

# Sober Solutions

## University Holds Outreach Program on the Dangers of Alcohol

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Statesman Editor

In the first seminar of its kind on campus, the University held an outreach and training program that brought administration officials, student counselors, local bar owners, and police officers together to seek solutions to the problem of underage drinking.

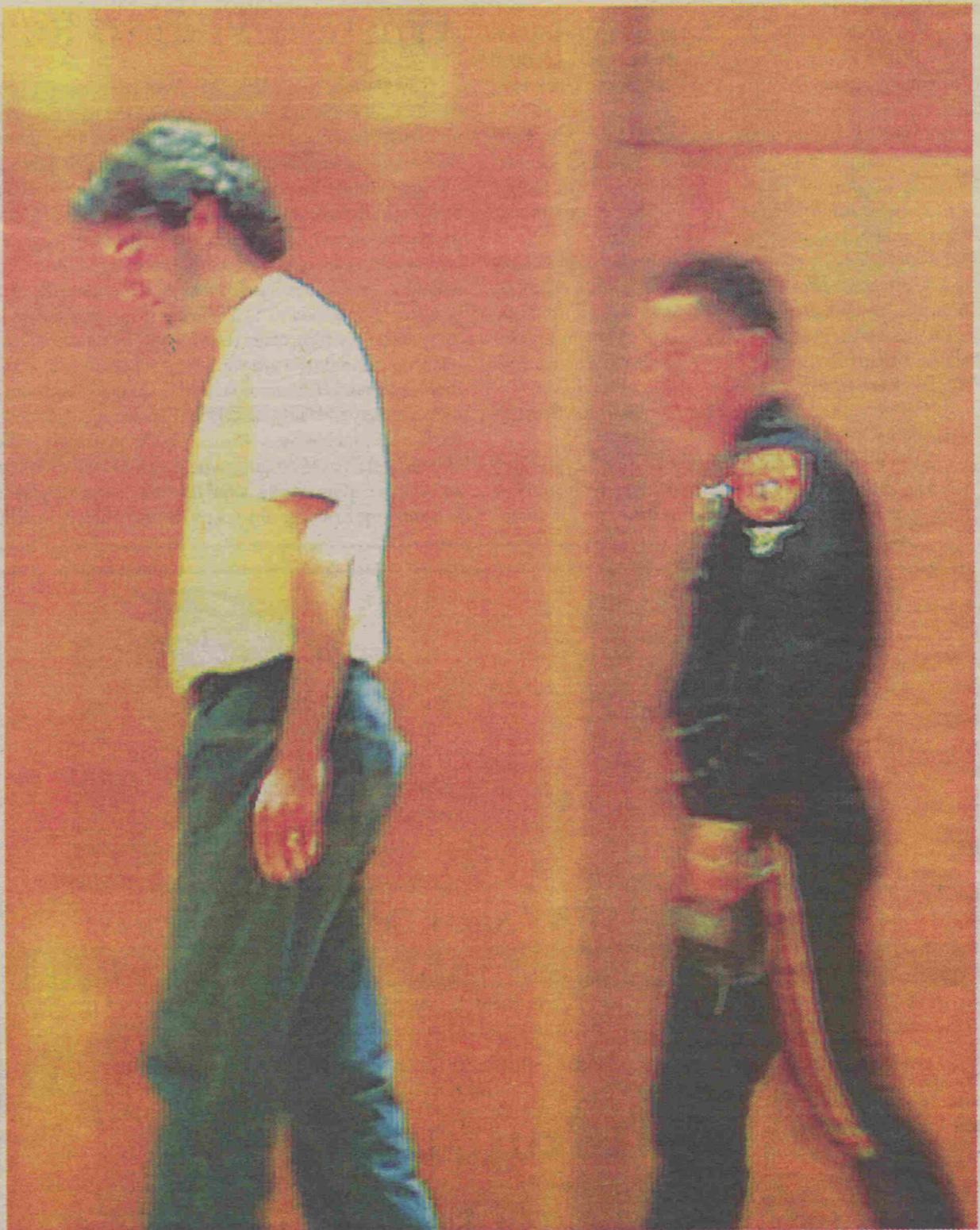
"Together we must nurture and work to prevent the binge drinking culture in and around college campuses," Gary Mis, chair of the Campus Commission of the Prevention of Alcohol and other Drugs, told the audience in the Student Activities Center last Wednesday.

The University hopes that the seminar will be the first in a series of meetings regarding the issue. "I think its a good beginning," said Doug Little, assistant director of the University Police.

Next semester, Little, who helped plan this first meeting, hopes that the University can arrange a town hall style program, with a large input from students on the topic. "The next step is a follow up bringing in students to an open dialogue meeting," he said.

The program began with a call by Peter Mastroianni, chair of the campus' Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Task Force, for a "comprehensive approach" to curbing underage drinking. He said that bar and restaurant owners were invited not to brow beat them about the dangers of drinking, or the state laws that prohibit the sale of alcohol to minors, but rather to get their input in finding answers. "No one group is the problem,"

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Suffolk County Police Officer Robert Viggers, right, watches an unidentified business owner as he attempts to walk a straight line in a demonstration of a test similar to those given to drunk drivers.

