From Katie Siek and Jennifer Franko:

On Wednesday, June 21, Katie Siek and Jennifer Franko presented at the Paul Munger Conference in the School of Education at IU-B. The presentation was taped by IU Media Services - it made us a little nervous. Everytime we looked at the camera, we froze a little during the presentation, but I don't think it affected the presentation because everyone participated.

We presented to 17 counselors from Indiana about 7 common myths in computer science and then presented a modified Just Be presentation.

Questions and comments from the counselors:

- A junior from B'ton South attended and after the talk, came up and spoke with us. She was upset because she liked the presentation and was interested at getting it at South, but thought the presentation would not be done in any of her classes. She knew 10 teachers who would be interested in it, but didn't know how to talk to them about it because she was not in those classes. We told her to email us the teachers contact information and we would contact them ourselves.
- One counselor asked a perfectly timed question - she asked if computer programming was the same as computer science. Jennifer reemphasized that programming is not computer science - it is a component of computer science.
- Counselors were very interested in getting handouts or suggestions about classes needed to prepare for majoring in computing fields. We said we would send them since the papers were gone from the informatics table.
- Some counselors were interested in learning about computing careers available for students pursuing associate degrees. We may want to recontact the women at Ivy Tech from InWIC to get more information. *Some schools have a majority of their students going to 2 year colleges.*
- One person mentioned we emphasized women too much. The Just Be slides were evenly distributed between men and women. We were not sure what they meant - perhaps because we emphasized we were from the Women in Computing group?
- Same person as previous bullet wants us to discuss artists more and working with people more. Again - we're not quite sure what they meant because all of the Just Be slides discussed working with people in different fields. But maybe they want more examples of this.
- Everyone thought the modules were easy to use and wanted to keep playing with them.
- Maybe we can make some questions person to them so they compare themselves to each other but still be anonymous. Maybe have a question, "Do you think you are good in math?" and anonymously see how strong others think they are.
• One person wanted us to bring in objects that would be created. This would be
great if we get the goofy giggles slide created. Then we'd have the pocket PCs
and the Goofy Giggles.
• One counselor really liked the Ambient Wood project and was involved in
Vasudha's Jackson Creek Capstone. I mentioned the Lilly Arbor project - we may
want a slide about Lilly Arbor and it is another way to integrate the Pocket PCs in
the presentation. May want to have information for teachers about field trips to
Lilly Arbor.
• One counselor remarked that they wanted more advertising about IU's computing
program. We mentioned it somewhat and they remarked, "I had no idea such a
great program existed."
• One counselor liked the real life examples - air bag example. Thinks middle
school kids would like real life/hands on examples.
• How do you spell enigmatology? Is this correct? Counselors were very interested
in enigmatology especially after hearing he is the New York Times puzzle
selector.
• Everyone identified the theme of Just Be correctly.

Quotes

• "Good golly, this is a tremendous program made better by the presenters!" Paul
Mullin, Counselor at Batchelor M.S. and Tri North M.S. - Will help us get into any
Bloomington School. Wants us to contact him.

Scores for Munger Conference

14 out of 17 evaluations back (Munger Evaluations)

• 9 people said that the presentation should be done again at the conference
(others did not respond)
• 13 people rated us excellent in knowledge of subject, organization, and
usefulness of information. One person rated us excellent in knowledge of the
subject and average in organization and usefulness.

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- Pam Rosenberger, counselor, Union Country HS, prosenberger@uc.k12.in.us, 765.458.5136, 410 Patriot Blvd., Liberty, IN, (email and then phone) *Note, Karmen Moehring came to the presentation, but Pam will be her replacement. She would like us to send her information sheets about courses as well.
- Julie Dadds, HR Director for Hope Foundation, jdadds@hopefoundation.org, 812.355.6000, She thought it was good but not applicable (?sponsorship lead?). She wondered if we reached out to Harmony and Aurora here in town.

From Laura Hopkins:

The Paul Munger conference was held at Indiana University June 19th-21st, 2006.

Laura Hopkins set up an exhibit table on behalf of the IU computer science department and the IU School of Informatics. She manned (womanned) the display table the first day of the conference to answer questions that participants might have.

A number of school counselors came by and asked for information on the SoI. Typically, they would pick up information and say something like, "I don't really know much about this, but I have some students who might be interested in it." Laura then tried to explain how many different, wonderful, varied opportunities were available in the school. She tried to point out that CS/Informatics offered great careers for women as well as men and that there were many different paths through the school that were appropriate for many different types of students. Several faculty/staff people from IU stopped by the table and mentioned that they had high school kids who were interested in CS/INFO. Laura encouraged one woman, in particular, to have her high school-aged daughter attend the Just Be presentation given at the conference on Wednesday. The student did attend and was very impressed with the presentation.

Laura also talked to Joanna Evans, (joanevan@indiana.edu) the Director of the Advance College Project, about possibly someday offering advanced CS courses in some high schools. Joanna says that schools and students are interested, but that there are not many teachers who have the knowledge and desire to teach CS courses.