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## COLLEGES TARGET ILLEGAL FILE SHARING



A student downloads illegal music files. Local campuses say they are working to enforce copyright laws.  
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## Group says schools lax on student music downloading

Culinary Institute policy strictest

### THE MOST LEGAL THREATS

Schools whose students received the most legal threats by the Recording Industry Association of America, 2007:

1. University of Texas-Austin: 188
2. University of Tennessee-Knoxville: 159
3. North Carolina State: 159
4. University of Massachusetts-Amherst: 149
5. Boston University: 140
6. University of Southern California: 140
7. University of South Florida: 124
8. University of Nebraska-Lincoln: 120
9. Duke University: 113
10. UCLA: 108

Source: RIAA

By Lindsay Suchow  
Poughkeepsie Journal

In the digital age, a threatening letter from the recording industry has become commonplace for most local colleges.

In the fight to stop illegal downloads of music, movies and TV shows, the Recording Industry Association of America and other groups regularly send letters to colleges and students. Nearly 5,000 college students were targets last year in a crackdown on illegal downloading and sharing of music on college campuses.

Local colleges say they are enforcing copyright laws when violations are discovered and one college — the Culinary Institute of America — has gone so far as to ban file sharing. But colleges across America may be required to do far more to block illegal downloads if federal legislation is approved.

But local colleges say institutions such as theirs aren't the problem.

"The statistics seem to indicate that colleges

are not the largest offenders (of illegal downloading)," said Bret Ingberman, vice president of computing and information services at Vassar College. "However, we are an easy target."

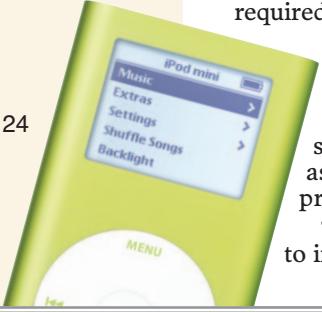
Still, the Recording Industry Association of America says some colleges are dragging their feet in addressing the issue and legislative action "makes sense," according to spokeswoman Cara Duckworth.

The recording association has cited a study by the market research firm NPD that college students accounted for more than 1.3 billion illegal music downloads in 2006.

The Motion Picture Association of America, however, recently acknowledged an error in a 2005 study that had concluded 44 percent of the movie industry's U.S. losses were attributable to piracy by college students. The group said the correct figure is 15 percent.

The association maintains college students are still a disproportionate share of the problem.

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During the trial, Roth's

clients in the Newburgh drug case, Raymond Bryant and Tim Cherry, testified Roth and St. John had talked to them about having a federal witness, Charles "Flip" Melvin, sign a false affidavit swearing he had never engaged in drug dealing with Bryant and Cherry.

Federal prosecutors introduced evidence during the trial that Roth and St. John had used the same tactics — having witnesses sign affidavits recanting

statements they had made to police — to help another client, Antonio Bryant, avoid prosecution for murder in a fatal shooting in Newburgh.

Prosecutors also introduced evidence Roth had, on several occasions, billed Dutchess County for more than 24 hours of work in a single day for representing indigent clients.

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## Lawyer loses appeal in drug-related witness tampering case

Man expected to start serving sentence soon

By Larry Hertz  
Poughkeepsie Journal

Poughkeepsie attorney Donald Roth, convicted four years ago of conspiring to tamper with a witness, has lost his appeal and is expected to begin serving a federal prison term soon, Roth's lawyer confirmed.

Roth, 38, was found guilty in February 2004 of trying to con-

vince a man to lie to federal authorities to shield Roth's clients from prosecution in a 2001 drug case in Newburgh.

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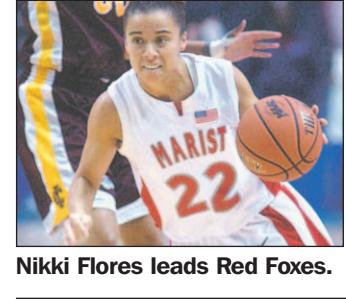
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## GETTING IT RIGHT

**Information incorrect** — The opening exhibition lecture and reception for "Out of Shape: Stylistic Distortions of the Human Form in Art from the Logan Collection" at the Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie is April 25 at 5 and 6 p.m., respectively. An information box on page 4 in Friday's Enjoy! section had the wrong date.**Event cancelled** — The Rising Sons performance on March 15 at Tailgater's Grille, Poughkeepsie, has been canceled. A listing on page 18 in Friday's Enjoy! section listed otherwise.

The Poughkeepsie Journal corrects

errors of fact. To report a correction or

clarification, call 845-437-4833.

# Fidelity: Cheating can ruin marriage

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in Washington. On Wednesday, he announced his resignation, effective this Monday.

Politicians cheating on their wives is nothing new, Gleason said. What's new is greater press scrutiny of presidents, governors and lawmakers who do get caught cheating.

"In the old days, they spoke less about it, especially public figures," said William Calagrande, a licensed mental health counselor in Kingston. (Dwight) Eisenhower had a mistress and (Franklin) Roosevelt had a mistress and you hardly knew about it. Certainly at the time, I doubt [the public] knew about it. We know about now in retrospect."

But divorce has become more of an alternative for couples in dealing with infidelity and other marital problems.

In 1900, about 84,000 people or 0.3 percent of the national population over 15 years of age were divorced, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. In 1950, a total of 1,071,000 or 2 percent of Americans over 15 were



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Gov. Eliot Spitzer owns a home in Columbia County.

divorced. In 2000, there were 9,255,000 or 8.6 percent of the same group divorced.

