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### **Globalizing Higher Ed: Ajou Meets SBU**

**Korean Students** Begin Two Years at Stony Brook

#### By MANSOOR KHAN Statesman Editor

Walking around campus this semester, you might run into Sonny Park. Sonny is a major in computer science and has spent two years in the army. But Sonny, known as Seung Joon, Park to his friends back home, is not just any transfer student. He is one of eight international exchange students, here on the "2+2" Program from Ajou University in Korea.

The program allows students from Ajou University, just outside of Seoul, Korea, to spend two years at Stony Brook to broaden their undergraduate education, after completing their first two years at Ajou. Ushered in for the first time this semester by the International Academic Programs office, the students are given American names and immersed into their new atmosphere, taking classes ranging from business management to engineer-

ing. To some of the students, this is that different. It was snowing in a frightening prospect.

"I'm a little scared," said Juyun Ha, who timidly named herself 2+2 Program because he wanted to Julia. "My parents wanted me to go experience different customs and to graduate school in America and

Korea when I left, too." Park decided to enroll in the Ajou

cultures. During his two years in

the Korean army, he was constantly exposed to a diverse array of cultures, and grew intrigued by the prospect of trying his own hand at international expansion,

he said. Park learned English from his time at school and his experience in the army, and passed

the English entrance examination required for all international students interested in studying at

**Solving Stony Brook's** Crosswalk Crisis

#### By MIRA KINARIWALA Statesman Staff

It started with a petition: over a hundred students signed off in the hopes of creating a crosswalk to the infirmary. The traffic, combined with the frequent snowstorms, makes it particularly difficult to cross the road to the infirmary for students who are bound by foot.

"Students would have to climb. over a mound of snow before crossing a road with oncoming traffic [to] the road that leads to the infirmary," said Kathleen Valerio, health educator at the Student Health Service Choice Center. "This would be particularly treacherous for those who cannot walk-which could be highly likely considering the fact that they are coming to the infirmary."

"The campus definitely needs a crosswalk in front of the infirmary," said Michael Bentivegna, from Campus Grounds Management. "Especially if they open the gates to the road, it would create far more traffic within the area."

This scenario is all too common at various crosswalks around campus.

"Although Stony Brook University has crosswalks for pedestrians, drivers seem to ignore them," said sophomore Andrew Rotjan. "For example, in front of the Union and crossing from

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Korean exchange student Seung Joon Park, from Ajou University, organizes his schedule for the spring semester.

get a job in America. The school is so big." For others, the challenge of a new culture and environment is a welcome change.

"I am excited," Park said. "The people are so kind here, but it is not

Stony Brook.

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Shedding Light on the Birth of Suns By MICHAEL NEVRADAKIS

Statesman Editor

Eleven billion light years away in the remote Cloverleaf Galaxy, there is a dense ball of interstellar gas that may hold the key to the origin of galaxies just like our own Milky Way. This example of rapid star formation is equivalent to 1,000 suns per year and may be indicative of galaxies in the early universe.



Very large array telescopes, pictured above, are lined up in patterns in specific order so that they may function at the astronomical level.

Philip Solomon, a Distinguished Professor of Astronomy at Stony Brook University, recently uncovered this environment necessary for active star formation in a research venture that is changing the way physicists understand the birth of the billions of star systems around us.

A team of scientists, including

Along with Solomon, Paul Vanden Bout and Chris Carilli of the National Radio Astronomy Club and Michel Guelin of the Institute for Millimeter Astronomy in France, worked on the discovery.

The essential difference between this galaxy and earlier discoveries of star formation lies in the presence of a specific frequency of radio waves emitted by molecules of the gas hydrogen cyanide (HCN).

"If you see HCN, you are seeing gas with the high density required to



## Fighting to Get Out of a Rio de Janeiro Slum

By MARION LLYOD Chronicle of Higher Education

Across the stinking bay from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro sprawls the infamous Complexo da Maré, one of the largest and most violent of the city's 500-odd slum communities. Few students or professors from the public university, which ranks among Brazil's top institutions of higher education, ever venture into Maré.

