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Technology Touches YOU!

By now, all of you know the many ways technology can benefit your academic and personal life at Northwestern. Here are some resources you can use to make your digital life easier and safer, and to keep you up to date on technology changes brought to you by Northwestern University Information Technology (NUIT).

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*** Computer Hibernation Time: *** If you live in a residence hall, please remember to power down your computer before you leave for Winter Break.

Virus Prevention: Most of us have either heard stories about computer virus problems or experienced them firsthand. Being educated about viruses is the most important step you can take to protect your data and your privacy. NUIT provides free Norton AntiVirus software to students for detecting and isolating viruses. Even if your computer was recently purchased and contains anti-virus software, you should check out the advantages of the NUIT-provided software at http://www.tss.northwestern.edu/virus/. For more information about recent viruses, as well as tips on handling unwanted e-mail (*spam*), see the "Get Control" site, http://www.it.northwestern.edu/getctrl/.

Wireless World: Once you know what it takes to be safe on NUNet and the Internet, how can you use it to maximum advantage? For many of us, there are advantages to having "anytime, anywhere" access. If you own a laptop with a wireless interface card, take advantage of NU's wireless network. NUIT recently installed new wireless access points, bringing the total on both campuses to over 100. NUIT's Web site at http://www.tss.northwestern.edu/wireless/ contains a list of locations and helpful information on how to configure your laptop. The latest information on VPN clients can be found at http://www.tss.northwestern.edu/vpn/.

More News YOU Can Use:
-Who do I contact if I have a question or problem?
http://www.it.northwestern.edu/students/resources.html
-What do I do to speed up access to NUNet from off-campus?
http://www.it.northwestern.edu/dsl-and-cable/
-Where can I access computers for image editing, illustration, and interactive Web design?
http://www.mediaworks.northwestern.edu/
-When will NUIT discontinue support of older operating systems?
http://www.it.northwestern.edu/news/archive/aug02.html

Enjoy the holidays!

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