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NUIT Announces Changes to Student Entries in Ph Online Directory

Following up on modifications put into place earlier this year, Northwestern University Information Technology (NUIT) has made further changes to the University's online Ph directory, effective September 9, 2002. These changes specifically affect directory entries for students and were reviewed by the ASG/IT Advisory Committee.

Two of these changes were made at the request of the Registrar's Office to assure that data in certain Ph fields (curriculum, school address and school phone) accurately reflects information maintained in the central University database.

What changes were made, and why?
At the request of the Registrar, students will no longer be able to change information in the school address and school phone fields through the Web-based Ph editing form, as was previously possible. However, students will be able to edit either field through CAESAR (at www.northwestern.edu/caesar/), which reflects official University data.

A related minor change involved removal of the no update field, which is no longer relevant since school address and school phone were the last fields in student Ph entries governed by whether or not no update was filled in.

In addition, at the Registrar's request, students will no longer be able to change the curriculum field which reflects the school and year of standing (e.g. JOUR3, WCAS1). Instead, this field will also reflect official University data. CAESAR editing of this field will not be available.

A third change reflects privacy concerns relating to a student's year of standing at the University (information that could hint at that student's age), as reflected in the curriculum field. Earlier privacy modifications made to Ph required that this field be displayed for off-campus queries.

At the request of Student Affairs, NUIT changed the curriculum field format to remove the year of standing (e.g., WCAS2 would become WCAS) displayed for unauthenticated off-campus Ph queries. However, the year of standing will still be displayed for on-campus or authenticated off-campus directory queries.

Detailed information about Ph is available at snap.it.northwestern.edu/it/snap/ph-user-doc.html. Questions about changes Ph privacy enhancements can be directed to it-feedback@northwestern.edu. Technical questions about Ph should be directed to consultant@northwestern.edu.