Cristina Pedroza de Faria is an exception. For the past three years, Pedroza, 30, a waiflike master's student in anthropology and sociology, has immersed herself in a sport sweeping the slum: boxing. She took time off from her work as a photojournalist to acquire the skills of social anthropology, which she is now employing to study the effects of the sport on slum youths.

The boxing program, called Fight for Peace, or Luta Pela Paz, in Portuguese, was begun three years ago by a British anthropologist and former boxer, Luke Dowdney. Its mission is to take kids off the streets of the city's worst slums, known here as *favelas*. The program now has a rotating membership of 70 to 90 residents, including about a dozen teenage girls. Many have been involved in the local cocaine trade, which recruits kids from the *favelas* to act as drug runners or as armed "soldiers" to protect the drug lords.

It was the boxing project, the first of its kind in Brazil, that caught her eye, as she tried to understand how such a violent pastime could have a positive effect on its young participants.

"One day I got talking to an anthropologist," she recalls. "I was really excited. And she told me, 'Why don't you go to university and study this properly?"" So Pedroza did, winning a grant to pursue her research.

She describes her first experience, camera in hand, watching one of her subjects get hurt in a fight: "I started shaking. I had to stop shooting because I knew the guy, and suddenly he had blood coming out of his head. I get emotionally involved."

Pedroza's project is unusual at the university, for its methods as well as for its content. Her work falls into a field called visual anthropology, which she says has yet to catch on here. As a result, she has had to lobby hard to have her photographs accepted as valid research material. She plans to use them not only to illustrate her written analysis, but also to tell stories of their own. Her colleagues, she says, "are not used to analyzing a visual discourse. They are much more used to analyzing ideas."

The photos trace the young boxers' transformation from their first inexpert rounds to organized amateur bouts, held every few months, which draw thousands of spectators from the community to a ring set up in a concrete plaza.

"Before, they didn't go to school. They were just in the street doing nothing, drug dealing. They didn't have



An adolescent Brazilian drug dealer in the independent film, "City of God," portrays what is an actual reality in certain slums of Rio de Janeiro.

a good image within the community," she says. "But when they started becoming winners, the community started seeing them as winners. There was a change. Their identity was changing, and I wanted to witness the process."

Entering Maré is not unlike stepping into a foreign country, with its own rules and risks. As we turn into the first concrete alleyway, Pedroza pulls up alongside an overflowing garbage bin. Community protocol requires that she explain the

reason for our visit to one of the local community leaders, who greets her from inside a bleak ground-floor office in a tenement.

At stake are both our safety and that of nearby residents. Outsiders are not welcome in Maré. A few weeks before our visit, about 100 policemen raided the *favela* and found themselves in a shootout with drug traffickers. Such incidents are part of the low-intensity war that kills hundreds of slum youths in Rio

#### each year.

Pedroza is careful to keep her camera hidden as we walk the few blocks to the boxing club, where we are whisked inside by a burly manager. Inside, however, the atmosphere is relaxed and welcoming. 3

She introduces herself to one of the female boxers, 20-year-old Monyck, whose skimpy jogging bra and shorts emphasize her muscular shoulders and abdomen. Monyck tells how she started boxing as a way of defending herself from other slum residents, who would constantly challenge her to fight. "But I've learned to let it go," she says. "Because if you fight outside the club, you get expelled."

Her own thinking about boxing has changed over time. At the first organized bout she watched, "I could see people fighting, not boxers," she says. "When I watched them fight, I could see their life story."

But Pedroza admits that she still doesn't understand why the youths would choose boxing over soccer,

"I'm not trying to solve any problems. I would be mad to try that," she says. "I'm not proposing a solution. I'm just studying a project and its effect on these kids."

