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Keep Spyware off Your Computer:

Spyware is most commonly installed through Web browsing and as a component of freeware and shareware applications, such as the popular Kazaa Media Desktop software. Some malicious spyware makes changes that can cause your computer to slow down or crash. Other spyware changes your Web browser's home page, adds unwanted components to your browser, and watches your online activity on behalf of Internet advertisers. Visit NUIT's Spyware Prevention Web pages at <<http://www.it.northwestern.edu/security/spyware/>> to learn more about spyware and how to protect yourself from it.

New Online Directory Replaces "Ph" on January 31:

To help unify security practices and streamline the processes for implementing new software, NUIT is converting the current online Ph directory to Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP). After January 31, the search function for e-mail clients and applications still set to query Ph will no longer work. Eudora, Outlook, Apple Mail, and Entourage users can find LDAP configuration instructions at: <<http://www.it.northwestern.edu/accounts/email/config/ldap/>>

Great Software Discounts Available for Students:

Northwestern has subscribed to the Microsoft Student Select Licensing Program to make Microsoft Office and Windows XP Professional available to students at the lowest prices around! You can buy Student Select software directly off the NUIT Web site by logging in with your Northwestern NetID and password, and selecting the software you wish to purchase (credit card only). The media will be shipped directly to you. Other discounted software available to students includes Maple, Mathematica, and MATLAB. For details, see <<http://www.it.northwestern.edu/software/students/>>

Update Your RealPlayer to Watch the MLK Webcast:

To provide better video quality and improved security for University Webcasts (including the January 17 Martin Luther King Day Webcast), NUIT highly encourages the University community to download the latest player release from Real Networks--RealPlayer 10.5. This replaces all prior versions of RealPlayer, including the Northwestern-specific RealOne Enterprise Desktop. For more information and to configure the latest RealPlayer to avoid pop-up advertisements, visit NUIT Webcasting at: <<http://www.it.northwestern.edu/webcasting/>> . The

MLK Webcast will also be available for viewing through NUTV on NU Channel 1. Visit the MLK Web site for more information: <<http://www.northwestern.edu/mlk>>

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Stay Connected to the Internet Off-Campus:

If you currently use the NU Modem Pool, time is running out--the modem pool will be gone by August 1. Many local Internet Service Providers offer relatively low-cost dialup service. If you'll be spending lots of time on the Web, downloading large files, and/or viewing multimedia-rich Internet content, we recommend a high-speed DSL (Digital Subscriber Line) or cable modem connection. Visit NUIT's Connecting from Off-Campus at <<http://www.it.northwestern.edu/offcampus>> for detailed information and Internet service provider information to help you make an educated off-campus Internet choice.

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