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Learning Technologies Update

The Learning Technologies publication has been distributed with articles on Sakai and Scholar, ePortfolios, GEDI, and the schedule of spring FDI classes. The publication is posted at <http://www.it.vt.edu/organization-lt.htm>.

JA-SIG

JA-SIG, a non-profit organization that focuses on sharing open technology in higher education, just recently became a not-for-profit organization. Its member organizations are colleges and universities as well as commercial entities serving higher education. The Collaborative Technologies Unit is a key element in Virginia Tech's membership, supporting both uPortal and the Centralized Authentication Service projects of JA-SIG. Virginia Tech's membership will offer opportunities for greater participation in the direction for these projects. The full press release is at

http://www.marketwire.com/mw/release_html_bl?release_id=206562.

Advanced research computing website

The new website for advanced research computing has been unveiled. See www.arc.vt.edu.

New resources on www.computing.vt.edu

Daylight Savings Time changes

http://www.computing.vt.edu/software_and_hardware/windows/dst.html

Microsoft Windows Vista Information Center

http://www.computing.vt.edu/software_and_hardware/windows/vista.htm

SANS Institute

During spring break, Virginia Tech and the SANS Institute will sponsor a security forensics workshop. The course is “System Forensics, Investigation & Response. Topics include incident response, forensic preparation, data recovery, the role of law enforcement, and other topics.

Conference information is available at www.cpe.vt.edu/isect/, or contact Randy Marchany for additional information (marchany@vt.edu).

Security tips

Among the tips and tools on the new security webpage are tools developed by Virginia Tech and by Cornell University to scan your computer for Social Security numbers. See www.security.vt.edu.

Banner Users: early announcement

Planning for the Mid-Atlantic Banner Users’ Group (MABUG) meeting next fall is beginning. Virginia Tech will host the conference October 8-9 at the Inn at Virginia Tech. Lee Anne Hoppe and Ken Williams are the conference planners.

To subscribe to the MABUG list, see <http://lists.richmond.edu/mailman/listinfo/mabug>.

Steam tunnel work

Work in the steam tunnel system will begin this spring to address the university’s increasing heating/cooling requirements. See http://www.vtnews.vt.edu/campus_notices/campusnotice.php?item=1334.

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*DCSS—Hold the
date!*

*The Departmental
Computing Support
Symposium will be
held April 4, 8 am
until noon, in Owens
Banquet Facility.*

*The Educause Secu-
rity Professionals
Conference will be
held April 10-12 in
Denver.*

*[http://educause.edu/
sec07](http://educause.edu/sec07)*