# The eBay for College Textbooks

BY BROCK READ Chronicle of Higher Education

Like most college students, Steven Leonard is quick to assail the prices that his campus bookstore charges for textbooks. "I think I've spent about \$3,000 over the last four years," he says. "And if I trade the books in when I'm done, I get very little back."

But Leonard, a senior who studies computer science at the University of Central Florida, isn't grousing -- he's making a business pitch. He is a cofounder of <u>XYZTrader.com</u>, one of a growing number of Web sites that aim to help cost-conscious college students.

XYZTrader comes across as a collegiate equivalent of eBay, the popular online auction site. Students who want to sell textbooks -- or other items, like dormitory furniture, computers, and sporting goods -- register free for the right to list individual items.

Unlike eBay, XYZTrader doesn't permit students to engage in bidding wars. Instead, sellers choose their own prices when they advertise items, and would-be purchasers can e-mail the sellers directly without signing on to the site. Leonard hopes to make money by encouraging local and national businesses to advertise on the site.

Leonard and his friend Michael Potter, also a computer-science major, decided to get into the textbook-trading business while discussing entrepreneurial ventures on a summer road trip. "We wanted something that we could do, after college, as a business, and we just wanted to do something that could

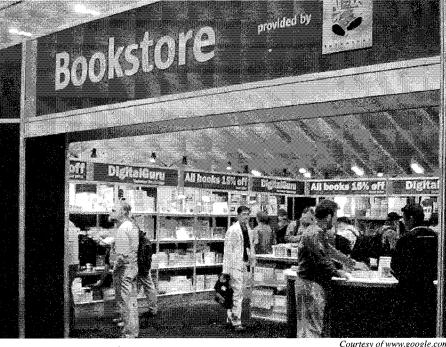
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help college students try to save some money," says Leonard.

The pair started a version of the site for Central Florida students in August. Now, with a redesigned database of items for sale, they've set their sights on a national clientele.

Leonard and Potter check the content of submitted advertisements four times a day, and manage the Web site's technical demands almost entirely by themselves. the well known, like Walt Whitman's *Leaves of Grass,* to the less so, like *Kleppner's Advertising Procedure.* 

Students at a handful of other institutions have started similar ventures in the hope of pressuring publishers and campus bookstores to lower their prices. according to Steve Hopkins, a student at Texas A&M University at College Station who helped start a likeminded site, <u>CollegeBookAds.com</u>.



Students sometimes spend over \$1000 on boooks for their classes.

"I work two jobs outside of school, and it's difficult balancing the site with classes and work," Leonard says.

When the site made its wide-scale debut, in January, it got about 10,000 hits a day; recently, it has averaged as many as 70,000. More than 100 books have already been posted for sale, from

(Publishers argue that textbooks are expensive to produce and often appeal to a limited audience.)

Leonard says students seem enthusiastic about XYZTrader. "I wish it was here when I started school," he says. "I probably could have cut my \$3,000 in books down to about \$1,500."

# Rest Easy...the Statesman website is coming back. Look for it, improved and updated.

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### Stony Brook University Police Blotter Jan. 18-26

By MAURY HIRSCHKORN Statesman Staff

#### Jan. 18, 2004

11:42 p.m. - Suffolk County Police Department Investigation, East Campus grounds, reports of bright flashing lights in sky above University Hospital, police have multiple reports south of university.

#### Jan. 21, 2004

10:14 a.m. - Criminal mischief, Chapin Apartments "G", vehicle damaged.

#### Jan. 22, 2004

1:23 a.m. - Medical emergency, West Apartments "C," female suffering seizure, transported to University Hospital via Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

9:25 a.m. - Motor vehicle accident, near Stony Brook University day care center. 12:10 p.m. - Larceny, Social Behav- Complex, wallet stolen.



with contents taken. Center, level 19, room 040, \$800 taken.

