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# Women and Financial Independence

the Smith College Center  
for Financial Education

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## Next week at WFI...

### CAN YOU SPARE A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM?

WFI has partnered with Wilder House for the SAAC 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Canned Food Drive! The competition will continue through the beginning of November – show you care by dropping off a non-perishable food item at the WFI Resource Center or bring it to our next “lunch & learn”

### HOW DO I? THE PRACTICAL STEPS TO FINANCING A LIFE

Feeling invincible? Insurance may not be on your mind, but now is exactly when you should be learning about it. You'll never be younger or healthier, and insurance will never be cheaper or potentially easier to get.

**Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**12pm, Neilson Browsing Room**

### FINANCING LIFE

“What to do with Those Savings” – do not put all your eggs in one basket. Professor Bartlett addresses the fundamentals of investing. Learn about stocks, bonds, mutual funds; risk and return; relevant tax issues.

**Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**12pm, Neilson Browsing Room**

## OF INTEREST

**CDO Workshops** – It is never too early to sharpen up your resume and networking skills! The CDO will be holding great workshops this upcoming week that may interest you: “Writing a First Professional Resume” will be held on Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> in the CDO Workshop Room from 4:30-5:30pm and “How to Network” will be held on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> in the CDO from 4:45-6:00pm. You will have the opportunity to practice your new skills with Smith alumnae! To register (and for more details) please contact the CDO (x2582).

**The Paradox of U.S. Health Status (or Why Is Life In America Nasty, Brutish and Short?)** – A lecture by Dr. Ichiro Kawachi, Professor of Social Epidemiology and Chair of the Department of Society, Human Development & Health at the Harvard School of Public Health. Presented by the Kahn Liberal Arts Institute project “Wellness & Disease.” **12:15pm, Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>; Neilson Browsing Room, Neilson Library.**

**News You Can Use** – According to CNNMoney.com, five evil things credit card companies can STILL do the following: increase interest rates (which have reached up to 36 percent), come up with new fees to charge you (such as inactivity), charge higher minimum monthly payments (up to 150% increase from current minimum payments), offer fewer rewards, and slash credit limits (some up to 75 percent). To find out what you can do to protect yourself, check out: [http://money.cnn.com/galleries/2009/news/0910/gallery.credit\\_card\\_evil\\_things/2.html](http://money.cnn.com/galleries/2009/news/0910/gallery.credit_card_evil_things/2.html)

### WEEKLY TRIVIA

Last Tuesday's WFI presentation was on Identity Theft. The credit union representative listed four ways that criminals use technology to try to get pieces of your personal information in order to steal your identity for their own monetary gain or other benefits.

**Name three technological schemes you should watch out for.**

The first **Five** people to respond with a correct answer will receive a WFI business card holder. Good luck! To find out the answer to the last week's trivia, please visit our website.

## SmITHrift CAGE FRENZY!

Pay only \$3 to enter storage cage...  
take as much as you can in 5mins!

**7:00-9:00 pm**

**Thursday October 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Basement of JMG**

**(Enter through the door opposite of  
Hatfield)**

**Be green, bring your own bag!**