SIU has chosen Mythics Consulting to assess the university’s human resources processes, procedures and tools. Specifically, Mythics will determine redundant processes and associated paperwork to streamline procedures.

Mythics Consulting will help identify untapped uses and functionality in tools that SIU currently owns, including Oracle. They will also help SIU to align with industry best practices.

Some of the questions that Mythics will focus on include:

1. What type of people are entered into Oracle, i.e. employees, temporary workers?
2. Who enter information?
3. How are applicants tracked?
4. What is your recruiting process?
5. Are any updates entered via self-service?
6. How are hours and benefits entered into payroll?
7. Are benefits tracked in Oracle?

The results of Mythics’ assessment will be delivered by the end of May. Implementation will begin after the assessment is received. Updates will be reported in future issues of SalukiTech News.

Mythics Consulting, a division of Mythics, Inc., is an Oracle systems integrator and provides a full range of IT consulting services with unique expertise in Oracle solutions. Mythics Consulting is recognized throughout the public and private sector as the Oracle expert.
Dial-Up Service
Effective July 15, the dial-up service (453-2888) hosted by SIU will be decommissioned. This change stems from the dial-up hardware reaching end-of-life, as well as planned decommissioning of the back-end authentication system. A variety of commercial alternatives are available and can be found online with a search for “internet service providers in southern Illinois.”

Southern Illinoisan Article
Scott Bridges, director of Information Security, was featured in an article by the Southern Illinoisan. The article, Technology: Keeping Connected, But Playing it Safe, is located at http://thesouthern.com/news/local/plus/article_23b85bd2-db5f-5100-b8d7-6b67d99a538e.html.

Desktop Replacement Update
The first desktop replacement order through the Information Technology Department has been received. Approximately 600 computers and 500 monitors have been received and are being distributed.

Before Information Technology centralized services on July 1, 2013, each SIU department had been responsible for basic technology costs. Now basic IT services are provided for each user and department, including desktop hardware and equipment.

The IT Department has been analyzing specific needs for each college in order to bring hardware and equipment to current standards.

For more information about Information Technology services funded by the fee and for a general overview, visit http://infotech.siu.edu/campus-agreements/it-charge. Requests for services should be forwarded to the LAN administrator responsible for each college or department (the list is available at https://netweb.it.siu.edu/lanadmin/).

Tech Page One MobileDawg Article
David Crain, Assistant Provost and Chief Information Officer, discussed SIU’s successful tablet program at the TabTimes Tablet Strategy conference in May. Read the article at http://techpageone.dell.com/industries2/education/dirty-laundry-eases-tablet-rollout-university/#.U4eUj_ldWbE.

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