### Jan. 24, 2004

8:33 p.m. - Larceny, Indoor Sports

12:31 p.m. - Burglary, Keller College, 1:36 p.m. - Larceny, Health Science refrigerator and household items taken. 1:35 p.m. - Burglary, Mount College, personal and household items taken. 2:21 p.m. - Burglary, Hamilton College, computer monitor and DVD player taken.

3:41 p.m. - Burglary, Mount College,

refrigerator taken.

8:33 p.m. - Burglary, Hamilton College, speaker and CD's stolen. 11:13 p.m. - Medical emergency,

Dewey College, female choking, transported to University Hospital via Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps. 11:42 p.m. - Medical emergency,

Wagner College, male with head gash transported to University Hospital via Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

#### Jan. 26, 2004

6:08 a.m. - Criminal mischief, Social Behavioral Science, candy machine damaged and placed in elevator.

8:19 a.m. - Graffiti, Student Union, 2nd floor men's restroom.

9:35 a.m. - Larceny, Melville Library, 3rd floor, ID/meal card taken.

10:27 a.m. - Larceny, Graduate Physics building, computer equipment taken.

# **Elvis Still Lives! ... At the Union Ballroom**

By GREG LUBICICH Statesman Staff

King Kai, a world famous award-winning Elvis Presley tribute artist, is coming to the Union Ballroom on Saturday Feb. 7 to the Commuter Student Association's annual Mood Indigo event.

This year's theme, "Las Vegas," is designed to celebrate that city's history and its contributions to American culture. The event brings out the true atmosphere of Las Vegas, as King Kai has performed there serveral times, and has won national Elvis tribute competitions. Even when Elvis Presley's family held a tribute to Elvis, they invited King Kai. At a university where some allege bland programming is punctuated only once a decade by a quality, Dave Chappelle-type concert, this unique and original event is a welcome change, but the one that almost didn't happen.

Due to a severe snow storm last Dec. 6, the CSA was forced to decide whether to cancel or postpone the event. Over 17 inches of snow fell on central Long Island while the temperature hovered just below freezing, creating icy conditions for commuters to brave

in order to come to Mood Indigo the following day. After checking the availability of the Union

Ballroom for the weekend before Valentine's Day, the CSA leadership decided to reschedule the event to Saturday, Feb. 7.

"We rescheduled the event because even though Mood Indigo has traditionally been the grand finale of the Fall Semester, the safety of our commuters is far more important than any tradition," said Jim Driscoll, CSA president.

The program includes King Kai, as well as a ten-piece band (the Creoles), coupled with dancing, casino simulation gambling, and food. In the past, CSA's Mood Indigo had themes such as Cotton Club, Harlem 1920s, Mardi Gras, and Speakeasy.

"Putting on a production of this quality and magnitude would not have been possible without the time and hard work of CSA [members]," Driscoll said.

"This is an event that both singles and Valentine's sweethearts can enjoy," said CSA Membership Chair Steve Brouard. "Even though the event is free, only the first 300 people will get in. Come see Elvis to move



King Kai is an internationally reknowned tribute artist.

your pelvis - dancing that is!" Doors open at 7:30 pm in the Union Ballroom. For more information call 631-632-6456. Bring your blue suede shoes.

# Dana in the Corner: The WWE's Lost Legends?

#### By DANA GOMI Statesman Editor

What do the names Undertaker, The Rock, Hulk Hogan and Stone Cold Steve Austin have in common? Besides being the biggest names in the WWE, they are all MIA. Yes, missing in action. Some of them have been gone for just a few days, while others have disappeared for a few weeks. Some of theses names have been out of the WWE for more than a year.

