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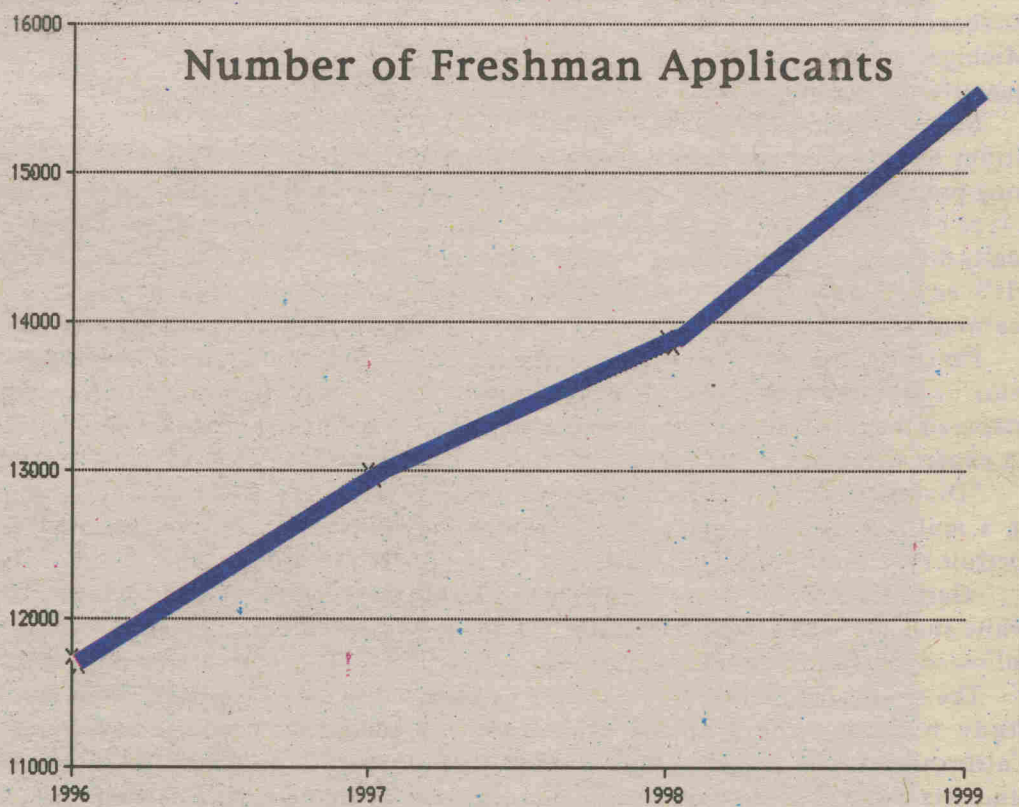
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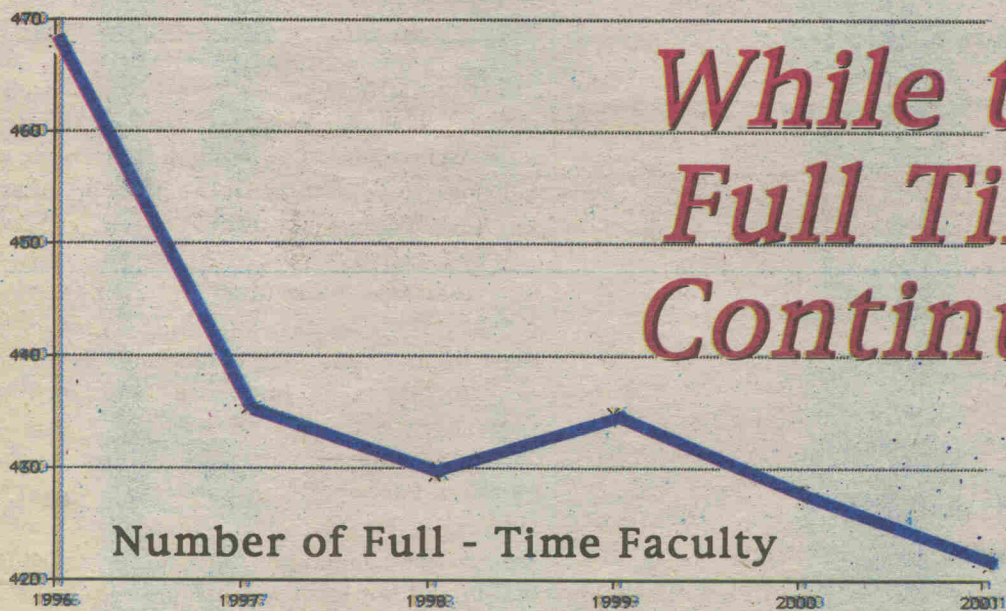
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Michigan Study: Diversity Can Make You Smarter

By PETER GRATTON
Statesman Editor

In the first study of its kind, University of Michigan announced this week that they found that diverse environments lead to better academic achievement.

The announcement came as a pleasant surprise to administrations at schools such as Stony Brook University that have long encouraged diversity in their student populations.

The study, released Wednesday, is a preview of Michigan's defense in two lawsuits against the school over its admissions policies. Researchers say the Michigan analysis is the first national study to quantify the positive effects of diversity.

Stony Brook University President Shirley Strum Kenny, who has said that she has been a long proponent of diversity, agreed that this was a type of research not completed before. "This is really different from anything I've seen," she said, "It's new to look at the way diversity effects learning."

Pat Gurin, the Michigan psychology professor who organized the study of 1,000 students, prepared the research as part of her testimony as an expert witnesses in the cases.

"Diversity is critical for students to be leaders in a multiracial environment," Gurin told the Detroit Free Press for a Thursday story.

Gurin tracked 200 black students and 1,200 white students at Michigan beginning in 1990 and followed them through their senior year.

The study also included data from a national study by researchers at the University of California at Los Angeles that studied 9,400 students from 184 colleges and universities between 1985 and 1994.

In January, U.S. District Judge Bernard Friedman wrote that a lawsuit filed in December 1997 by Barbara Grutter of Plymouth will be expanded to include all individuals who were denied admission to Michigan's law school since 1995. Individuals must believe their applications were treated unfavorably because of their racial

or ethnic group.

In December, U.S. District Judge Patrick Duggan ruled in a separate lawsuit that students who were denied admission to Michigan's College of Literature,

Science & the Arts from the 1995 academic year on and feel they were treated unfavorably because of their race could become plaintiffs.

Ms. Grutter, who is white, contends she was denied admission while less-qualified minorities were accepted.

An element 'critical for students to leaders in a multiracial environment'

The Michigan study found that students in a diverse environment had increased scores on a test used to measure complex thinking, more motivation

to achieve, greater intellectual self-confidence and engagement, and the highest level of interest in graduate degrees.

But Terry Pell, senior counsel for the Center for Individual Rights, a Washington, D.C., law firm which has filed the two lawsuits, said the study "does not refute the contention that race plays a predominant role in the U-M admissions process." Pell does not, however, dispute the validity of Gurin's research.

