on the morning of the spring UNK Career Fairs in February 2011. Companies represented at the IT breakfasts included: Applied Underwriters, Buckle Inc., Cabela's, Fiserve, Inc., Morris Printing Group, Red Prairie, Sandhills Publishing, TSL, and Xpanxion. This event is always a great opportunity for students to seek internships and full-time employment.

As shown below, Philip Lempke, welcomed everyone to the event and introduced special guests.

CSIS senior seminar students completed two service projects and two independent research projects for the fall 2010 semester.

The Buffalo County Surveyor’s Office [http://bcsurveyor.com](http://bcsurveyor.com) needed a website where the public could search for surveyor maps on any Buffalo County property and surveyors could easily upload new surveys. This project was completed by Luke Decker, Aaron Mitchell and Tyler Christensen. If you go to the website, you will see these students listed on the page footer.

The Fernis County Sheriff’s Office, needed a new website. This project was completed by Phil Lempke, Steve Carlson and Paden Hogeland.

Jason Webb completed an independent project to rotate a 3D computer model using a wireless accelerometer. The overall goal of this project is to eventually rotate 3D spherical images displayed on the outside of the UNK Planetarium (currently a large white spherical shaped room). The Planetarium can be seen in the picture at: [http://www.unk.edu/academics/physics/UNK_Planetarium_Observatory/](http://www.unk.edu/academics/physics/UNK_Planetarium_Observatory/). Sample models include the Earth, the Earth at night, the moon, Mars, etc. For more information on Jason’s project, see [http://cs.unk.edu/~webb/2010/12/interfacing-with-the-ez430-chronos-wristwatch-using-processing/] (http://cs.unk.edu/~webb/2010/12/interfacing-with-the-ez430-chronos-wristwatch-using-processing/).

Brian Flannery completed an independent research project on Games in Education. He presented this research at the Midwest Instructional Computing Symposium (MICS) in April 2011.

Jeanne Chamberlin, Office Associate for the CSIS Department, received the UNK Employee Achievement Award for April, 2011. Jeanne is deeply passionate about UNK, and particularly, its students. For example, Kristy Liehs, a 2001 CSIS graduate, recently stated: “Jeanne is such a special lady to me and I am so glad that the good Lord brought her into my life. She was always there if I needed to talk or just to say “Hi”. It didn’t matter how busy she was, she always had a smile on her face and a “Hi, can I help you with something?” whenever I walked into her office. I can only hope that I am lucky enough one day to be able to touch someone’s heart the way that Jeanne has touched mine. Jeanne and I still stay in touch and I stop by her office when I am able, unfortunately not as often as I would like it to be, and she still greets me with the same kindness she showed me on the very first day I met her.

Jeanne keeps the CSIS Department running smoothly. She knows who to contact on campus for various CSIS needs. She keeps extremely detailed records and manages several cost centers down to the penny each year. She knows the department history, and remembers nearly all of the students who came through our programs.

Jeanne is a graduate of Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln. She has been employed in a variety of fields, including the Nebraska Department of Education, NTV, and at medical and legal offices prior to her employment at UNK. Finally, she is a huge Loper Fan, especially Loper Volleyball. GO LOPERS!
The CSIS Department selected Brian Flannery as the outstanding graduate for spring 2011. This award is based on scholarly activities, academic achievement and service to the department, university and community.

Brian graduated magna cum laude with honors, earning a BS degree in Applied Computer Science Comprehensive and Mathematics. Brian was an Undergraduate Research Fellow for Dr. Hastings. Brian served as a College Fellow for the department for the past two years and was the student representative for the CSIS Academic Program Review earlier this spring. Through these roles, he provided insight and suggestions from a student’s perspective at numerous meetings and events. The CSIS Department hired Brian to teach the CSIS 130 lab course this semester, for which he had full responsibility.

Last fall, Brian worked with a team of software engineering students to develop a location-tracking workout Android application. Over Christmas break, he independently developed the Android Tilt Snake app that can be downloaded for free from the android market: https://market.android.com/details?id=tilt.snake

While being active on campus, and dedicated to his academics, he maintained a part-time software developer position with the Buckle, Inc. and plans to continue his work there. After his fiancé graduates next year, they plan to attend graduate school.

