This is great news for our graduate and undergraduate students. Many employers are now looking for graduates with special skills and practical experience. Beginning Summer 2001, students can be registered for CSCI 4930 - Internship (undergraduate) or CSCI 6930 - Internship (graduate). The objective of the internship program is to provide students who possess the necessary academic credentials, an opportunity to receive practical experience. These internships are designed to offer a broad spectrum of career choices to our students. These courses have been added to the curriculum requirements under “elective courses”.

Habitat for Humanity International (Americus, GA) will be the first host organization for our internship program.
Elizabeth Penzien is a graduating senior from Imlay City, Michigan. She will complete her degree this Spring with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems. After graduation, Elizabeth plans to move to Atlanta and work in a technical field, possibly as a systems analyst.

Elizabeth is a full time student, taking approximately 18 credit hours a semester. She is also currently employed by Georgia Southwestern in the Administrative Computing Department.

In the Fall of 2000, Elizabeth was among the few students named GSW’s Outstanding Student for Fall Semester 2000. She was nominated by faculty of the School of Computer & Information Sciences because she has maintained a high grade point average while attending GSW.

Elizabeth finds her experience at GSW “challenging, eventful and a growing experience.” Her advice to younger students would be: “Keep up with your classes, but make sure to smell the roses every now and then.”

Carlo Brantly is a graduating senior from Atlanta, Georgia. He will complete his degree this Spring with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems. His professional ambition is to become a software developer.

In the Fall of 2000, Carlo was among the few students named GSW’s Outstanding Student for Fall Semester 2000. He was nominated by faculty of the School of Computer & Information Sciences because he has maintained a high grade point average while attending GSW.

Carlo completed four years of military service in the Army. He was stationed in Germany and is a Gulf War vet. He earned his associate degree in Business Administration from Georgia Perimeter College. Carlo has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity while at GSW and is taking part in projects on two skills building teams; Advanced Java Programming and Website Development.

“GSW provides an excellent opportunity to attend a school that allows a student close contact with the professors and staff,” Carlo says. “This has been a challenging and rewarding experience.”

Plans for the New CIS Building

Left: Current picture of Crawford Wheatley Hall under renovation.
Right: Drawing of Crawford Wheatley Hall after renovation is complete which is planned for possibly Summer 2002.
**ALUMNI CORNER**

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<td>earned his Master of Science degree in Computer Science in 1998 from GSSU. He is working for Lanier Worldwide in Tucker, Georgia. Bill has been with this organization for 2 1/2 years as their Systems Administrator.</td>
<td>earned her Master of Science degree in Computer Science in 1999 from GSSU. She is currently an Instructor at Towson University in Towson, Maryland. Iliana has been teaching at Towson for about 2 years.</td>
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<td>earned his Master of Science degree in Computer Science in 1998 from GSSU. Andy is working for Weyerhaeuser in Oglethorpe, Georgia as their support specialist for the company wide Manufacturing Execution System. He has been in the IT department for the past three years, but has been employed by Weyerhaeuser for 20 years.</td>
<td>earned his Master of Science degree in Computer Information Systems in 1992 from GSSU. Archie is currently employed by the Marine Corps Logistics Base in Albany, Georgia as their Supervisory Computer Specialist. Archie has been employed by the Marine Base for 22 years. Archie also teaches programming classes part-time for our University, on the base.</td>
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**SUCCESSFUL ALUMNUS REFERS PROJECT TO GSW-i-TECH**

Allen Highnote graduated from GSSU in 1987 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science. Allen owns Noteworthy Information System, which officially began while he was in college. Noteworthy specializes in working with very large software systems. Their primary focus is developing and maintaining mission critical applications. They are a small company with a proven record of taking on large projects that range in size from 500-4000 man hours of work. Their staff has over 40 years of combined programming experience and clients range in size from $1 Million to $4 Billion in revenue. Noteworthy focuses on providing custom software development and hosting solutions for mission critical applications running on the internet.” Allen states, “The course work at GSW helped give me an understanding of the technology and business principles that I would need throughout my career. However, the relationships I had with the instructors were what truly helped me the most. These relationships fed my interests in computers and business and gave me the needed skills for managing very large projects and clients”.

As a result of Allen receiving our first School Newsletter, he has referred Inland Caregiver Resource Center in San Bernardino, CA, to our very own GSW-i-TECH center for a website development project. Thanks Allen!

**GSW-i-TECH SPONSORS JOB SHOWCASE**

A Job Showcase will be held March 27, 2001 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm in conference rooms A & B in the Marshall Student Center. There will be 8 - 10 local employers there to talk to computer majors about prospective job opportunities. Bring your resumes with you.

If you need help preparing your resume, see Liz Smith in the Career Services Center.

**GSW-i-TECH** has been thriving since it began operation in Fall 2000.

If you would like to view some work that has been done by the center, visit the following websites:


*For More Information on GSW-i-TECH,*

whether you need work done, or you would like to apply to work on some projects, contact Will Goforth, Manager. *E-mail: wgoforth@sowega.net, Tel: 912-931-6879.*
INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

The School of Computer and Information Sciences and The Computer Science and Engineering School of Saint-Petersburg State Technical University in Russia will have the first workshop for a joint project, the Pre-graduate International Program. Dr. Chernorutskiy will be on the GSW campus from March 5 - March 17. Dr. Chernorutskiy is currently the Dean of The Computer Science and Engineering School. The Saint-Petersburg State Technical University has 1 - 2 points in rating of Russian Technical Universities. Among famous graduates are Nobel Prize winner, Laureate P.L. Kapitsa, aircraft designers O.K. Antonov and N.N. Polycarpov, and the designer of the T-34, legendary tank of World War II, M.I. Koshkin.

Also, our School and the head of the Department of Computer Science, Bhavnagar University in India, will meet to discuss the implementation details of this same joint project between our two Schools. Dr. Rathod, will be visiting our campus the week of April 2 – 16. Dr. Rathod has 32 years experience in teaching, research, and administration. Bhavnagar University has been covered under the development programs of the UGC and a member of Universities of the commonwealth countries. A world famous leader of the freedom movement of India, Mahatma Gandhi, has studied at the College of Arts & Science, a constituent college of Bhavanagar University.

The Pre-graduate International Program provides a platform for students to complete pre-required courses in their home country prior to joining GSW.

FACULTY ATTEND CONFERENCES

Dr. Shah: Presented a paper "Distance Learning Pre-Graduate Program" at 8th Annual Georgia Conference on College & University Teaching at Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA, February 2001.  
Dr. Li: The Thirty-Second Southeastern International Conference on Combinatorics, Graph Theory, and Computing, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA, February 2001.

DONATION INFORMATION

To make a tax deductible contribution to the School of Computer & Information Sciences and an “Investment in the Future”, go to the Alumni section of our newsletter on the web: http://www.gsw.edu/~cais/