

# COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

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## SCHOOL OF GENERAL STUDIES GENERAL STUDIES STUDENT COUNCIL

President Bollinger,

We, the representatives of the students of the School of General Studies, would like to express our concern that Columbia University did not comply with both the Federal Higher Education Act and the NY State law mandating the reporting of foreign gifts, as reported by the New York Sun on February 3, 2004, when it did not declare a sizable Saudi donation over half a year ago.

As students of this great University we have been taught a respect for the law, and are shocked that the same institution that teaches us such respect has not lived up to its own moral code.

The lack of declaration leaves us only able to speculate as to the purpose of the funds, and the reason the donor remains anonymous. We want to ensure that the donation will not influence the way the University teaches.

Seeing as how this subject is of extremely sensitive nature, we urge you to make a public statement regarding the origins of their funds and their intended use, and hope the University will be committed to declaring all of its donations in accordance to the law in the future.

Thank you,

The General Studies Student Council