First the Undertaker: He's been around since I can remember. He's made a name for himself in the WWE and can still manage to fill a stadium with adoring fans throughout the years So why is he suddenly gone and not wrestling on the Smackdown roster? Maybe he told Vince McMahon, his boss, that he needed a break. But why now? He's the only wrestler people want to see on Smackdown. It doesn't make any sense having the Undertaker lose one of the biggest matches that he single-handedly started. He was buried alive by his own boss, who made the Undertaker, the star of the show, lose the match. This clearly



The Undertaker is one of the premier legends in the WWE.

wasn't the best way to handle the situation. The WWE needs the Undertaker, and he needs to come back to kick some butt like he did before. If he doesn't come back, then we've all lost a big star.

Now, on to my favorite, The Rock: He's been gone since last April after losing to Goldberg at Backlash. So it's been a while since he last wrestled. Instead, he's been doing movie after movie from the "The Mummy Returns," "Scorpion King," "The Rundown," to a new movie due out in April 2004 with Johnny Knoxville. So is he ever going to return to wrestling? The WWE needs him, and we need someone like The Rock with humor and attitude to make us laugh and enjoy wrestling again. And if for nothing else, The Rock has to return--or my world, and those of other adoring female fans who love him, is over.

The big one that I have to mention is Hulk Hogan. He has been around longer than any of these guys. He has come back and left so many times that it's hard to believe if he will ever return to wrestle again. Like Rick Flair, everyone wants him to return to cause havoc with Vince McMahon. Whether in N.W.O or as Mr. America, we always wanted the Hulkster in the WWE. Wrestlers like him and the Undertaker are simply a necessity. So why did he leave again? Nobody knows for sure, but as a huge fan myself, I say a triumphant return is necessary while he's still in his prime. Old, classic wrestlers

like Hulk need to return to rekindle our old memories of wrestling. Not to mention they're needed for the next generation to enjoy. Hulk Hogan is unquestionably a great wrestler.

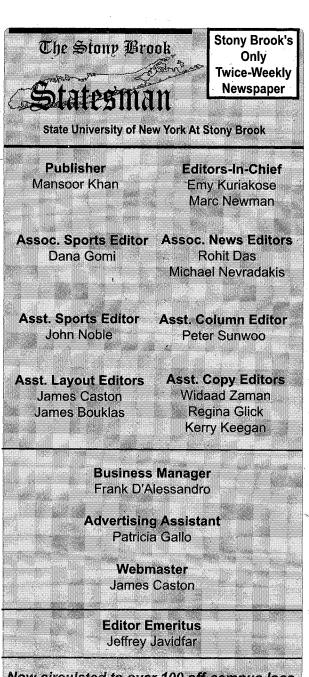
Last but not least: Stone Cold Steve Austin. All I have to say is "Wow!" He is one crazy guy shoulder deep in problems Last but not least: Stone Cold Steve with the WWE and Vince McMahon. But he always seems to return to his roots. He brings us back each week in anticipa-Ð tion of watching him pounce on his next victim during his infamous drunken displays. He's just great, because good or bad, this is a guy we either love, or love to hate.

His disappearance occurred after the last pay-per-view when his whole team lost the match. He was forced to leave his position as WWE general manager. Now the question on all our minds is: Will he ever return? Rumors are stirring that he ever return? Rumors are stirring that Stone Cold is unable to return to wrestling due to neck injuries. But if this is true, will there be another role for him in the WWE? Personally, I hope they can find something or someone for him to harass.

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### **Five Lessons and A Few Predictions** Surveying the Democrats After New Hampshire

#### By Adam Zimmerman Statesman Staff

months ago, Kerry was running a distant third in Iowa and a whopping 35 points behind Howard Dean in New Hampshire. This morning he wakes up the winner in both. He has now won in both the Northeast and Midwest; not a bad showing for the so-called Massachusetts liberal. Can he win down South? Wins in either South Carolina (John Edwards's home state) or Missouri (most delegates up for grabs among the February 3rd primary states) next Tuesday would be huge. Winning both could virtually lock up the nomination.

