The last days of System X

Beginning May 21, the dismantling of System X began. The nine-year-old system was remarkable in its youth as one of the leading supercomputers, and clearly the least expensive to build among its peers. During its history, it was used by faculty conducting research—researchers in the field of computational sciences helped extend the capabilities of supercomputers, and researchers used the superior capacity of the computer to advance other fields.

System X will be replaced by a new, state-of-the-art, “greener” supercomputer that will consume less electricity, and have today’s expected capacity for supercomputing.

System X faces the future of all obsolete computers as it heads to Surplus Property.

For more on the origin and history of System X—

http://www.vtmagazine.vt.edu/sum10/feature5.html
http://www.arc.vt.edu/resources/hpc/history/sysX_history.php

Converged Technologies

All are invited to attend the first Converged Technologies Annual Meeting, to be held June 27, from 10am–noon in the Solitude Room at the Virginia Tech Inn and Conference Center. The session will include presentations on current converged technology initiatives within Information Technology and Administrative Services, two administrative areas at Virginia Tech that are collaborating to improve campus safety and security. A detailed agenda will be available soon. Coffee and continuous break service will be provided.

Mary Dunker presented at InCommon Confab [www.incommon.org/confab2012.html] on "Nuts and Bolts of the InCommon Assurance Program." The session explored how institutions are leveraging Active Directory and two-factor authentication to meet the requirements of the InCommon Silver profile.
New graduates

Happy news is the announcement of recent graduates who have been student workers with Information Technology, and regular employees who have been pursuing degrees. These include two doctorate degrees, eight masters degrees, and 19 bachelors degrees.

TO DO List

- Change passwords—PID, Hokies, Banner/Oracle (www.my.vt.edu—Settings)
- Complete the Sensitive data policy acknowledgement (www.security.vt.edu/sensitiveinfo.html)
- Watch the progress of Unified Communications at the UC website—www.nis.vt.edu/uc.