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The 'Sexual Revolution' Wasn't Really Very Revolutionary

A recent survey questions the impact of the American 'sexual revolution'.

The national survey of more than 1,000 Americans, conducted by Yankelovich Partners for Adam & Eve catalog, found that the age range for Americans to have first experienced sexual intercourse, regardless of what social climate shaped their formative years, was between the ages of 14 and 17.

"There was a larger percentage of teenage girls in the Sixties who waited to have sex between the ages of 18 and 21 than in the previous generation," said Katy Zvolerin of Adam & Eve.

"And the percentages of Americans having sex in each age range we presented have remained fairly constant, whether people were born in 1935 or 1975."

The random-digit telephone survey conducted by Yankelovich Partners of 1,015 adults ages 18 to 65 was sponsored by Adam & Eve to study American attitudes toward sexuality.

Age When Americans First Had Sex	
13 or younger	7%
14 to 17 years	43%
18 to 20 years	25%
21 or older	11%
Not Sure	10%

Source: Adam & Eve

The survey polled over 1,000 adults.

Astronomers at University at Stony Brook Identify New Distant Galaxies

Using new observations of the most sensitive views of the universe ever obtained by NASA's Hubble Space Telescope, astronomers at the University at Stony Brook have identified over 4000 extremely distant galaxies, including the most distant objects ever identified.

Analysis of the new results from the Hubble Deep Field and the Hubble Deep Field South – the targets of the NASA exploration – suggests that the early universe was far more active than was previously believed, with star formation proceeding at more than 100 times the present rate. This information has far reaching implications for researchers everywhere.

Working under the support of both the National Science Foundation and NASA, the Stony Brook astronomers combined new observations obtained with the Near Infrared Camera and Multi-Object Spectrometer (NICMOS) aboard the Hubble Space Telescope with existing observations to determine distances of the galaxies using a photometric redshift technique. The technique determines distances of galaxies based on their colors.

"We have worked hard at understanding just what the observations are and are not sensitive to," said team leader Kenneth M Lanzetta, Associate Professor of Physics and Astronomy at Stony Brook.

"We at Stony Brook are extremely proud of the outstanding research being done by Professor Lanzetta and all the members of his team," said Shirley Strum Kenny. "These discoveries are exciting, important, and make a vital contribution to our understanding of the future."

Stony Brook has been hailed as one of the leading research institutions in the nation. Internationally renowned faculty members teach courses from the undergraduate to the doctoral level to more than 18,000 students in over 100 programs.

University at Stony Brook Professor Awarded Golden Jubilee Medal

A Stony Brook Professor has been named the winner of a prestigious international award by the Circuits and Systems Society (CAS) of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers.

Armen H. Zemanian will receive the Golden Jubilee Medal and a citation from the CAS. The organization has a worldwide membership of 15,000 and is devoted to the theory and design of electronic circuits, which is the basic engineering foundation for all electronic equipment. Zemanian, who is being honored for lifetime achievement in circuit theory and design, will be presented the medal at a formal ceremony in Geneva this May.

Zemanian, a Port Jefferson resident, is a Distinguished Professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering, joined Stony Brook in 1962. He is currently researching the theory of infinite and transfinite networks. He has published six books and over 200 papers and is a past winner of the Kapista Gold medal presented by the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences.

University at Stony Brook Administrator Named to Distance Learning Post

Paul Jay Edelson, a dean and leading authority on distance education at Stony Brook, has been named to the Board of Directors of the International Center for Distance Learning (ICDL). The ICDL is a Boston-based national organization founded this year to advance worldwide education offered through the internet.

Edelson, an expert on distance education, has authored papers and delivered lectures to domestic and international audiences on subjects relating to online curriculum and related topics. The Electronic Extension Program at Stony Brook, which is supervised by Edelson, is one of the most successful distance learning programs in the country with more than 1,100 students enrolled annually.

Edelson has been Dean of the School of Professional Development since 1986.

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Celebrating a Rich History

Community and Campus to Commemorate Black History

By ERIN ROSENKING
Statesman Editor

Coming as a burst of warmth during the cold and dull winter season, Stony Brook will come alive next month as it celebrates Black History Month. February will prove to be exciting as the University displays various festivities, medical programs, art exhibits and musical entertainment that will entice people of all races as we commemorate the contributions to our society by African Americans.

The festivities will begin on Wednesday, February 2 with the Black History Month Opening Ceremony which will be held at 12:40 pm in the Student Activities Center Auditorium. All are welcome to this event which will include speakers and music courtesy of the Stony Brook gospel choir.

On a more serious note, on Thursday, February 3, the University Hospital will host a prostate care program between 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm. To be held in Mod U, level 5 of the hospital, this program is designed to offer free prostate screenings with the recommendation that all men over the age of fifty get checked. African American men with a family history of prostate related problems are recommended to be checked starting at age forty. The University Medical Center's Department of Urology is offering free screening at other times and locations. For further information, call the Cancer Helpline at 1-800-862-2215.

On the lighter side, Black History Month will be music to your ears on Saturday, February 5 as the Staller Center presents Ladysmith Black Mambazo, a Grammy-winning a cappella choir. After the voices, drums will be banging when the West African Drummers hit the Staller stage on Sunday February 20. Tickets are \$26 but discounts are available for students, faculty, seniors and children under the age of 12. Call the Staller Center at 632-ARTS for more information.

