



The Crabbie News

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Gala Event Tonight

A casual buffet dinner will start our Gala Event – crab cakes, Angus burgers, Veggie burgers, and the like will get you ready for fun events planned at the ESPN Zone. After dinner, head on over to the ESPN Zone for an open bar (yes, unlimited beer, wine, and soda) and game passes from Dell and McAfee. Dress casually and get ready for some action, as the ESPN games will get your heart racing and your blood flowing!



Directions to the ESPN Zone:
Exit the Marriott and turn right toward the canal walk. Take the canal walk to the right and head

to the second bridge. Turn left at the second bridge, and cross through the Pier 5 Hotel Circle. You'll see the aquarium ahead of you. Cross the footbridge leading past ship #37. Walk around the end of the Pier 4 building. Turn right and head to the end of the row of shops. ESPN Zone is on your right, 601 East Pratt Street.

SIGUCCS Needs Your Help

The SIGUCCS Marketing Committee will be handing out surveys tomorrow at each of the first sessions of the day. Please fill it out and return it to the Help Desk. Thanks so much for your help.

Subscribe to the SIGUCCS listserv

In support of the SIGUCCS tradition of communication with colleagues and sharing information, there are two discussion lists available. The SIGUCCS open listserv is available to members and



Kay Sommers and Barbara Robinson present VCU's award-winning video, 'The Password Snatcher'

Today's Highlights

Breakfast Buffet - 7:00 am - 8:30 am, Concourse

Communication Awards Breakfast (by invitation) - 7:00 am - 8:30 am, Laurel Rooms C-D

Speakers' Breakfast (by invitation; presenters meet your session chairs) - 7:00 am - 8:30 am, Salon C

Meet the Contributors - 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm, Concourse

SIGUCCS Fest - 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, Salons A-B-C

ESPN Zone Games and Open Bar - 8:00 pm. - 11:00 pm, ESPN Zone Sports Arena

Movie Night - Harold and Maude, 9:00 pm, Salon D

Ice Cream Social and Hospitality Suite - 9:00 pm - 11:00 pm, Salon B

non-members alike. To subscribe, go to the SIGUCCS web site, www.acm.org/siguccs.

Birds of a Feather (BOF) Sessions Continue

Want to continue a discussion started during a presentation? Have an idea you want to explore with your colleagues? BOFs are a great way to connect with your colleagues in an informal discussion setting. All conference attendees are welcome to suggest a BOF topic. If you are interested in leading a discussion, simply post your topic on one of the sign up sheets on the BOF Board near the Help Desk. A room will be provided for you to lead an informal discussion from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm.

Speakers' Breakfasts

If you are a presenter or session chair, you'll find an invitation to your Speakers' Breakfast with your registration materials. This breakfast is an opportunity for presenters and session chairs to get to know one another and plan session strategy. It's also a good way to make sure you are fully-caffeinated for your presentation!

Changes to Note

Wednesday's Session 44 B has been withdrawn.



Poster Presenters and Communication Award winners are a hit!

Hospitality Suites

Another night of mingling and fun with fellow, SIGUCCS night owls. Again, light snacks, non-alcoholic beverages, board games, a chance to meet some new friends - or catch up with some old friends – all happens at the Hospitality Suite.

The Ice Cream Social will be part of tonight's Hospitality Suite.

Day-Tripper Room

If you are staying at another hotel, please feel free to make use of our Day Tripper Room. The Day Tripper Room is a lounge available to you to freshen up, relax, or just collect your thoughts in a quiet room. Trade a piece of personal ID for the key to the Day Tripper Room at the Help Desk, and you're in.

Speaker Preparation Room (Galena Room)

If you are presenting at the conference, the Speaker Preparation

Room is a good place to practice, meet other presenters, and check A/V details (to verify projector compatibility, a projector is available for checkout from the Help Desk). The Speaker Preparation Room is located in the Galena Room and is open today from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.

E-Mail and Documentation Room (Essex Room)

Are you a Google junkie? Need to satisfy your e-mail fix? Our contributors, Apple and IBM, have generously equipped our E-mail and Documentation Room.

Want to print a paper from the Proceedings CD before attending a session? Printing stations are available in this room.

The E-mail and Documentation Room also has displays of the award winning communication materials. Come see the materials that won Communication Awards, and get some ideas for your next project.

The E-Mail and Documentation Room is open from 7:00 am – 7:00 pm (7:00 am – noon on Wednesday).



SIGUCCS friends relax at the Opening Reception

On This Day in History

October 12, 1492

Christopher Columbus Saw Land!

Early in the morning on October 12, 1492, a sailor looked out to the horizon from the bow of his sailing ship, the Pinta, and saw land. After 10 long weeks at sea, from the port of Palos, Spain, Columbus and his crews saw the New World. The following day, 90 crew members from Columbus's three-ship fleet set foot on the island of Guanahani in the Bahamas and planted the flag of their sponsors, King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain. Columbus continued his exploration, discovering other lands. Do you know what other places Columbus found as he continued his journey?

The first Columbus Day celebration in the United States took place on October 12, 1792--300 years after his first discovery--but it still wasn't an official holiday for another 100 years. Days commemorating special events like Columbus Day or birthdays of famous leaders, like Martin Luther King Jr., become national holidays and help us remember the important contributions these individuals made to our country.

Fact-of-the-day...

In 1963, Max Mathews, a researcher at the Bell Telephone Laboratories, Murray Hill, NJ, published a paper outlining how a computer can be programmed to play and even compose music. See Mathews, M.V. (1963) "The Digital Computer as a Musical Instrument," Science 142(11):553-557.

Computers and Music? Indeed! An MP3 Player will be part of the raffle on Wednesday morning, just after the closing speaker.

Wednesday's Reminders

Breakfast Buffet - 7:00 am - 8:30 am, Concourse

Closing Keynote

(Leonardo's Laptop: Building Creativity into Education, by Ben Shneiderman) 10:30 am - Noon, Salon C

Hospitality Suite -

9:00 pm - 11:00 pm, Essex A