Kenny said that she was happy with the findings of the study, saying that it confirmed her feelings that she has had about the role of diversity in education. "It prepares you for whatever career you go into," she said. "You have to be able to understand different contexts. Diversity is important in any students curriculum."

The University has made a mantra of its diversity programs, from student clubs formed under the headings of different nationalities to so-called "living learning communities" that bring together a number of different people from a variety of cultures into one educational environment. "Students certainly experience the different cultures here," Kenny said, "There are a number of co-curricular activities in which a number of organizations representing different groups that come together to sponsor activities."

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

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Stony Brook University Among Higher Education Institutions With a Jump in Applicants

By PETER GRATTON
Statesman Editor

After years of stagnation in the number of students applying to college, universities across the country are reporting a sudden upsurge in the number of applicants.

At Stony Brook, admissions officials have seen a rise of about 1,000 applicants over the past two years, with the trend continuing this year. This rise is an increase of 8% over the some 14,000 applications received by the University last year.

Stony Brook is not the only campus to find an increase in the number of its applicant pool this year. Admissions officials at Yale University report a rise 10.5 percent over last year; the University of California-Riverside applications are up 14.6 percent; Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., is up 13 percent; and Temple University in Philadelphia is up a whopping 23 percent over the number of applications received this time last year.

The admissions officers at Yale, Harvard, and Temple University said that they believe the rise has to do with the ability of students to file their applications over the Internet. Other colleges offer prospective freshmen to download the applications and mail them in later. In addition,

But Fewer

By PETER GRATTON
Statesman Editor

In a College of Arts and Sciences Senate meeting last Monday, the dean of the college, Paul Armstrong, announced that there would continue to be decline in the number of tenure-track faculty in the next few years.

The College of Arts and Sciences administrates over most departments on the University's west campus, from science departments such as physics and chemistry to departments in the humanities such as English, Philosophy and Africana Studies.

Armstrong said that the decline in faculty numbers has wholly to due with a shrinking of University budgets as produced in Albany. As long as that shrinkage continues, Armstrong said that he did not foresee a turnaround in the trend.

The dean said in a later interview, though, that the College would be able to keep up with the University's increasing enrollments.

"Despite the decline in the number of tenure

Last Democratic Appointee on Board of Trustee Resigns

SUNY Trustee Arnold Garder, the last on the board to have been appointed by a Democratic Governor, announced that he will quit his position to begin his term on the State Board of Regents.

The 69-year-old Garder has criticized the funding provided for SUNY under Republican Gov. George Pataki, and jostled with an outspoken Pataki appointee to the board, Candace de Russy, about board decisions.

Gardner has been on the SUNY board since his appointment in 1980 by former Democratic Gov. Hugh Carey.

The unsalaried members of the Board of Regents serve five-year terms. They are reimbursed for expenses when on official business. There are 16 Regents, four at-large members and one each from the 12 state judicial districts. (AP)

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many of those schools that do accept applications over the Internet waive the fees - typically between \$35 and \$60.

"From the candidate's point of view, it is a much easier ball game and the Internet has facilitated that," said Marlyn McGrath Lewis, director of admissions for Harvard University, which saw the number of applicants rise almost 8 percent this year over last.

Tom Maxey, Temple's vice president for enrollment management, said many of the applicants took advantage of the school's electronic forms. The Web, he said,

"is certainly giving us and our colleagues a lot more exposure."

It used to be prospective applicants learned about colleges by sending away for brochures or poring over hefty guidebooks. Now, most universities have Web pages that contain everything from course descriptions to virtual walking tours of campus.

Gigi Lamens, the dean of admissions at Stony Brook University, said that she believes the jump in the number of applicants has little to do with the University's on-line application process, used by only a few hundred of the more than 14,000 students who applied to the school last year.

Lamens said that it was the fact that more students were doing walking - and not virtual tours - of the campus is among the larger reasons for the increase here.

"We are doing more creative outreach here," she said, "We are trying to reach good students by going through high school guidance counselors."

In addition, Lamens said that the publicity that a number of faculty have received in the media has increased the number of applicants. "There has been a tremendous amount of publicity and that has increased our name recognition," she

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Stony Brook officials do not agree with experts that see the rise in applications as part of a nationwide trend due to the increased use of Internet. Above is Stony Brook's on-line application.

said.

Even without the Internet and the reasons cited by Lamens, there would still be a high number of students applying to the University and other colleges across the nation. The number of high school seniors has been increasing about 3 percent annually in recent years. Experts predict there will be close to 3 million high school

graduates next year, up from 2.6 million in 1990.

Still, the number of applications at Stony Brook and elsewhere is outstripping the increase in students.

Jerry Paxton, president of the electronic service CollegeLink, runs a business that lets students fill in their applications on computers.

At a time when federal financial aid for college is dwindling, he says some students are applying to more schools to see where they can get the best financial package, and electronic access makes that easier.

Almost all of the 1,000 participating CollegeLink schools, which includes all college in the State University of New York system, are reporting an increase in applications of 3 percent to 5 percent this year, Paxton said, and the percentages are higher at the more selective institutions.

The bright side for these institutions is that they are able to be choosy about the type of students they accept into their freshmen classes. "We're being put in a position to be more selective," Lamens said, who pointed out that just 52% of students that apply to the University are accepted, compared to higher rates at the other state university centers, including SUNY Buffalo.

But there is a downside to the application boom, especially for those received by applicants over the Internet.

College officials are finding it harder to gauge the seriousness of applicants, said Joyce Smith, executive director of the National Association for College Admissions Counseling in Alexandria, Va.

"Everybody is talking about how great the applicant pool was," Smith said. "I truly sit and just wonder if the students are just applying to more schools."

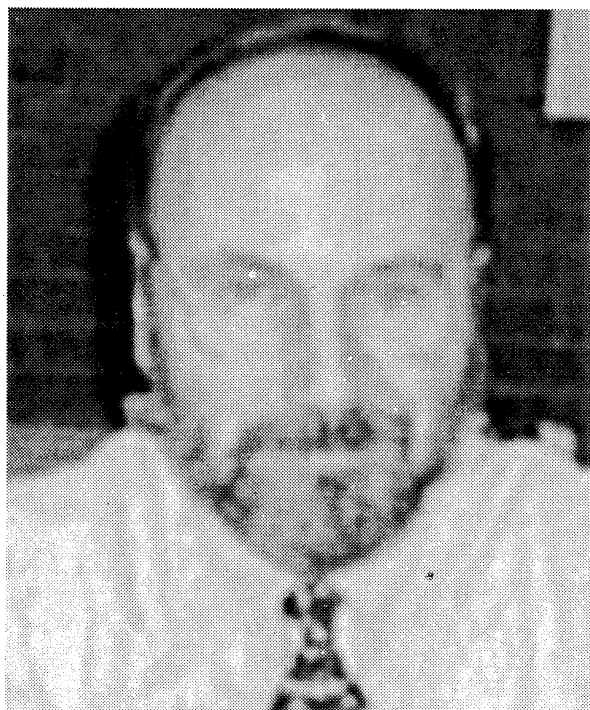
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-track faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences, we have managed to deliver an increasing number of courses to accommodate the larger enrollments of the last couple of years," he said.