2) Howard Dean is in enormous trouble. The Dean momentum died the day Saddam Hussein was captured; in one fell swoop, being the antiwar candidate became an albatross, not a noteworthy distinction. Over \$40 million in campaign donations and the Gore/Bradley/ Harkin endorsement trifecta proved not nearly enough 2 in two of the smallest states in the Union. Dean must find a new issue to separate himself from the pack, and find it fast, or else he's dead in the water.

3) John Edwards has a glimmer of hope. His fourth place showing in the Granite State was not welcome, but not entirely unexpected either. Since Day 1, he has pinned his hopes on the South. And he has said it point blank: South Carolina is a must-win for his campaign. But it's no guarantee. The Iowa bounce won't last forever, and while his campaign's positive outlook is refreshing, it needs an edge. Voters need more from him than simply why he's The Man. They also need to hear him say why the others are not as worthy. His obvious fear of going negative is reminiscent of Gore's wariness of utilizing Bill Clinton as a campaigner in 2000. We all saw how well that turned out.

4) In general, Wes Clark needs to be more than just a General. Clark and Howard Dean have something in 1) John Kerry is writing an incredible story. Two common: each depends too much on war for political victory. For Dean, it's in opposition to military action. In Clark's case, it's in support of his 34 years immersed in military action. Both suffer from the same dilemma: what else can we talk about? Unlike Dean, Clark has no previous elected experience from which to draw, and that's hurting him. He needs to broaden his campaign: the economy, education, healthcare, social security, argyle sweaters. Whatever the issue, the campaign needs a real focus on domestic issues to win more votes. He'll do better in the South, but right now, all he's done is show why he's the best man for Secretary of Defense in a Kerry administration. That's not enough.

> 5) Joe Lieberman will join Dick Gephardt on the sidelines before Valentine's Day. Four years ago, Lieberman came this close to pushing the Gore campaign into the White House. Yet the jolt he provided then is nowhere to be found this time around; his dismal fifth place finish in New Hampshire does not bode well at all. The common thinking is that as a centrist, he'll do better in the South—but if that's really the case, he would not have skipped Iowa. The confidence, money and spark are simply not there; neither is the chance of nomination for this elder statesman.

#### Predictions for February 3rd:

Kerry wins: Arizona, New Mexico, Missouri, Delaware, North Dakota

Edwards wins: South Carolina Clark wins: Oklahoma Dean wins: nothing Lieberman, Sharpton, Kucinich win: frequent flyer miles

### The Furious Fiefdom of Mayor Mike

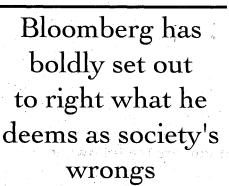
#### BY MICHAEL NEVRADAKIS Statesman Editor

A little over two years ago, Michael Bloomberg swept into Gotham from the business world, becoming Mayor in an election marred by the Septempber 11<sup>th</sup> attacks and the political and social climate that followed. Though he was a political

unknown, Bloomberg had two strong campaign assets on his side—an endorsement from Rudy Giuliani, and millions and millions of dollars in cash; so much cash that each vote he received cost him an estimated \$97. Mayor Mike inherited a city struggling to get back on its feet after the deadly attacks, and faced years of budget deficits, as well as the tough task of continu-

ing his predecessor's success in lowering crime.

low, but Mayor Mike has managed to make that fact breaking the law, it has instead caused aggravation, almost insignificant, with his almost dictatorial style of governing. It seems that nobody told Bloomberg,

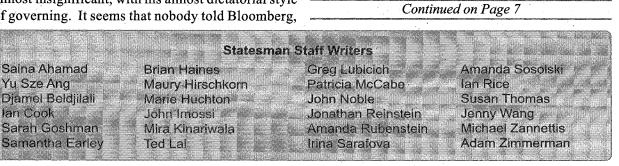


when he left the business world to enter politics, that government is not a privately-held organization. Taking Rudy Giuliani's "quality of life" initiatives one step further, Bloomberg has boldly set out to right what he deems as society's wrongs; no matter how many people disagree, no matter who falls prey to his policies in the way, with acts of self-righteous-

ness not seen in government since the Prohibition era.

