To the Northwestern community:

A computer virus that affects e-mail services attacked user computers on Northwestern's e-mail system Thursday.

W32.Bugbear.B@mm, a new strain of the Bugbear virus, is a mass-mailing worm that sends e-mails with the virus attached without authorization from a user. Messages containing the virus all appear to have executable (*.exe) attachments with varying names. The "From" and “Subject” lines of the e-mails may vary.

To help combat the spread of the virus, please take the following actions:

--Do *not* open any e-mail messages or attachments from unknown sources.

--Download the latest virus definition from Symantec and run your anti-virus software. Details can be found at the Symantec WWeb site at <http://securityresponse.symantec.com/avcenter/venc/data/w32.bugbear.b@mm.html>.

Computers using Windows 95, Windows98, Windows NT, Windows 2000, Windows XP and Windows Me are susceptible to infection from this virus. Macintosh systems are not affected, but Mac users are advised to run their anti-virus software as a precautionary measure.

NU Information Technology is monitoring the situation closely. NUIT responded quickly to combat this virus threat by enhancing virus detection on the University's central e-mail servers and ensuring that the latest virus definitions were available. Support staff are on hand to assist users who call the Information Center at 1-HELP (1-4357).

Check NUIT's "Get Control" site at <http://www.it.northwestern.edu/getctrl/> for updates.

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