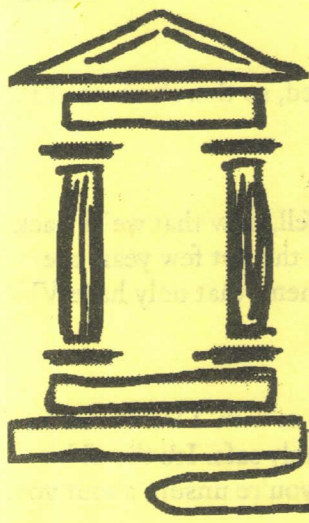


Cable TV ... E-mail ... Internet Access ... Voicemail...

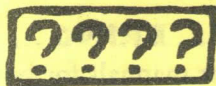


AGORA

BOSTON COLLEGE

Explore the electronic marketplace!

AGORA—WHAT IS IT?



Agora, (pronounced ag-OR-ah) is a Greek term meaning “a gathering place,” or “marketplace.” Agora at Boston College is a communications project that will bring voicemail, electronic mail, cable TV and Internet access to the Boston College community. One of Agora’s many goals is to create an electronic community where people can gather to exchange information and ideas.

WHAT DO I NEED?

CAN WE TALK? YOUR PHONE AND ITS FEATURES



When you return in the Fall, your phone will have the following cool features:

- **Voicemail:** Ditch the answering machine for now! With voicemail you can send messages to each other and BC faculty and staff as well. You can also use your voicemail from virtually any touch-tone phone, **on or off-campus**.
- **Call waiting**—no more busy signals! Never miss a call again (unless you want to!)
- **Call forwarding:** Know you’ll be at your friends’ room most of the night? (Studying hard, of course...) You’ll be able to forward your calls to any number on-campus.
- **3-way conferencing:** Working on a group project and you just can’t meet in person? Try using the conferencing feature to get everyone together!
- **Malicious call trace:** all kidding aside...if you ever experience harassing calls, there are procedures in place to activate a tracing feature on your phone.

WHAT KIND OF PHONE DO I NEED?

Basically, any phone you would buy for standard residential use will work fine. Some phones even have a message indicator that would light up when you have a voicemail.

WHY CAN'T I HAVE A CELLULAR OR CORDLESS PHONE?

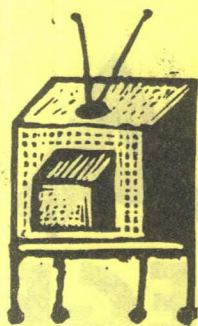
This year, student phones are on a different system than those of faculty and staff. Next year, your phones will be on the same “switch” as the rest of the BC community.

Simply put, there are too many people in too small a space, so there aren’t enough free channels to support each device. This means that cellular and cordless phones will experience bad connections, severe interference and crossed lines.

OVER FOR MORE!



CABLE—53 CHANNELS AND SOMETHIN'S ON!



NO CABLE BOX NEEDED!

One less thing to worry about. BC's channels are all unscrambled, so there's no need for a cable box!

WHAT KIND OF TV DO I NEED?

A 54-inch, stereo surround-sound with a universal remote... Well, now that we're back from Dream Land, here's the deal—most TVs manufactured in the last few years are considered **cable-ready**. Older sets (yes, some of us still have them) that only have VHF and UHF will not work with the current cable system.

WHAT ABOUT A VCR?

Your VCR must be cable-ready as well. Same basic rules apply as with TVs. If you have a VCR that was purchased within the last few years, you're probably safe. It's the older models you'll need to be concerned with. Check the manual if you're unsure about your particular model of VCR.

SPECIAL CONNECTOR FOR VCR/CABLE HOOKUP: You will need to purchase a special connector to hook up your VCR to BC's cable system. Don't worry—it's an inexpensive part and it'll be available at the Tech Products Store.

BRING YOUR MANUALS... BRING YOUR MANUALS... BRING ...

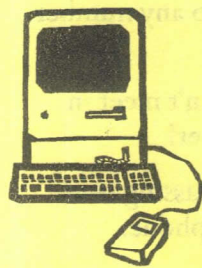
Listen closely to this not-so-subliminal chant. You'll want to have your manuals for both TV and VCR handy when you come back in the Fall. Why, you ask? For one thing, your TV will need to be set to CATV to receive cable correctly, and if you don't have this procedure already burned into your brain, you'll need **something** to reference!

CONNECTING TO BC'S ON-LINE SERVICES:

I HAVE A MODEM. WHY DO I WANT SPEND MORE FOR A DIRECT CONNECTION?

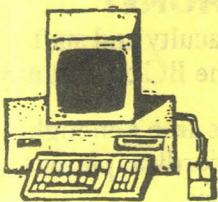
Welcome to the wonderful, ever-changing world of computing technology! While you'll still need a modem if you are off campus and want to connect, (like when you're home for the holidays) the EagleNet connection in your residence hall does have **distinct** advantages:

- **It's at least 4 times faster than a modem connection.** Plus, you'll never get a busy signal like you did using the modem pool!
- **No more tying up a phone line.** E-mail and chat on the phone simultaneously! (If you think you can handle it...)
- **No time limits!** Unlike a remote connection that must be limited to one hour, the EagleNet connection time is unlimited. Surf the Internet until your eyes pop out! E-mail until your fingers fall off! (Well, maybe not that long...)



HARDWARE BASICS FOR THE MAC

- **System 7.0 or later.**
- **4 megabytes of RAM** (memory, not disk space). 8 megabytes is **strongly** recommended.
- **8 megabytes of free hard disk space** for the installation of the EagleNet Resources Disk Set. This set contains all the applications you will need to take advantage of BC's on-line services.
- **Ethernet adapter and software.** This will range from \$150-\$350, depending on the type of computer you have. Exact types of cards and exact pricing are currently being negotiated. Details will be available shortly!



HARDWARE BASICS FOR THE IBM

- **DOS 5.0 or later and Windows 3.1**
- **4 megabytes of RAM** (memory, not disk space). 8 megabytes is **strongly** recommended.
- **10 megabytes of free hard disk space** for the installation of the EagleNet Resources Disk Set. This set contains all the applications you will need to take advantage of BC's on-line services.
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