Greetings from UPE President

I hope everyone enjoyed the Spring break! We are looking forward to initiation ceremony for new members this quarter. For current members who graduate this academic year, please make sure that you are placing your order for an honor cord to wear at the graduation ceremony. The email asking you to place your order will be sent to you in the middle of May! Check this Newsletter for details on the events and become part of each one of them! Have a great Spring Quarter!

Upcoming Events

Initiation Ceremony

- Place: St. Vincent's DePaul Church, Time: 4:00 – 5:00 pm.

Medical Informatics Workshop

- Speakers: Medical Informatics Research Group.
- Place: CDM 723, Time: 12:30 – 4:00 pm.

Member Profile

After working nearly a decade in traditional architecture offices, Douglas Switzer started to shift his career focus toward developing and managing information systems. Career opportunities in a small software development company and the nation’s largest non-profit service organization placed him into the role of systems analyst and project manager for several website development projects. Now as a full-time graduate student at DePaul University, Douglas is working to advance his career transition. He sees tremendous similarities among his past experiences and his future aspirations systems analysis and project management. Douglas aims for his next role to benefit from the academic and professional expertise he has accumulated. He takes pride in his work and seeks purpose to drive his passion for excellence. Through his work, including community projects, Douglas endeavors to make a substantial and distinct contribution.

Reminders:

- If you are eligible for being a member in UPE, you will receive an invitation this quarter. Remember that this is a one-time invitation. Please accept the invitation pay the initiation fee by the date specified in the email. Please check out our website for more details on joining UPE at http://clinton.cs.depaul.edu/upe/details.asp.
The benefits of joining UPE include enhanced resume, scholarships, ACM Student Power Package, Graduation recognition, CDM Research Database, and more. Check out the details at http://clinton.cs.depaul.edu/upe/details.asp.

UPE members who currently attend DePaul, should register on Demon Direct. By registering, our UPE Chapter can take advantage of DePaul funding opportunities for chapter events. (https://wa.is.depaul.edu/DemonDirect/demondirect.aspx).

UPE board meeting will be held Mondays 12:30-1:30 pm in CDM 723. All UPE members are invited to attend.

Winter Quarter Recap

We have had the great opportunity to host some very exciting events in the winter quarter. We are always pleased to see faculty members and alumni in the crowd!

Open Lab: Game Research
Date: February 4th, 2011
The speaker was Dr. Jose Zagal, an Assistant Professor at CDM, teaching game design and ethics. His research explores the challenges of using games as the subject of learning about games and studying games. His book “Ludoliteracy: Defining and supporting Games Education” has recently been published. He talked about different research projects in Game literature and current projects at CDM. If you are interested to be involved in a game research project please contact him at jzagal@cdm.depaul.edu.

Research Seminar: Deploying Machine Learning Systems in the Real World
Date: March 1st, 2011
The speaker was Mohit Kumar, researcher at Accenture Technology Labs and PhD candidate at Carnegie Mellon University. Mohit received his bachelor’s degree in Computer Science and Engineering from Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur. After graduating from IIT Kharagpur, he worked for IBM India Research Lab as Technical Staff member for 2 years. He talked about an application of predicting payment error in health care industry which saves millions of dollars for health insurance companies. He talked about different aspects and challenges in this project. It was followed by questions from students and faculty members in the audience.

National UPE Convention
Date: March 11th, 2011
The UPE Convention was held in Dallas, Texas on March 11, 2011 in conjunction with the SIGSE Symposium. Our UPE chapter was funded from DePaul University to attend the convention and present the annual report. DePaul UPE chapter is currently the largest chapter in the nation with 1494 members.

Please feel free to join us for our Board Meetings:
Monday 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm (CDM 7th Floor - Millennia Boardroom - #723)
Email UPE: deltaUPE@cdm.depaul.edu
UPE Website: http://clinton.cs.depaul.edu/upe/home.asp