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## Security changes in the AISB

As a part of the ongoing effort to improve security in the Andrews Information System Building, the doors just beyond the reception desk will remain locked. Regular occupants of the building should use their Sonitrol cards at the front entrance or the biometric lock at the downstairs entrance.

The security for the AISB is also part of a university-wide effort to evaluate technologies for physical security. Future changes to AISB access may be tied to this evaluation process.

## High performance parallel computing bootcamp

The University of Virginia and Virginia Tech are collaborating in this program to introduce attendees to the basics of high performance parallel computing and the national cyber-infrastructure. Graduate students, staff, and faculty members are invited to attend to learn about using the HPC resources of the two schools and of the San Diego Supercomputing Center. Andrew Grimshaw (University of Virginia) and Nicholas Polys are the Bootcamp leaders. The workshop will be held August 7-10 and 13-16 at the University of Virginia. There is no charge to attend. Sign-up online at [www.itc.virginia.edu/research/vt-uva-hpc/bootcamp.html](http://www.itc.virginia.edu/research/vt-uva-hpc/bootcamp.html), or contact Terry Herdman at [herd88@vt.edu](mailto:herd88@vt.edu).

## VT-UVa cooperation

The HPC Bootcamp is just one way in which the University of Virginia and Virginia Tech are engaged in ways to support one another. Another effort underway is to serve as backup sites for computing resources. The first step involves locating a UVa machine in the AISB machine room. Reciprocal location of a VT machine at a UVa site will occur once renovations and relocations are completed in Charlottesville. For more information, contact William Dougherty.

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## Coming soon

**IM:** From beta to production, the VT instant messaging service will be available to the university community. Watch for information to be posted under “E-mail & Calendaring” on *computing.vt.edu*.

**JMM:** Junk Mail Manager will also soon move from beta to production. The service provides a quarantine for e-mail that is suspected spam and permits each user to set rules for the quarantine and to examine the quarantined mail separately from the routine e-mail inbox. For more information, check *computing.vt.edu* under “E-mail & Calendaring” or login to the interface at <https://junk.mail.vt.edu/spam>

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## Higher Education Data Warehousing

Virginia Tech is hosting the annual Higher Education Data Warehousing Forum, March 30 through April 1, 2008.

The Higher Education Data Warehousing Forum is a network of higher education professionals dedicated to sharing best practices regarding knowledge management in colleges and universities, including creating and maintaining data warehouses, developing institutional reporting strategies, and providing decision support ([www.stonybrook.edu/offices/hedwl](http://www.stonybrook.edu/offices/hedwl)).

Forum membership represents over 200 institutions in the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa.

For more information on the meeting next spring, contact Vicky Shaffer or Alan Moeller on the Data Warehousing team.

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## MABUG Registration

Registration is open for Mid-Atlantic Banner Users Group—MABUG—hosted by Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia, on October 8 and 9, 2007.

<http://www.cpe.vt.edu/reg/mabug/>

Presentations are still being accepted, as are requests to moderate a special interest session.

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## Telecommunications Working Group

Erv Blythe is chairing the university’s Telecommunications Working Group that will report to the president in mid-August. The purpose of the group is to examine existing systems for emergency response and notification capabilities and determine what enhancements could strengthen them.

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*The Educause Top Ten Issues  
in higher ed IT for 2007 are*

1. *Funding IT*
2. *Security*
3. *Administrative information systems*
4. *Identity management*
5. *Disaster recovery/business continuity*
6. *Faculty development*
7. *Infrastructure*
8. *Strategic planning*
9. *Course management systems*
10. *Governance and leadership*

*Large institutions ranked identity management at #2, governance and leadership at #4, and included research support (tied with administrative information systems at #6) and advanced networking at #10.*

<http://www.educause.edu/apps/eq/eqm07/eqm0723.asp>