The picture that Armstrong paints under the budget constraints, however is not pretty. The College, he said, has been forced to use more lecturers and adjunct faculty who come at a lower cost to the University than tenured faculty members. This year, the College spent 61% more this year on part-time faculty, or about \$600,000, than last year.

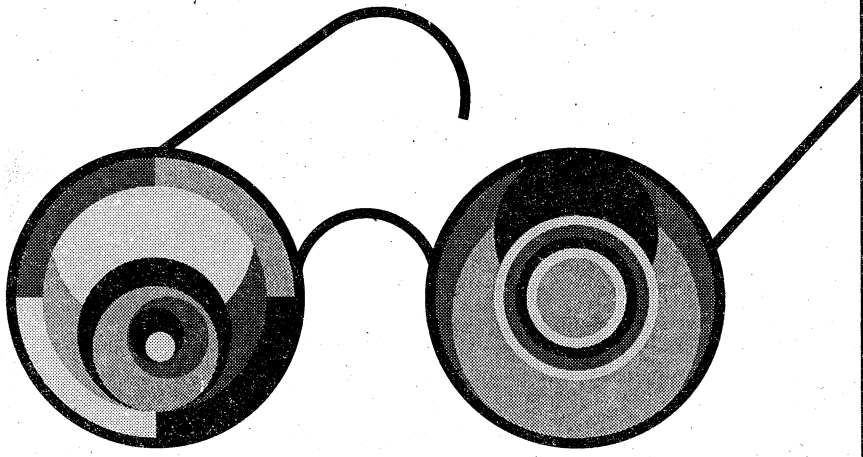
"I expect it will increase again next year as we try to keep on top of student demand for courses despite the further reductions in College of Arts and Sciences faculty size that I project for this year and next.

For that reason, Armstrong said, there has been a steep decline in the number of students locked out of courses that they wanted to take. Unmet demand for courses this spring, for example, is 26.5% less than a year ago.



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Heading South

If it's March, hundreds of thousands of college students are heading south, even south of the border.

It's spring-break time and that usually means sun, sand, surf and suds as the young scholars make their traditional pilgrimage to their favorite stretch of beach and bars.

If the students are no longer welcome in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., scene of the 1960 movie "Where the Boys Are," many popular seashore communities pull out all the stops to attract them during an otherwise slow period. And they have devised some new ways to try to control rowdiness.

At the same time, spring-break activities away from beaches and booze are becoming more popular.

The beach still remains the place to go for many students, however, and South Padre Island in Texas aggressively courts them with about \$150,000 a year in advertising, which translates as \$1 for each student expected this year. MTV will be on the sandy barrier island in the Gulf of Mexico for part of its spring-break special, says Cindy DuBois of the island's convention and visitors bureau. "We feel that has a tremendous influence on the college crowd," she says.

"March really helps sustain a lot of businesses that might not make it through the rest of the year," Ms. DuBois says.

With the island not far from Mexico, where drinking is legal at 18, students have no problem getting into some of the nightclubs just over the border.

Farther east on the Gulf Coast in Panama City Beach, Fla., rowdy students could end up in Spring Break Court. The idea is to allow those charged with misdemeanors such as underage drinking to spend a day doing community service, such as picking up litter, to avoid arrest records and fines. They also must wear

an orange vest with "Bay County Jail" across the back.

Dan Stark, head of the local convention and visitor's bureau, says he heard a "thank you" or two last year from students who were happy not to have a permanent blot on their records.

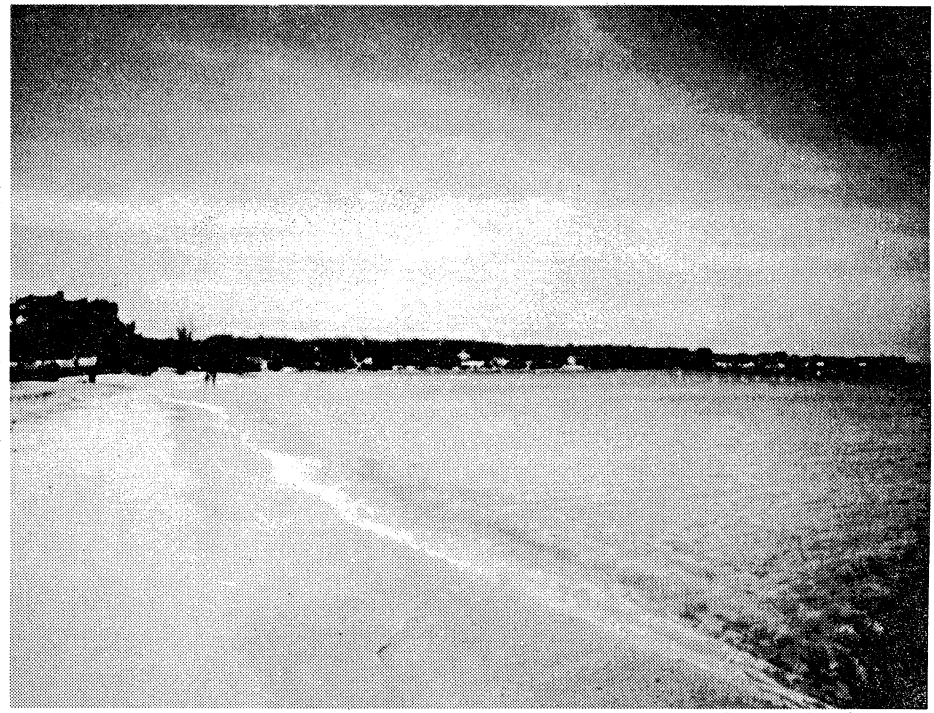
But don't expect Panama City Beach to go the way of Fort Lauderdale or Daytona Beach, Fla., officials say. Residents there got so fed up with rowdiness that they demanded crackdowns that included zero-tolerance for lawbreakers and bans on beach drinking. The hard-line policies drove many students to Panama City Beach.

The Panhandle city usually sees about 500,000 visitors during March, and Stark says they are welcome, even if a few do get out of hand. "We're working to foster a good image of spring break," he says.

This year's events include job fairs and U.S. Navy demonstrations. Affordable prices and proximity to colleges in the Northeast and Southeast make Panama City Beach popular, Stark says, but for a growing number of students distance is no longer an object.

Cancun, Mexico, is the top seller this year at Surf & Sun Tours, and students are traveling from around the United States to get there. As of mid-February, the tour operator had sold 20,000 airline seats, a 97 percent sellout, to Cancun, says Shawn Andreas, vice president of marketing.

