Happy holidays!

Megaconference award

For introducing the concept of integrating a video infrastructure with a Unified Communications deployment, Virginia Tech was awarded the grand prize at this year’s Megaconference.

Megaconference connects people worldwide to advance the state of the art in videoconferencing technology. For the past ten years, the conference has brought together speakers from around the globe to share their latest real-world uses of H.323 videoconferencing and other compatible systems. The conference is held through the use of these same videoconferencing systems.

Multiple clients from Virginia Tech joined from tablets, personal computers, and office phones. The UC Discovery Center had a total of 3 tours introducing participants to both UC components and the Megaconference. In addition to the Discovery Center, Megaconference was also broadcast to the large Virginia Tech Operations Center’s screens, allowing for a 16 x 20 foot Megaconference experience.

It is estimated that about 300 universities joined the event with approximately 20 participants per site. For more information, see the Megaconference site, www.megaconference.org.

UC tidbits

In the ROLM-based system, telephone instruments were included in the monthly bill—“leased.” In UC, the telephone instruments “belong” to the unit. During conversion, the purchase of the telephone instruments is part of the conversion agreement, with different funding sources that relate to the funding source for a department (for example, auxiliaries, E&G departments, other affiliated departments). After the conversion, each department is responsible for purchasing any additional or replacement phones.

The UC schedule has been updated at www.nis.vt.edu/uc/schedule.
Several efforts to support charitable contributions have been organized within Information Technology.

Prior to the November 8 home football game, the Marching Virginians picked up contributions of non-perishable food and joined in the AISB tailgate lunch. 1353 food items were collected for the Montgomery County Christmas Store.

Three raffles, a bake sale, and the annual Chili CookOff help raise both funds and participation in the CVC. These activities alone raised over $1600.

Toys for Tots collection is currently underway in the AISB, Torgersen, and 1770 Forecast Drive (RB-14).