Network Upgrade—Outages forthcoming

ATTENTION Delta State: OIT is in the process of upgrading the data network to the latest GigE technology. This upgrade will eventually eliminate the old, slow ATM network. The new network will be reliable, efficient, secure, and fast. In order to deploy the new switching gear a series of short network outages will be necessary. These outages will be contained to specific segments of the network at specific times. The proposed schedule for outages follows:

- Residential Halls will experience outages on Thursday and Friday August 11th and 12th.
- On Monday 8/15/2005, between the hours of 8:00am and 12:00pm, the following buildings will experience network interruptions during Campus Network Upgrade: Physical Plant, CCED, Zeigel.
- On Monday 8/15/2005, between the hours of 1:00pm and 5:00pm: BPAC, New Pool, Union
- On Tuesday 8/16/2005, between the hours of 8:00am and 12:00pm: Library, Health Services, Alumni, Wright/Holcolm Norwood
- On Tuesday 8/16/2005, between the hours of 1:00pm and 5:00pm: Broom, Ewing

As always, OIT appreciates your support and patience.

Tips and Tid Bits

Schedule E-mail Responses in Your Outlook Calendar

From Michael Swain, Bermuda

If you receive an e-mail message in Outlook and you don't have time to respond to it immediately, you can easily add it to your calendar and schedule a block of time when you will be able to reply.

To turn an e-mail message into an item on your calendar:

- Drag the message from your Inbox onto the Calendar icon on the Outlook Bar or onto your Calendar folder. This will create a new appointment item.
- Enter the date and time you want to reply and specify any additional options you want. (The body of the e-mail message is automatically added to the appointment.)
- Click Save and Close to add the appointment to your calendar.

Outlook will automatically notify you when it is time to respond to that e-mail.

Editor's Note: You can drag items between all Outlook folders: Inbox, Tasks, Calendar, Contacts, Notes, and so on. For more options, right-click before you drag.


Student Email Tips

How do I log in to my email account on OKRAmail?

1. Go to http://okramail.deltastate.edu or go to www.deltastate.edu, Click on My DSU, Click on OKRAmail
2. Log in with your student email address (or just the username portion of your email address
3. Your initial password is your Social Security Number.
4. Click on Connect to access OKRAmail
5. For security purposes, be sure to change your password the first time you log in to OKRAmail. (In order to access any options on the OKRAmail site, you must allow pop ups from your web browser on the site!)

From the Options and Styles pull down Menu, select Password. The following screen will appear

Computer Lab Replacement Cycle

The OIT is in the process of upgrading existing or implementing several new computing labs across the campus. The following existing labs will have new computers and a new image installed this week and next:

- Music
- Broom 173
- Academic Support Center
- School of Nursing
- Art
- 10 study rooms in Residential Life

New Generated ID's Go Live

Effective August 10, 2005, Delta State University will move to a generated ID number rather than social security numbers (SSN) as the unique identifier for students. This system represents a significant change in business processes for the University. The use of Social Security Numbers or Tax ID numbers as system record identification numbers is an issue for many institutions of higher education. In recent
years, we have become increasingly aware of the potential security, privacy and public relations issues surrounding this practice. Because of this potential requirement, the University wants to address this issue while maintaining the integrity and usefulness of its systems. This change will allow DSU to comply with all federal laws and ensure security for our faculty, staff and students.

For information to obtain your new Banner ID, please refer to the following link: http://www.deltastate.edu/pages/1635.asp

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