The MUITSO website underwent some major work in the beginning of this fall semester and it was recently launched on October 13, 2008 at www.muitso.org with many cool new features. While the old website had a sufficient amount of information about the organization, we felt that we needed to make some changes to increase the level of professionalism as well as the site’s visibility to search engines.

Here is an overview of what we did:

**Website hosting** – We are no longer hosted at fateback.com. Our new URL is simply www.muitso.org. The URL is now shorter and is easy to remember! Also, due to the recent change in hosting to a web server, the site is able to be indexed by search engines. If you don’t have a good long term memory, just do a Google search of “muitso” and you’ll see our website in the #1 spot.

**New layout design** – We wanted to have an organized and professional layout. Without going crazy with the colors, we decided to go along with Marquette’s navy and gold theme. Instead of using the usual boring plain text links, we used tabs to navigate from page to page.

**More articles** – A selection of articles were taken from ITSO...GOOD newsletter archives and were placed in the home page and also in the Article tab. Placing some of the major articles on the main page will get visitors to recognize more of what ITSO does and what it offers to its members.

**Calendar of Events** – In the News & Events tab, we have added a calendar. Events such as campus interviews, MUITSO activities, and company presentations are added ahead of time. Take advantage of this feature and add any event to your calendar that may be relevant to you. Point is, be organized and plan ahead!

**Job Board** – In addition to receiving an email from Dr. Kaiser about a new open position, IT students can now search for a job at the Job Board.
ITSO Philanthropy at the Ronald McDonald House

It’s time to get involved in our community, and ITSO would like to lend a helping hand to those in need. This year, ITSO will be involved in two community outreach programs, so get ready to get involved! We will be doing one event per semester, so watch ITSO for details and ways to get involved. Donations and time are both needed to make our community better, so if you are short on one, there is always a way to get involved. We are lucky to be part of such a great organization, and giving back should always be a part of what we do.

This event is scheduled for November 8th, 2009, at 9:00am to serve brunch at the Ronald McDonald House! If you have any questions or suggestions, contact Stephanie Rau at stephanie.rau@marquette.edu or Prof. Ow.

Keep your eyes open for e-mails with further details!

Don’t have time on Saturday morning?

We are looking for volunteers to take active rolls in any of three committees:

**Shopping committee**
To buy supplies on Thursday (11/6) or Friday (11/7)

**Cooking committee**
To prepare food on Friday evening (11/7)

**Serving committee**
To serve brunch to families on Saturday (11/8)

**Be sure to sign up as soon as possible!**
stephanie.rau@mu.edu

Since 1984, over 28,000 families from 568 Wisconsin communities, 48 states and 26 foreign countries have called our House their "home." Over 400 volunteers help us keep our doors open 365 days a year. If guest families can make a donation, the suggested amount is $10.00 per evening. For some, even that is more than they are able to afford, yet no one is ever turned away for lack of funds. The actual cost for a family to stay is over $100.00 per night.

MUITSO.org (cont.)

We have provided some information regarding the Job Board to recruiters and alumni so they can keep the IT students up to date with the latest job openings at their company. The Job Board will be another resource for them to attract our students. There are currently 23 full-time and internship IT positions listed. Go check them out!

**Pictures gallery** – Who doesn’t love pictures? From now on, we will be taking pictures at all MUITSO events and will be putting them on the website. We want to share the experiences with those who may not have made it to our events. It gives the visitors a better sense of how the event went by looking at the pictures.

**Contact form** – Should you have any questions, concerns, or feedback about anything relating to MUITSO, please feel free to send us a message. We want to make things easier, so we created a contact form just for you.

MUITSO Twitter – If you do not have a Twitter account, sign up for one soon. MUITSO set-up an account to keep in touch with Marquette alumni and other professionals. If you are not familiar with Twitter, it basically acts like a “Status Update” to keep everyone around you posted on what you are doing. Check it out at Twitter.com!

Hopefully, the new website will give everyone a better look at what is going on within MUITSO. This has been phase I of the redevelopment process, so watch out for more changes in the future. Take a look at the new MUITSO.org and let us know what you think!

~ Sara Abdul Rahman & Lukas Sparks
Greetings from Washington D.C! I hope all is well at Marquette. For those who do not know me, I was last year's ITSO president. I currently work for PricewaterhouseCoopers in the McLean, VA office, also known as the Washington DC metro office. I had an internship with PricewaterhouseCoopers in Washington D.C. in the summer of 2007 and started full time with the Firm this past July. I work as an Information Technology Advisory Associate and absolutely love my job.

With the tough economic times our country is going through, I am glad that I have chosen IT as my career path. I feel very secure about my job, and take comfort in not having to worry about being laid off.

I am not only glad I chose IT because I know I will have a job (and a good job at that), but also because I love what I do and I have been given many awesome opportunities even though I've only been with the Firm three months.

I am currently studying for the CISA (Certified Information Systems Auditor) exam, which my company is sponsoring me to take. Also, I have recently been on non-stop travel for work, which has taken me to four states that I had never been to before. I am really enjoying the travel and the ability to see new places.