The popular Black Expo/Career Development Expo returns to Stony Brook for Black History Month on Wednesday, February 9 at noon in the SAC auditorium and lobby. This event allows for the expansion of career opportunities with a job fair including thirty companies and an address by keynote speaker Dr. Calvin Butts, president of SUNY Old Westbury. This event is designed to give students a chance to meet with successful African Americans involved in business, social services and politics. Call 632-6460 for more information about this event.

To cover the social aspect of the African American experience, on Wednesday, February 15, the Health Sciences Center will be hosting a discussion on preventing youth and gang violence in African American Communities at 11:30 am. The discussion will include detective Wes Daily from the Suffolk County Police department and Dr. Al Jordan a consultant on youth violence. Dr. Jordan can be reached at the School of Medicine at 444-2341.

Included in the month's events is a lecture about Justice Thurgood Marshall and Civil Rights legislation on Monday, February 21 at 3:00 in the



Courtesy of www.stallercenter.com

West African Drummers performs February 20. The group is one of the most revered percussion groups in the world.

Africana Studies Library, second floor of the Social and Behavioral Sciences building. Professor Sheryl Cashin from the Georgetown University Law School will discuss the contributions of the Justice to Civil Rights as well as his contributions to both children's and women's rights. For more information on this event, contact Dr. Olufemi Vaughan at 632-7470.

WUSB, Stony Brook's own radio station, which can be found at 90.1 on your fm dial, will not be left out of the celebration. They are planning various programs to commemorate Black History Month, including 'Marcus Garvey: Words and Music,' on February 11 at 7:00 pm. This program will play the words of nationalist Garvey set to music of Jamaica, his place of birth.

WUSB will sing the blues on a number of

days, including Shades of Blue: The Big Easy, featuring piano from New Orleans on February 13 at 7:00 am, and Beale Street Blues on February 27 also at 7:00 am. On February 25 at 7:00 pm, the spiritual father of reggae music, Haile Selassie I will be honored. 'The Underground Railroad Story' will be on February 28 at 6:30 pm featuring songs that helped slaves to freedom and on February 28 at 10:00 pm, 'A History of Hip-Hop' will document the ever evolving hip hop music. For more information about WUSB's plans for Black History Month, call Dave Klein at 632-6501.

No matter where you look, you will find an event that will awaken you to the black experience. Be sure to check out any or a few of these worthwhile programs.

Fighting Winter Ailments

By KARA VANDEN BOSCH
Statesman Contributor

During the winter, getting sick seems almost inevitable. Fighting off your roommate's cold or your classmate's cough may not be easy, but feeling better when you do get sick can be easy after paying a visit to Stony Brook's Student Health Services Center.

The Student Health Services Center at Stony Brook, which has programs designed for students when they are sick, is available to all registered students.

Doctors, physician's assistants, nurse practitioners and nurses are available at the center five days a week at little or no cost to students. In a year, they see approximately 23,000 students.

"The Center is available right now to walk in on your own free time," says Robert Ansbach, a physician's assistant at the Center.

At this time, the Center is available as a walk in service only, and appointments are not accepted. It is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. It is located in the Infirmary building, off Infirmary Road, near the back of the Student Union.

The staff consists of seven doctors, two physician's assistants, one nurse practitioner, and six nurses. The medical director, who is in charge of the entire center, is Dr. Rachel Bergeson.

The laboratory is New York State certified and provides routine testing by technologists. Urine analyses, throat cultures and complete blood counts are done at the Center. The lab sends other, more complex tests, to an outside

laboratory.

The initial visit to the Center is free, but a student will be charged for additional laboratory tests.

For example, a student with a sore throat could walk into the Center and be seen by one of the staff practitioners at no cost. However, if the practitioner ordered a throat culture to determine

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if the student had strep throat, the student would be charged for that.

The Center also offers a pharmacy that fills prescriptions written by the Center's practitioners. Students must pay for their medications, but the pharmacy offers them at substantial savings. Stony Brook student health insurance can also help to defray expenses for students. The pharmacy staffs two certified pharmacists who fill a wide variety of

medications.

"We maintain a broad formulary for convenience," Ansbach said. "We use generic medications, unless otherwise necessary."

A Self-Care Center is conveniently located near the pharmacy. Here, the student may purchase throat lozenges, decongestant tabs, sore throat spray, aspirin, Tylenol, and cough syrups.

The Center is offering flu shots for ten dollars. They give several other immunizations including measles mumps and rubella, diphtheria and tetanus, chicken pox, meningitis vaccine, hepatitis A, and hepatitis B for a fee.

Although a complete health care center for students on campus can be a great advantage, there are also some disadvantages.

There are certain times of the day and certain times of the year, that many students flood in at once. At these times, the wait to be treated can be long. Since the Center does not allow you to call ahead for an appointment, there is no way of telling how long you will wait and how crowded the waiting area will be.

Another disadvantage is that students cannot ask for specific practitioners. If a student only wants to be seen by a specific doctor, they will be denied their request. This practice is policy, because allowing for special requests would create longer waits.

Despite the possible disadvantages, students do get sick and when they need treatment, the Center is the place for both residents and commuters to seek help.

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Tuition Reduction Proposed

A news conference announcing President Clinton's plan to make college tuition tax deductible provided the setting for an unusual display of affection between the president and first lady.

Clinton draped his arm around his wife at the news conference last week and Hillary Rodham Clinton leaned against him and flashed a high-wattage smile.

