

Magna cum laughter

Comedians go on LI college tour

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Like Rodney Dangerfield before him, the producer of the Long Island Comedy Festival is going back to school.

Paul Anthony, founder of the annual Islandwide gag-fest, this week launches the L.I. College Comedy Tour. You can think of it as a stand-up series for the online-social networking set.

THE PLAN The first show is Friday at Stony Brook Southampton. The tour is scheduled to run this entire semester (that's February, March and April, for you non-academics), traveling across Long Island and to campuses throughout the five boroughs, says Anthony, of Massapequa.

Though only one other school is confirmed now, Anthony is pitching virtually

all the institutions of higher learning on the Island. Many of the comics in his repertoire are alums of local colleges and universities, he notes.

THE LINEUP Friday's performers include Anthony; Chris Monty of Elmont, a former writer for Joan Rivers; TJ Garafolo, 25, of Port Jefferson, the youngest comedian on the tour; Bob DiBuono of Manhat-

WHAT The Long Island College Comedy Tour

WHEN | WHERE Tomorrow at 8 p.m., Stony Brook Southampton's 425-seat Avram Theater

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tan, who's known for his impersonations; Darren Dillon of Floral Park, a celebrity skewerer and Leighann Lord of Queens, who has broken up audiences on Comedy Central and HBO — and in live gigs all over Long Island.

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MAKE FRIENDS Friday's Southampton show, open to the public, will be followed by a Feb. 19 program at Dowling College in Oakdale for students and their friends only. "Hurry up and make friends with people at Dowling," Anthony says.

YOUNG TALENT Anthony says his intent is to promote the art of live stand-up come-

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dy — and to make the tour an annual event. The College Comedy Tour is specifically designed with a college audience in mind, "so the talent will reflect that," he says. Put another way, "These comedians all have Facebook pages."