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TO: All Club Leaders

FROM: Choon Woo Ha, Student Union Treasurer

SUBJECT: Credit Card Security Breach

DATE: Tuesday, March 25, 2008

On February 27, 2008, Hannaford became aware of the online data theft following reports of suspicious credit card activity. The crime, which occurred some time between December and March, is one of the largest reported data thefts from a retailer in U.S. history.

In short, data thieves broke into computers at supermarket chains Hannaford Brothers and Sweetbay, stealing an estimated 4.2 million credit card numbers.

Many Hannaford stores including those in New England were hit with the theft. Close to 70 Massachusetts banks have been contacted by Visa and MasterCard about the incident.

This incident has deactivated many, if not all, P-Cards on campus, including that of the Treasurer. I am in close contact with respective departments within the University and JP Morgan Chase to resolve the problem as soon as possible.

I would like to ensure all of you that we have a back-up plan to accommodate the needs of club leaders. Until the problem has been resolved, the Office of the Treasurer will be using an official Student Union debit card in association with Bank of America. Therefore, online and phone purchases of materials and equipment will still be in effect during the Treasurer's office hours.

Club leaders with individual P-Cards will be contacted shortly regarding this incident and how to go about the problem.

If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me at treasurer@brandeis.edu.

Thank you.