Since Mayor Mike has taken over, the price of parking tickets has doubled. To make matters worse for drivers, Bloomberg and the NYPD have dispatched their team of robots (robots strangely reminiscent of some bureaucrats right here at Stony Brook), to give

tickets without a conscience, for even the most Two years later, crime in New York City remains minor offense. Meant to discourage drivers fro



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has put huge dents in the wallets of people who can ill afford to pay \$110 for parking under a 'No Standing' sign. And when last I checked, the horrendous traffic and parking problems in the city weren't any better.

In fact, a new policy which I've seen firsthand is for ticket agents to tell drivers to put a quarter in a meter which the driver says is broken, and to give the driver a ticket anyway, even after it was proven that the meter was broken. Mayor Mike, of course, will



Mayor Bloomberg has continued the quality-of-life initiatives of his predecessor, Rudy Giuliani.

harbor no debate on his policies, and will not admit that there is a ticket blitz ongoing, or that ticket agents have to fulfill quotas (something which many ticket agents have admitted, in the news).

This ticket blitz has spread out to all other ridiculous aspects of the law, as well. Remember the pregnant woman that was ticketed for sitting on the steps of a subway station when she

was too exhausted to walk anymore? Or the tourist ticketed by police for taking up two seats on a less-than-full subway train when he fell asleep?

By far, the most outrageous of Mayor Mike's new initiatives is the smoking ban, which covers pretty much every public space and workplace in the city. Citing statistics that are, at best, dubious, Bloomberg proclaims that he is saving people's lives, because of the ban. What he fails to mention that in a recent survey of restaurant and bar owners, business has dropped by as much as 50%, as patrons who also have

the misfortune of being smokers end up staying home; home being the last refuge out of the reach of Mayor Mike's iron grip. This lack of business ultimately costs the city coffers money, as tax revenues are reduced, as people from out of town spend less when coming into the city or avoid the city altogether, and as many smokers turn to out of state suppliers to purchase cigarettes. All

this is happening while New York City is still facing billion-dollar budget deficits.

Mayor Bloomberg has managed to earn the disdain of the press, the citizens of New York, small business owners, and visitors to what is supposed to be the most vibrant city in the world. Bloomberg may have been an extraordinary businessman, but good mayor he is not.

### **Early Universe Discovery**

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form stars," Vanden Bout said.

In galaxies such as the Milky Way, the presence of HCN is always associated with regions of active star formation. The difference between those galaxies and the Cloverleaf is the tremendous amount of dense gas, along with very powerful infrared radiation coming from the star formation. In total, 10 billion times the mass of the Sun is contained in the dense, star-forming gas clouds of the

Cloverleaf. This important discovery was made using the National Science Foundation's Very Large Array (VLA) radio telescope, and was seen as it was when the universe was only 20 percent of its current age. The discovery of rapid star formation is at the greatest distance yet detected by astronomers, even though the raw material for star

even further away.

"This is a rate of star formation more than 300 times greater than that in our own Milky Way and similar spiral galaxies, and our discovery may provide important information about the formation and evolution of galaxies throughout the Universe,"

Solomon said. The scientists' discovery was published in the Dec. 11 issue of the scientific journal Nature.

"At the rate this galaxy is seen to be forming stars, that dense gas will be used up in only about 10 million years," Solomon said.

This discovery also has helped answer a long-standing question about bright galaxies of the early Universe. Many far-away galaxies contain super-massive black holes at their cores, which power "central engines" that produce bright emission.

> For years, astronomers have wondered specifically about distant galaxies that emit large amounts of infrared light, such as the Cloverleaf. Now, scientists have an answer to this question.

"Is this bright infrared light caused by the black-holepowered core of the galaxy or by a

formation has been found at galaxies huge burst of star formation?" Carilli said. "That has been the question. Now we know that, in at least one case, much of the infrared light is produced by intense star formation. This detection of HCN gives us a unique new window through which we can study star formation in the early Universe."

