

# Technically Speaking

Technically Speaking is a monthly PERT Newsletter for residents in Dieterich, Millikan, Franken, and Phillips Halls.

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## Policy Violations

### What is and is not allowed on the network?

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This is probably not the most humorous topic, but it is important nevertheless.

Policy violation basically means not adhering to the regulations set by Northwest's Information Systems Department. Hence, the term policy violation is very broad and may be dealing with something simple like a misnamed computer or with something more serious such as running a personal server on campus.

Policy violations can be either hardware or software related. If a violation occurs, the student is contacted by a staff member of Client Computing (most likely a PERT) who will guide you through solving the problem.

For the first violation, the student has to attend a policies workshop. The

second violation requires the student to attend the workshop again and a \$75 fine will be assessed. On the third and subsequent violations, the student goes through the Student Disciplinary Committee. This same procedure is followed for all types of offenses, HOWEVER, the student deals directly with the legal authority in charge for legal offenses and with the university.

The rule of thumb to use is if you think something is a violation, in all likelihood it is a violation. Check with Information Systems first to verify whether or not it is a violation.

To the right is a list of equipment we do NOT permit on the Northwest network (beware though, it is not all-inclusive). 🐾



### Equipment NOT Allowed

Peer-to Peer File Sharing Programs

Wireless LAN Devices

Game Consoles (Xbox, PS2, Gamecube, etc...)

Webcams

Any type of Server

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## Have some free time on your hands?



### Fun Links

- www.coffeekbreakarcade.com
- Great games
- www.candystand.com
- More games, sponsored by Lifesavers Candies®.
- www.hsx.com
- Try your hand at a realistic stock market simulation using movie stars and movies.
- www.weebly-stuff.com/
- Quirky animated toons, make sure you check out magical Trevor.
- www.Blogger.com
- Ever have a diary/journal when you were younger? Well now here is your chance to have one again - only it is online now!

## Tech Talk Speak L33t?

Does your CPU have enough RAM? What's your fav URL? BTW, r u on AIM? No clue about what I just said? Well read on, and soon you will move on up from your Noob status to one that is more L33t.

IM = Instant Message, one example of this is AIM, AOL instant messaging service.

URL = Uniform Resource Location, a web address, ex www.nwmissouri.edu.

WWW = World Wide Web

HTML = Hypertext Markup Language

Flame = An insulting message

RAM = Random Access Memory  
The working memory of the computer

CPU = Central Processing Unit.. The CPU controls the operation of a computer.

Btw = By The Way, acronym used in IM'ing.

Hub/switch = A central device that connects several computers together.

Spam = The electronic equivalent of junk mail.

Noob = A new user

L33t = An Internet-based language, l33t speak was only known to a select few, hence elite or L33t. It began by using numbers to replace certain letters (mostly vowels) such as A = 4 or E = 3.

Boot = To turn on the computer.

Definitions brought to you from  
www.computeruser.com 🐾



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| Fri                               | 8 am—5 pm     |
| Sat                               | 11 am—4:45 pm |



Default welcome screen for CatPAWS.

## Folding@Home: Folding for the Future

Stanford University needs your help to research the folding process of proteins. Proteins are present in every cell of the human body. When they do not fold properly, they can cause diseases, like Alzheimer's, cystic fibrosis, and even many cancers.

Stanford's Distributed Computing Project allows users from all over the world to use their PC to simulate this folding process and to send the results back to researchers. To learn more about this project, please visit:

<http://folding.stanford.edu/>

## Still having problems with your personal PC on the NWMSU network?

Make sure you contact your PERT, who will either set up an appointment with you or give you a helpful instruction booklet that will walk you through the entire procedure.

Also you can visit:

[www.nwmissouri.edu/COMPSEV/clientcomputing/ClientComputingSupport.htm](http://www.nwmissouri.edu/COMPSEV/clientcomputing/ClientComputingSupport.htm)

It has all the procedures that are found in the booklet, but they are updated even more often.



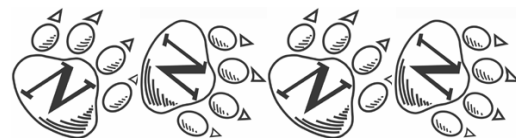
## CatPAWS

### Having trouble getting through the new system?

Spring course registration will be the first time many freshman and transfer students will have used CatPAWS for course enrollment. However, CatPAWS is used for much more than registering for classes.

To log into CatPAWS, enter your entire nine digit 919 number as your login ID and your six digit PIN number that you created when you previously logged into CatPAWS.

After login, a screen will appear that has two menus. The Personal Information menu is used to view or update your personal information such as current address, phone



number, PIN number, and security question. The Student Services and Financial Aid menu is used to add or drop classes, view your class schedule, review your financial aid package, and look up your student bill.

If you need any help with CatPAWS or if you would like one-on-one training on how to use it, ask your PERT for assistance. 🐾

## A plague of Spyware

### Spyware has been more than a nuisance to residents in this last month.

Spyware is basically software that is designed by advertisers to deliver ads to users and to relay usage data back to them. Many students have been dealing with slow computers, floods of pop-ups, and some have even had their Internet Explorer (IE) homepage changed or redirected.

If this has been happening to you, the first thing you should do is remove any spyware you currently have on your computer. To do this, you can use free software available online. One software title, called Spybot, is already installed on all residence hall computers. To use it, go to 'All Programs' on the start menu and click on 'Spybot – Search and Destroy'. Once in Spybot, have it check for updates. Then select 'Check for Problems' to scan your computer for Spyware. When it has finished scanning, you can place a check mark beside each problem found and click 'Remove Selected Problems'.

## Preview for Next Month...

Don't miss next month's edition. We will be bringing you information on different operating systems (other than Windows) and what you can do to make your resumé look extra good.

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Another useful tool that many students use is a pop-up blocker. They are usually built into most IE browser toolbars, such as Google or Yahoo. They are great at preventing unwanted pop-ups, but they can cause problems when you are accessing your web-based Northwest email account or if you are using Northwest Online. Most toolbars have a button you can click to temporarily disable the pop-up blocker.

These measures are good 'first-steps' to help you deal with spy ware. If you would like more information on spy ware or if you need help combating it, speak to your PERT. 🐾