This is to inform you that important maintenance is required on the NUINFO server to improve the performance of the system and implement an automated notification system to alert engineers of urgent problems proactively. This maintenance will occur within the regularly scheduled system maintenance window on Sunday, February 10, 2008, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and noon.

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In concert with this effort, NUIT will be testing the NUINFO mirror server that has been set up on the Chicago campus to provide some redundancy, in the event of an Evanston outage. If this test functions as designed, content that is on NUINFO as of 8:00 p.m. on Saturday will continue to be reflected on the mirror site while the primary NUINFO server is undergoing maintenance. In other words, the general public will not notice that the NUINFO server is out of service. In the unlikely event this test does not function as designed, users will receive some type of “page not found” message while the server is unavailable.

In some cases, dynamic content being pulled from other servers will not be up to date during the maintenance window. Only the most frequently-used cgi scripts will be available and other scripts will be replaced with a custom error message. Maildata.cgi will remain available.

In addition, the e-mail announcement at the end of this message will be sent the University community, via the nwu-comp-announce, UNITS, and Web Steering Committee listservs.

If you have questions about this interruption of service, please contact Web Communications at webmaster@northwestern.edu.

Please direct questions to the NUIT Support Center at 847-491-HELP (4357) or consultant@northwestern.edu.
SUBJECT: IMPORTANT MAINTENANCE SCHEDULED on NUINFO server -
Sunday, February 10

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The following Web sites are hosted on NUINFO:

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1800.northwestern.edu
www.adminplan.northwestern.edu
www.aquatics.northwestern.edu
www.benefits.northwestern.edu
www.biochem.northwestern.edu
www.biophysics.northwestern.edu
www.blockmuseum.northwestern.edu
www.cancercenter.cgm.northwestern.edu
www.chemgroups.northwestern.edu
www.clp.northwestern.edu
www.clubs.northwestern.edu
If you have questions about this interruption of service, please contact Web Communications at webmaster@northwestern.edu or NUIT Communications at it-communications@northwestern.edu.

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