Controller’s Office:

1. Design and implementation of ACH (Automated Clearing House) electronic funds transfer of net student financial aid. Banking software provided by Synovus Financial Services is currently being used for electronic funds transfer of university funds and can possibly be used to interface with the Net Financial Aid System to effect these transfers. This project is currently in the initial phases of investigation. Target date is to implement on a pilot basis for the Fall 1999 semester.

2. Document Imaging System for the Controller’s Office, Purchasing Office and Financial Aid Office. This project is in the initial discussion and research phase. Software will have to be identified, funding sources, the vendor, the extent of initial pilot implementation, equipment required, software licensing, and programming interface with applicable CICS applications. Primary computer component needs have tentatively been identified for the Controller’s Office, Purchasing Office, and State Comptroller’s Field Office. Target date for pilot implementation has not yet been identified, however the need for this system will provide economies and a significant cost savings for the offices involved.

3. Upgrade and conversion of the Automated Financial Statement System to the Db2 client server environment. This project is being handled by the SUS Financial Reporting Consortium and will not require significant resources from the University’s ITS to implement. Conversion costs are funded by the Consortium budget. No additional equipment is anticipated. Scheduled cut-over date is June 15, 1999.

4. Implementation of the SUS Purchasing System. This system is also being designed by the SUS Financial Reporting Consortium and costs are being funded from that budget. Resources from ITS is being provided during the design phases as it relates to implementation at UWF. Continued support will be required for both the Purchasing Department and the Controller’s Office until the system is up and running. Continued maintenance support will be provided as needed once the system is installed.
WUWF:

1. Enhanced website content, including streaming audio (webcasting) and secure on-line transactions as a fund raising tool.

2. More sophisticated file transfer (FTP) applications for filing and exchange of news stories as audio files via the Internet as an alternative to satellite delivery systems.

3. Enhanced digital audio editing applications and capture and storage of long form audio programs as digital files.

Purchasing:

1. Implementation of the SUS Purchasing System (TOPAS) which is more than 60% complete. This system includes a requisition-user friendly web based system which will also encumber funds, produce a purchase order contract, and interface with SAMAS and SPURS sometime in early FY 1999-2000. The initial roll out is scheduled for early April, 1999. System implementation will require orientation of staff and departments on the system. The Purchasing Office hopes to convert to the TOPAS System from the current Purchasing Subsystem before October, 1999, baring unforeseen system problems.

See additional comments in item 4 above under University Controller/

Budget Office:

1. UWF, in conjunction with four other universities (FIU, UNF, FAMU, AND FGCU) is in the development stage of designing an operating level integrated financial management system. This system and its subsystems will be designed to reflect the unique nature of each university. The system will include such functions as rate control, FTE control, budget transfer processing, budget conversions, encumbrance system, and what-if budget management screens.

University Police:

1. The laptop/modem for patrol vehicles project is proposed for the year 1999-2000 which will include electronic ticket writing. The laptop/modem for patrol vehicles will allow officers to communicate directly with the Florida Criminal Justice data base without going through dispatch saving valuable time. Santa Rosa Sheriff’s Office will equip the supervisor’s unit for trial purposes. If it
proves successful,  
the goal is to install the units in each patrol vehicle. 
The electronic ticket writer will bring us in line with other universities using the system. This program allows parking violator information to be electronically input on site while printing out a clear, legible citations. The daily information will be downloaded into the computer, interfacing with University accounting, giving faster access for tracking purposes and payments. Both items will save valuable time allowing us to direct our efforts in other areas of need.