The president smiled as he said his wife and Sen. Charles Schumer "lobbied me relentlessly on this for the better part of a year."

"If you've ever been lobbied by either one of them, you know," Clinton said. "It's sort of like, 'Are you going to say yes now or put yourself through all this misery and say yes later?'"

Mrs. Clinton's appearance on behalf of the plan was her first with the president since she told a Buffalo television station she planned to spend the rest of her life with her husband. Speculation has swirled

Clinton Pushes for College Tax Break

since the Monica Lewinsky scandal that the couple might split up when the president leaves office next year.

Schumer, D-N.Y., first began pushing the college tax credit plan during his successful 1998 bid to oust then-Sen. Alfonse D'Amato. The issue was a popular one for Schumer, especially among middle-class suburban voters like the ones Mrs. Clinton must court to win New York's U.S. Senate seat.

Mrs. Clinton is expected to face New York's Republican mayor, Rudolph Giuliani, for the seat.

The president's plan closely resembled Schumer's, which died in Congress last year. The centerpiece is a \$10,000 tax deduction to help millions of Americans pay for

tuition and other college costs. A family earning \$120,000 or less annually could receive the full deduction for tuition, fees and job-related training under the Clinton plan once it is phased in by 2003. Taxpayers could seek a maximum credit of \$2,800 a year.

"It is necessary for our children to attend college, it is wrong for them to graduate with a mountain of debt," said Schumer.

Mrs. Clinton, who has made clear that education will be one of her key campaign themes, said the college plan could be to the coming generation what the G.I. Bill was for World War II veterans. She noted that average college tuition has doubled over the past 20 years,

outpacing the median income.

"Today the challenge in paying for college ... has become a daunting one for that very same middle class that was really created by the G.I. bill," Mrs. Clinton said.

"No one who wants to improve his or her prospects through education should have to risk poverty to attain that education," she added.

The Giuliani campaign had no comment on Mrs. Clinton's appearance or the proposal.

White House Press Secretary Joe Lockhart brushed aside reporters questions about whether Mrs. Clinton's White House appearance was appropriate given that she is poised to formally announce her Senate candidacy next month. He said the first lady's long-standing commitment to education was well known.

"There's certainly other people who come here to events," Lockhart said. "They're up for reelection or running or something else."

NIU Invests in Its Students, Literally

Would you trust a bunch of college kids with \$220,000?

Northern Illinois University does.

The school is turning over responsibility for that amount to the students of Finance 445 on Tuesday - with just a few caveats to guard against any temptations to sink the whole bundle into a high-tech startup or their fathers' firms.

Similar programs are run elsewhere by as many as 70 schools, with some success. Still, the high stakes attached to this real-world educational experience are enough to give the teacher a mild case of pre-investment jitters.

"It makes me a little nervous to give them the responsibility," concedes Jeff Meyer, chairman of NIU's Finance

Department. "But these are very sharp people - they are

conservative; they are going to take a value-investing approach."

Or so he hopes.

The class is part of a new program at the university which allows students to manage the investment of a \$20,000 gift from the Treasury Management Association of Chicago along with \$200,000 in NIU Foundation assets.

Meyer selected eight top students to participate. Like the professional fund managers who handle money for the foundation, they must report quarterly to the NIU Foundation's finance committee and answer to an oversight committee.

All are males, around age 21 - not exactly your archetypal conservative-style investor. They could be forgiven for dreams of unearthing the next Sun Microsystems or Dell Computer, which racked up multi-thousand-percent stock gains in the 1990s.

But knowing that "tomorrow's Dell" could

turn out to be investors' hell, the NIU Foundation set some ground rules that include investing no more than 25 percent in any sector. And Mercer has veto power over the students' choices.]

That's fine with David Hass, the only junior in the otherwise all-senior class. Sounding like the investment analyst he aspires to be, he spoke confidently Thursday of plans for a diversified, value-oriented portfolio which should produce "some nice gains."

"We're going to invest slightly in technology, but we're not going to overlook the value companies that are the steady earnings growers," said Hass, 21.

Other universities have found the students do surprisingly well, sometimes outperforming professional managers, while drawing positive publicity - and sometimes extra donations.

NIU Foundation president Mallory Simpson says the idea is primarily to provide a learning opportunity that goes beyond "play money" simulations.

"We're not viewing this as 'Can these students beat our professional money managers,'" she said. "It's an educational experience."

And if the students bomb, the foundation can reconsider its plan to turn it over to a new class every year.

Hass said the experience will be great.

"If your idea is invested ... you're going to be proud of that," he said. "It's going to be fun to pick and choose and go through the market for the stocks you think will do well."

Among other nearby universities with student-run investing programs are the University of Chicago, DePaul University, Illinois State University, Indiana University, Notre Dame and University of Wisconsin.

Princeton Holds Nude Olympics

With snow covering Princeton University's campus for the first time this year, university officials warned that they will hand out one-year suspensions to students who defy a ban on the Nude Olympics. But some students have vowed to continue the decades-old sophomore rite-of-passage.

The Nude Olympics tradition began in the 1970s when students streaked across the campus on the year's first snowfall. It became an annual event confined to one of the school's oldest courtyards.

University trustees called for the event's end after 10 participants were hospitalized with alcohol poisoning last January, and officials said there were reports of women being sexually groped, nude runners urinating in public and couples engaging in sex.