Although I am not highly interested in the political aspect of Washington D.C., my job has exposed me to a side of government that I am learning to love. I am part of the PwC Washington Federal Practice, which means that I work for federal clients. My job requires me to be up-to-date on all of the federal laws & standards so that I can best serve my clients. The government is highly interested in establishing comprehensive oversight of Information Technology assets in order to protect sensitive information. I enjoy participating in this aspect of the government through my work.

I truly miss Marquette University and the IT department. I take heart in knowing that I left ITSO in the hands of more-than-dependable individuals, and I thank them for their hard work this year and their dedication to the IT department. They have a great and motivational faculty advisor, who was my mentor throughout college. I plan to attend the February networking event and see some familiar and new faces! Good luck to everyone as the semester closes out, and know that I am available to chat about IT or PwC anytime! My email is Stephanie.storck@hotmail.com - don't hesitate!

For now,
Stephanie Storck

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I have kept in touch with Professor Ow, and it sounds like ITSO is off to a great start with a highly successful Biznet thanks to the very hard work and dedication of many individuals...believe me, I know how hard it is to throw a huge networking event, and this year's surpassed all expectations! I have read every issue of ITSO GOOD this year, and they are all so good. I am also highly impressed with the new ITSO website. IT majors at Marquette University are lucky to have such a vast bundle of resources available to them for networking, finding internships and finding full-time jobs. Another great resource to IT students is the large amount of passionate IT alumni. I'm sure my fellow IT alumni agree with me when I say that we are available to answer any questions you have and we love reaching out and helping in any way we can.

I am very excited about the newly established Marquette - PwC Washington DC relationship. I am highly impressed with the recruiters from both PwC Milwaukee (Angela Helbing) and PwC DC (Kanika Walcott). I have had the chance to meet these two women, who in addition to being great at what they do, are truly passionate about PwC!

Stephanie Storck was the President of the ITSO for the 2007-2008 school year

Catching Up with Stephanie Storck!

Stephanie is currently working for PricewaterhouseCoopers in Washington DC
Twitter: The New Facebook?

You may have heard someone ask "hey, are you on Twitter?", or noticed the little bird on the right-hand column of the new MUITSO site design and thought "what is with these people and birds?" Twitter is one of the newest additions to the social-media scene joining the likes of Facebook and MySpace. The basic idea is similar to the "Status" setting in Facebook, allowing you to publish short 140-character or less messages online from your computer or cell phone to answer the simple question - "What are you doing?" Twitter also allows you to "friend" other users and subscribe to their message stream, creating an aggregation of what people are up to on your home page.

So, why would someone want to keep track of a bunch of 140 character messages? The reason I became interested in Twitter was I wanted to get involved in the Milwaukee design/technology/entrepreneurial scene. After reading about Twitter online, I searched for people by location, figuring the type of people I wanted to connect with would be those using the latest technology. I ended up finding quite a few people in the area, and found out about cool offline events such as Spreenkler and BarCampMKE3. One of the coolest things about Twitter is the formation of online communities, and then the transition from online to offline, real events.

Getting involved in the Twitter community is easy. Just go to www.twitter.com and sign up for an account. Click Find People at the top, and enter your search criteria. (At the time of this writing, the search feature on Twitter has been temporarily disabled. For links to local Twitter users to follow, please see www.muitso.org/twitter.html)

~ Lukas Sparks

Can You Call My Game Console Instead? I Can’t Find My Phone.

As of November 19, you can be the most technologically advanced person and only own four small devices. That’s right; you will be able to listen to music, make a call, watch movies, play video games and write amazing articles for the ITSO newsletter all with just an iPhone, Laptop, TV and an Xbox. In about three weeks, Microsoft is unlocking the Xbox experience. This new software for the Xbox adds great versatility to the console. In my opinion, the best new feature: Netflix. Beginning November 19, you will be able to use your Xbox to access your Netflix account and watch thousands of HD quality movies immediately on your TV. Other features include a new marketplace which has big implications in the sale of virtual goods. The last main feature of the new software is virtual parties. Both of these are big steps toward the future. The virtual parties are a virtual step away from being able to link friends and family thousands of miles away and allowing them to explore things other than games together, such as photo albums or travel sites. It is also very close to being able to host video phone calls.

When you add everything you can do with these four gadgets, it’s quite the long list. What was once accomplished with about ten gadgets, and even some that were not possible at all, can now be accomplished by four magic boxes.

This is clear evidence of where technology is headed. While memory is becoming smaller and cheaper, we are allowed to make our toys smaller, which also allows for more features. With this never ending cycle, we will soon be able to condense those four gadgets into one. This is so transformational.

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The ability to access Netflix through your Xbox? What’s next?
Microsoft Unveils...Windows 7

First, however, it's important to note what Windows 7 isn't. Windows 7 will not contain anything like the kind of far-reaching architectural modifications that Microsoft made with Windows Vista. Vista brought a new display layer and vastly improved security, but that came at a cost: a significant number of (badly-written) applications had difficulty running on Vista. Applications expecting to run with Administrator access were still widespread when Vista was released. Though many software vendors do a great job, there are still those that haven't updated or fixed their software. Similarly, at its launch, many hardware vendors did not have drivers that worked with the new sound or video subsystems, leaving many users frustrated.