The average price is about \$700 per person, with round-trip airfare, seven hotel nights, transfers to and from the airport and seven breakfasts and dinners. While tour operators are trying to make trips more affordable for students by including such things as meal plans, students seem willing to spend more than ever and are choosing more upscale



Statesman/Jennifer Kester

Jamaica is another spring break hot spot for college students.

accommodations, Andreas says.

With traffic up for Cancun, it's down about 20 percent for Florida destinations. After some of Florida's unpredictable weather, students "don't want to chance not enjoying a week of sunshine," Andreas says.

Away from the ocean, Black College Spring Break in Atlanta, known more widely as "Freaknik," unfolds during the third weekend in April and welcomes black-American students from around the country.

"Atlanta is the Mecca for African-Americans all over the country," says mayoral spokesman Nick Gold. "It's the birthplace of the civil rights movement."

The challenge is keeping it a college-only activity, Gold says. A special committee has been given the job of putting some kind of structure into an event that is controlled by no one. A job fair has been successful and will continue

this year.

Then there is Alternative Spring Break, which sends students to do community service throughout the country. The University of Michigan program has grown from 15 students and two sites in 1989 to 470 students and 42 sites today. There's a \$75 application fee, but demand has outstripped available space.

Albert Muzaurieta, a Michigan senior in political science, is in his third year with the program and coordinates fund-raising. The students produce 20,000 hours of community service ranging from work in urban rehabilitation, rural poverty and AIDS.

"Alternative Spring Break works to break down stereotypes," Muzaurieta says. "It helped me to focus on what I want to do with the rest of my life." He said the motto explains it perfectly: "Spring break lasts a week - Alternative Spring Break lasts a lifetime." (AP)

No Break For Charity Workers

When these students get back from spring break, they may not have golden tans and memories of fun in the sun but they'll feel good all the same.

Groups of students from Vanderbilt University and the University of Florida are spending their time off as volunteers in Alabama - helping people with AIDS and the elderly and homebound.

"When I was deciding between the beach and this, I knew which one would be more fun," admits Cully Wiseman, 20, a Vanderbilt junior working in Birmingham this week. "But I knew which one was the right one to do. And it's turned out to be fun in a different way."

Wiseman and a dozen other Vanderbilt students are helping several organizations in Birmingham that benefit people with HIV and AIDS. They found their way to Alabama through Alternative Spring Break, a student-run organization on the Nashville campus that sends 350 participants to 26 volunteer sites across the nation.

Each site allows students to learn about issues ranging from poverty to health care. In Birmingham, the Vandy group visits a different organization daily. Monday, it was cleaning the offices of the AIDS Task Force of Alabama; Tuesday, building shelves at Birmingham AIDS Outreach;

Instead, Students Volunteer to Help Elderly, Homebound, and Those With AIDS

and Thursday they will present an AIDS program to high school students in Homewood.

A similar program at Florida brought Hannah Frost to Huntsville to work with the Care Assurance System for the Aging and Homebound.

"You get so much more out of this than going to the beach," Frost said. "Plus, we learn so much from each other."

On Tuesday, the 12 member Florida group built a porch with an access ramp for a Huntsville woman and her wheelchair-bound daughter.

"These are wonderful kids," said Roberta Smith, mother of Elizabeth Kay Grayson. "She's going to love sitting out on that porch."

The Vanderbilt students bring sleeping bags and stay at Lee Hall's downtown Birmingham loft. Hall, a longtime

volunteer with the various HIV/AIDS organizations in Birmingham, is coordinating their activities.

"AIDS is so big. But what these kids are doing is big too," he said. "Here they can see the research, they can confront their fears about HIV and AIDS. They are willing to put any prejudices aside and serve."

The Florida group is sleeping on the floor at a building provided by Trinity United Methodist Church. "Everybody has been wonderful," said freshman Cassie Chamis of Coral Springs, Fla.

Wiseman, like several of his Vanderbilt co-workers, applied to work on the AIDS projects in Birmingham because of his interest in medicine. The shared activities and sleeping quarters help the students get to know each other better - like Lana Rajkumar, 18, and her new friend, Jennifer Conner, 20.

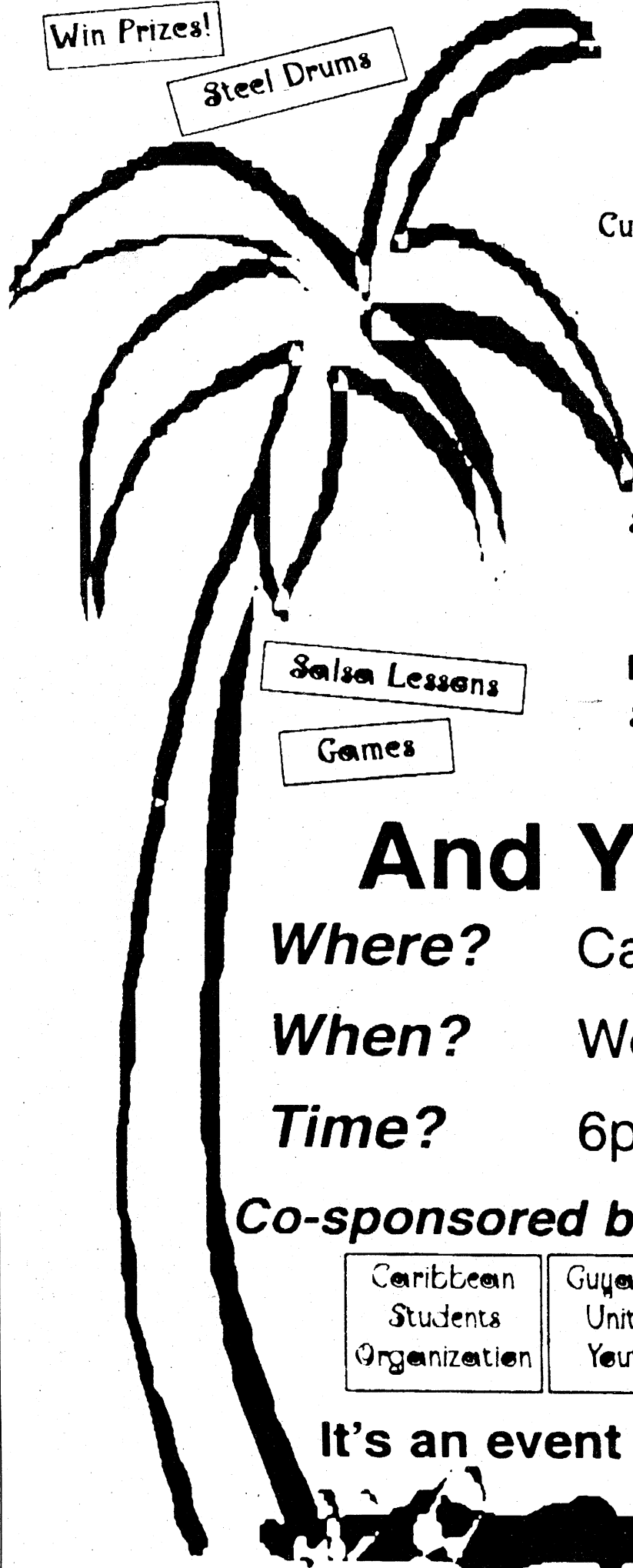
They've gone from knowing each other in passing to developing a much closer kinship.