Administrators say they will not tolerate any streaking this year, even if its done off campus.

"We will enforce discipline, and it's going to be a year's suspension," said university spokesman Justin Harmon, adding that security officers specially trained to apprehend streakers will be on full alert. "That's very serious stuff."

Some students say they will run despite the ban, either by streaking across remote parts of campus or by having nude parties at any of the 11 eating clubs near campus. Upper-class students eat their meals and throw parties at the clubs, which are privately owned.

One student, who asked not to be identified, said he planned to wear a ski-mask so that security guards could not photograph him if he runs on Thursday night.

"I'm faster than those fat public safety officers, so if they can't take a picture of me, they can't catch me," he said.

Harmon acknowledged that it would be difficult to gather evidence against students who throw naked parties at the eating clubs, but he said the administration would still investigate reports of off-campus streaking.

Sophomore class proposals for an alternative to the naked run - including a tropical party, an outdoor dance and a snowball fight - were all nixed by administrators. Students decided against the only plan that was approved - to burn an administrator in effigy.

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Editorials

You're Outta Here

How many of you are planning on graduating in four years? Now how many of you are actually going to graduate in four years? That's what we thought. Don't worry, take a look around you and you will notice that you are not alone. You even have some national numbers to back you up.

According to statistics from the National Center for Education, the amount of students managing to earn their Bachelor's degrees within four years of graduating high school has declined from 45 percent down to 31 percent between the years of 1977 and 1990.

Obviously it is pretty tough to graduate, proverbially speaking, "on time." With work, families and countless other obligations, it is getting harder for students to devote the time necessary to finish their education within a set time frame. It's a national trend. So why is Stony Brook going to punish the popular majority?

As many so-called superseniors can tell you, their time living under a Stony Brook roof is quickly approaching an end. A new policy will effectively throw students out into the street after they have overstayed their welcome in a residence

hall, a stay that cannot extend past eight semesters.

Many students are angered over this plan, and rightly so. But wait until they hear the comment made by Darylynn Bachman, the director of Administrative Services and Campus Residences. Bachman said that after eight semesters, a student should have the "age

"...why don't seniors have the "age and experience" to feed themselves?"

and experience to fend for themselves." Good to see that she has the best intentions in mind for all students, isn't it? And to think she is actually in charge of something here!

But in addition to the sickening callousness of that comment, as usual, the actions of the SBU administration don't really match up with their quotes. Let's look at the meal plan, everyone's favorite bone of contention. We have heard it all before, the meal plan is a rip off, the service stinks and the food is even worse. But why are students forced to buy

a plan? Because as students, we are wards of the state and our nutrition is part of our well being.

While the nutritional value of SAC food is debatable by anyone who has eaten there, why don't seniors have the "age and experience" to feed themselves? Even a freshman is old enough to tell you that \$1.33 is way too expensive to pay for a yogurt. It is clear that administration only fears our ability to "fend for ourselves" when they might be missing out on a buck. After all, they are not going to lose a cent by kicking students out. Those rooms will be quickly filled by incoming freshmen and various other students who have found themselves on a housing waiting list for a semester or two.

The truly ironic part of this is that in every piece of propaganda that finds its way off the presses of the SBU wire, someone is bragging about how great it is that enrollment is up and each fall sees more freshmen entering the SUNY system. That's all well and good but they are sacrificing a whole other sector of the population for this growth. Little do those freshmen know that they better finish school fast, faster than the national average, or they too will find themselves out in the cold.



Letter to the Editor: Even Commuters Hate the Meal Plan

Dear Editors,

Although my opinion may be unpopular, I feel as though it must be voiced.

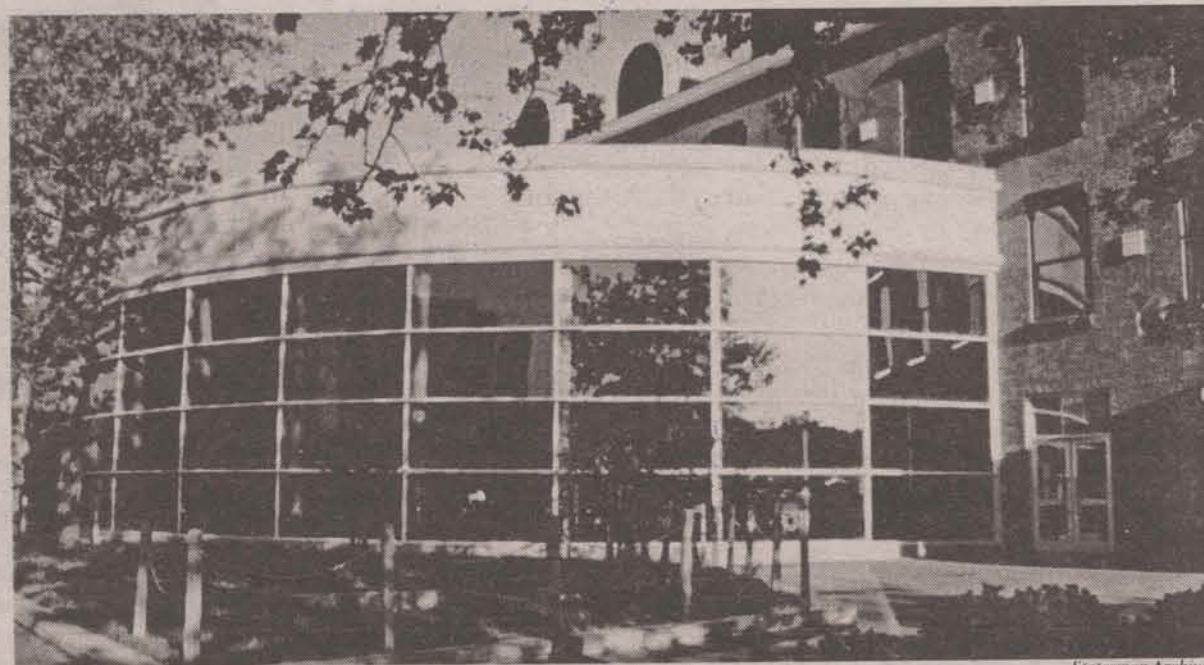
I agree with those on-campus students forced to use the meal plan that major changes must be made. As a commuter, I choose to use the meal plan purely out of convenience and to save those few pennies I can on sale tax.