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# SUNY Chancellor On Controversial Sex Board

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) The head of the State University of New York, who scolded a SUNY president for allowing a racy sex conference to be held on his campus, is himself a board member for a controversial sexuality institute.

SUNY Chancellor John Ryan has been on the board of trustees for the Kinsey Institute for Sex, Gender and Reproduction since 1994 and he was chairman of the board from 1995 until early this year, SUNY spokesman Bob Cudmore said.

Some conservative groups have called for closure of the Bloomington, Ind., institute after allegations surfaced that its founder, Alfred Kinsey, may have molested children years ago as part of his research.

Carmen Pate, president of the Washington D.C.-based Concerned Women for America, said Ryan's involvement with the Kinsey Institute, is "worthy of investigation" by SUNY trustees.

"The whole purpose of the Kinsey Institute is misguided ... and the board would have to be in agreement with the research of Alfred Kinsey," she said. "It says a lot for his (Ryan's) character, or lack thereof, to want to be a part of the board."

John Mather, a frequent critic of Ryan and head of the Preservation of the State University of New York, called the chancellor's involvement with the Kinsey Institute "hypocritical" in light of his treatment of the SUNY-New Paltz sex conference.

"He went after that campus ... it's very hypocritical of him," Mather said.

Ryan dealt last fall with a political firestorm over SUNY-New Paltz's hosting of a conference on sexuality, titled "Revolt Behavior." It featured workshops on sex toys, lesbian sex and sadomasochism.

Demands for the resignation of SUNY New Paltz president Roger Bowen's came from Board of Trustees member Candace de Russy, an appointee of Gov. George Pataki, who himself called the November conference "horrendously inappropriate."

After a lengthy review, Ryan told the board in January that he disapproved of Bowen's handling of the conference, sponsored by the campus women's studies department. Ryan called the conference "needlessly offensive to many people" and said it had failed to meet SUNY standards of "intellectual substance and quality."

The chancellor stopped short of calling for Bowen's resignation.

SUNY spokesman Scott Steffey said Wednesday there was a big difference in academic standards between the New Paltz conference and the work done at the Kinsey Institute.

"New Paltz is over and done with," Steffey said.

"The chancellor again believes the issue of sexuality is an appropriate area for academic and scholarly research which he also believes the Kinsey Institute does," Steffey said. "He's proud of his involvement with the institute."

The Kinsey institute is affiliated with Indiana University, where Ryan was president from 1971 until 1987 and where he is currently president emeritus. It is funded by a combination of public funds from Indiana University as well as grants, corporate earnings and gifts from the private sector, according to an institute web site.

Other board members include the deans of Indiana University's law and journalism schools, the chairman of the school's history department and the director of the women's studies program.

"It is a world-renowned academic institution," Cudmore said.

Ryan, who is not paid for his position on the Kinsey board, did not return a phone call seeking comment. His involvement in the Kinsey Institute is listed in filings before the state Ethics Commission Institute reviewed by The Associated Press.

The board is responsible for overseeing the institute's not-for-profit arm which owns the institute's research data, archives collections and databases. Among the holdings are erotic materials dating back to 3200 B.C., including stag films from the 1920s, a first edition of "Lady Chatterly's Lover,"

homosexual art and sadomasochistic video collections.

The institute's research arm continues to conduct sex research.

But it is Kinsey's research and behavior decades ago that has prompted a furor. In the new biography "Alfred Kinsey: A Public/Private Life," author James Jones claims Kinsey was a deeply troubled man driven by sexual neuroses.

Jones writes that by the time Kinsey's landmark book "Sexual Behavior in the Human Male," came out in 1948, the researcher was having sex with men, engaging in painful sexual acts and filming his wife having sex with staff members.

One statistical chart in Kinsey's book listed 317 children by age and the number of orgasms they experienced during timed tests. A man, who the institute has never identified, used a stopwatch to measure the time it took to bring young boys to orgasm. Critics say either Kinsey molested the young children or used a pedophile's research.

"Most of his (Kinsey's) research was fraudulent and some of it perhaps criminally derived," Pate said.

The normally outspoken de Russy said she had not known of Ryan's affiliation with the Kinsey Institute and reserved comment on it.

"Many of its (the institute's) conclusions have not only come under fire but have been very, very seriously challenged," de Russy said.

