

# ETHICAL SITUATIONS

## **Case 1 - Personal Use**

A computer operator runs a program at work for a friend and uses 10 minutes of computer time. The program was run when the computer was idle—that is, not being used for company business. How would you rate the computer operator's behavior?

## **Case 2 - Unauthorized Copying of Software**

A copy of a payroll program developed by a programmer on the job is given to a friend at a different company. How would you judge the programmer's behavior?

## **Case 3 - Privacy Violation**

Using a terminal, an employee breaks a security code and reviews confidential company salaries of corporate executives. No use is made of the information. When caught, the employee says, "I was just curious." How would you judge the employee's behavior?

## **Case 4 - Unauthorized Manipulation of Data**

A bank teller electronically transfers money from a relatively inactive customer account to a personal account and then transfers the money to a credit card account to pay current credit card charges. On payday, money is deposited into the teller's personal account, and the teller then electronically transfers the money back to the customer's account. No money changes hands, and no interest is lost to the customer's account. How would you judge the teller's behavior?

## **Case 5 - Theft of Services**

A student gives out a password to another student who is not enrolled in a computer class for which a laboratory fee is charged. The password allows access to the school computer. The unauthorized student uses three hours of computer time in a time-sharing environment. How would you judge the **behavior of the student enrolled** in the class?

## **Case 6 - Theft of Services**

Using Case 5, how would you judge the conduct of the unauthorized student?

## **Case 7 - Unauthorized Modification of Data**

A programmer is asked to write a program that will intentionally generate inaccurate information for company stockholders. When the programmer questions the manager about the program, the programmer is told to write the program: otherwise, the programmer will be fired. The programmer writes the program. How would you rate the programmer's conduct?

# DECISION FORM

In your group's opinion, how would most business people rate the behavior described?

Your group's opinion of The behavior described.

	ETHICAL	UNETHICAL	CRIMINAL		ETHICAL	UNETHICAL	CRIMINAL
Case 1							
Case 2							
Case 3							
Case 4							
Case 5							
Case 6							
Case 7							