Since I did make this choice by my own free will, please do not think that my rights should not be protected as well.

The rights I am referring to are the right to be able to purchase my food in a timely manner, and the right to sit down and eat it. During the Wednesday meal plan experiment, I was met by an unusually long line at the SAC cafeteria and the message that once I purchased my food, I would not be able to sit down, as there were no tables available.

I do not have a dorm room here. I do not feel as though I should have to go to a residential hall if I want to sit down to eat. Wednesday, the only seat to be found was in the Harriman Cafe, which does not take meal plans, thus inconveniencing me even more.

I sympathize with dorm students. At the last school I attended, I lived on campus and faced a similar "use it or lose



The SAC is destined to be packed on Wednesdays.

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it" meal plan. The one advantage that you all have that I did not have there is campus points - we had no choice but residential dining or cash.

Wednesday demonstrated that the SAC cafeteria will probably be unable to accept campus points at lunch if the entire campus - dorm and commuter students combined - attempt to use it as their only dining alternative.

The longer lines and limited seating

actually increased the problem of trying to get something to eat on this campus. Furthermore, since dorm students used campus points that day, it increased the "use it or lose it" problem as well.

Like I said, my opinion isn't going to be a popular one, but come on. Don't lose residential points, use them - and free up the campus dining options for the commuters.

Eric Cammer

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Staying Well at Stony Brook

BY KAT FULGIERI
Statesman Editor

The Wellness Center and the University Counseling Center have recently announced an itinerary for Wellness Wednesdays and Thursdays. The programs will be run in the afternoon throughout the spring semester. The programs are geared towards the wellness needs of students, staff, and faculty.

Starting on Thursday, February 10th, the series of workshops and lectures focuses on wellness of the mind and body, with an apparent concentration on relatively new age methods of healing, preventative medicine, and meditation.

The first workshop will cover body image, and will be presented by Celia Irvine. With the intent of teaching people to accept their appearances, the workshop will delve into human perceptions of food and outward appearances.

On Wednesday, February 16th, Nelly SantaMarie will present "There are No Strangers Here: Living Mindfully Together." The workshop will be a forum in which those attending can discuss nearly everything related to the college experience. This includes the emotions one faces when it is time to leave home, move in with a complete stranger, and adjust to the cultural diversity and barrage of confusing information that the Stony Brook community is famous for providing its students.

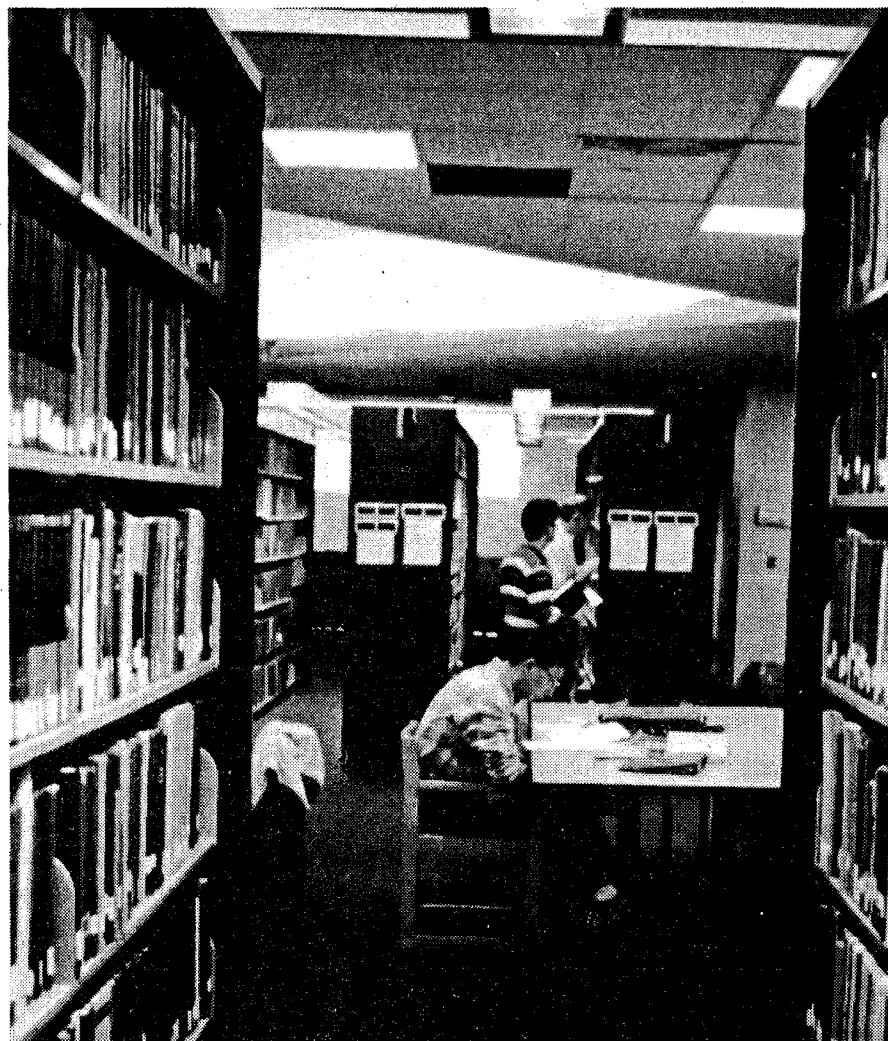
"Beginning Mindfulness Meditation: Calming the Mind," on February 23rd will be presented by Cheryl Kurash. The workshop will introduce participants to the world of

