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Seneca College Column

By Russell Pangborn

Hello, my name is Russell Pangborn and I am a professor at Seneca College. Like a majority of this readership, my passion for System i technology has guided me through several years of an information technology career. Having been a main catalyst for Seneca's Computers Studies department's inclusion of AS/400 subjects, specialist designations and awards, I've now taken the next logical step with this column. My duties will involve supervision of a regular Seneca column in the TUG magazine.

Why Seneca?

There are several other colleges and universities in Ontario with a few of them including System i subjects. But, none of them have come close to the number of students involved with such a wide variety of iSeries subjects. I am not aware of any of them in Canada allowing a student to graduate with an iSeries Specialist designation and selecting top System i students from the graduates. Also, with a North American wide drop in enrolment in computer studies a few schools in Ontario have even lost their System i connection. Seneca has not. So, we have earned a spot in this magazine.

What will you hear about in this column?

Information about our Coop program, teacher and student perspectives, and the System i subjects currently being taught are just a few of the areas that can be covered. Also, we are not a one-dimensional department and I hope to convince some teachers from other areas to share their expertise. In 2004 the Canadian Information Processing Society (CIPS) recognized the breadth of our subjects when they certified our CPA and CPD diploma programs. These were the first college programs in the province to be accredited by CIPS. Open systems, game programming, object oriented software developers and database specialists all make our school very robust. We hope you find us interesting. TUG

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