## Trustees Plan to Reallocate Tuition Money

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) \_ The State University of New York's Board of Trustees want to change the way money is allocated to individual campuses, a plan that's not sitting well with some state legislators. The Trustees want to implement a program called the Resource Allocation Method, or RAM. RAM would essentially allow campuses to keep their tuition payments, instead of the current method where SUNY's central administration pools the 65-school system's money and allocates it according to a complex formula. The state provides \$1.5 billion to SUNY's campuses in addition to tuition money, which, under RAM, would be allocated based on campus enrollment growth, so that schools which attract more students get more money. "It's designed to allocate money simply and fairly," said Brian Stenson, vice chancellor for finance and business. Trustee Chairman Thomas Egan said using the RAM program would give SUNY campuses an incentive to grow. But some lawmakers see the plan as benefiting the four large university centers at Albany, Buffalo,

Binghamton and Stony Brook, but harming the smaller campuses like the two-year technical colleges, which would have trouble supporting their campuses with tuition dollars. "This is a wolf in sheep's clothing," said Sen. Kenneth LaValle, R-Selden, chair of the Senate Higher Education Committee. LaValle and his Assembly counterpart, Edward Sullivan, D-Manhattan, have introduced bills that would require the Legislature to approve any changes in the way SUNY's money is allocated. Opposing legislators believe RAM would lead to campuses setting individual tuition rates, which they fear would lead to price wars and unnecessary competition between schools, and that such a system indicates trustees are unwilling to ask the state for more SUNY aid. Legislators also fear specialized and costly programs like ceramics at Alfred, and performing arts at Potsdam and Purchase would cease to get the funding they need under RAM. Gov. George Pataki has not yet reviewed LaValle and Sullivan's bills, said spokesman Charles Deister.



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# University Brings Together Police and Bar Owners

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Mastroianni said, "and no one group is the solution."

Thomas Kelly, an investigator with the New York State Liquor Authority, was quick to point out, however, that a license to sell alcohol is a privilege. "The State Liquor Authority gives out the licenses, and is also the one that takes them away," he said.

Penalties for retailers selling to minors can run up to \$10,000 for multiple offenders. Patrons must be 21 years old to buy alcohol.

Retailers, such as a 7-11 owner, Frank Baig, were concerned that they were expected to take on too many responsibilities in enforcing the state laws. He said that his \$6.00 an hour clerks were expected to act as a parent in the community, making sure somebody else's kids weren't drinking. In addition, he said that his stores have received little help from Suffolk County Police

"There is no protection for us. My night clerk has gotten beaten up for asking for ID," Baig said. He said that the police have taken up to an hour to respond to calls that his employees have been threatened. "Here [in the conference] everything looks nice, but it doesn't agree with the real world," he said.

Tim Hahn, a manager at the Park Bench, estimates that the club turns away approximately 30-35 people on busy nights for not having proper identification. Hahn pointed out however that many underage people manage to get into the bar unnoticed. "It's so hard now because some people work at the Department of Motor Vehicles and get fake licenses," he said.

DMV employees were on hand at the seminar to show business owners ways to check licenses for authenticity. For instance, licenses now have a state seal in the background that shines a



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Frank Baig, front left, and Malik Yousaf, 7-11 owners, discuss the problems they face enforcing state liquor laws with State Liquor Authority Investigator Thomas Healy at last Wednesday's conference.

bright yellow color when placed under ultraviolet light. The new measures make the licenses very hard to counterfeit.

At the Spot, an on campus Graduate Student Organization bar in Roosevelt Quad, Godfrey Palaia, its manager, said they have strategies, like other bars, to stop people from getting in with "good" fake ids. "Because we're non-profit, we don't have to get everyone in the door," he said.

Another panel, called "Working

Together to Implement Solutions," presented the efforts of a community relations committee at the State University at Albany to curb underage and excessive drinking by the university's students. The committee was set up after community members and elected officials became angry in 1989 after students were found urinating and being rowdy on off campus property after nights out at local bars and house parties. Plans for off campus parties are now reported to members of the

committee, which informs the Albany Police. The Albany Police then send out one of their officers on the day of the party to remind students of their responsibilities not to have underage drinking and raucous behavior at the party.

The Albany police also use undercover officers to attend parties to ensure that students are not serving others that are underage. The Albany program has been particularly effective because most off campus students live in one area of apartments and are easier for police to target.

The program also has the support of local businesses which have signed up with the committee promising to be responsible in their sale of alcohol.

Suffolk County is looking into using the Albany program as a model for its own initiative to stop alcohol abuse and related deaths among the young. Last year, over 700 people under the age of 21 were arrested in Suffolk County due to alcohol-related offenses.

"There are no easy solutions but we know what doesn't work," Mastroianni said. Mastroianni said he believes that scare tactics about the dangers of drinking haven't reduced student alcohol consumption and education hasn't always been effective either. Mastroianni pointed out that a fuller approach was needed to take into account the individual backgrounds of each student. "We have students coming onto this campus who already have dependency problems," he said.

"70% of the students on this campus don't binge drink," he added, "but we still have work to do."

## Michigan U.'s Losing Battle Against Binge Drinking

DETROIT (AP) — University officials say the problem of alcohol abuse by students is defying solutions.

Steeper penalties, counseling, preventive education and alcohol-free dormitories, stadiums and campus events have done little to discourage binge drinking at Michigan's 15 public universities, educators say.