~ Josh Connor

Tips for Landing the Job: Show Your Passion

Have you heard about Windows’ new operating system? No, not Mojave. Windows 7, named obviously because it’s the 7th installment. Though you won’t have to look far to read about what’s new... you will need to look closely if you want to see what’s really different vs. Windows Vista. While Vista was an immediate switch from the look of XP, Windows 7 so far looks like a moderate touchup of Vista; though one with new bells and whistles, and some much-needed improvements to certain subsystems.

The academic and career successes on your resume are what get you an interview with a company. What will make you stand out from the other applicants? Passion.

In my last article, I talked about your physical appearance and hygiene for interviews, and now I have discussed your interview as a first date. You want to look your best, speak your best, and be your best, and you want to make sure the other person knows how interested you are in them. If all goes well, you should get a second date (and by that, of course, I mean the job!).

~ Emily McGough

When searching for jobs, be sure to check out the new Job Board feature on the updated ITSO website!

www.muitso.org

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Above, the folders view in Windows 7.
On the left, the Windows 7 desktop view.

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How does this delivery relate to landing your first job out of college? According to recent Marquette graduates, it translates into a rewarding, educational and exciting opportunity. Several Marquette alumni have completed their participation in Metavante Corporation’s Leadership Program Associate (LPA) training and have begun their respective roles within the company, including Sasha McGinn ’08, Tyler Zacharias ’08, Eric Nagel ’04/’08, Jason Thelen ’08, Robert Sweasy ’08 and Matt Dowling ’07.

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Values: Responsive, Ethical, Knowledgeable, Honest

Shown above are Metavante’s key values. These values must be displayed by all 5,700 of Metavante’s employees.

About Metavante

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College Recruiting

Every year Metavante recruits at colleges across the nation for qualified students in the areas of information technology, sales and marketing, finance and accounting and more to join Metavante’s LPA training program upon graduation.

Implemented to provide new hires with cross-culture exposure and a foundation of knowledge for long-term career success at Metavante, the LPA training program consists of 75 days of company-wide rotations.

The LPA training program provides learning experiences that accelerate entry into Metavante’s culture and foster long-term career success. Through the rotations, the LPAs alternate through primary “experience” areas including: client facing, development, marketing, operation service delivery and corporate administration. Within these different areas, LPAs experience project work, classroom training and on-the-job learning. Upon completion of the training program, each LPA joins the respective department for which he/she was hired.

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Metavante First-Hand: Feedback from Marquette IT Graduates

Why were you interested in employment at Metavante?
ITSO sponsored a “Java and Jobs” event where students were able to talk to recruiters from different companies; Metavante was one of several companies to attend, but was the only one that stood out as a corporation that I could really see myself working for. - Robert

How has the LPA training program influenced your transition from college to the work force?
The program was a good way to get familiar with the company as a whole before starting in my position. The transition didn’t feel overwhelming because learning about the company and culture was separate from learning the actual job. - Jason

As a recent graduate settling into a new job, what piece of advice would you offer students beginning their job search?
My advice would be to embrace the change you are about to go through. It is alright to be a little scared of the unknown, but strive to get all that you can out of the experiences you are about to have. - Matthew

Always keep your options open, you never know what will fall into your lap. - Sasha

What words describe Metavante’s culture?

Sasha McGinn is a member of the product management group, responsible for establishing relationships with internal and external vendors and creating new products and services that will provide value to our customers.

Robert Sweasy is a business analyst in the information security department and is responsible for understanding what clients are looking for to remain up-to-date with industry security measures.

Jason Thelen is a programmer analyst in the remote services department. He is responsible for the set up, maintenance and support transmission methods between Metavante and its clients for a variety of applications.

Matt Dowling is a business analyst responsible for capturing and documenting user requirements for emerging products.

Can You Call My Game Console Instead? (cont.)

that I have a name for it: the iBat Belt. Everything thing you could ever need attached to your hip. To think with the addition of one little chip you could pay for anything with a swipe of your iPhone. So with a few more chips and a few reductions in size, you can then use the same gadget that you used like a credit card and listen to your favorite music which is inevitably interrupted by a video call with your mom (don’t forget to ask for money). Then you can use it to record your lecture and take written notes of it and afterwards, when the class room is empty, you can use it to fight 3D aliens, and then go home and watch the new season of The Office projected on your wall. In fact, if the gadget could make pudding I wouldn’t put up with extremely high prices, poor programming, overheating and even more security risks. Those problems, though, cause further innovation and soon I will be writing an article about flying cars and teleportation.

~ Erik Olson

“About ten gadgets and even some were not possible at all can now be accomplished by four magic boxes.”

At the rate technology is evolving, are flying cars too far from realistic?
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