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To The Editor

SENT BY FAX:

The recent dormitory fire at Purchase College SUNY should serve as a wake-up call to parents, university officials, and students that unsprinklered student housing (dormitories, fraternities, sororities) are disasters waiting to happen. Fortunately, in this fire, no one was seriously injured because of the fast work of the Purchase, Port Chester and West Harrison Fire Departments. The only sprinklers in the building were located in the basement. Parents need their voices to be heard and demand that fire sprinklers be installed in all unsprinklered student housing. This fire did not make national headlines since there was no loss of life. We may not be so lucky the next time. We must protect our nation's most precious commodity, the young people of today who will be the leaders of tomorrow. Parents, let your voices be heard today, before a fire tragedy of unspeakable proportions, occurs tomorrow.

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