

# Gallery 401

Now Showing: 4 ONLY 1

Gallery 401 was an art gallery that occupied the room GT 401 (hence the name, clever right?). This has not been the case for a number of years. So what? Do we really need a dedicated, proper, and secure space to exhibit our work? Is it not enough that we are allowed to decorate administrative offices, hallways, and waiting rooms?

When I first noticed that space through the window I asked an instructor what was going on with the Gallery. That started an interesting journey for me. This event is my last word on the subject.

I gathered the gist of the story and was given the names of another instructors who would know more... So, I began asking around. What I found was that everyone seemed to have something to say about it. There were official stories. There were unofficial stories. There was even a, "You didn't hear this from me, but..."

Apparently, someone in the SOA office had made arrangements with the Music Department to have the new practice booths "stored" in the gallery. This was only supposed to be for the summer. When the Fall semester started and there was no sign of the booths moving a number of people became alarmed. But what did they do?

Well, they protested by continuing to show work in the tiny little corner left over in an event called "4 Only 1". That didn't last long. The University paper ran one story on it and that was that.

*Ce n'est pas une galerie d'art.*  
This was the state I found it in. AVC "lost" the space because certain instructors were using the gallery as a kind of extended classroom. To the dismay of other instructors they were allowing students to let painting dry in the gallery. This caused innumerable problems. The complaints piled up and something had to be done. AVC was quarreling over the space and Music needed space. Problem solved. Put the booths in the gallery. Unfortunately, it was and still is the students who suffer.

As time passed less and less people seemed to care. The booths were moved out and lockers were moved in. Now it's a locked room full of locked boxes. The title on the wall has been removed and it's like it never happened. I have not heard anything about it in quite a while now. Imagine, (they say) an art school without a gallery.

What about the 5th floor of the library, or the black wall by the bookstore? Or there is the Smallest Gallery, the corkboards by the photo area, the presidential suit, and the Human Recourses waiting room too!

Yeah, and I have a refrigerator in the back with a magnet with your name on it. Good luck UVU.  
Don't forget to *Engage!*

-Larry Revoir