

Tech Club

Dr. Mark Keith: The idea here is we're trying to teach students how to use technology strategically in an organization; not how to just build something really cool but how do we build something cool that actually helps give our companies a competitive advantage in the market place.

Dr. Christopher Furner: I'm really excited about the tech club. I think it's a great way for students to get a little bit more experience outside the classroom. They can pursue a couple of the interests they have that we are not able to cover in the curriculum.

Dr. Mark Keith: So for the students who are interested, whatever they can't get in their course work, whatever they want to do that is beyond the typical IT functions in an organization, they can get here in the tech club.

Josh Howely: We have different groups that focus on things like A+ Certification which involves working on computers things like this, computers in repair that sort of thing. Once you have your A+ Certification you can work on computers without voiding a warranty.

Dr. Christopher Furner: They have tech club that does the video game design.

Dr. Mark Keith: They do play games as you can see but also developing games. The reason we have such a gaming focus is because a lot of the advanced algorithms used in organizations for example in data mining or other things like that can be found in the unique content in video games. The industry we're helping students get into it's new to WT and new to a lot of universities.

Dr. Christopher Furner: We also have the iPhone development lab. We have the software you need to develop for the iPhone and we got one good app out already. If you go to the app store and just look for WT CIS you'll find it. We've had a lot of good involvement recently, the club didn't exist for several years but this new group we have is very enthusiastic. We organized trips to go visit some local businesses and look at their information technology. I was involved organizing a trip to bell helicopters, we are also going to Dallas to visit Cisco their regional headquarter. I hope we will get more students interested and involved and get the word out a little bit.

Josh Howely: We have a lot of students who come here and study, like myself. We'll come in here study, play games, hang out with our friends, it's a great resource. We have a lot of fun in here and it's a great place for us, a geek type people, to come and hang out and play with our toys.