Dr. Sherri Harms, Brian Flannery and Kelsey Bard attended MICS 2011 in Duluth, MN in April 2011. Brian and Kelsey participated in both the robotics competition and the programming competition. Brian also gave a presentation on Video Game Education.
Winners have been announced for the Ninth Annual Robotics Competition: A-mazing Robots held recently at UNK. Each year, students in the UNK Department of Computer Science and Information Systems build robots to enter in the competition. This year, the robots competed to successfully navigate an a-maze in the shortest length of time, according to the Midwest Instructional Computing Symposium (MICS) competition specifications.

The other teams in the competition are shown below and to the right.

UNK Robotics Competition winning team: Clockwise from back left: Josh Beck of Arapahoe, Tyler Adelung of Amherst, and Dan Farlin of Kearney.

Steve robot team: Ryan Levell of Cozad, Garrett Kearney of Elm Creek, and David Gangwish of Shelton.


FDL (Fast Don't Lie) robot team: Liang Liang and Wen Luo, both of China.

Two YouTube videos of the competition have been posted at: [http://www.youtube.com/user/UNKCSIS?feature=mhsn](http://www.youtube.com/user/UNKCSIS?feature=mhsn)
STUDENT PRACTICUMS

Nick Gewecke, (Summer 2010), CSIS 492 Practicum, 3 hrs, Buckle, Inc., Kearney, NE.
Paden Hogeland, (Spring 2011), CSIS 492 Practicum, 3 hrs, Buckle, Inc., Kearney, NE.
Nathan Huebert, (Summer 2011), CSIS 492 Practicum, 3 hrs, Builders Warehouse, Kearney, NE.
Wen Liu, (Summer 2010), CSIS 492 Practicum, 6 hrs, Premium Technology Inc., New York, NY.
Jason Webb, (Spring 2011), CSIS 492 Practicum, 3 hrs, CSIS Department, Kearney, NE.

ORACLE ACADEMY PRESENTATION


This presentation discussed transforming existing assignments into an impressive technology portfolio. He also discussed the general skills that technology leaders like Oracle tend to look for when hiring entry-level staff to develop, implement and support their products.

BUILD A COMPUTER DAY

On January 24, 2011, CSIS faculty and students again assisted with the ESU #10 TECHS, “Build a Computer” Day. Twelve schools and 90 students participated. In addition to building a computer, students installed the Ubuntu Linux-based operating system. Students were also introduced to Web 2.0 applications, Jing, Gabcast and ChaCha and they completed a mobile technology activity.

Representing the CSIS Department were Dr. Sherri Harms, Dr. Xuli Liu, and two CSIS students, Luke Decker and Phil Lempke.

2011 FRIEND OF THE CSIS DEPARTMENT

Dr. Xuli Liu was awarded the Friend of the CSIS Department for 2011. This award goes to a person or organization that has gone above and beyond in support of our programs and students.

Dr. Liu has been a faculty member in the CSIS Department for the past four years. Due to the current budget situation that the University is faced with, Dr. Liu’s position is being eliminated, effective December 2011. We are extremely thankful for the years of dedicated service and outstanding teaching to the CSIS Department. Dr. Liu is shown above receiving the award from Dr. Harms.

John Koliopoulos, Oracle Academy presenter
LEARNING FROM EXPERIENCE: It’s what humans do, and one computer scientist is working to make software do the same.

Below are excerpts from an article published in the August 21, 2010 “Kearney Hub” about Dr. John Hastings’ research, written by Lori Potter, Hub Staff Writer.

Human brains are wired to learn by experience and apply that information to new situations. Specialists in artificial intelligence work to get computers to do the same.

“If we encounter some situation, we can attribute that to memory, what worked and didn't work, and learn from that,” said John Hastings, an associate professor of computer science at UNK since 2001.

Applying that knowledge is a more efficient way to make decisions than simply applying a set of rules to each new situation.

Hastings said that’s the basic definition of case-based reasoning, which has many applications. One is his work on the Casebased Range Management Advisory. Developed with two University of Wyoming entomologists, CARMA employs Hastings’ “decision-support software” to allow a rancher to identify a location, answer some simple questions about grasshopper infestations and get information about treatment options.

“The domain is so complex, and it’s not complete modeled,” Hastings said. “But the experts know from the past what works and does not work.” That narrows the possibilities when evaluating individual questions.

He said case-based reasoning also is big in gaming software. He has his UNK students work with game programs in which they can add “a little reasoner” that knows nothing about the domain, but can stumble through and try things. What’s learned and applied makes the computer player a more challenging opponent for a human player.

