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NUIT Retires Tech Lab UNIX Workstations

Because of declining usage, NU Information Technology (NUIT) is retiring the HP UNIX workstations in the Technological Institute computer lab on the Evanston campus, as of August 19, 2002. This affects users of dove.acns.nwu.edu, egret.acns.nwu.edu, emu.acns.nwu.edu, gull.acns.nwu.edu, kiwi.acns.nwu.edu, owl.acns.nwu.edu and puffin.acns.nwu.edu.

NUIT has monitored usage of the UNIX workstations since August 1999, when the Tech lab was upgraded. Over the past three years, usage has declined almost to the point of non-use. After much deliberation, and with an eye on how NUIT could best allocate its limited resources, it was decided to retire the workstations and to focus efforts on supporting teaching and learning in other areas.

Anyone who uses one of the Tech workstations to receive email should modify their Ph alias immediately to point to their NUNet account on one of the central NUIT email machines. All email sent to the Tech workstations after August 19 will bounce back as undeliverable. If you need help updating your Ph alias, contact consultant@northwestern.edu.

Those users with files on the Tech workstations should plan on retrieving them before August 19. The UNIX workstation file server rookery.acns.nwu.edu will be open to FTP, SFTP and SCP access between August 19 and October 11 for those unable to retrieve files before then. All files left on the server after October 11 will be permanently deleted.

If you need help transferring files, or if you have other questions or concerns, contact it-wsl@rookery.acns.nwu.edu.