"Virtually every president that I talk to around the country, my fellow Big 10 presidents ... they're all worried about it and they're all working on it in one form or another," Michigan State University President Peter McPherson told the Detroit Free Press in a report Wednesday.

"Nobody seems to have the magic bullet to solve it."

A 1993 study by the Harvard School of Public Health found that 44 percent of 17,592 students on 140 college campuses said they engaged in binge drinking ( five or more drinks in a row for men, four or more for women)

during the two weeks prior to being surveyed. About 19 percent of those students said they were frequent binge drinkers, according to the study.

A forthcoming follow-up study will show similar results, Henry Wechsler, author of the Harvard report, told the Free Press on Tuesday.

Michigan educators are alarmed over the seeming inability to control binge drinking.

"I've seen kids ruin large parts of their present and future lives," said Deb Kraus, a clinical psychologist and counselor at the University of Michigan. "Binge drinking can ruin your life. You can contract a sexually transmitted disease, be raped, involved in a terrible wreck, assault a person or blow off a test."

Factors contributing to binge drinking include peer pressure, the availability of alcohol, the sudden

disappearance of parental supervision and the attitude that drinking is an entrenched college tradition.

"We have a generation of young people who are the children of parents who grew up in the '60s and '70s drinking and smoking," said Ellen Gold, director of health services at Eastern Michigan University. "A lot of parents have trouble saying 'I did this but you can't.'"

The Harvard study recommends a broad approach that includes enforcing drinking-age laws, communitywide efforts to limit student access to alcohol and zero-tolerance policies.

McPherson wasn't entirely without hope, citing the modest successes of campaigns against smoking and driving while drunk.

"If we can get kids to think in terms of designated drivers, and in this we've been somewhat successful, is it not possible to get kids to think in terms of the dangers of binge drinking and really excessive regular drinking?"

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# Editorial

## Administration Does it Again

Well, summer officially started for Stony Brook students about two weeks ago with the commencement ceremony, which marked the passage of yet another senior class into the work force. We wish them congratulations and luck in their endeavors. It's unfortunate, though, that their final weeks at Stony Brook were tainted by yet another Polity scandal, this time resulting in the impeachment of two members, former President Monique Maylor and former Treasurer Marjorie Eyma and the reprimanding of a third, former Vice President Diane Lopez.

All three were charged and convicted by the Polity Judiciary of misappropriation of funds and negligence for their roles in using Polity funds to pay for portions of Maylor's 21st birthday party at the Spot last February.

People have asked us why we're making such a big deal of the proceedings and subsequent conviction of the three. That brings up a larger question: Why aren't more people as mad as we are? The

three were caught using student's money to have a party that most of us weren't invited to. It was an inexcusable act and they were called on it. But the anger shouldn't end there. This should be a warning to the new Polity Council that students will not tolerate behavior of this kind.

The actions of the Judiciary should not be ignored by anyone, students or faculty. But of course, there could not be an ending to this story without a hitch. This time, as usual, it's provided by the school's administration.

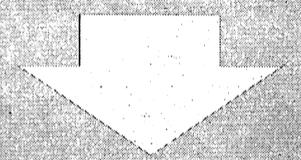
As a part of the ruling against Maylor, the Judiciary stated that she could not sit with the rest of the platform party at this years graduation ceremony. Instead she would be relegated to the rest of the class, with then Acting President (now Vice President ) Sayed Ali taking Maylor's place on the platform. That sounds fair, doesn't it? After all, she was impeached, which means she was not president of our student government. According to administration, though, it was alright for them to go over the heads of the Judiciary and

place Maylor on the platform anyway. Even after former Senior Representative Jawond Brown and Ali asked Fred Preston, Vice President of Student Affairs, to keep Maylor off the platform, they still felt they were right to keep her there.

Imagine the surprise of the entire senior class when they saw their deposed Polity President standing there as if nothing had happened to her, as if she were passing the torch to current president Aneka Gibbs not under a cloud of scandal but under sunny skies.

To say the least, it was a bold move by the administration, one that sent a message to the student body: no matter what you decide, we will always have the final decision. It was the wrong message to send the students, though. Ali should have been the one to sit at the commencement platform with the other members. This was a time to show students that the administration would respect their decisions. They couldn't have picked a worse way to blow it.

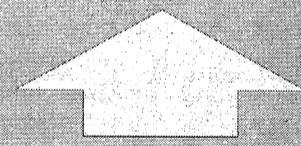
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*Cheers:* The University held a conference last week on the dangers of underage drinking, inviting owners of local bars to find out new ways to spot fake id's. Does this mean we can't use our Malaysian drivers license to get into the Bench anymore?



*A very cheap yard sale:* For those looking to furnish their new digs in off campus housing (a euphamism for high priced closet apartments) the University is holding a free fire sale in the back of Sanger college as construction workers continue to throw good furniture out of the windows into dumpsters. That way, you can enjoy the benefits of dorm living (cheap formica furniture) in your own apartment.



*Hope her parents weren't there:* Monique Maylor, the impeached outgoing Polity President, was booed heavily at last months graduation commencement. We're guessing those were all of the people not invited to the birthday party she helped pay for out of student's money.



