# Brown U. rules against free speech

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Students at Brown University in Providence, R.I., will be required to conform to a controversial set of new guidelines on free speech, introduced last week by the university and effective at the end of the current semester. On the cutting block are most forms of negative and inflammatory speech.

Janina Montero, Brown's vice president for Campus Life and Student Services, trumpeted the decision, adding that student safety and open-mindedness are more important than total freedom.

"The First Amendment was created under extenuating circumstances of total freedom," Montero said. "Allowing that freedom among all people is unrealistic, especially in a community of respectful interaction."

The specifics and degree of the provision are being debated, with Montero and Dean of Student Life Robin Rose heading up a task force.

The staff of the Brown Daily Herald, the school's student newspaper, called the move "a welcome

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sign of change for a campus climate that has often fostered destructive and disturbing behavior."

Montero welcomed all student groups except one, the American Civil Liberties Union, to submit suggestions to the task force. She said that the ACLU is part of the problem, not the solution, and is not welcome to join in the negotiations.

"The ACLU stands for everything that is wrong with this campus," Montero said.

"Students should not always be allowed to speak their mind. This is not a democracy."

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By the end of the tournament on March 23, Schifano, Browne and their two partners from the University of Texas had won a \$600 cash prize as champions of the tournament by beating teams from across the country.

"Without a doubt we new we were going to win," Schifano said. "There were some really good players though."

Volleyball for Schifano and Browne is more than just a spring

break activity. Both spend their summers competing in tournament in Ocean City, Md. For the last four years Schifano and Browne have been the reigning champions for all the intramural volleyball games for both indoor and outdoor volleyball at Elon. They also manage the girl's indoor volleyball team.

"We play as much as we can and are looking for more competition at Elon intramural games," Schifano said.

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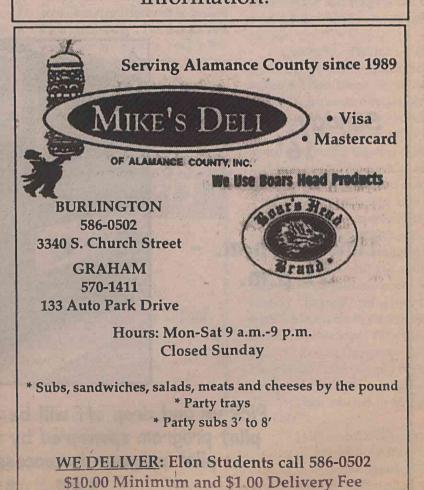
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