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THE SIS PROJECT: AS FALL QUARTER BEGINS, SIS PREPARES FOR THE 3RD PHASE OF IMPLEMENTATIONS!

Thankfully the winds of Hurricane Ike blew through Columbus before the beginning of our Fall Quarter. While faculty and staff are still cleaning up at home, we are all grateful that our new and returning students are beginning the academic year with the same excitement and enjoyment that has been experienced for many years.

The 2008-09 academic year will be a special one for all of us - students, faculty and staff - as the SIS project team continues to implement the functionality for our new Student Information System. The new system is being phased in according to the lifecycle of a student, beginning with the admissions process through commencement activities. In May, applications for Graduate and Professional programs were accepted into the new system, followed by the acceptance of Undergraduate applications in July.

The team is now preparing for our 3rd phase of implementation, which will take place November 1, 2008 through March, 2009. During this phase, new functionality will be incrementally rolled out for Student Financials, Student Financial Aid and Student Records. Additional functionality for the Admissions areas will also be implemented.

At the same time that the new SIS is being rolled out, staff in both the central and college areas will attend training sessions specific to their areas. Additionally, new self service features for academic and business areas will added to the faculty and student pages on buckeyelink.osu.edu as the become available.

It's going to be a very busy and productive year as we take a giant leap forward by replacing our stand alone data systems with our new, integrated web-based Student Information and Human Resources System.

Welcome Back!