

IMPORTANT UPDATED WIRELESS LAN ANNOUNCEMENT

August 3, 2004

To: Current Students Registered to use the Wireless LAN

Subject: Conversion from the Pilot Wireless Local Area Network to the Production Wireless Local Area Network - **Student Fee for Wireless Service Deferred**

Pilot WLAN Service

Effective July 13, students were no longer able to register for pilot Wireless Local Area Network (WLAN) service via the Student Telecommunications Customer On-line Access (COLA) website (<https://cola.cns.vt.edu>). However, the pilot WLAN service will remain active and useable until August 16. From August 16 to August 22, the pilot service will be converted to the new production service. During this transition, the wireless network will be unavailable for limited periods of time, and users may experience interruptions of service as we migrate to the upgraded production system. You can view the conversion status at the CNS website (<http://wireless.cns.vt.edu/>) beginning August 16.

Students who need to register for the pilot wireless service between now and August 15 must register in person at the Student Telecommunications office. The Student Telecommunications Office is located at 120 Student Services Building (across from McComas Hall). The office is open from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Your valid Virginia Tech ID is required to register in person.

Production WLAN Service

Students **must** register to use the new production service. Pilot users **will not** automatically be registered for the production service. On-line registration via COLA for this production WLAN service will be available beginning August 9. The production WLAN service will be operational on August 23. You may also register in person at the Student Telecommunications office.

Student Fee for Wireless Service Deferred

After further consideration by the university administration, it has been agreed that wireless access for students is important for their instructional programs and scholarly work. Thus, an optional, fee-based service may not be the best way to support this expectation of a top 30 research university. Therefore, the implementation of the new \$50 per semester fee for students to use wireless access will be deferred.

If you require additional information you can visit the Student Telecommunications Office or contact them at 540-231-3000.

This memorandum may be viewed in its original format at the CNS WLAN website <http://wireless.cns.vt.edu/>.