What has not changed over the years is the importance of trust between married couples. Cheating on your wife or husband can still shatter that trust.

"I don't think this is any different than it has ever been," said Dr. Stan Kupuchinski, a psychiatrist based in Punta Gorda, Fla. and author of "Say Goodbye to Your PDI (Personality Disordered Individual)." "I don't think that has changed much at all."

**Aim to retain trust stated**

In his brief public statement Monday, Spitzer acknowledged he was unfaithful and is willing to work to regain that trust: "I have disappointed and failed to live up to the standard I expected of myself. I must now dedicate some time to regain the trust of my family."

It remains to be seen if Spitzer can indeed do that.

"You wait and see if she is going to accept that or not," Kupuchinski said of Silda Spitzer, the governor's wife. "She is going to be just out of her mind angry at him."

What drives a husband or wife to cheat is something that could be lacking in the marriage. Or it could be a personality disorder in one of the spouses.

"This was really more a man who rose to power, gradually got more and more out of it and started making his own rules," Kupuchinski said.

Calagrande said, "A lot of times this kind of thing, especially with a guy who has so much to lose as he does, there has to be a second element of thrill seeking as part of it where he just wants to be involved and kind of get away with it."

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## Paterson wants to avoid tax hikes

By Jay Gallagher

Journal Albany bureau

ALBANY — Lt. Gov. David Paterson said Friday he hopes to avoid raising taxes in the new state budget, but hasn't ruled out the idea.

"We want to try to do this without raising anybody's taxes," said Paterson, who is due to be sworn in as governor Monday. "That's what's driving people out of the state."

But he said he is not rejecting the idea out of hand, because Assembly Democrats favor raising income taxes on people who earn more than \$1 million to add \$1.5 billion in state

tax receipts next year.

The state is facing a deficit of more than \$4.4 billion for the fiscal year that starts April 1, and the Assembly and Senate have sharply different views on how to fill it.

Later, Paterson told reporters Barack Obama called him Thursday to wish him well. But he said he is still supporting Hillary Clinton for the Democratic nomination for president.

"When I sign up to support a candidate it's to the end," he said. Then he joked, "I actually supported Custer, but I did leave right before the attack."

Paterson spent most of the

day Friday in meetings with state leaders trying to get up to speed on the state budget and other issues. He plans to continue meetings all weekend in advance of formally taking office to work on a budget deal.

Paterson met with all but Bruno in his cramped office on the second floor of the Capitol. But he walked a few doors down to meet with Bruno.

"He offered me lunch," Paterson said, explaining the reason for the change. "I thought I would partake. I brought my taster."

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## Sharing: Law attempts to crack down on illegal downloading

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two or three times a semester."

After receiving a violation notice, the course of action seems to be universal among local colleges: The student is reminded of the college's appropriate Internet and network use policy, which varies from campus to campus, but all prohibit illegal downloading under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act and is issued a formal warning to stop. The files in question are removed from the students' computer.

Once a student is notified of a recording association violation and the files are deleted, staff notify the recording association of their action. By doing this, accountability is shifted onto the offending student for any subsequent copyright infringement.

"We typically get the violation notices from the RIAA and others on a semi-regular basis. We got five of them yesterday," Harry Williams, director of technology and systems at Marist College, said recently. "In calendar year '07 we had 40 takedown notifications from various places. The most popular is the RIAA, but we also get them from the MPAA (Motion Picture Association of America). HBO has contacted us in the past ... the gamut of copyright holders."

The frequency of violation notices from the recording association varies from campus to campus.

"It used to happen dozens of times a semester," said Jon Lewit, assistant vice president of information technology at SUNY New Paltz. "Last semester we received six — it's gone way down."

After receiving a takedown notification, the school tracks down the person responsible through their IP address.

"(The recording association) will say, 'We have reason to believe that someone at this IP address has illegally downloaded a video,'" said Jeff Katz, director of informational services at Bard College. "We know where the IP address is, because they're all registered to the campus server, and we are then required to speak to the user of that computer."

Katz said Bard gets recording association notices "maybe

relationship with the recording industry — also perpetuates a negative assumption about file sharing in general.

"We don't block file sharing because there is nothing illegal about peer-to-peer software," Vassar's Ingberman said. "What's illegal is sharing something you don't have copyright permission for. Blocking the software is presuming everything being done there is illegal."

There are plenty of "legitimate uses" for file sharing on college campuses, such as uploading group project materials and sharing study resources. It's how students choose to utilize the network that gets them into trouble.

"The network is established for academic purposes," Katz said. "Using it for anything other than that is like driving on a road that's used for a particular purpose and then drag racing on it — you're using it for a purpose it wasn't designed for."

Almost all cases of illegal downloading are traced to residence halls.

"It's always on their personal computers," Marist's Williams said. "We tend to lock down the labs so it would be difficult, but not impossible, to do it there. I can remember one instance in the last several years that it's been a lab computer."

"Ninety-nine percent of the time, it's a student in a residence hall room," Ingberman said. "It's gets interesting if it's a college-owned computer, because most of the time we are unable to tell who was using the computer."

Congress is considering legislation regarding illegal downloading on college campuses, which would make it mandatory for administrators to take a proactive, rather than a reactive, approach to preventing copyright infringement. Although the bill has yet to