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## **First Information Technology Day to Focus on Impact of Computers**

The University's Information Technology Day - a daylong series of speakers, both national and local, focusing on critical issues of computing in higher education - will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 7, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Homer Babbidge Library and the Dodd Center.

The day will culminate in a keynote speech by Brian Hawkins, president of EDUCAUSE, the national professional association for information technology in higher education, and will be followed by presentation of the 2001 Chancellor's Information Technology Awards.

"With the recent 20th anniversary of the development and deployment of the personal computer, we believe it's particularly appropriate to examine the impact of computers on higher education," says Paul Kobulnicky, vice chancellor for information services and sponsor of the event.

"Those who attend can expect to gain a better understanding of national issues related to IT in our computing environment, as well as to learn about the IT initiatives we have underway at the University."

Recipients of the 2001 Chancellor's Information Technology Awards include: Gary Robbins, geophysics; the School of Business's "Edgelab" team: **Richard Dino, Paulo Goes, Ram Gopal, and James Marsden**; Mark Brand, plant science; Daniel Civco, natural resources; Amy Dunbar, business, and Mark Boyer, political science.

Keynote speaker Brian Hawkins has

been a senior administrator at Brown University and Drexel University in Philadelphia. At Drexel, he was responsible for the academic program that was the first in the nation to require access to a microcomputer and to integrate the use of technology throughout the curriculum.

A management professor by training, Hawkins is the author of three books and articles, book chapters and monographs in the area of information resources, academic planning and the use of technology in higher education.

EDUCAUSE sponsors many active, collaborative projects to solve issues of critical importance facing higher education, especially

difficulties involving policies, practices, and standards in an open computing environment. Hawkins will speak about projects EDUCAUSE is currently undertaking that are relevant to UConn.

Other national speakers for the day include Gary Bachula, vice president for Internet2, a consortium of 180 universities working with industry and government to develop advanced network applications and technology for the creation of tomorrow's Internet; and Steven Gilbert, founder of Teaching, Learning, Technology Group, a non-profit organization that focuses on how technology relates to teaching and learning.

During the program, UConn IT staff members will address current issues in streaming video, the University's authentication project, and creative student uses of the networked computer in UConn's residence halls.

In addition to the scheduled speakers, staff from the various UConn IT-related organizations will staff tables set up on the Plaza level of Babbidge Library from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., to answer questions related to their services.

### Schedule of Events

- ✧ 9 a.m. - Gary Bachula, vice president, Internet2  
"Internet2: New Dimensions in Collaboration"  
Konover Auditorium, Dodd Center
- ✧ 10 a.m. - Dan Mercier et al, UCIMT  
"Current Issues in Streaming Video"  
Class of '47 Room, Babbidge Library
- ✧ 11 a.m. - Matt Smith; University ITS  
"Morpheus, KaZaa, Audiogalaxy and Other Residential Hall  
Computing Adventures"  
Class of '47 Room, Babbidge Library
- ✧ 1 p.m. - Steve Gilbert, director, Teaching, Learning, Technology  
Group of the American Association for Higher Education  
"Why Bother? (Working to Improve Teaching and Learning with  
Technology)"  
Konover Auditorium, Dodd Center
- ✧ 2 p.m. - Rob Vietzke, University ITS  
"Private, Secure, and User Friendly: The UConn Authentication  
Project"  
Class of '47 Room, Babbidge Library
- ✧ 3 p.m. - Keynote speech, Brian Hawkins, president, EDUCAUSE  
"Key Issues in Higher Education IT"  
Konover Auditorium, Dodd Center
- ✧ 4 p.m. - Presentation of the 2001 Chancellor's IT Awards  
Konover Auditorium, Dodd Center