Although most people think of science as being mostly about rules, Hastings said computer science involves a great deal of creativity.” “It also is misnamed. Astronomy is not ‘telescope science,” Hastings said, “and chemistry is not ‘microscope science.’ That’s just the tools they use.” In the same way, a computer is the tool of computer scientists.” “Being able to use the computer doesn’t really make you a computer scientist.”

CSIS ADVISORY COUNCIL

The UNK CSIS Advisory Council continued to be very active in 2010-2011. Current members (in alphabetical order) are: Jim Allen, VP of IT, Berkley Technology Services, Des Moines, IA; Kelly Barnes, Sr. Consultant, e-commerce Advisory Services, Red Prairie, Delray Beach, FL; Jeff Blackmon, Technical Consultant for Risk Management and Security, Strategic Continuity Solutions, Olathe, KS; Pete Evans, Oracle Applications Developer for the Douglas-Omaha Technology Commission; Steve Goddard, Professor of Computer Science and Chair, Department of Computer Science, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE; Rob Harbols, Web System Development, Buckle, Inc., Kearney, NE; and Scott Weitzel, Senior Patent Attorney, Avago Technologies, Inc., Brighton, CO. Faculty members are Shahram Alavi and John Hastings. Student members are Steve Carlson (CIS) and Kelsey Bard (CS). Dr. Harms serves as the secretary, and plans, organizes and facilitates the Council activities.

The Council met via phone conferences in July and November 2010 and met March 11, 2011 for its yearly on-campus meeting. At this meeting, the Council met with representatives from the University of Nebraska Foundation, the UNK Alumni Association, and UNK Admissions to discuss recruiting, scholarships and marketing the IT careers to students. They met with Dr. John La Duke, Dean of the College of Natural and Social Sciences to discuss the future direction of the CSIS Department. At lunch, they met with Kearney-area business professionals to discuss business needs and ways to work together. The CSIS Advisory Council website is http://estar.unk.edu/twiki.
STUDENT RESEARCH

Seven CSIS students presented at the UNK Student Research Day (SRD) and two at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) at Ithaca, NY. CSIS students also presented at the Business Innovation Summit and completed undergraduate research fellowships and independent projects.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Carlson, S., (2011). Internet Service Across Nebraska, UNK SRD, April 2011, Dr. Tim Obermier, ITEC.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

Kelsey Bard, 2010-2011, Dr. Sherri Harms.
Paden Hogeland, 2010-2011, Dr. Xuli Liu.
Josh Wilson, Spring 2011, Dr. Sherri Harms.

INDEPENDENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

Garrett Kearney’s XAnimate Software

Webb, J., CSIS 494 Directed Research, 10Fall, 3 hrs, Interactive & Generative Art.
Adelung, T., CSIS 495 Independent Study, 11Sp, 3 hrs, Interactive & Generative Art: Alien Invasion (Game).
Dieckhoff, J., CSIS 495, 11Sp, 3 hrs, Interactive & Generative Art: E-textiles.
Hogeland, P., CSIS 495, 11Sp, 3 hrs, Interactive & Generative Art: LED Cube.
Kearney, G., CSIS 495, 11Sp, 3 hrs, Interactive & Generative Art: XAnimate software.
Lempke, P., CSIS 495, 11Sp, 3 hrs, Video Game Education.
Levell, R., CSIS 495, 11Sp, 3 hrs, Interactive & Generative Art: Autonomous RC car.
McConville, T., CSIS 495, 11Sp, 3 hrs, Interactive & Generative Art: Color-blending multi-touch surface.
Mooney, P., CSIS 495, 11Sp, 3 hrs, Interactive & Generative Art: Tweet-a-Lamp.
Sall, M., CSIS 495, 11Sp, 3 hrs, Mobile App Development for the Masses.
Han, S., CSIS 495, 11Su, 3 hrs, Sand painting on a multi-touch surface.
PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

John Hastings, promotion to Full Professor, effective 08/15/11.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS


FACULTY PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

FUNDED GRANTS

Harms, S. (PI), Alavi, A. (co-PI), et al, University of Nebraska Online Worldwide Program Planning Grant: Information Technology BS Online Degree Completion Program, UNK CSIS and UNO School of Interdisciplinary Informatics,$5,952, May 2011.

Fruhling, A. (PI), Harms, S. (co-PI), Alavi, A. (co-PI), et al, University of Nebraska Online Worldwide Program Planning Grant: Bioinformatics degree collaboration, UNO School of Interdisciplinary Informatics and UNK CSIS, $5,778, Sept. 2010.

