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LDAP TO REPLACE PH: On June 20, 2004, Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) will replace Ph (Northwestern's current online directory service). LDAP is an industry standard network protocol for authentication, authorization, mail routing, and online directory services. E-mail software configured to use the current ldap.nwu.edu directory must be reconfigured to point to the new directory service: directory.northwestern.edu. For more information regarding the migration, please visit: http://www.it.northwestern.edu/transitions.

GOODBYE "NWU.EDU": To standardize the NU identity online, e-mail delivery to addresses in the "nwu.edu" domain will end on June 20, 2004. This means any user whose published e-mail address ends with "nwu.edu" will not be able to send or receive e-mail after this date. If you joined NU during or after September 2000, you do not have to worry about this change. If you haven't already done so, to learn how to switch to the new Internet address domain ("northwestern.edu") please visit: http://www.it.northwestern.edu/transitions.

VIRUSES TAKE ON NEW DISGUISES: Even if you're careful enough not to click on unexpected e-mail attachments, simply opening an e-mail message could be enough to trigger some new variants of the "Bagle" (or "Beagle") virus. These viruses exploit a flaw in Microsoft Outlook. Microsoft issued a patch for this last fall, but you're at risk if you have not updated your system. Because viruses have taken on new forms and are disguising themselves in new ways, it is increasingly important to update your virus definitions and security patches. Learn how by visiting the "Get Control" site at http://www.it.northwestern.edu/getcontrol.

INTELLISYNC FOR MEETING MAKER: NUIT is releasing Intellisync for Meeting Maker and PocketPC users on March 29 for a fee of $35. Intellisync, a Meeting Maker platform add-on, provides two-way synchronization between Meeting Maker clients and Pocket PCs. With Intellisync, Meeting Maker users are able to synchronize calendars, to-
do lists, and contact information with all PocketPC (Windows CE) devices. The software, available to users with a registered and validated installation of MeetingMaker 7.1, requires Windows 98, Windows 2000 Professional, or Windows XP. For more information on the purchase and installation of Intellisync, please visit: http://www.it.northwestern.edu/introductions.

CONDUITS UPDATE: The much anticipated CONDUITS project (Customer-Oriented Network Delivering University Information Technology Services) is an integrated system that is designed to accommodate all University customer products and services that NUIT offers. Currently used by many peer institutions, Pinnacle Communications Management was chosen as the software business process solution. With the pilot implementation scheduled this summer, the CONDUITS team has been working with department contacts across the University to ensure that data brought from legacy systems to Pinnacle will be accurate.

SPSS AND MAPLE AVAILABLE: NUIT has released the latest version of software from SPSS and Maple. SPSS version 12.0 for Windows is now available for faculty and staff, offering better reporting capabilities, improved data and output management, and new add-on modules. For more information, please visit: http://aquavite.northwestern.edu/it-services/browse.cgi?s=SPSS.

NUIT is also making available the most current version of Maple computation software for faculty, staff, and students for a fee of $35. This fee will ensure that the latest versions of Maple software continue to be available to the Northwestern research and teaching communities at a significant discount. Currently, users will be able to purchase each new version as it becomes available for the $35 fee and older versions will be available at no cost. At this time, version 9.0 is available for the stated price, and version 8.0 is available at no charge. For more information, please visit: http://aquavite.northwestern.edu/it-services/browse.cgi?s=Maple.

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