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Subj: request to modify the way that we provide usenet news services

The TSC would like to change the way that we provide Usenet News Services.
We currently run our news server 'in house' with a news feed from a third
party. When we originally established the news service, there were few
other options. With the expansion of the internet, however, many other
options now exist. We propose to move our entire usenet news service to
a News Service Provider. The benefits of this change will be:

* Expanded group selection - the external server will offer a wider
selection of newsgroups (including regional hierarchies from around
the country) than we can currently offer with our current news feed.

* Improved Internet access - by eliminating the network traffic caused by
the incoming news feed (6GB/day!), access times to sites outside IUP will
be improved.

* Enhanced e-mail performance - the system currently used to run our
news server can be redeployed to provide improved e-mail IMAP services.

IUP Usenet news users would not need to re-configure their Client
programs. They would, however, need to reset their "seen" articles
when we move to the new server resulting in a minor, one time
inconvenience.

While the proposed change will result in this one time need for usenet
news users to reset their "seen" articles, we believe that the benefits
exceed this one time inconvenience. By using a Usenet News Server
Service Provider, we can offer everything we offer today and more --
with virtually no increase in costs plus all of the benefits noted
above.

We hope to implement this service July 99. Please advise as soon as
possible with any concerns. thanks