Mahoney, W. (PI), Harms, S. (co-PI), Alavi, A. (co-PI), et al, University of Nebraska Online Worldwide Program Planning Grant: Information Assurance degree collaboration, UNO School of Interdisciplinary Informatics and UNK CSIS, $5,778, July 2010.


OTHER SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

Alavi, A. Completed the University of Nebraska Institute for Online Training, Fall 2010.


SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION


Harms, S. Editorial Board Member and reviewer, Int. Journal of Data Mining, Modeling and Management (IJDMMD) (2008-present).

Harms, S. Program Committee Member and reviewer, data mining track, ACM Symposium on Applied Computing (2003-present).

Harms, S. Member, ACM (1999-present).


Harms, S. Member, ResearchHers (1999-present).


SELECTED SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

Alavi, A. Member, Commencement Advisory Comm.

Harms, S. Member, CNSS Council of Chairs.

Harms, S. Member, UNK General Education Council.

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Harms, S., CSIS Assessment Coordinator.

Harms, S. CSIS Program Manager for the Microsoft Academic Program.

Harms, S., Hastings, J., Liu, X. Members, UNK Graduate Faculty.

Hastings, J. Member, CNSS Travel Committee.

Hastings, J. Administrator, CSIS Linux servers.

Liu, X. Member, UNK Campus Fee Committee.

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA ONLINE WORLDWIDE: Program Planning grants

The CSIS Department received three University of Nebraska Online Worldwide program planning grants during the 2010-2011 academic year. These grants are all in cooperation with School of Interdisciplinary Informatics at UNO.

One grant was to plan for a collaborative online degree completion program for CSIS students who would like to earn a minor in Information Assurance (IA). This program is still in development. A second grant to plan for a collaborative online degree completion program for UNK students who wanted a minor in Bioinformatics was tabled.

The third grant was to plan for a fully online degree completion program for undergraduate students who wish to earn a B.S. at UNK in Information Technology. We are still working out the details of this program, but are excited to bring a fully online program to the market.
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ALUMI NEWS

Justine Agaloos (2010) Web Content Technical Writer, ADP, Roseland, NJ. Justine also owns a photography company (JustineImpressions.com). She works with magazine publications, online catalogs, make up artists and actors in New York City.

Jim Allen (1990) VP of IT - Support Services, Berkley Technology Services, Des Moines, IA. Jim recently joined Berkely after several years with Principal Financial Group.

John Barnes (1993) Chief Technology Officer, Model Metrics, Chicago, IL. John has been involved in Cloud Computing and mobile development for the last several years. His LinkedIn profile is available at linkedin.com/in/cloudcto.

Jeff Blackmon (1978) Technical Consultant for Risk Management and Security, Strategic Continuity Solutions, Olate, KS. Jeff recently joined Strategic Continuity after several years with L3 Stratis. Jeff currently is supporting Bank of America on their disaster recovery plans and other security topics.

Nathan Blazek (2007) Java/Web Developer, Buckle, Inc, Kearney, NE. Nathan recently joined the Buckle web development team after several years as the UNK Web Developer.

Alan Byrn (2004) Manager Data Operations at ECT Technologies, LLC, Denver, CO. Alan telecommutes from his home in Kearney, NE.

Michael David (2005), Mid-Level Software Engineer, Oracle, Colorado Springs, CO.


Jay Powell (2004) Application Software Engineer, PerkinElmer, Inc, Chicago, IL. Jay earned a Ph.D. from Indiana University in February 2011. He works in the research and development division at where he develops software that interfaces with agricultural laboratory equipment.

Todd Spellman (1990) ITT Support Supervisor, Nebraska Public Power District. Todd recently transferred back to the Kearney area with his family.

Siva Kommuri (2005) Senior Software Engineer, Pareto Networks, San Mateo, CA. Siva is also pursuing a Masters of Science degree in Software Engineering at San Jose State University.
Have you been promoted, received an award, changed jobs, married, increased your family or moved? We are interested in you and other CSIS friends and alumni and are interested in the events of your life. Help keep our CSIS mailing list current and the newsletter interesting by using this form to notify us of a change of address, as well as to update us on your eventful life. Send the form to: Jeanne Chamberlin, Department of CSIS, University of Nebraska at Kearney, Kearney, NE 68849, fax it to 308-865-8829, or email it to chamberlinj@unk.edu

We also have an online form available at: https://unk.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_bEmqhZDIUdp1kTG with a password of “golopers”. Please take a few minutes to let us know about your latest events. Thank you.

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