experimental meditation. A basic protocol will be demonstrated on the art of meditation. The technique will introduce those assembled to an unsung method of stress management that has been clinically proved to help people unwind from the relentless forces of daily life.

The connection between the body, mind, and spirit will be explored on Wednesday, March 1st, when Maryann Walsh presents "Holistic Health." The workshop will focus on the finer points of "wholism," a holistic approach to management of the body. The basic points of traditional Chinese medicine will be presented in addition to the rest of the workshop.

Bring your significant other to the workshop that will be headed by Julian Pessier on March 8th. "Understanding Relationship Problems" will investigate common disputes between couples. The course of relationships will be examined, as will the line between necessary relationship problems and unhealthy ones. This workshop will probe the essence of love, and the manner in which a couple relates to the emotion.

After working out personal issues at the relationship workshop, people of the Stony Brook community can get themselves onto the right career track on March 16th at "Career and Wellness: A Career is a Terrible Thing to Waste," led by Van L. Morrow, associate director of the Career Placement Center. The participants will look to their interests, talents, personalities, and values in an attempt to discover the career choice that will serve them well in



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The month of April offers all those interested a panel discussion on "Perspectives in Wellness." It will be held on April 3rd from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Student Activities Center. Presented by Mount Health and Wellness Living and Learning Center, C.H.O.I.C.E. and the Eugene Weidman Wellness Center, the panel will feature members from each of the Health

Science Center schools, which include Medicine, Social Welfare, Dentistry, Nursing, and Health Technology and Management. Issues of wellness will be discussed, along with the respective school curriculums, and the manner in which wellness is addressed.

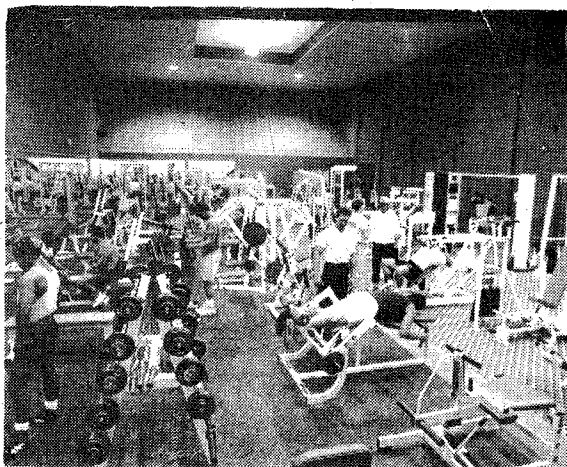
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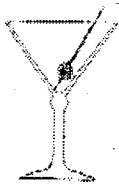
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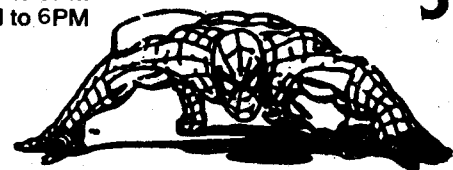


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Throwing Punches

By TINA CHADHA
Statesman Editor

The rumble heard last night coming from The Staller Center was due to the explosive feature film, *Fight Club*. The sold-out crowd watched more than half of the movie's plot before realizing that they had no idea what was going on.

Twists, turns, and flips throughout the psychological brain teaser caught the audience by surprise. The movie's strange plot left those in attendance wondering if the need to do what one really wants can erupt out of the imagination and take on a life of its own. Probably not, but it does make for a clever Hollywood story starring the extremely sexy Brad Pitt, and ever versatile Edward Norton.

