

Apple Bytes

October Meeting

Thursday October 18 - 7:00 to 7:30 PM -

Question & Answer period, all questions welcome

7:30 to 9:00 PM, general meeting & program

Room 14 Hopwood Hall at Lynchburg College

Broadband options:

If you are as tired at I am of dial-up internet service, Tom Johnson has been exploring the options for faster service in the Lynchburg area. There are at least two cable companies, a three or four cellphone wireless options, DSL, ISDN, and frame-relay (aka T1 and T3) from the land-line phone companies, not to mention satellite and wifi access. The prices range from free to the outrageous. Perhaps Tom can shed some light on the subject of broadband for the rest of us.

A first look at iWork '08:

The current MacWorld magazine has a review of the newest iteration of Apple's iWork suite, which now has three modules: Pages, a word-processor and page layout program; Keynote, presentation software aimed squarely at PowerPoint; and Numbers, a spreadsheet program. The suite is clearly going after the Microsoft Office market in the same way that Safari went after the Internet Explorer market a few years ago. Come take a look at what Apple has wrought.

Several of us now have iWork '08, and we've been asked for opinions as to whether folks should buy it and especially whether those who bought earlier versions should upgrade to the latest, especially in light of there being no "special upgrade pricing" available. We hope to have more of a roundtable discussion this month, and if you have any of these questions, or even better, any of the answers to these questions, come share with us.

Mac Security from Mac World:

Also in the latest issue, and available online at http://www.macworld.com/2007/10/features/lockup_others/index.php you'll find author Joe Kissell's list of things you need to know and do to keep your Mac and the personal data it contains safe.

The print issue contains a list of 23 security-related things you can do to insure your safety, privacy, and peace of mind. The November 2007 issue is on the newstands now.

Hopwood Hall Directions

Lynchburg College has been most generous in allowing us to meet on campus, but there is a "detail" involved: classes have priority when it comes to use of the facilities.

Thus the room we have been using in Schewel Hall (formerly Centennial Hall) is not available for fall semester. So our meeting will have to be in room 14, Hopwood Hall. This is the same room we used when we first began meetings at LC. The building can most easily be reached by entering campus at the main gate on Lakeside Drive, and taking the right fork at the Y. As you go up the hill, there will be athletic fields on your right, and Hopwood is on the left at the top of the hill. You can park anywhere EXCEPT IN THE SPACES RIGHT NEXT TO THE BACK OF THE BUILDING! The second row spaces are fine, it is just the ones at the curb right behind the building, where they will ticket you!

Room 14 is on the main floor. See you there.