"I didn't think I had the confidence to do something like this," Rajkumar said.

"But doesn't service make you feel so much more comfortable with yourself and other people?" Conner chimed in. (AP)

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Budget Cuts, Continued

Just when you thought it was safe to feel free to continue your SUNY education in peace, yet another blow has been issued from our enemies up in Albany. If you have been paying attention, and we hope you have been, you are well-aware of the series of proposed attacks that have lately come in the form of budget proposals from Governor George Pataki. First, he is attempting to slash aid in the form of TAP cuts. Those of you used to having your tuition paid through this program now have to come up with 25% of your education costs. This means you will have to tack more hours onto your work schedule, subsequently

degrading your GPA and cutting into the time you have reserved for classes. You better pray for more hours in the day because you won't get reimbursed for the 25% you shelled out unless you graduate in the nearly impossible, rarely heard of four years.

Besides this, certain statistics concerning SUNY are buzzing around campus thanks to a diligent and successful education effort by our campus' chapter of NYPIRG. According to their reliable numbers, SUNY's tuition has gone up a staggering 160% in the last ten years alone. This rise in cost is ranking SUNY schools among the highest in the nation. So while Pataki misleads the public, claiming that it is still possible to

get a quality SUNY education at affordable prices, his courses of action contradict this at every turn.

For those of you that choose to stay blind on Pataki's relentless attack on your school system, believing you will have long since graduated before his search and destroy mission has really ruined SUNY, please be advised that his tactics have already been put into effect and that you may very well be feeling its pinch this semester.

The last College of Arts and Sciences Senate meeting saw dean Paul Armstrong announce that the decline in tenure-track faculty members here at Stony

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Community For the Cost of a Coke

To the Editor:

I was pleased with the critical nature of the editorial "Are They on Coke?" in the March 15 edition of the *Statesman*. Nevertheless, I do have problems with the ad hominem attacks on the athletes; after all, if the University makes available the opportunity for students to get a full-tuition scholarship while making few academic demands on athletes, one can hardly blame individuals for cashing in on it. The bright athletes (and they certainly do exist) will make the best of the opportunity, working on sports and ideas, and those who are short-sighted will do what they have to do just to get by, and there are plenty of non-athletes both inside and outside of the University who do this, anyway. Thus, I consider it rather naive to direct one's "hate" toward the "Athletic Department" or the athletes.

These caveats aside, I do find the University's ten-year contract with Coca-Cola highly problematic. For instance, I can no longer buy a can of Coke in Harriman Hall. Both Harriman Cafe and the vending machine across the hall sell only bottles of Coke. (This is no criticism of the good people who work at Harriman Cafe!) Why? I don't know, but I do know that I have to spend more money every time I want to buy a Coke now - 20 ounce bottles cost more than 12 ounce cans. Moreover, I am troubled by the fact that every time I buy a Coke or other soft drink on campus I am contributing to a scholarship for athletes. It is not that I don't like athletes; rather, it is that this is supposed to be an academic institution, and as an educator, I am infuriated by the decision to sell the University's soul to Coca Cola to get something that I could not care less about - Division I sports and athletic scholarships. I, and I suspect many other students, staff, and faculty, want nothing to do with it.

Sure, 45% of the money is going to academic scholarships. But let's ask the question of who will really be paying for

these scholarships? Has Coca-Cola suddenly turned philanthropic, deciding that charity makes sense? Or is it that monopolies make cents, and lots of them? The article "New Coca Cola Contract Signed," in the same issue of the *Statesman*, tells us that "[t]he money that the University will receive will come in two forms, money coming directly from Coca Cola, for the University's endorsement and exclusive contract, and commission coming from the sale of Coca Cola products." What

An Educator Voices His Concerns About the Coke Contract

is the ratio of money coming from the second source as compared to the first source? I wonder. Where is the money coming from? The commission part is easy: the money is coming from the pockets of Stony Brook students, staff, and faculty who are, after all, those who will be buying the Coca Cola products. The part coming "directly" from Coca Cola is admittedly not so easy, but given that I have to pay 25 cents more (than the already exorbitant prices that are charged on campus) every time I want to buy a Coke now (since I have to buy a bottle rather than a can) I wonder whether Coca Cola is not going to pay for the University's endorsement and exclusive contract exclusively from the increased profits that the exclusive contract ensures the company. I am thrilled that 45% of the money is going to academic scholarships, but can't the University find a more creative and honest way to come up with this money than having students, staff, and faculty pay for it when all that many of us want to do is quench our thirst.

I suspect that the motivation behind the University's decision lies in the Administration's much discussed and little

practiced desire to build community. Sports teams will give Stony Brook students something to rally around, to care about, to make them feel like they are at home. Sounds great! But why not be different? Why not be really diverse? Why not create some community around the fact that Stony Brook is as truly diverse a university as any in the world and that this could be the cornerstone for the most intellectually exciting educational institution in the world? Instead pseudo-diversity, the kind achieved by the fact that no two sporting events are ever exactly the same, is bought with a monopoly on soft drinks. If there's one equation that Stony Brook will never let you forget, it's this: monopoly = diversity. Is this the sort of community and diversity that the University prizes?

Whose university is this, anyway? Is the Administration's university - the university - the students' university? I wondered when I read that Richard Mann, Vice-President for Administration "could not reveal certain aspects of the contract, at the behest of Coca Cola." Wait a second... is Richard Mann an employee of the University or Coca Cola? Has Coca Cola's behest become more important than the behest of the students? A "win-win situation" indeed, so long as you are either a stock holder in the Coca Cola Company or simply more excited by sports than by ideas. Why waste your time reading books when it's caffeine that has been scientifically proven to be stimulating? The Administration may have sold an exclusive contract to Coca Cola, but this does not mean that students, staff, and faculty have to support it. Drink water instead! Stock up on non-Coca Cola products anytime you get the chance! Organize a boycott! Let the Administration know what you think of what they are doing to our university!

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Art is in the Details

Masters in Fine Arts Alumni Show Opens

By MICHAEL KWAN
Statesman Editor

Just over twelve years ago, a new program was started in Stony Brook's art department. Since then many aspiring artists have finished the sixty credit hour program and earned a master of arts degree. This year, twenty-nine of these artists have returned to Stony Brook to display the work they have created in the time since they finished their degrees.