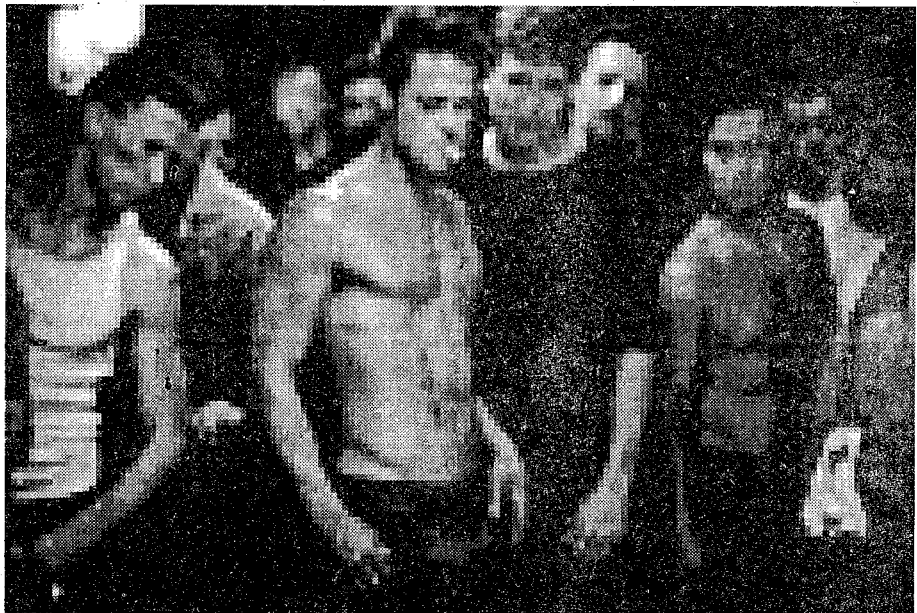
The movie's high points, aside from the three dollar admission price at the Staller Center, were its visually dazzling imagery and directing. The opening scene of the movie zooms through the texture of a gun and shoots the viewer out at what really is the end of the story, making the whole movie a flashback.

Apart from the imagery and dynamite cast, the movie's familiar theme relates to the masses. It is about people who are secretly unhappy with their mundane and safe lives. These people are too scared to follow their hearts and pursue their dreams of what they really want from life. Whether dying,

abandoned by a parent, or stuck in a job they hate, these people all look for some kind of escape from their lives. This characterization includes Edward Norton's character, Jack, who suffers from insomnia because he feels like a robot in his meaningless life. The corporation that he works for is corrupt and morally wrong. The job he does is an unglorified one. He lives his life to please his father, who abandoned him and his mother. He becomes obsessed with support groups, and begins to attend meetings daily for illnesses he does not have.

Enter Brad Pitt's character, Tyler Durden, who embodies the person Jack wishes he could become, minus the fears and responsibilities. In this movie, Tyler is the man that all men wish they could be. He is cool and intelligent, swaggering and egotistical. He makes soap by using the liposuctioned fat of rich people and then sells the soap to expensive department stores. He relieves himself in the food served at catering halls. He splices frames of pornography in movies while at work as a projectionist.

He is not a winner by society's standards, but he is a man people respect. He is the man with the connections, with the answers and with the most amazing body and equally amazing tan. His golden brown biceps are flashed in nearly every scene throughout the



Courtesy of Fight Club.com

Brad Pitt, star of *Fight Club*, organizes his group of frustrated males.

movie, and were all appreciated by the females in attendance, as evidenced by the sighs and cheers.

The beautiful sight of Brad Pitt was, however, offset by all the blood and violence in *Fight Club*. The graphic wounds and injuries caused many audience members to turn their faces from the screen more than once. There are scenes that are gory and quite graphic. They include the spectacle in which

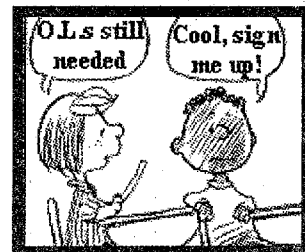
Norton beats Jared Leto's character to the point where he is unrecognizable and his gums are left bare except for one tooth. The other scene depicts the murder of a character where the audience literally sees human brains being blown out.

When all is said and done *Fight Club* is a confusing and often violent movie, but does urge all to break free of the chains that bind us.

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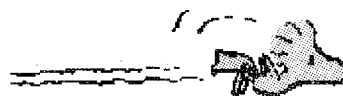
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He's Got Magic To Do

J.K. Rowling pens tales of witchcraft and wizardry.

By JENNIFER KESTER AND JULIE MINGIONE
Statesman Editors

College students are following the literary flair of their elementary school counterparts.

The twentysomethings are joining the ten-year-olds, who are rushing to the bookstores and buying the fantasy-filled books of Harry Potter, a series created by Scottish author J.K. Rowling.

The books are the top three most popular books on college campuses across the nation, according to a survey conducted by the Chronicle of Higher Education.

The series, which consists of "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" and "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban," also dominate the New York Times bestseller list as well as the Borders bestseller list.

Rowling weaves a tale of magic and mystery, complete with flying broomsticks, potions and dragons. In "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," we meet Harry, an eleven year old boy living a pitiful existence with his awful aunt, uncle and cousin, the Dursleys. Forced to inhabit a cupboard, he spends his days wondering about his parents, who were killed in a mysterious accident. A burden to his surrogate family, they try to suppress Harry's memories of his parents and his budding magical powers.

When an owl delivers Harry a letter inviting him to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, he realizes his wonderful destiny and embarks upon adventures he never imagined.

The "Harry Potter" series of books follow Harry's career at

Hogwarts from age eleven to seventeen. Although only three have been published so far, they have proved enormously successful amongst the college-aged crowd.