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### **A New Experience:** Sydney Study Abroad



Above: The Sydney Opera House during a clear summer day in Australia.

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Stony Brook, as any large university, offers a wide variety of programs and offices, few of which are taken advantage of. I admit that even as a senior, I have utilized little of what is offered here. However, I have been fortunate enough to take advantage of one such program, Study Abroad.

Even now I don't really know how I came across the idea of traveling and studying in another country. I always figured it was too expensive or difficult to plan. But one day I decided to venture to this Study Abroad office to see what it was all about.

I found myself standing in an office

surrounded by brochures advertising places from around the world. Like visiting a travel agency, I was tantalized with images of France, Rome, even Africa. Could I possibly see myself in a far

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to the craziest nightlife.

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The myths of Study Abroad are just that, myths. Traveling abroad through Stony Brook to another university isn't just possible- it's easy and affordable. I didn't realize everyone is entitled to participate and I could travel just about anywhere studying under any discipline. There was even an option of how long to study abroad, whether it's for the summer, a semester or an entire school year.

It was a difficult decision but I finally found where I wanted to go. Even now I can't believe I just spent the last five months in Sydney, Australia. The study abroad experience was not only amazing but life changing. I have to admit I was scared and almost didn't go. But after finishing all the paper work and telling everyone I was leaving for another continent, I had to go.

day of resting, so off to happy hour at the Beer Garden.

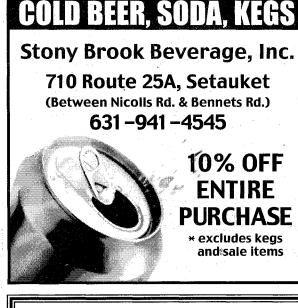
Traveling was also a huge part of the study abroad experience. I, along with other study abroad students, backpacked up the east and west coast of Australia. I drove 17 hours up each coast and saw some of the most incredible beaches in the world.

Overall, study abroad was the single greatest experience of my life. I visited places I didn't even know existed, such as Coral Bay one of the world's only fringe reefs. I made friends with people from all over the US and Australia, friends I know I will keep for life. And I know I'm much more independent and open-minded as a person, for there are just some things you can only learn from being on your own in a completely different country and culture. Oh yeah, by the way, the classes and university were great too.



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"What don't I like?" Park said. "Koreans eat rice usually, but I can't find any rice here. I only eat bread and I am not happy about that."

Stony Brook senior Peter Sunwoo, cultural attaché and official undergraduate liaison for the students, is working to facilitate the experience of the Ajou students. "My job is to tie up the lose ends,"

he said. "Help them register for classes, find anything they need to, and even offer some well-needed recreation."

William Arens, Ph.D., dean of International Academic Programs at SBU, organized program internationalization the with Myung Oh, Ph.D., president of Ajou University. Oh, who completed his doctorate in

computer science at Stony Brook considered a luxury, but in the near University in the 1970s, originally suggested the arrangement. experience for all undergraduates.'

The two signed the agreement last November, and the Ajou University students arrived at Stony Brook on January 20.

"Having students from across the world internationalizes the University," Arens said. "It gives us the opportunity to meet people from overseas. Stony Brook students will learn from their guests." The International Academic Programs office offers - a variety of study abroad programs

> around the world, and Arens encourages international experience for all students.

"What we're learning more and more now is that the future of education is based on internationalization and globalization," he said. "Right now, international exposure could still be

future world, it will be a necessary



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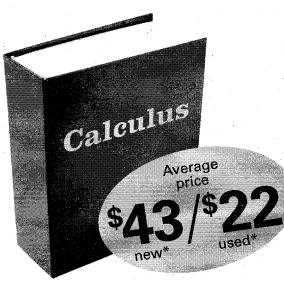
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