A piece that is at the same time, the largest and the smallest piece in the gallery, "Topsy Turvy," by Maureen Palmieri, is the show's exercise in the art of subtly. Parts of the piece, which are apparently dissonant at first glance, are located in every corner of the gallery: hair sticking out of a door as though someone were trapped behind it, a feather with a bird constantly tweeting in the background, a bouquet of dying roses on the ground (with one live rose sitting in the center), two monofilaments hanging from the ceiling, a single brown parquet tile in a sea of white, and a faux security camera and accompanying video display showing an empty gallery. The parts are strewn around the gallery, all beckoning a twisted scavenger hunt, and wanting to be seen as a whole.

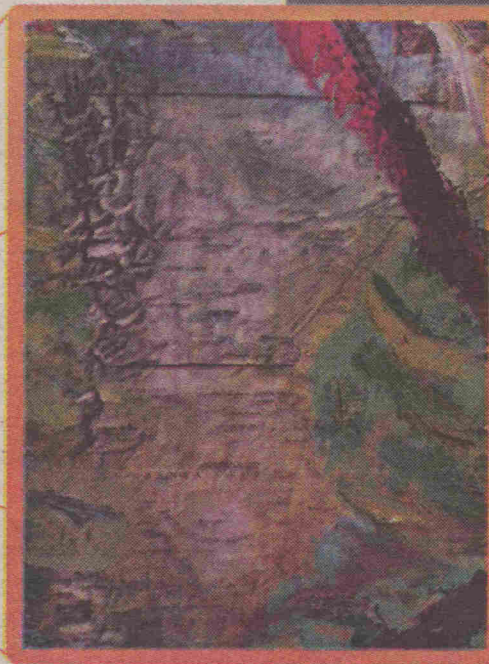
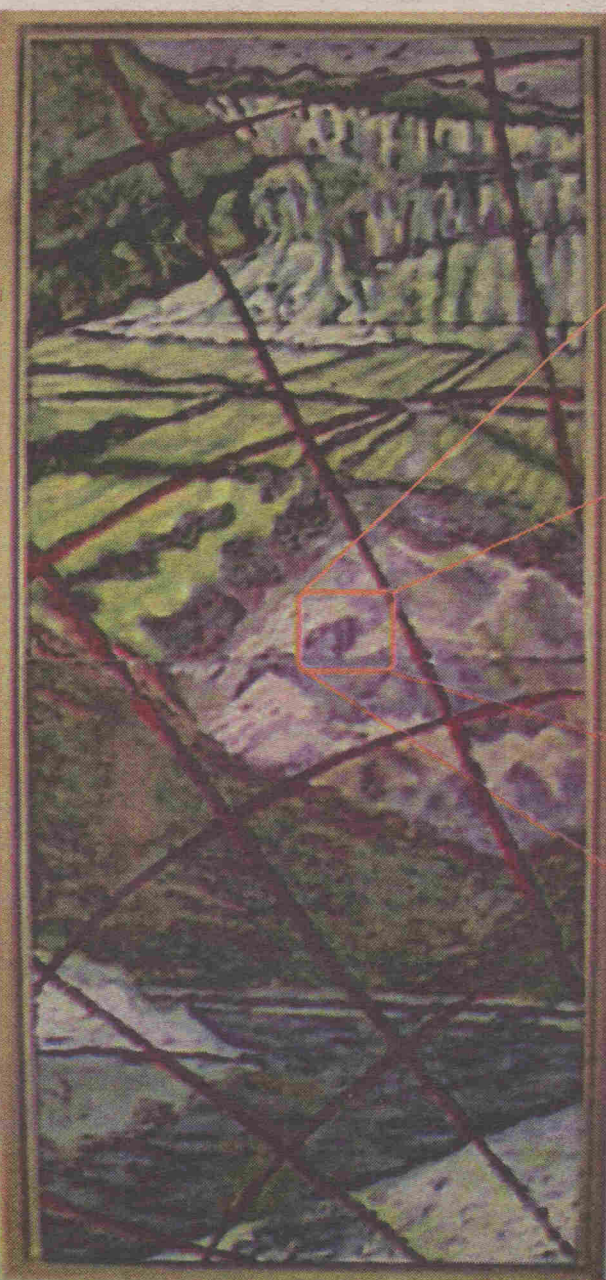
"She wants people to be jolted awake," said Rhonda Cooper, director of the University Art Gallery. It forces the viewer to look at "The things that you take for granted," and proves that things aren't always what they seem.

Mabi Ponce de Leon's painting, "Austral Mesopotamia to Patagonia," is at first a portrait of a sprawling landscape. However, on closer inspection successively larger maps of the southern hemisphere can be seen behind the oil. Again, a case of things not always being what they seem to be.

The show also takes a step into the digital world, with a piece titled "Dances for My Father" by Sally Kuzma. Stored on the hard drive of a laptop computer, the piece was designed to be on the Internet. The viewer can click through photos that her father during his tour in the Pacific during World War II and read the artist's words describing what can be seen on the screen, and what each of the photos actually feels like. The pictures are of family and friends period, sent to him as a reminder of home, and, according to the artist, were reminders of home.

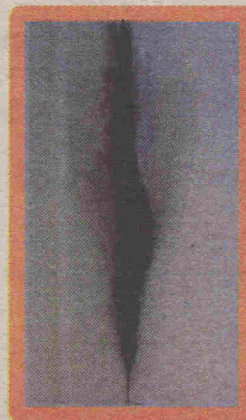
Her inspiration came from the photos themselves, and not so much the meaning behind them. "I was interested in the tactile qualities of the paper... and I'm exploring it in a medium that's not quite tactile," said Kuzma.

33-22-36, by Luba Andres, is a depiction of pain. The larger of the two figures in the piece, which presumably gives the piece its name, appears distressed, with a spike through its head and a pool of glassine "blood" around a footless



Austral Mesopotamia to Patagonia by Mabi Ponce De Leon (1997): "Hidden" under an oil painting are maps of the southern hemisphere.

Just Some
Chairs



Topsy Turvy by Maureen Palmieri (1999): Throughout the gallery, Palmieri has discretely placed a number of everyday objects (hair, a balloon, roses, a video camera, two fishing lines and more). In the crack of a doorway, Palmieri has positioned strands of hair, pictured above.

leg. The other figure appears to be a small child, covered in chains, its head exploded, and metal sticking out of its stained glass body. The two are connected in their suffering by a network of heavy chains, hooks, and even a small anchor.

