



North Central Florida Chapter

February 2003

Internet Delivered News

Connie Graunke, www.facts.org

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 25, 2003

Come out to February's meeting and hear Connie Graunke give an overview of the FACTS.org web site, including a discussion on how the site was developed, the functions on the site, and the interactive connections involving over 38 public institutions and 27 private independent colleges and universities. Ms. Graunke will also discuss future anticipated enhancements to the site and the State's efforts at marketing the system to students, parents and counselors.



Since July 2001, Connie Graunke is the Executive Director of the Florida Center for Advising and Academic Support (FCAAS). FCAAS oversees the development and operation of the State's College Advising Website called FACTS. Charged with the ongoing development and implementation of FACTS, Ms. Graunke, along with the FCAAS Board, has helped Florida students gain online access to key educational services. Prior to this, Connie Graunke served as Director of Student Services and Articulation for the Florida State Board of Community Colleges. During her tenure she was responsible for some of the critical academic and student services policy issues facing K-16, including articulation, dual enrollment, remediation, financial aid, and the early development of FACTS. *-continued pg 2-*

Our chapter is the winner of the Year 2001 Region Outstanding Chapter Award! We continue to win COPA every year!

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February Meeting Reminder

When:	TUESDAY, February 25, 2003	Cost:	Members.....\$17.00 Non-Members.....\$ 20.00 Presentation Only (no dinner)....\$10.00 AITP national student members .. \$8.00 (includes dinner)
Time:	5:30-6:30 p.m. (Social Hour) 6:30-7:30 p.m. (Dinner) 7:30-8:30 p.m. (Program)	Menu (your choice):	- New York Strip - Southwest Chicken w/Anaheim Peppers - Fresh Flounder Filet - Pasta Primavera (vegetarian) <i>Dinners include: Tossed garden salad, vegetable, starch, rolls and butter, dessert, coffee, iced tea and water.</i>
Where:	Sheraton Hotel 2900 SW 13th St. Gainesville, FL 32608 377-4000		

BE SURE TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2003 12:00 NOON

Email your reservations to: **Tom Gumber**
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No shows will be billed

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Ms. Graunke has over 15 years of experience in student services and academic issues. She has been instrumental in developing partnerships with other systems and working on articulation issues, including the development of a statewide articulation agreement with the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida and the concurrent-use agreements between public and private universities. Ms. Graunke serves on the SREB Policy Laboratory Credit subcommittee and the Florida Board of Education Articulation Work Group. Ms. Graunke currently holds a Baccalaureate of Science in Human Biology from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, a Master in Science in Higher Education from Florida State University (FSU) and is in the process of completing her Dissertation for a Doctorate in Higher Education, also from FSU.

Local: News and Happenings

Tour Coming Up!

When: Tuesday, March 4, 2003, 5:30 pm



Where: Sid Martin Biotechnology Development Incubator (BDI) in Alachua. See www.biotech.ufl.org/BDImap.html for map.

Directions: Go north on US 441 about 10 miles. Just before a large overpass is the Progress Corporate Park on the left, identified by a sign. The road is Progress Blvd. Turn left onto Progress Blvd. The BDI is on your right. The BDI is a large white building with mint green architectural steel girders on the roof and is identified by its own sign reading "Sid Martin Biotechnology Development Institute." If you go over the overpass, and into the city of Alachua, you have gone too far.

Tour: We will all meet there and Ms. Patti Breedlove, the Incubator Manager, will greet us and show us the facility. We should assemble in the main lobby at 5:30 p.m. She estimates the tour and a Q&A session will last 30-45 minutes. Ms. Breedlove also said there is only a small IT-specific installation there, although some computer and networking equipment is part of the operation.

Background: The BDI is a division of the Biotechnology Program at the UF. The BDI is a full service business incubator designed specifically to support biotech startup companies and to facilitate technology transfer from the State University System of Florida to the private sector. See www.biotech.ufl.org for more info.



Sid Martin Biotechnology Incubator

Afterwards: Join us for our March Board Meeting at **Conestoga's Restaurant** in Alachua held directly after the meeting. RSVP by Monday, 3/3 to John Tucker.



Conestoga's Restaurant
www.alachua.com/conestogas

Please RSVP for the tour by Wednesday, 2/26 to John Tucker.

Association: Region 7 News

AITP 8th Annual National Collegiate Conference March 27-29, 2003

What do you get when you add 700+ students & faculty, keynote speakers, programming contests, breakout sessions, 90+ colleges & universities, and West Lafayette, IN? You get the 8th Annual AITP National Collegiate Conference at Purdue University. See <http://aitp.tech.purdue.edu/NCC>



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Vision

AITP is the Information Technology professional organization of choice for providing leadership opportunities, professional development and personal growth.

Mission Statement

AITP offers opportunities for Information Technology (IT) leadership and education through partnerships with industry, government and academia. AITP provides quality IT related education, information on relevant IT issues and forums for networking with experienced peers and other IT professionals

March Birthdays

March 10—Les Auerbach
March 27—Steve Ware



Calendar/Program

Next Board Meeting

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Board Dinner Meeting: Conestoga's Restaurant (directly afterwards)

2003 Dinner Meeting Dates

Tuesday, March 25—confirming

Tuesday, April 22—*What's Wrong with this Database Management Picture?*,
Fabian Pascal.

Our speaker will be selling/signing his newest book, "Practical Issues in Database Management".

Tuesday, May 27—TBA

Tuesday, June 24—TBA

Summer Break

We are working on getting Microsoft and Oracle to come in soon.

Any suggestions or if you know of a good speaker, email Sharon Miller or Jean Clark.

Congratulations!

A warm congratulations to our President, John Tucker, on the birth of his new baby boy, Bryce!

2003 Directory Underway

We are putting together the 2003 AITP Chapter and we need updated photos and information (if it has changed).

Email them to Sharon at train@gru.net ASAP. Thanks!