

What do you expect to be the biggest academic challenge during the coming year?

time management, balance, "mental parity" (6)
classes that are step up from HS (4)
calculus (3)
College Reading & Writing (2)
Computer Science I (2)
foreign language course
liberal arts core courses
declaring/sticking with a major (2)
exams
more advanced programming
getting grades up

List three characteristics of your best teacher(s) in your high school.

friendly/approachable (9)
helpful, caring (out of school time; taught as peers) (8)
challenge us, didn't let us slack (6)
motivating, engaging, charismatic (6)
good explanations (6)
humorous (5)
had fun with class (4)
informative (3)
knowledgable, intelligent (3)
intensely interested in subject (2)
let us figure out different ways to solve problems (2)
listen, forgive
knew how to gain, keep respect
creative
not all lecture
available
monitored progress
inclusive, unbiased
no wasted time
hard exterior
honest
adaptive
grades not important

What are your expectations for faculty at UNI -- how do you expect us to be similar to or different from your best (or worst) teachers in HS?

effective (7)
engaging, enthusiastic (6)
helpful, caring (6)
friendly (4)
challenging (4)
accessible (4)
knowledgeable, intelligent (3)
more professional (2)
interactive (2)
funnier (2)
have fun
guide at start, give freedom
interested
have clear expectations
adaptive
forgiving
"the same"
"better" (4)
("I expect UNI faculty to reduce mu HS instructors to jabbering idiots")

Name up to three famous Computer Scientists, and (if you can) briefly describe what each is famous for. If you don't know three, leave one or more lines blank.

Bill Gates (11)	-- founder of <i>Microsoft</i> , not Apple -- "owner" of Windows; not creator of first computer
Steve Jobs (5)	-- founder of Apple
Steve Wozniak (2)	-- builder of first Apple computers
Michael Dell	
Steve Ballmer	
Alan Turing	
Linus Torvalds (2)	-- creator of Linux
Marc Andreessen	-- one of creators of Mosaic, then Netscape / Mozilla
Will Wright	-- creator of SimCity, The Sims
none (7)	-- I don't count! :-)

If you are considering being a Computer Science major, what are the most important things that influenced you to do so? If not, why not?

love computers (10) -- Apple; programming
love technology, "how things work" (7)
good job outlook (5)
web programming, HTML (2)
video games (3)
computer instructor at HCC
friend
worked as computer tech
information about this course
computers make work easier
good at math, computer stuff
want to learn to program

Why did you decide to come to UNI?

location (11) -- including: close to home; far from home;
quiet; away from cities
campus (6)
quality (5) -- including professors
size (5) -- big school w/ small school features
programs of interest (5) -- CS, CBA
affordability (4)
family/friends (4)
scholarships
interesting
small classes
good food
athletics teams
"wanted to leave NIACC"
male/female ratio

What will you do expect to do after finishing your degree (if graduate school, what after that)? Be as specific as you can, at this very early date.

programming job (7) -- on east coast, Chicago, Cedar Rapids
programming video games (4) -- "program the next big hit", run a studio
software engineering (2)
network engineering or security
robotics
head of department in a corporation (2)
graduate school (2)
start own company

Name a favorite in each of the following categories...

... movie

Sin City
Animal House
Crash
V is for Vendetta
Die Hard
Monty Python and the Holy Grail
Blackhawk Down
Sarafina
Hotel Rwanda
Anchorman
Good Will Hunting (!)
Joe Dirt
Terminator 2
Tommy Boy
Lord of the Rings
Road to Perdition
Porky's Revenge
Dogma
The Notebook
Talladega Nights
The Crow

... actor

Denzel Washington (3)
Johnny Depp (3)
Will Ferrell (3)
Steve McQueen (2)
Chris Farley (2)
Sean Connery
Ryan Reynolds
Philip Seymour Hoffman
Bruce Willis
Jack Black
Josh Hartnett
Matt Damon
David Thewlis

... actress

Jessica Alba (3)
Keira Knightley (2)
Meg Ryan (2)
Uma Thurman (2)
Scarlett Johansson
Sarah Michelle Gellar
Maggie Gyllenhall
Miriam Makeba
Cameron Diaz
Clare Danes
Halle Berry
Jennifer Aniston
Catherine Zeta Jones
Rachel McAdams
Amy Smart

... book

Harry Potter (2)
Cat's Cradle
To Kill a Mockingbird
The Sword of Truth series
Angels and Demons
The Pelican Brief
Lord of the Rings
Goosebumps
The Long Road Home
Friday Night Lights
Rule by Secrecy
Where's Waldo
The Outsiders
Harris and Me
Of Mice and Men
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy
Misery
The DaVinci Code
Thus Spake Zarathustra

-- the right answer :-)
-- I also agree!

... author

Douglas Adams (2)
Dan Brown (2)
J.R.R. Tolkien (2)
Raymond Feist
F. Scott Fitzgerald
John Grisham
Stephen King
Nietzsche
Gary Paulson
Tom Robbins
J.K. Rowling
R.A. Salvatore
Sidney Sheldon
Danielle Steele
R.L. Stine
Joss Whedon

... musician

Mark Hoppus, Travis Barker, Blink 182 (2)
Muse (2)
The Beatles
Garth Brooks
Jimmy Buffett
John Cafferty and the Beaver Brown Band
Miles Davis
DMX
Foreigner
Ben Harper
Hinder
Incubus
Ludacris
The Misfits
The Rolling Stones
Rick Ross
Andres Segovia
U2
Jack White

... TV show

Mythbusters (2)
Simpsons (2)
Attack of the Show
Band of Brothers
Buffy the Vampire Slayer
CSI -- great name!
Cold Case
Deal or No Deal
Friends
Guts
Nip/Tuck
One Tree Hill
Rescue Me
Seinfeld
SportsCenter
Stargate SG1

Strangers with Candy
[Adult Swim]
[Animal Planet]
[History Channel]

... video game

Halo 2 (3)
CounterStrike (2)
Madden Football (2)
Mario (2)
Mario Kart 64
Diablo II
Everquest
Flood It
Grand Theft Auto
Joust
MechWarrior 2
NCAA Football
Runescape
TechnoSuperBowl
Xenogears
Zelda

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ign.com
moddb.com
myspace.com
n-fayette.k12.ia.us/highschool/athletics/fbhomeOS.html
runescape.com
thatvideosite.com

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myspace.com
engadget.com
cuteoverload.com
livejournal.com
xanga.com

sport -- to watch

football (11)
soccer (3)
basketball (2)
baseball
billiards
hockey
rock climbing
rugby

sport -- to play

basketball (4)
football (4)
baseball/softball (2)
golf (2)
soccer (2)
tennis (2)
billiards
bowling
disc golf
flatlanding
jiu-jitsu
swimming
video games

What question did I leave off this survey that you would most like to read answers to, from all the other CS I students?

What would you do if you knew that you would not fail?

If you could write a program for anything, what would you write?

What previous experience do you have in computer science? (2)

What are your hobbies? (2)

What are the specs of your computer?

How geeky are you on a scale of 1 to 10?

What is your favorite drink?

Where are you from?

What is the strangest thing you have ever done (or been part of)?