*We're sick of seeing the same sweaty fat guy everyday:* Marooned students on campus this summer forced to eat everyday at the SAC, the only cafeteria open, can at least now know about this bargain. Turns out, it's cheaper to buy the breakfast combo (pancakes, eggs and homefries) in separate pieces than at the combo price. It's this kind of accounting that got ARAMARK booted as next year's meal plan provider.

# Top Students Praised at Graduation Ceremony <sup>5</sup>

Despite heavy rains, the Stony Brook graduates of 1998 found plenty of reason to celebrate on Sunday, May 17. Men and women in cap and gowns, the graduates of the Thirty-eighth Commencement of the University at Stony Brook stood triumphant as parents, family and friends filled the Indoor Sports Complex to witness history.

University President Shirley Strum Kenny, the keynote speaker at the event was very optimistic. "Commencement is a very special time not only for you but for Stony Brook. It is the time when we know the importance of what we do because we realize the impact that you-our graduates- will have on the future."

"You have discovered a lot about facts and figures and people. You have had your shares of triumphs, and I suspect you have learned something about fortitude. I hope you have experienced joy," Kenny said.

Before the conferral of the degrees and the turning of the tassels, university awards were presented to four exceptional students with 4.0 grade point averages. Among the recipients was Richard Delaney, who graduated with a bachelor of arts in psychology, summa cum laude and is on his way to Johns Hopkins Medical School.

Six students received the President's Award to Distinguished Doctoral Students, an award presented by the Stony Brook Foundation. Criteria for selection include the quality of the doctoral dissertation and its research base, contributions in ability or service to the University or the overcoming of personal or social handicaps. The recipients and the departments they

represent were Christopher Lowe, Ecology and Evolution; Shinchun Qu, Materials Science and Engineering, Sanjay Reddy, Physics; James E. Simsarian, Physics, Shan-Ho Tsai, Physics, and David S. Strait, Anthropology.

Kenny as well as Provost Rollin Richmond and Thomas Egan, chairman of the SUNY Board of Trustees presented honorary degrees to five recipients; Hayward Cirker, Doctor of Human Letters, E. Virgil Conway, doctor of human letters, Richard E. Leakey, doctor of science, T. Alexander Pond, Doctor of Science and Chang-Lin Tien, Doctor of Science.

Former Polity President Monique Maylor made a surprising appearance on the graduation platform although she was removed from the position by the polity judiciary. Polity Vice President, Sayed Ali was appointed to sit on, however he was not present at the ceremony.

The Student Speaker for the Commencement was Rachel Dorsinville. "The best gift I can give to my mother is my diploma," said Dorsinville. "Stony Brook has given me the ability to succeed and we must continue the legacy of success we began here . . . into the millenium."

## NY Assemblyman Spends Night in Lockup

NEW YORK (AP) — Assemblyman Edward C. Sullivan's plan to attend a public hearing instead turned into a journey through the city's prison system.

Sullivan and two dozen protesters were arrested Tuesday night for trespassing. The arrests occurred at a public hearing being held by the Board of Trustees for the City University of New York.

Sullivan, 65, compared his jail stay to a "Twilight Zone" episode.

"The place was filthy," said Sullivan. "I mean filthy!"

CUNY's trustees voted to eliminate remedial education programs at its 11 four-year schools. Sullivan, a Manhattan Democrat who heads the Assembly's Committee on Higher Education, does

not support the plan, but said he did not take part in the protest that disrupted the discussion.

But when a CUNY security officer asked him to leave the raucous meeting, Sullivan refused because the meeting was open to the public, and he was arrested.

Most of the protesters were given desk appearance tickets and released but Sullivan and four others were detained because the police computer system said they had outstanding warrants.

Sullivan, 65, said he had been arrested once before for disorderly conduct in 1996 while he attended a St. Patrick's Day parade. But he thought that matter had been cleared up.

"With all due modesty, I'm not a hard person to find," Sullivan said. "I'm a state assemblyman."

## CUNY Schools Cut Many Remedial Classes to Raise Standards

BY TIMOTHY WILLIAMS  
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NEW YORK (AP) — Half a century ago, City College of New York was known as "the proletarian Harvard" and boasted about its Nobel laureates — graduates Ira Gershwin and Jonas Salk, who were from immigrant families.

Now, critics say the college and its parent system, the City University of New York, have too many students who lack basic English, math and other skills, and who fail even to graduate.

In an effort to raise standards, CUNY's trustees voted this week to eliminate remedial education programs at its 11 four-year schools — part of a nationwide trend in which colleges and universities are reconsidering whether it is their duty to educate the underprepared.

"College should be for college work, not high school work," said Herman Badillo, vice chairman of the CUNY board of trustees and chief proponent of the plan to end remedial education. "Otherwise, we just devalue a college diploma."

The decision has sparked protests and the threat of a lawsuit from organizations representing immigrants, minorities and the poor groups that have traditionally made up the majority of the system's students since City College was founded in 1847 as the Free Academy.

