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Allen S. Rout did not have to go far from home to find a job that he loves. He joined NERDC full time as a systems programmer in April. He walks to work from a duplex where he lives close enough to sell parking spaces in his yard during football games. Rout is a man with many hats -- both at NERDC and his two other places of employment. Before devoting 40 of his 60 hour work week to NERDC, he worked here part-time.

His part-time duties were the same as his current full-time responsibilities including: DB2 with PCs project, general purpose AIX systems administration, and REMEDY (a new trouble ticket system) for NERDC.

Other duties in addition to his full-time shift at NERDC include working for the Computer Information Science Department doing computer backups, and working for the UF President's Office constructing the UF Calendar and designing Web pages and databases.

"It's a heavy schedule, but it's not as heavy as a lot of entry-level positions at large corporations. My selling point to my wife was: I can work 80 hours somewhere else and only get paid for 40, or I can -work 60 at UF and get paid for 60," Rout says.

He received his Bachelor of Science in Engineering in December 1996 from UF and considers himself a "local," having graduated from Oak Hall High School here in Gainesville.

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