PROTECTING YOURSELF FROM IDENTITY THEFT
submitted by Vicky Brondum, director of the Colgate Bookstore

“THERE ARE RISKS AND COSTS TO A PROGRAM OF ACTION, BUT THEY ARE FAR LESS THAN THE LONG-RANGE RISKS AND COSTS OF COMFORTABLE INACTION.”

~John F. Kennedy

Identity theft is a serious crime that is on the rise in our country. In 2004, there were 17,680 reported cases of identity theft in New York State alone. Identity theft occurs when your personal information is used without your knowledge to commit fraud or theft. Studies have shown that victims of identity theft experience psychological, emotional, and socially destructive trauma, much like that experienced by victims of violent crime. In addition, victims of identity theft typically realize $4,000 in lost wages and spend approximately 330 hours repairing the damage to their credit ratings.

While you cannot prevent someone from targeting you for identity theft, you can reduce your risk of becoming a victim by taking the following steps:

♦ Safeguard your personal information.
♦ Check your credit report annually. A recent amendment to the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act requires each of the nationwide consumer reporting companies – Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion – to provide you with a free copy of your credit report, at your request, once every 12 months. Visit annualcreditreport.com for more details.
♦ Shred credit card offers and documents containing personal information that you are not required to save, such as medical records, cancelled checks, and financial records.
♦ Report loss of government documents, such as your driver’s license, social security card, or passport immediately upon discovery.
♦ Never send out mail that includes your complete social security number (SSN).
♦ Assist your employer with identity theft exposure by reporting your concerns to your manager or supervisor.

Don’t take the road of inaction. Follow the tips listed above and do some personal research on the topic by reading the Federal Trade Commission’s booklet entitled “ID Theft: What It’s All About.” This booklet is free and may be downloaded from their website at http://www.ftc.gov/ for easy sharing with family, friends, colleagues, and neighbors.

Website Resources:
♦ http://onguardonline.gov/idtheft.html
♦ http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft/
♦ http://www.usdoj.gov/criminal/fraud/idtheft.html

The three national credit bureaus:
TransUnion www.tuc.com; 800-916-8800  
Equifax www.equifax.com; 800-685-1111  
Experian www.experian.com; 800-972-0322

If you don’t have access to the Internet, call 1-877-ID-THEFT, the FTC’s toll-free ID Theft Hotline.
Wireless Frequently-Asked Questions

Here’s a quick quiz for you.

Wireless computing means:
1) I don’t have to plug in the power cord.
2) I don’t have to use a headset.
3) I can use my computer’s wireless capability to access the network without plugging my computer directly into the network.

Of course you answered #3, and you are right. A computer can easily be equipped with a wireless card so that when it is anywhere within range of a wireless network, you can login to that network. Colgatepublic (our wireless network) has more than 1000 users each day.

What do I need to use wireless?
The Colgate wireless network supports two wireless standards, 802.11B and 802.11G. The difference between the two is the total amount of bandwidth they provide: you get a shared 11 MB/s with a B network, and a shared 54 MB/s with a G network. If you have a choice, buy a card that supports the 802.11G standard, for increased speed.

What if I can use either the wired or the wireless network?
ITS recommends if you have a choice, plug the computer into the local area network. We are on our way to providing 1000 MB/s to each desktop on campus. And that’s switched service (you get the entire 1000 MB), not the shared service you get with the wireless network. If you are using wireless, and nineteen other people are using the same B standard wireless access point, you are only getting 1/20th of an 11MB connection. And that’s the best you can expect.

How do I use Colgatepublic?
Once the wireless network was completely open, and no login was required. As usage increased, we changed access to the system, and now there are two ways to connect to Colgatepublic. You can login as a guest, or with a valid Colgate username. Connecting as a guest is adequate for checking email or surfing the internet. Logging in with your Colgate credentials will give you increased bandwidth as well as access to network resources.

To access Colgatepublic, set your computer up in proximity to a wireless access point (see computing.colgate.edu for locations and information about wireless growth). Once your wireless card finds Colgatepublic, open a browser. A security/login page will be displayed where you can login.

Is there security on Colgatepublic?
Some file sharing programs, such as KaZaA and LimeWire, are blocked if detected by our secure gateway.

Can I use wireless in other locations?
You can of course use your wireless capability to access networks outside of Colgate, providing access is permitted. Airports and hotels commonly provide wireless access for guests, so be sure your wireless card is enabled when you travel.

My wireless card tries to take over my network connection.
If your computer has both wired and wireless capability, and you are plugged into the network with a wireless access point located nearby, you may experience some interference between the two. If this happens, simply disable the wireless card until you need it again.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who sent cards, food, phone calls, donations and much more at the time of the loss our mom, mother-in-law and grandmother.

Blessed are the givers and grateful are the receivers.

Gert Neubauer
Nancy Palminter
Heather Palmer

A Fish! Appetizer...
See pg. 3 for full course.

“The greatest discovery of my generation is that a human being can alter his life by altering his attitudes of mind.”

—William James (1842-1910)
FI SH! Philosophy

One Fish, Two Fish, Three Fish, Four...

So far we have covered three of the four FI SH! Philosophies: Play, Make Their Day, and Be There. The fourth philosophy, Choose Your Attitude, is simple. Yet the concept of choosing your attitude may be a difficult one for some to grasp; especially for those of us that believe outside influences cause or are responsible for our attitudes.

Did you know that you have the power to choose your attitude? It's true! Think about a recent unpleasant event you have experienced or an encounter with a negative person. Did this event or person have any influence on your attitude?

