CYBER COMMUNITIES: FRIEND OR FOE?

Personal Safety
Information leading to you
Class schedules
Daily activities/Social activities
Birth date
Phone numbers

Benefits of Cyber Communities
Convenient way to connect with people around the world
Create groups with similar interests
Coordinate study groups

Hidden Hazards
Identity Theft
Stalkers/Predators
Harassment

Resources
University Police Department COPS
Student Conflict Resolution Services
Hall Directors or Resident Manager

Cyber Community Challenges
People can misrepresent themselves
All postings are public- no control with information once posted
Addiction
False sense of security
Reputation

Xanga
Facebook

MYSPACE