The Value of Music

On November 30, Network Infrastructure & Services, in partnership with the Future of Music Coalition, is hosting a public panel discussion about the value of music. The event will provide a forum for Virginia Tech students to share their perspectives about the music industry with musicians, agents, and other music industry professionals.

During the month of October, NI&S conducted a survey about Hokies’ preferences for obtaining, sharing, storing, and listening to music. The information obtained from the over 1,000 survey responses will be used to fuel conversation during the event. Both the survey and panel discussion were designed as an educational outreach about music, copyright, and our evolving digital culture, specifically in light of the university’s obligation to respond to Internet copyright infringement complaints.

A representative of the Future of Music Coalition will moderate the panel. The FMC is a national nonprofit organization and EDUCAUSE affiliate that works to ensure a diverse musical culture where artists flourish, are compensated fairly for their work, and where fans can find the music they want.

The Value of Music Panel Discussion
Squires Old Dominion Ballroom
Wednesday, November 30, 2011
7:30 PM
http://www.nis.vt.edu/music

For more information, contact Jeff Kidd, NI&S Public Relations, via email at kiddj@vt.edu or by calling 540-231-3932.

Community Source Initiative

Ken McCrery, Enterprise Systems, was recently elected to SunGard Higher Education's Community Source Initiative (CSI) board of directors as a representative for public institutions. CSI is a company-sponsored group facilitating customer-written related software for incorporation into, or use with, SGHE products. Among the other universities represented on the board are Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Texas Tech, the University of Illinois, Georgia Tech, Marist College, Victoria University of Wellington, DeVry University, Dalhousie University, Community College of Rhode Island, and the University of Alaska System.

Lee Anne Hoppe also works with CSI and serves as the vice-chair of the Banner Human Resources Community Source Functional Review Committee.
MABUG 2011

This year’s meeting of MABUG, the Mid-Atlantic Banner Users Group, was hosted by Radford University.

Lee Anne Hoppe, Enterprise Systems’ AIS/HRIS group, presented two talks to the group. One was “Effort Reporting & Labor Redistribution—Making it Work” and the second one was “New Self Service Pay Stub.” Wendell Vest, Associate Controller, was another Virginia Tech presenter.

Among the several Radford University contributors was Debbie Johnson. Debbie is now the Manager, Reporting and Analytics for Enterprise Systems at Virginia Tech. Debbie’s presentations were “Managing Prioritizations of Institution Wide Projects” and “Leveraging the Supplemental Data Engine,” as well as co-counselor for the day-long pre-conference ”Groovy & Grails Code Camp.”

Safety and GIS


The system incorporates an aerial view of Lane Stadium with layers of safety data that can be selectively viewed by the police.

Brenda van Gelder and Seth Peery of Converged Technologies for Security, Safety and Resilience were quoted in the media coverage, along with personnel from the Virginia Tech Police Department and Emergency Management.

Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign

“Have a heart, do your part” is the theme for this year’s giving campaign to charitable organizations locally and world wide. www.cvc.hr.vt.edu.

Reaching IT’s goal for this year—$12,000—is supported by group activities as well as on the online and paper pledge forms (see www.cvc.hr.vt.edu). Activities include Weekly Raffles in November, Grand Price Raffle, and, back by popular demand, the Chili Cook-Off, Tuesday, December 6th from 11:30-1:30.

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