Collecting our Shared IT History

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Plans underway to celebrate this major milestone - https://vt.edu/150/index.html

It's a great opportunity to tell our IT story

We want to help the university tell that story, and are better positioned to tell it than anyone else.
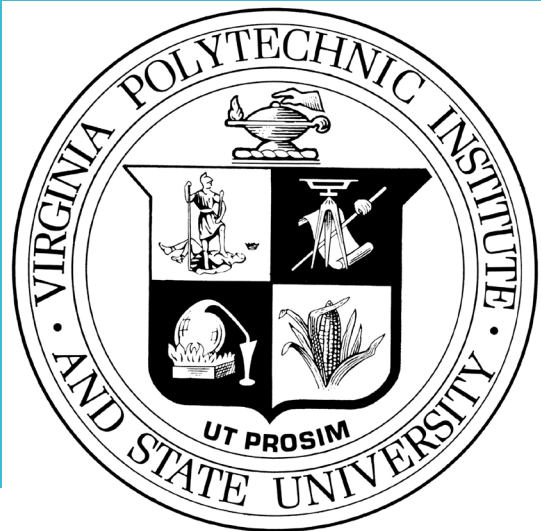
Virginia Tech is turning 150!

We are in a good position to do this!

Together we know how to talk about technology, how to explain how IT changes transformed the university ...

but most of all, it's because we are in touch with all of you.

We need your help!

We are looking for contributions of:

- PHOTOS
- VIDEO
- NEWS & WEB LINKS, CLIPPINGS
- KEY DOCUMENTS
- NAMES & CONTACT INFO FOR PEOPLE WE SHOULD INTERVIEW
- HISTORY ENTHUSIASTS TO HELP SHAPE THIS PROJECT

- We will also need your help to:
  - consider how we should put together our materials
  - identify people, machines, and events in the photos
  - learn about the events that changed the game in your field, and in the VT experience.

What will come out of this?

- A collection of high-profile outputs that will be shared as part of the university's sesquicentennial celebration, which may include:
  - An interactive timeline that shows milestones and achievements in IT at Virginia Tech, ideally going back to 1872! (can we do it???)
  - Several feature stories in VT News
  - A clear illumination of our collective history
  - Additions to our archived resources in VT Special Collections

We will make a digital record of our history that might otherwise be lost

- We will scan many many many photos, news clippings, and other memorabilia that we don't use in our official outputs, and keep them from fading or being lost.

- We will tag and organize images by year, by who is in them, etc.

- We will gather and organize documents that made a difference in their day

- We will compare what we gather with what the university already has of our history

- We will record the words and wisdom of people who helped shape groundbreaking changes in our history

Think back … all the way back.

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Identify milestones that stand out for you

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Think about what you could share

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Respond via the survey form

So,
what should
you do?

What's the process for getting involved?

Complete the brief survey here ------>

We will be in touch with instructions and next steps

We will assemble one or more teams to take on different parts of this project

We'll share updates over the next year as the effort takes shape.

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Terascale participants, from left: Srinidhi Varadarajan, Kevin Shinpaugh, Glenda Scales, Jason Lockhart, and Pat Arvin. (J. McCormick)

Tech's supercomputer ranks number three

By Lynn Nystrom

This weekend, visionaries and well-known leaders in the field of high-performance computing will congregate at the Phoenix Civic Plaza Convention Center in Arizona this weekend. Attending the conference, called SuperComputing 2003 (SC2003), is a group of newcomers to the Top 500 list of the world's fastest supercomputers. But everyone at the conference will know about the group from Virginia Tech.

The university has been making international news for the past two months, ever since the computer world began reporting on August 29 on the Think Secret web site about the university's plan to build its own

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