City College's student body was heavily Jewish during its glory days before World War II, and CUNY came under attack in the 1960s for having a student body that was 95 percent white. In 1970, the entire system opened admissions to guarantee a spot to any graduate of New York City high schools. That policy continues at the system's six community colleges.

CUNY's current student body of 202,000 is about two-thirds minorities, and half the students are non-native speakers of English. School figures show that more than 40 percent of CUNY students, including those at community colleges, fail to

graduate within seven years.

A CUNY study released last week found that about one-half of minority students now enrolled in the four-year schools would not have gotten in under the new rules.

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Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, a longtime critic of what he decries as falling standards at the City University system, congratulated the trustees for their "courageous vote."

"Their vote sends a powerful message that CUNY is starting the important and difficult process of restoring its reputation as one of the great public institutions of higher learning in the country," he said.

But Andreas Matias-Ortiz, a 24-year-old who graduates this month with honors from CUNY's Hunter College, sees things differently. Matias-Ortiz, who plans to start a Ph.D. program in history at the University of Wisconsin in the fall, needed to take remedial courses during his freshman year at Hunter to brush up on math and English.

"If the rules were in place back then, I would probably have gotten frustrated, dropped out, and then, who knows what?" he says.

A Department of Education study in 1995 found that 81 percent of public four-year universities across

the country offered at least one remedial course. The survey found that 29 percent of freshman took at least one remedial course in 1995.

But the remedial programs are expensive, and there has been a backlash.

Last year, regents at the University of Georgia voted to limit the percentage of entering freshman who need remedial classes. And over the past two years, at least four state legislatures have considered charging high schools the cost of providing remedial classes for their graduates.

This year, 64 percent of entering freshmen in the California state university system failed a basic math test and 43 percent flunked the verbal exam. And those students came from the top third of their high school classes.

In Chicago's City Colleges system, 96 of every 100 public school graduates who took a placement test this year to enroll for a degree were required to take at least one remedial courses because of low test scores.

In New York, the problem is particularly acute. Last year, 63 percent of freshmen at CUNY's senior colleges and 87 percent at its community colleges flunked at least one entering exam.

In 1997, students at CUNY's Hostos Community College and two other schools were allowed to graduate without passing a writing exam once required. CUNY administrators had required the English-language test for graduation, but only 13 of 104 students passed it. When the trustees withheld diplomas, the students sued and won. City University appealed and the case will be decided in September.

Alfredo Gonzalez, a 39-year-old immigrant from the Dominican Republic, has been taking remedial classes in English for about a year at Hunter College and says he might have to drop out if CUNY's four-year schools stop offering them.

"They're denying education for the working class and poor people," he said this week at a demonstration outside the trustees' meeting.

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# Not a Deep Impact But Worth Seeing

BY ALEXANDRA CRUZ  
STATESMAN STAFF

*Deep Impact* hit theaters earlier this month to awe audiences with what has become the latest Hollywood movie involving the possible end of the world.

Starring Tea Leoni as Jenny Lerner, the rookie reporter out to get her first big story, Leoni learns from a source that the just recently resigned secretary of state may have left his office for ulterior motives. Leoni believes that a mistress named "Ele" is the real reason for his departure, and after confronting the

secretary, Leoni is cornered by the FBI and taken to the president, played by Morgan Freeman.

There Leoni learns that "Ele" is really the government's code name for an "extinction level event." Leoni's snooping forces the president to strike a deal with her to hold the story for two days as long as she gets the first question at the press conference.

At the press conference, Freeman reveals to the world that a comet, seven miles long and weighing approximately 500 million tons is on a path to collide with the earth in approximately one year. A sighting, made approximately a year

earlier by a 15 year old Leo Biederman, led to the discovery of the comet, which until now has been kept quiet by the government. In order to get the comet off its path of destruction, Freeman announces that an astronaut crew is scheduled to travel to the comet in order to place a nuclear bomb and destroy the comet.

Led by Robert Duvall, the astronauts take off on their mission, taking them approximately five months. When they reach their destination, disaster strikes when they lose a crew member in space after planting the bomb. The rest of the crew gets back on board the ship to detonate the bomb, at which point they lose contact with earth.

To the chagrin of Freeman, it is learned that not only had the comet not been destroyed but the explosion has caused it to break in two pieces, one about a mile long and the other about six miles long. To make things worse, both pieces are still hurtling towards the earth

As a backup plan the president announces that a "Noah's Arc" has been built to house one million Americans for two years, as the dust left from the comet disappears. A

lottery to pick 800,000 Americans to join a pre chosen 200,00 teachers, military personnel, artists, etc. ensues. Pandemonium strikes as the date nears as millions try to find ways to escape the wrath of the comet.

The special effects behind this Steven Spielberg flick are on a grand scale, but if it's big action scenes you're waiting to see, this isn't the movie for it.

Of course the world can't be left to complete destruction, the astronauts still floating in space, volunteer to give up their lives by crashing their ship into the bigger comet.