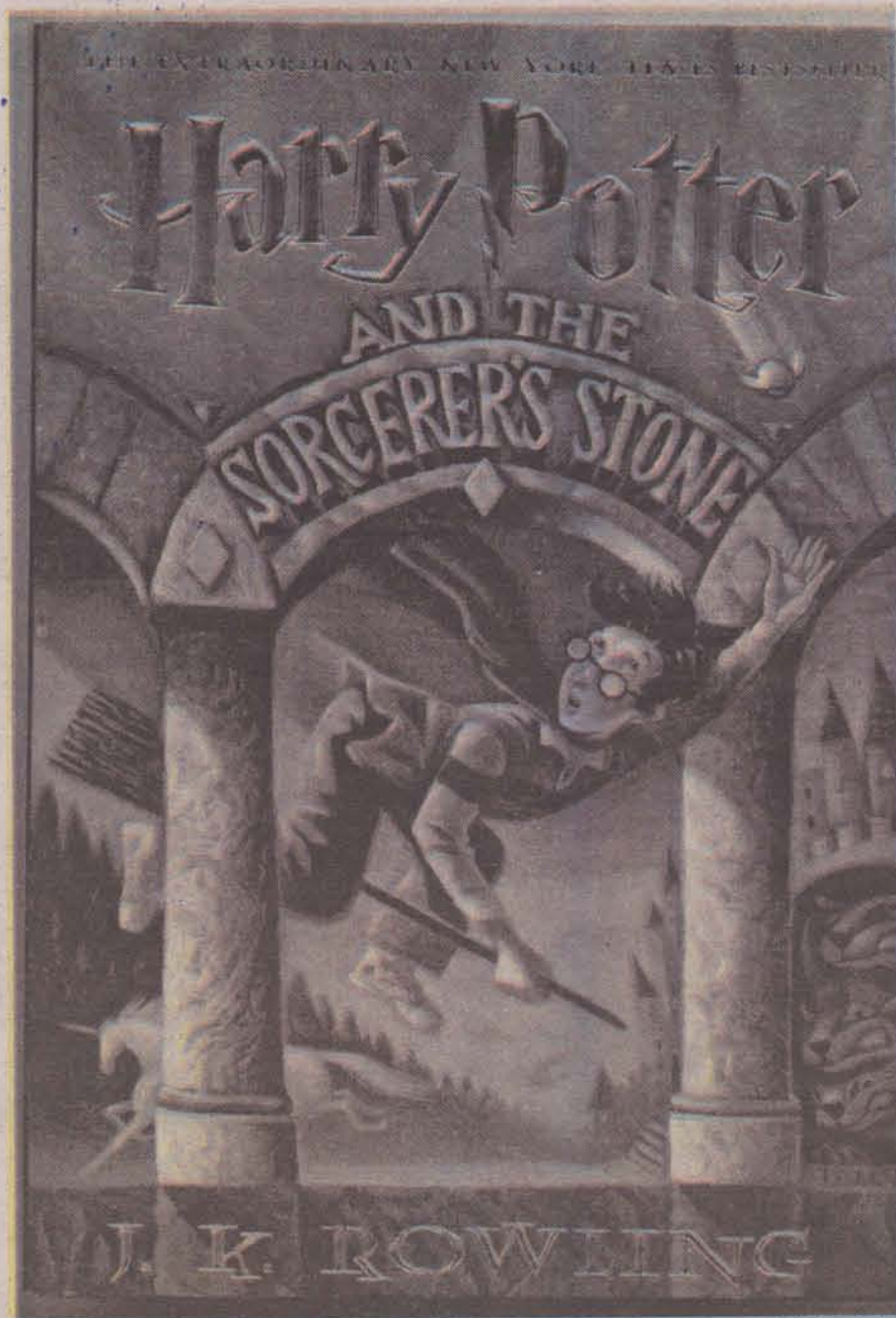
The reason for this immense interest in Harry Potter could be attributed to his courage and sense of adventure, and to the amazing encounters he has with wizards, warlocks, and friendly giants. In spite of the fact that Rowling's characters possess miraculous powers and superhuman strengths, they all remain distinctly human and knowable.

Even getting to Hogwarts proves to be an adventure, as the school is only accessible by boarding the magical train located on Platform Nine and Three Quarters. How Harry finally finds the platform is another fantastical and mystifying journey in a series of books that encourage readers to broaden their imaginations. Rowling makes the most ordinary incidents seem extraordinary.

The books are a complete escape from the mundane drudgery of daily living. Hogwarts is a through-and-through fantasy land, where enchantment and sorcery lie in the most unexpected of places. It is a school where talking paintings on the walls serve as guards and doorways, where ghosts roam freely about the hallways and even teach classes, and where a simple diary can transport people to the past.

Rowling's books have caused quite a controversy amongst some parents. The series deals with the supernatural, about spells and wizardry, and not all parents are enthusiastic about their young children reading them.

"Books nowadays are trying to make kids grow up too fast," said Elizabeth Mounce, a mother of two from Columbia, South Carolina.



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The first book in the series, entitled *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, is available in softcover.

"They're trying to disguise things as fun and easy that are really evil."

Though the books are about the struggle between good and evil, thus far the evil forces have proved no match for Harry Potter and the charmed friends he makes at Hogwarts. Through magic, enchantment and downright good fortune, the forces of the virtuous have so far defeated the evil Voldemort, ex-Hogwarts student and sorcerer-gone-bad out to destroy Harry.

J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter" series appeals to the young and to the young-at-heart because of its absolute ability to transport the reader into a reverie unlike anything they've ever read. Rowling tells tales that are chock full of suspense and action; with a baby dragon, a mirror that fortells your innermost fantasies, and a flying convertible thrown in for good measure.

Whether the reader is eight or eighty, the extraordinary adventures of Harry Potter should not be missed.