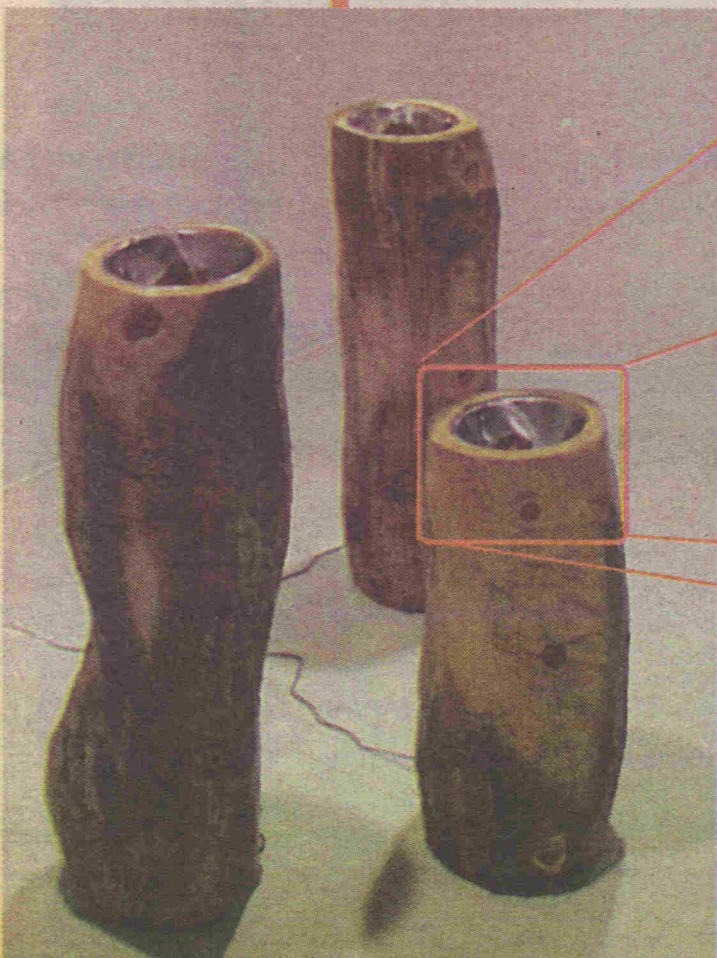
A piece by Bertha Steinhardt Gutman, titled "The Dating Game," whimsically depicts several "Mr. Potato Head's" as the suitors of porcelain dolls, who nonchalantly wait for the potato-faced creatures to approach.

33-22-36 by Luba Andres (1998-1999): Two tortured figures are hung between the ceiling and the floor, with a red substance flowing from beneath the larger figure's body.



Another Chair

The show, which is currently open in the University Art Gallery, located in the Staller Center, will be closing on April 16. Gallery hours are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturdays. A reception will be held on Saturday, April 10 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.



Anfeuchten by Kelley Dean (1999): Dean's creation has embedded fountains in three logs. In each fountain is placed a "fuzzy button."

Stony Brook Lacrosse Downs Providence

Freshman goalie John Dobias made 17 saves in his first collegiate start and Dave Ozsvath scored two goals to help Stony Brook defeat

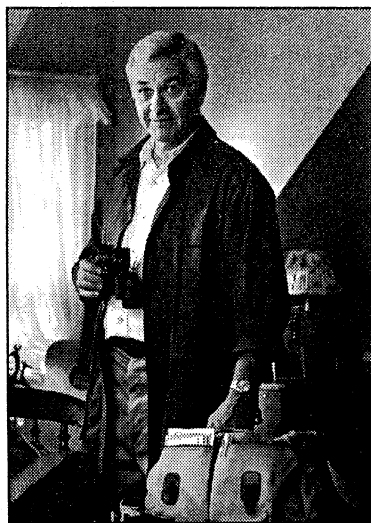
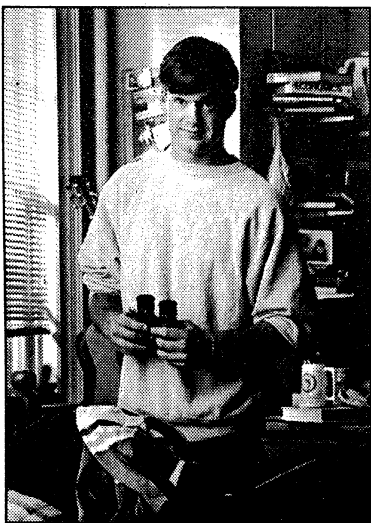
Providence, 3-1, and earn their first win of the year at Seawolves Field Saturday afternoon. The Seawolves jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first quarter on goals by Jon Tompkins and Dave Ozsvath. From that point on, defense and goal tending took over as both goalies held the opposing attacks scoreless for over 31 minutes until Ken Leahy's goal cut into the Seawolves'

lead with 2:11 remaining in the third quarter.

Ozsvath extended the Stony Brook lead back to two with his second goal of the game 3:21 into the fourth quarter and the Seawolves held on for the 3-1 win.

Both goalies registered outstanding performances as Providence's Brian McCarthy also made 17 stops for the Friars. The game marked Stony Brook's best defensive performance since holding Marist to one goal in an 18-1 win in 1995.

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Track and Field Goes to IC4A Championships

Junior Steve Sayegh (Mahopac, NY/Mahopac) and sophomore Patrick Harding (Georgetown, Guyana/Queens College (Guyana)) represented the Stony Brook men's track and field team at the IC4A championships held at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston, MA last weekend.

Last Saturday, Sayegh posted a time of 8.37 in the 60 meter high hurdles to advance into the semifinals held on Sunday. In the semi's, Sayegh fell victim to a bit of misfortune when he slipped coming out of the blocks but finished the race in a time of 8.46 seconds which was good enough for 15th place out of the 22 runners that competed. Harding posted his fourth best mark of the season in the shot put finishing in 21st place overall. He recorded a toss of 14.54 meters in the event.

News and Notes: Last weekend was the final

competition for the indoor track season. The Stony Brook men's and women's track and field teams will next be in action on March 26-27 when they begin the outdoor season. The Seawolves will travel to Florida that weekend to compete in the Coca-Cola Florida Relays.

Men's Track & Field Schedule:

Sat. April 3, Princeton Invitational, 8:00 am
Sat. April 10, Albany, Colgate, Vermont, 10:00 am
Sat. April 17, Lafayette Invitational, 9:30 am

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As we have mentioned in this space time and again, education is an investment. No money spent on it is wasted money. For most of us, being at a top ranked, nationally known research institution like Stony Brook means being taught by top ranked faculty. While we in no way doubt the quality or abilities of the adjuncts that are teaching us, we see that it is a sad state of affairs when Pataki tries to make us settle for less. He is already attempting to rob us from the very ability to attend school in the first place, making it unaffordable. Now he wants to steal our tenured faculty. What will he think of next?

The Statesman is holding an open house this Wednesday, March 24. If you are interested in writing or photography, you are welcome to join us in our office, room 057 of the Student Union, during Campus Lifetime. Please call 632-6479 for more information.

The Statesman is accepting submissions for our annual Literary Supplement until April 17. If you would like to submit a piece of writing or photography, you can bring it to our office, room 057 of the Student Union, or e-mail us at statesmn@ic.sunysb.edu. Please call 632-6479 for more information.