While *Deep Impact* isn't the greatest movie made in history, it's still worth going to see. The movie has some tearjerker moments and both Leoni and Freeman provide solid performances. All for all, it's worth the ticket price.

## LI Art Exhibit at Staller

Various Long Island artists will be featured in an exhibit in the Staller Center in a presentation entitled "Long Island Artists: Focus on Materials". The exhibit, which will be the third of its kind in the past five years, will be held from Saturday, June 13 through August 1.

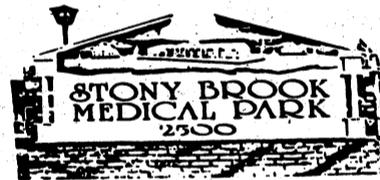
Artists from all over the Island will gather and be honored for their diverse types of works. Works range from oil and acrylic paintings from Stan Brodsky and Bruce Lieberman, to plaster, cheesecloth, and wire screen works by Julie Small-Gamby. Clay sculptures by Sara D'Alessandro and Temima Gezari will be on display as well as Kathleen Kucka's burnt canvas works. Wood and metal sculptures by Lillian Dodson, mixed media works on paper by Beverly Elias Figelman and earthenware vessels by Woody Hughes will be in the exhibit. An unusual addition will be Sylvia Harnick's mixed media works incorporating found objects, glass,

and Xerox phototransfers, as well as raku fired wares by Richard Reuter. A mixed media installation by Seung Lee, photographic cutouts by Katinka Mann, and cast acrylic sculptures by Norman Mercer will also be shown. If you are interested in mixed media installations, those of Maureen Palmieri, Karen Shaw and Felicitas Wetter will be included. Stitched monoprints by Arleen Schatz and solarplate intaglios and mixed media works on paper by Dan Welden will also be available for viewing.

A reception will be held for the artists on Saturday, June 13 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Not only are the campus community encouraged to attend but the general public as well.

Those interested in viewing the exhibit can visit the University Art Gallery Tuesday through Friday from noon to 4 p.m. and on Saturdays from 6 to 8 p.m. Admission is free of charge. For more information call the University Art Gallery at 632-7240.

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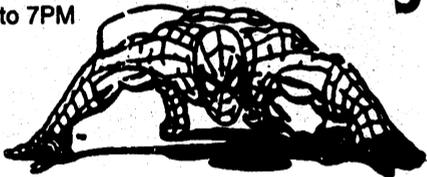
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# Features

## Size Makes a Big Difference to *Godzilla*

By KEVIN KEENAN  
Statesman Editor

Size does matter, or so the makers and marketers of the new *Godzilla* movie contend. Well, so does one's tendency towards enjoying boredom and his or her tolerance level for mind numbing idiocracy on the big screen. Roland Emmerich's new version of *Godzilla* is a sad attempt to reveal the intimacies and complexities of human relationships and to remake a classic story using today's advanced technology.

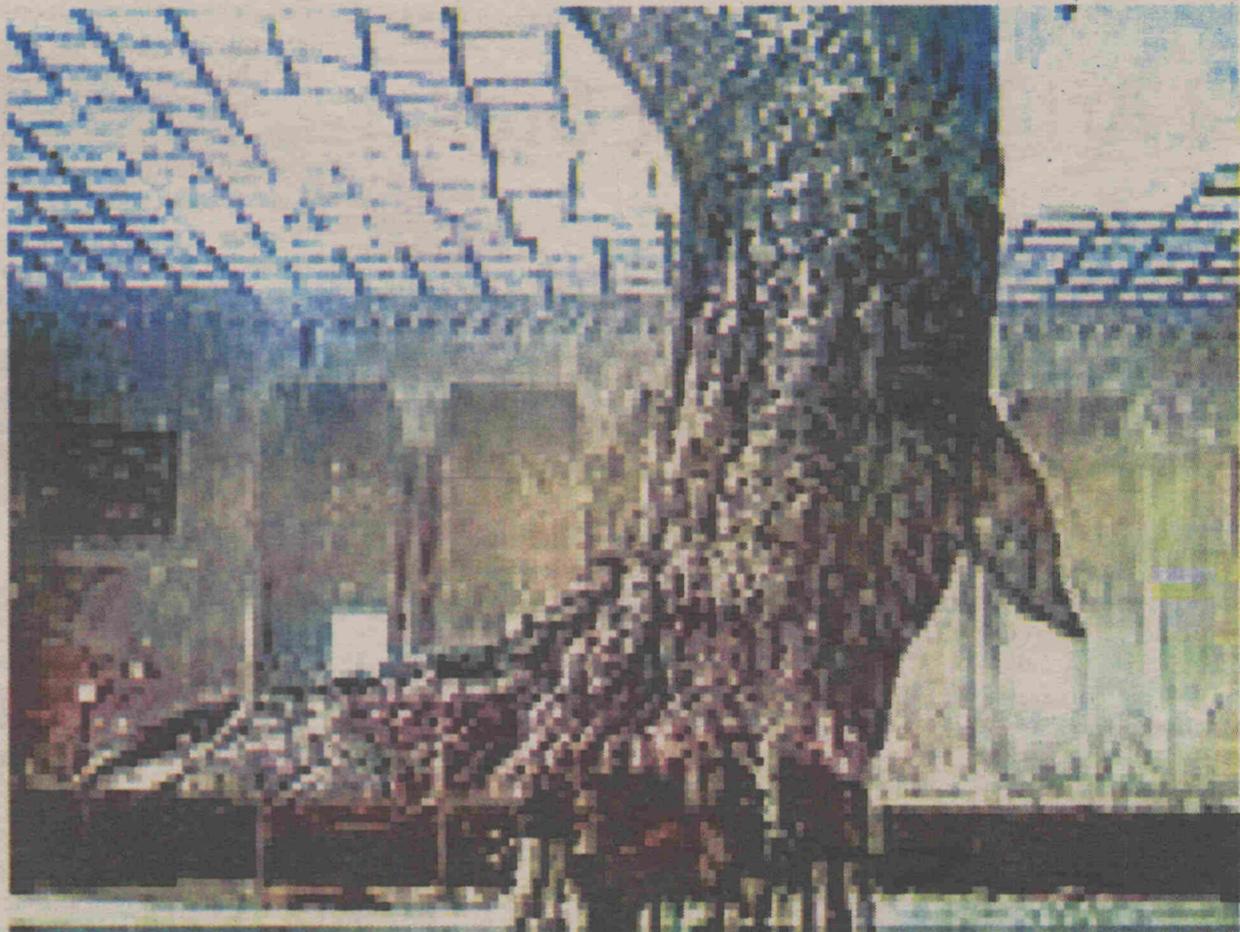
At the time of the original production of *Godzilla*, Godzilla was seen as an evil menace produced by nature.