Life is full of events and pressures that we have no control over. These events and pressures can have a direct affect on our feelings, and; if we let them, our attitudes. We can either choose to be subservient to these outside influences or we can take charge and choose how we will respond.

This does not mean that you have to always put on a happy pretense. Sometimes being angry or sad is just what a situation calls for. The first step to choosing your attitude is being aware of what your attitude is and then understanding how it impacts you and others. This awareness may cause you to view your attitude differently, even if the outside influences have not changed. Think about whether your attitude helps you or others and if it is helping you be who you want to be.

The ChartHouse Learning website (www.charthouse.com) says that choosing your attitude “asks only that you make your own choice and not try to pass it off on something or someone else. Once you accept that you are the only one who is choosing your attitude at this moment, you can decide whether to keep it or shape it into an attitude that’s more satisfying. You control your attitude, not the other way around.”

A Special Thanks to Colgate Support Staff
Administrative Professionals Week
April 23 – 29, 2006

Administrative Professionals Week began in 1952 as an effort to honor administrative staff for their day to day work efforts and to attract more people to consider office and administrative careers. Today, it is one of the largest workplace observances outside of employee birthdays and major holidays.

The idea began with Mary Barrett, president of the National Secretaries Association (NSA) and C. King Woodbridge, president of Dictaphone Corporation. They were serving on a council addressing a national shortage of skilled office workers. Together with Harry Klemfuss, public relations account executive at Young & Rubicam, they originated the idea for a National Secretaries Week. The name was changed to Professional Secretaries Week in 1981, and became Administrative Professionals Week in 2000 to encompass the expanding responsibilities and wide-ranging job titles of administrative support staff.

From the International Association of Administrative Professionals www.iaap-hq.org

Just as the name of this event has evolved over time, so has the role of support staff everywhere. Colgate’s Support Staff Career Progression Program identifies those skills and competencies that support staff bring to their jobs and are important to Colgate – for example, strong coordination and communication skills, a willingness to master new technologies, and a desire to learn and grow, and accept new challenges.

While we should all be sure to thank our support staff for their contributions on a regular basis, this week provides a special opportunity to let staff know that they are valued.

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the cards, donations, flowers, food, advice, hugs, and words of encouragement you have provided to me and my family following the death of my father. Your kind and generous acts are helping us through a difficult time, and we very much appreciate it. Colgate is a special place because of its people, and I am thankful to be a member of this community.

Sincerely,
Leslie Green Guilbault
EMPLOYEE NEWS

PROMOTIONS

Abbey Rowe, assistant director of outdoor education, has been promoted to director of outdoor education, effective June 1.

POSITION VACANCIES

Administrative Assistant, Outdoor Education
(10 months each year)

Administrative Assistant to the Director of Chapel House and the Great Religions Fund
(20 hours/week)

Administrative Assistant/Senior Administrative Assistant to the Dean of Admission

Admission Counselor
Annual Fund Officer
Assistant Director of Career Services
Assistant Director of Center for Leadership & Student Involvement
Assistant Director of Outdoor Education
(2 positions - 10 months each year)

Associate/Assistant Director of the Annual Fund Curatorial Assistant, Picker - 30 hrs/wk 18 mos.
Dean of the College
Director of Advancement, Communications
Director of Jewish Life
Environmental Services Supervisor
Equipment Cage Attendant—Reid Athletic Center
Multimedia Systems Technician
Program Assistant-Intern, ALANA Cultural Center
Residential Life Coordinators (10 1/2 months)

Web Developer

For complete details on how to apply visit:
http://careers.colgate.edu

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ANNIVERSARIES

30 Years
Bob Cornell - Athletic Communications

25 Years
Karen Johnston—Library

15 Years
Kathy Brawn—Athletics—Soccer

10 Years
Rebecca Costello— Communications

5 Years
Gary Bridge— Campus Safety

WANTED

A HOME FOR GUNNAR
My name is Gunnar. I am a Norwegian forest cat, big and beautiful. My parents are retiring and moving far away and they can't take me with them. I need a new home! Although I am an older cat, I am healthy and like to play. I have been “fixed” and have all my shots. I am not used to very young children, and although I lived for a long time with another cat, I have to be the alpha male! I am good natured, never claw things, and only puke occasionally! If you can give me a new home, please call my ‘rents, Eric and Carol at 824-1893.

SELL & SWAP

For Sale: 2000 Jeep Cherokee 4WD. New tires in October. 97,000 miles. Power windows, locks & mirrors; cruise control, tilt wheel, privacy glass. $6,500 or best offer.
Call 607-334-9521

For Sale: 1997 Chevy Blazer 4x4 136k miles Asking $ 2,700.00.
Call 315-653-4431

For Sale: Lathe with stand. 5 speed, 1/2hp, fwd./rev., 10” swing x 38” long bed with 8” face plate. Asking: $150.
Montgomery Ward Scrollsaw Craftsman 16” single speed with blades. Asking: $60.
Call 315-861-7719 after 5p.m.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Richard and Thirza Dawkins welcomed daughter, Anna Penelope (7 lbs. 9 oz.) on March 8. She joins big sister, Christine Elizabeth (almost 4). Thirza is director of donor relations.

Ann and Jeff Buboltz welcomed son, August William Curoltz (8 lbs. 20.5” long) on March 22. “Gus” joins his big sister, Amelia (almost 3). Jeff is an assistant professor of physics.

Quote of the Month

I am still determined to be cheerful and happy, in whatever situation I may be; for I have also learned from experience that the greater part of our happiness or misery depends upon our dispositions, and not upon our circumstances.

—Martha Washington (1732 - 1802)