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## INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

**BIG MONEY****ON CAMPUS****UNHEALTHY GLOW**

Ah, the price of vanity. Are you one of those people who routinely slither into coffin-like tanning booths lest your skin be ever fair? News flash, kids: That's *no* healthy glow you're getting. A new study shows that women who used tanning parlors once a month or more increased their risk of developing malignant melanoma, a potentially deadly form of skin cancer, by 55 percent. The risk was highest for young adults, says the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute* report. "The great irony of indoor tanning is that you get a cosmetically appealing tan that may last a couple of weeks, and then

you have a lifetime of trouble down the road," says James Spencer, vice chair of dermatology at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York. The threat of cancer not enough to end your quest for the perfect year-round tan? How about the fact that, heaven forbid, it may ruin your precious looks?

● "A senior citizen's face is often leathery, wrinkled, and discolored," says Spencer. Well, guess what? "Most of the changes are from sun damage," he says. "Time doesn't do that much to our skin." Remember that next time you're catching rays in a tanning box.