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Col. K. Crooks discusses security at a governmental level.

From left, Tom Sadaka, special counsel for the Office of Statewide Prosecution; Col. K. Crooks of the US Air Force; and UF Webmaster Mark Trammell set up a computer for Crooks’ discussion on "The Objective Secure Warrior."

Michael Jacobus, right, of Network Services. Jay Staubens plays ITSA Hack.
Professionals from around the state came to the 4th annual UF Information Technology Security Awareness Day to learn about ways to protect their systems and data from disaster, intrusion, and other threats.

The daylong event, which was sponsored by the UF Office of Information Technology, covered topics ranging from the "Anatomy of a Hack" by John Rezabek of Internet Security Systems to "The Objective Secure Warrior" by Col. K. Crooks of the United States Air Force.

About 150 attendees came from departments all around UF, other public Florida universities, and other institutions as well.

Kathy Bergsma, Network Security coordinator and chair of the event, said this year's event was a great success. "Each year we have more people show up and each year we're happy to present them with a tremendous learning opportunity thanks to the expert speakers who take time to be here."

New for this year was ITSA Hack, a chance for attendees to pit their wits against vendor's products. "ITSA Hack had a successful debut. We hope to have even more people participate next year," Bergsma said.

Chuck Frazier, vice provost for Information Technology at UF, greeted the crowd, reminding them that "Every day should be ITSA day from here on out. The university needs our continued vigilance in IT management and practices and procedures."

In his talk titled "The Objective Secure Warrior," Col. K. Crooks of the US Air Force said that because information is linked, we all need to maintain good security practices in each part of the network.

Thomas Sadaka, Special Counsel for Computer Crime and Identity Theft Prosecutions, returned to ITSA Day for the third year with his popular lecture on computer crime in Florida. This year, he began on a very serious note. As IT professionals, he says, "Your responsibility is to make sure your systems aren't used as weapons in the next terrorist attack."

For more information about ITSA day, including links to some of the presentations, please see http://www.itsa.ufl.edu/ [http://www.itsa.ufl.edu].

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