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fact sheet

the FBI is on the phone....

and at the door...and in your library records... *Why the PATRIOT Act may not be so patriotic after all.*

POP QUIZ... Who said this?

"I regret that we have not been able to... reassure the public that we do not intend to spy on them."

- a) Robert Mueller, the sixth Director of the FBI.
- b) John Poindexter, Ret. Admiral who also worked at a Pentagon Agency searching databases for terrorist information.
- c) Dubya, where do I begin?

Answer: It was John Poindexter

DO YOU FEEL LIKE YOU'RE NOT ALONE?

Maybe that's because you're not. The erosion of civil liberties is the cause of many injustices plaguing campuses and other communities. Policies in the USA Patriot Act, executive orders, and other federal guidelines that directly pertain to student, faculty and staff life on campus fall into at least five main areas: 1) privacy of student, staff, faculty and administration records, 2) campus police cooperation with the FBI, 3) surveillance, 4) academic freedom, and 5) immigrants' rights. Below, the issues are explained in detail. It is important to recognize that this is a list of what could possibly be occurring on your campus; and even if it is not occurring, students, staff, faculty and members of the administration may still institute protection measures to uphold civil liberties. It is important to get the facts, to find out what is happening on your campus and then take action.

(1) According to the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO), about 200 colleges and universities have turned over student information to the FBI, INS, and other law enforcement officials.

(2) The FBI is employing campus police on a part-time basis to monitor political and religious activities on campus and investigate student, faculty, and staff backgrounds and activities.

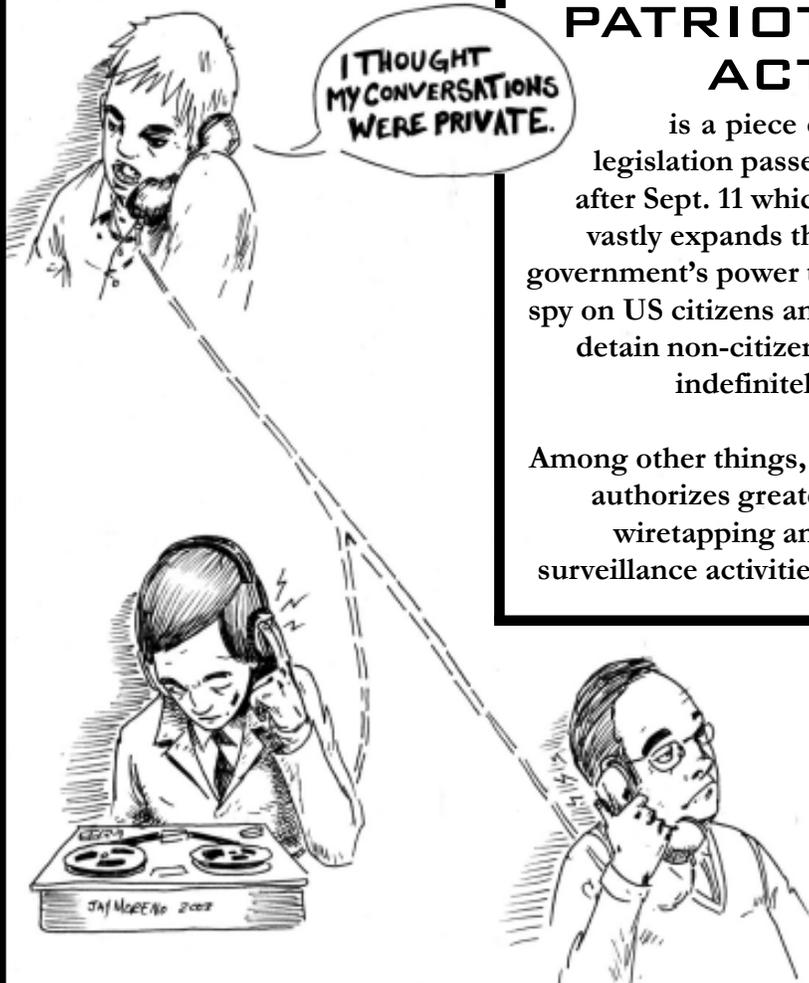
(3) Universities may be permitted to monitor e-mail and Internet communications, particularly in cases where a student, faculty member or staff person is using university or college-owned equipment.

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THE PATRIOT ACT

is a piece of legislation passed after Sept. 11 which vastly expands the government's power to spy on US citizens and detain non-citizens indefinitely.

Among other things, it authorizes greater wiretapping and surveillance activities.



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Which of your rights ...are being threatened?

☀ First Amendment

Freedom of religion, speech, assembly, and the press.

☀ Fourth Amendment

Freedom from unreasonable searches and seizures.

☀ Fifth Amendment

No person to be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law.

☀ Sixth Amendment

Right to speedy public trial by an impartial jury, right to be informed of the facts of the accusation, right to confront witnesses and have the assistance of counsel.

☀ Eighth Amendment

No excessive bail or cruel and unusual punishment shall be imposed.

☀ Fourteenth Amendment

All persons (citizens and non-citizens) within the US are entitled to due process and the equal protection of the laws.

CONTINUED FROM OTHER SIDE...

- 4) The government or universities may institute policies that prohibit the research and writing of certain topics in the interest of "national security."
- 5) All non-citizen men over the age of sixteen from a specific list of mainly Arab and Muslim nations are required to participate in special registration with the INS. Of those who have registered, some have been arrested without a specific warrant, held without access to a lawyer, and/or deported without the right to an open hearing.

What can I do? How to ensure civil liberties and privacy at your school

- 1 Go to the Registrar's Office:** Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), students' directory information (name, address, and enrollment status) may be released without a student's consent unless the student formally requests non-disclosure of this information through the Registrar's Office.
- 2 Go to the Library:** Ask your librarians and computer lab employees to post signs at each computer terminal warning patrons of the PATRIOT Act. You can also ask your librarians to follow the lead of the Santa Cruz librarians by shredding student library records in defiance of the Act.
- 3 Go to the International Student Services Office:** Find out how international students are being protected from unjust regulations. What measures is your school taking to ensure the safety of the international student community?
- 4 Contact your Rep.** Encourage your Representative to vote for the SAFE Act (S 1709). You can go to www.fcni.org to get more info about the SAFE Act, send an e-letter to your Rep and get his/her phone number to call in.

WHERE TO GO FOR MORE INFO

- ◆ American Civil Liberties Union www.aclu.org
- ◆ ACLU www.stopthepatriotact.org
- ◆ Electronic Frontier Foundation www.eff.org
- ◆ American Library Association www.ala.org
- ◆ Center for Constitutional Rights www.ccr.org
- ◆ Law Library Resource Xchange www.llrx.com
- ◆ Truth Out www.truthout.org
- ◆ Electronic Privacy Information Center www.epic.org



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