Professional development

Information Technology personnel have been planning events for coming professional development opportunities. In hopes of furthering your own planning for early 2008, here are some of those coming events.

Internet Security Training Working

The SANS Institute workshop will be held over spring break, March 3-8. Full information for the workshop is available at www.cpe.vt.edu/isect/. Contact Randy Marchany for more information. Randy will be teaching Audit 521: “Meeting the Minimum Standard for Protecting Credit Card and Other Private Information PCI CISP: The Visa Digital Dozen.”

HEDW

The Data Warehouse team within Enterprise Systems is hosting the national organization for the 2008 Higher Education Data Warehousing Conference. The conference will be held Sunday, March 30, thru Tuesday, April 1, at the Inn at Virginia Tech. The program covers a full spectrum of data warehousing issues, with sessions on dimensional modeling, getting started in data warehousing, data governance and stewardship, and business intelligence solutions. On March 30, the Data Warehousing Institute will offer a full-day training session titled “Requirements Analysis for Institutional Intelligence.”

Contact Alan Moeller or Vicky Shaffer if you plan to register and attend. Go to www.cpe.vt.edu/hedw/index.html for complete information.

Association of Collegiate Computing Services

Anne Sheppard (University Computing Support) and Ron Angert (Residential Programs) represent Virginia Tech on the board of the Association of Collegiate Computing Services of Virginia. The conference this year is being held on March 12-14, at the Doubletree Hotel in Charlottesville. Additional program information will be posted at http://accs.virginia.edu/conference_0308.html as it becomes available.

DCSS

The twice-yearly Departmental Computer Support Symposium will be held April 22, in Owens Banquet Hall.
FDI short courses

Spring Short courses are offered by the Faculty Development Institute that are open to all faculty and staff members and to graduate students. Over 200 courses are available, ranging from essential computing skills to using Tablet PCs and dynamic web sites for teaching and learning.

FDI is offering several short courses that focus on research and teaching, including grant writing, funding, online collection of survey data, the new Luna Insight digital image database, JMP, EndNote bibliographic software, and sessions on visualization and research computing.

For more information, visit www.fdi.vt.edu/spring/2008/ or contact Ed Schwartz.

Common Solutions Group

Virginia Tech hosted the winter meeting of the Common Solutions Group (CSG) on January 9-11 at the Inn at Virginia Tech. CSG is a set of institutions of higher education and higher education information technology consortia working together to create a common infrastructure and toolset required for the future of our institutions. The program and many of the presentations of this meeting are available on the website at www.stonesoup.org [Look under “Last meeting,” then scroll to the bottom of the page].

University Computing Support

University Computing Support, has relocated from Torgersen Hall to 735 University City Boulevard. Online and telephone service continues as usual. Walk-in service, available to students, faculty, and staff members, will be in the new location, and those with appointments will be redirected to the new location. The Call Center (VTOC) remains in its current location in Research Building 14.