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In May of 2006, I requested and was granted a Professional Development Grant for three faculty members in the Department of Computer and Information Science – Sarah Robison, Johnette Moody, and Ron Robison.

As a member of the IBM Academic Initiative Program, faculty in the Department of Computer and Information Science at Arkansas Tech University are afforded, each year, the opportunity to attend a “Summer School” developed and administered by IBM personnel at the IBM iSeries Headquarters in Rochester, Minnesota. The school is a combination of information and training which changes from year to year to meet the needs of educators. The sessions were presented by top IBM personnel and educators in the field. The school was held May 22<sup>nd</sup> through May 25<sup>th</sup>.

The Department of Computer and Information Science was in the process of acquiring an updated IBM iSeries system. Our curriculum currently requires all Information System majors to have training in this area and recommends that all other majors take a course using this system as an elective. This integration requires training and knowledge on the part of the faculty. This school afforded faculty members relevant expert information and training.

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