Now, humans (again, more specifically Americans) are beginning to reemphasize humanistic elements in their films and are increasingly focusing on the human relationship aspect taking precedent over the technological prowess aspect as seen in recent films such as *12 Monkeys* and *Titanic*. *Godzilla* is an emblem of this phenomenon.

Unfortunately, none of the relationships in this film are developed adequately enough to thoroughly portray the uniqueness of the human condition in light of technology and our past. The relationship between Dr. Niko Tatopoulos (Matthew Broderick) and Audrey Timmonds (Maria Pitillo) is the central one in the film and is thoroughly neglected by the authors. Tatopoulos, the man with the key theories regarding the origin of Godzilla and the reasons for its presence in New York City, meets his college sweetheart (Timmonds) in New York while he is working with the U.S. military to stop Godzilla.

All of the essentials for a good depiction of humanity and the complexities of human relations are there—selfishness, desire, controversy, excitement, and, of course, love. However, these two actors fail to give a convincing enactment of what they are supposed to be feeling. Broderick does a somewhat better job than Pitillo here in portraying his feelings, but the screen writers do not give either of the actors enough opportunity to express love and relations.

Power relationships also exist in the film, and it is here that the screen writers successfully capture one of the essential human problems—the ego. Mayor Ebert (Michael Lerner) is so obsessed with winning re-election and maintaining his power that he acts foolishly in the wake of Godzilla's arrival in New York. In one scene he commands the military to allow the evacuated residents of Manhattan to be allowed to return to the Godzilla infested island



Godzilla smashes his way across the island of Manhattan in a scene from the new movie.

before it is safe to do so. Ebert is the ultimate example of tyrannical humanity. His opposite arrives in the character of Colonel Hicks (Kevin Dunn), a U.S. military colonel who represents the rational and the practicality of man. The result of these two characters (and their clashing views) creates a successful balance representing two contradictory human tendencies.

There is the completely undeveloped relationship of humankind and nature. At several points, the audience sees Tatopoulos almost relating to the huge reptile, and Godzilla is briefly seen as an innately peaceful creature that just causes destruction due to his size. This is the one relationship that is essential to the film. Unfortunately, this is the one relationship that is least developed. The screen writers for *Godzilla* would have been better off leaving out the relationship aspect all together or focusing on a single one and fully developing it.

If I were forced to find one reason why anyone should see *Godzilla*, it would have to be the cool special effects.

Godzilla runs across a crumbling Brooklyn Bridge, destroys whole building and streets, and burrows into the subway systems of New York.



courtesy of TriStar Pictures

Godzilla himself is an awe inspiring example of what today's technology can simulate. Nevertheless, this hyped up technosaturated film fails as a believable remake of the original *Godzilla*. Perhaps *Godzilla* is just real enough on the big screen to make the implausibility of his birth all the more evident to the viewers. Part of the allure of the old *Godzilla* was wondering "hey could this really happen?" Unfortunately, in the current film, the unnoticed growth of a nine foot tall reptile into a mammoth beast bigger than a 20 story building forces the audience to say "no way!" A smaller fit might have made *Godzilla* matter just a little bit more.

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