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Extreme Networks' Gordon Stitt moderated the eNet keynote panel. Full story on page 3.

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Chambers optimistic about high tech future, cites industry forces

By Jim Thompson, *The Daily*

In a keynote address that was part economics, part history and part technology delivered with the fervor of a television evangelist, John Chambers, president and CEO of Cisco Systems, offered sound advice for high tech companies to move out the economic doldrums while creating new opportunities for the future.

"Last year was tough on the technology industry, but the fundamental driv-



Cisco's Chambers

ers of the industry are actually getting stronger," Chambers told the capacity crowd. "The future of technology is about productivity, which we see growing three to five percent for countries and four to five percent for companies."

He envisions what he calls "the network virtual organization," in which companies focus on their core competency and outsource other services, as the second major

factor that will drive the technology industry over the next three decades.

New products and services that allow business to become resilient will be the third major technology driver. Although routers, switches and networking products are among these new products, he singled out security as the most important for insuring that the promise of the Internet is realized.

During a short demonstration, Cisco products, including wireless and security equipment, were showcased. At one point, a PC with a wireless connection to a satellite imaging system showed pic-

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Wladawsky-Berger proposes distributed computing options to e-businesses

By Sean Cassidy, *The Daily*

Exclaiming that "the Internet is the most incredible repository of content that anyone has ever known," Irving Wladawsky-Berger, VP of technology and strategy for IBM Server Group, delivered an hour-long talk about the Web's future as a distributed computing platform at his Wednesday keynote presentation in the Las Vegas Hilton's Barron Ballroom.

Wladawsky-Berger began the afternoon session with a quick look back to the Internet's beginnings as a ubiquitous technology in the mid-1990s. The



IBM's Wladawsky-Berger

point when the true power of the 'Net revealed itself to him was during a trip to Japan in 1996. Awakening at 4am Tokyo time, Wladawsky-Berger realized there was a Mets game scheduled to begin

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NPA Awards recognizes top networking professionals

By Jim Thompson, *The Daily*

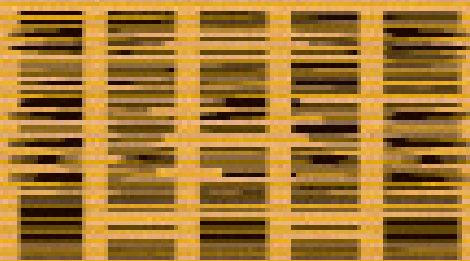
Canadian networking professional Stephen Ibaraki was awarded the prestigious Career Achievement Award by the Network Professional Association (NPA) during a noon ceremony at NetWorld+Interop 2002 Las Vegas. Other individual achievements were recognized in the areas of Best "Rookie," Youngest Networking Person and Most Innovative

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