INFO FAIR 1994: January 13-14

INFOFAIR is a partnership effort of Academic Computing, Office of Media and Technology, and R.S. Small Library. The purpose is to introduce students, faculty, and staff to new information products and services provided at the College of Charleston. On January 13 and 14, the R.S. Small Library will be converted into a fairground where demonstrations and workshops highlighting the newest developments integrating information technology into classrooms, curricula and research at our institution.

A full list of topics and instructors appears below. The sessions are open to staff, students, and faculty, and will take place in the Library Student Computing Center. Space is limited, so you should sign up in advance on the sign up sheets in the library and the Student Computing Centers or call 953-5569.

There will also be a number of ongoing demonstrations of new products and services. These activities will focus on multimedia, scanning, Internet, and CoastNet applications. As an added bonus, door prizes including free videos, free campus network connections, and, rumor has it, a free computer will be given away.

Thursday, January 13:
10:30  Internet Overview
12:00  Resources on Internet
1:00   Advanced Searching Techniques/Library
2:00   Hypercard Stacks created by students
3:00   Powerpoint
4:00   Campus Data Network

Friday, January 14:
9:30   Campus Data Network
10:30  Internet Overview
12:00  Resources on Internet
1:00   Advanced Searching Techniques/Library
2:00   Multimedia
3:00   Multimedia in the Classroom
4:00   Students Serve Themselves

News Briefs

--The President has approved the establishment of an International Education Committee that will be advisory to him and will undertake initiatives to achieve the internationalization of the campus and the curriculum by working with the appropriate units and individuals on campus. Two members of the committee are to be elected through the Faculty Senate. While it is not required that these members be senators, they certainly may be. There will also be faculty representatives appointed by the Deans of the five academic schools and the library. The committee will be chaired by Dean Sam Hines and co-chaired by Deans Ed McGuire and Howard Rudd. The committee will include representation from Academic Affairs and from Student Affairs and at least one student representative.

--The Faculty Seminar (sponsored by the President and the School of Humanities and Social Sciences) will continue in the spring semester. We will read James Q. Wilson's new book, The Moral Sense, and a novel with an academic setting (perhaps one of David Lodge's novels). New participants in the seminar are most welcome as are those who participated last fall. If you would like to join the seminar, please contact Sam Hines at 3-5770 by Monday, January 17th. The seminar will begin meeting in February to allow some time for reading.

--If you have not already returned your questionnaire concerning your international experiences, please do so at your earliest convenience. Questionnaires should be sent to Sam Hines, School of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Faculty Senate meets
January 11th, 5:00 pm
Maybank 100

Sexual Harassment/Campus Climate Group meets January 27th, 3:00 pm
ECTR 112
C of C's Employee Assistance Program
by Sarah Lynn Gainey

Established three years ago, the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is a benefit provided by the College for all employees, administration, staff, faculty, and dependents. The premise upon which the EAP is based is that people at times have problems that are too numerous or too complex for them to handle. Left unaddressed, these problems often show up in the work place in the form of reduced productivity, mistakes, accidents, or difficulties in interpersonal relationships. The goal is to address these problems before they get to the point of interfering with work performance. People don't function in a vacuum; they are part of work and family systems. For this reason, the EAP offers its services to family members, children, and adults.

Problems addressed are numerous. The following are some issues that are presented: marital and relationship problems, legal and financial problems, children/adolescent issues (behavioral and learning problems), emotional problems (e.g., major depression, bipolar affective disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety disorders, eating disorders), alcohol/drug abuse and dependency, grief and loss, and eldercare.

The College of Charleston's EAP is provided by the Charleston Employee Assistance Consortium (CEAC), which has been in existence for eight years. CEAC provides EAP services for Trident Technical College, Midland's Tech, The County of Charleston, Trident Regional Medical Center, Spartanburg Tech, and the SC Department of Corrections Coastal Region. Offices are located at 180 Wentworth Street and 5416-A Rivers Avenue and there is 24 hour telephone access. Office hours are 8:30 am to 6:30 pm.

The staff consists of seven master's level counselors, a psychologist, a master's level social worker, and a psychiatrist. The EAP model for the College provides assessment and referral and short-term counseling. The sessions held within the EAP offices are free to employees and their dependents, paid for by the College. If an individual requires long-term therapy, specialized treatment or in-patient treatment, s/he is referred to a resource in the community. Resources utilized outside the EAP are covered either by the individual or insurance. CEAC has a number of Preferred Provider agreements with doctors, therapists, and treatment facilities that provide quality care at a reduced rate. Confidentiality is guaranteed. Call 723-3129 or 747-5327 for an appointment.

From the Faculty Advisory Committee

The Catholic Church will issue a press release stating its intentions to sell its Bishop England property to the College of Charleston; B.E. will move to Daniel Island in three years; details need to be worked out.

There will be a Faculty Retreat this Spring organized by President Sanders. Attendance will be optional.

Modifications in the College calendar have been discussed. President Sanders encouraged the committee to attempt alternative plans in consultation with Dr. Sue Sommer-Kresse.

Schedule of Senate/Faculty Meetings
for Spring '94

-- January 11 Senate Meeting
-- February 1 Senate Meeting
-- [February 15-16 Board of Trustees Meetings]
-- March 1 Senate Meeting
-- April 5 Senate Meeting
-- April 18 General Faculty Meeting

Nominations/Elections Committee Timetable

-- January 21: at-large Senate vacancy slate, Speaker of the Faculty nominees, Faculty Secretary nominees
-- February 1: nominations at Senate meeting
-- February 2: mail ballots
-- February 15: deadline to receive ballots
-- February 21: ballot counting
-- early March: invitations for committee positions
-- March 21: committee slates announced
-- April 5: nominations at Senate meeting
-- April 18: Faculty meeting to elect committees
-- April 29: deadline to receive ballots for Nominations/Elections Committee
-- May 2: ballot counting for new Nominations/Elections Committee

Faculty interested in serving on committees should look for a survey from the Nom/Elect. Cmte and reply in a timely fashion.

Sarah Lynn Gainey is President of C of C Alumni Association and is employed by CEAC; thanks to SMH, JD, CCH, SJ, RN, and BS for their contributions and assistance with this issue.