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Office of the University Systems and Security

MEMORANDUM

TO: **Oracle Users**
FROM: **Brian Domenick, University Director**
Office of Information Research and Technology
DATE: **1/22/2001**
SUBJECT: **Oracle**

Due to licensing restrictions, the University Systems and Security only provides Oracle access to students and faculty of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science in Teaneck. Oracle is for educational purposes only.

The University Systems and Security does not maintain Oracle as a production database system and cannot guarantee the existence or validity of any data if the database should become corrupt. The database should not be used for maintaining any data other than the student database exercises. This does not mean we are deleting data on a daily basis or that we have eliminated our routine backups. However, in the event of system failure, the database as a whole would be restored from the closest date before the integrity of the data was compromised. Any database transactions made after that date would be lost.

Individual database accounts will be expired and data owned by the student will be deleted at the end of every semester. All the data owned by the student under the account will be permanently erased. This office is not responsible for any file or data loss due to closing of the account.

The above should not pose any real problems to faculty or students since our system is used strictly for educational purposes only. Any severe catastrophes can be minimized by having users of Oracle take certain precautions in the way in which they access the database. I strongly recommend the following:

Instead of simply typing your SQL statements to the SQLPLUS interface, you should put your create, update and query statements in a UNIX text file. After, you can call these text files from SQLPLUS. This will offer additional advantages over just safeguarding against hardware or software problems. This method of database access will allow a student to easily recreate his or her own tables, including data even if they drop a table by mistake.

Print Full Name

User's Signature

Date