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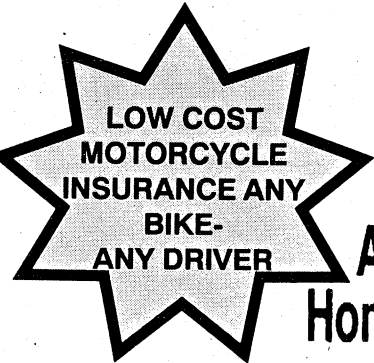
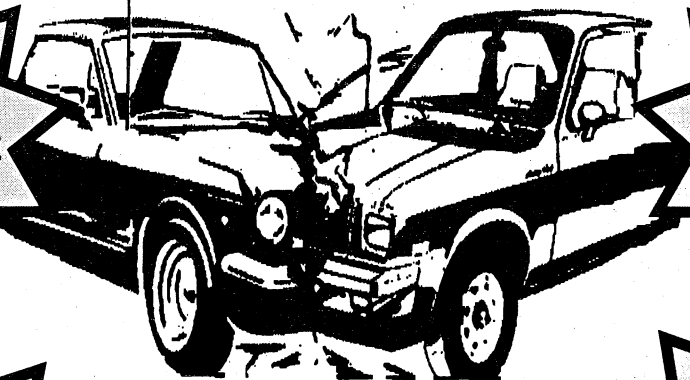
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Tell Me About It

Advice for the College-Age Crowd

By Carolyn Hax

Apologies to those who have seen these four questions in one form or another, 17 billion times.

Hi Carolyn:

I believe in "the spark"; the spark is a good thing. But I must ask, by when should it happen? I do believe it has to happen at some point, but I am not sure. Now that I am dating someone who is kind, thoughtful and shy, how long I should give it?

—Sparkless So Far

Dear Carolyn:

I am a guy in love with my roommate, also a guy. We've been friends for years and actually dated in the beginnings. It was a short, hectic romance that did not end bitterly. We are both very mainstream, all-American guys. I think part of the fascination for me is that we make the quintessential suburban couple-busting the stereotypes. Now the tricky part: He may not feel the same way and I am petrified about trashing our friendship. I am twisted sick with not knowing if this could work out.

—Never Learning

Dear Carolyn:

I'm about to be married after a five-year courtship. My fiancée is wonderful and very pretty, but I'm not attracted to her right now. Is this just "marriage" come early or a sign of problems down the road?

—Maryland

Dear Carolyn:

What do you think about being friends with exes?

—Missouri

If "the one" is the mother of all romantic ideals, "the spark" is her beautiful, maddening, free-spirited sister with the infectious laugh who brings extravagant gifts for everyone and then goes off lemur-watching in Madagascar and doesn't send so much as a postcard until three years later when she blows in for another surprise 36-hour visit.

But isn't she great?

I can't conceive of a life commitment where there never was a spark. Imagine wondering, all your life, what you've missed? Even if it doesn't burn brightly

ever after, the memory of it alone generates warmth and light.

But don't even try to plan around it. It happens, it doesn't happen, it's instant, it takes years, it makes a muttering dork of anyone who tries to outwit it. Some say if it isn't immediate, it'll never happen. Some say the immediate spark is the first to flame out. Some say it's overrated. I've given days, weeks, months full of profound and tortured thought to the elusive concept of spark, and I have come up with this: Isn't it great?

These four letters, fresh off the forklift, suggest you guys haven't done a whole lot better in the profound-insights department. But I do see patterns, some basic properties of electricity:

1. Spark trumps logic.

Quit thinking, "Sparkless" et

"I am a guy in love with my roommate, also a guy."

al., and take each date on its own merits. Did you have fun? Yes/No. Do you want to see this person again? Yes/No. Do you want to date this person at the exclusion of all others? Yes/No. You don't work toward electricity, you just get hit by it, and you're not going to get hit by it if you're holed up with the first person who seemed sorta nice. You've got to be out in a field twirling your umbrella at storm clouds. Date! Date! Date! As many people as you can, offer to pay occasionally, keep your clothes on and see what crackles.

2. Spark trumps friendship.

To Mr. "Never Learning" and the rest of you who are pining in private for your so-called pals: One more melodramatic refrain on preserving the friendship and I'm going to hurl on your violin. A "twisted sick" person who is using every ounce of self-control to suffer quietly through the motions of friendship because he's afraid that's the only way he can stay close enough to breath the giddy air that surrounds his one true love is not my idea of a friend, So out

with it—say it, show it, whichever feels right. (Note to Never Learning: Please get your motives straight first.) And if you fail, take it like a man. That goes for women, too.

3. Love trumps spark.

Lightning gets attention, but compatibility holds it. You know you're in crush when someone hangs on every word of your third retelling of the Great Show-and-Tell Incident of 1982. You know you're in love when, 10 years later, that same someone still thinks it's the funniest thing ever—and you haven't slept together in weeks. Electricity has to give way to staying devoted and staying interesting to each other, or it'll just snap away to nothing. "Maryland," are you still in love? Can you see life with anyone but your fiancée? Is this low-sex deal what she wants? Talk, think and decide what you want—together—or "down the road" will be off a cliff. Speaking of which...

4. Sparks die.

Thus the romantic-cliche

proximity of "rekindle" to the word "flame." But I have it on discouraging authority that when sparks go pfft, they tend to stay there. That authority is a sex therapist friend who found that, couple after couple after couple, she was merely doing a volume business in helping people face the friendly, low-voltage truth known as "marriage." (Obviously, some marriages stay sparky—but if yours is one of them, I'll bet your friends don't want to hear about it.) The ones who grasp Rule No. 3 make it, she says, the others don't.

Which makes the phenomenon of The Friendly Ex all the more impressive. The Friendly Ex is the former lover, now buddy, who allegedly harbors the awe-inspiring, physics-defying, pfft-proof spark.

Because they just don't get it. Onetime couples who've lost the spark can make great, safe friends.

Onward to something else? Please?

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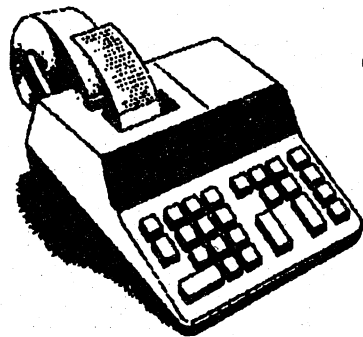
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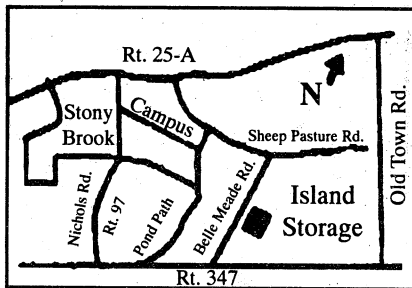
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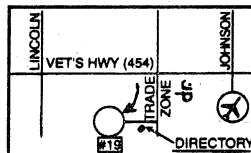
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Philanthropic Musings

Author LaPierre Tells Life Story

By KAT FULGIERI
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On the evening of March 18, Dominique LaPierre, New York Times bestselling author of *City of Joy* addressed a modest crowd in the Javits Conference Room of the Melville Library.

Despite the size of the audience, LaPierre walked to the front of the room and began to speak with the flamboyance of a showman. Initially, LaPierre spoke of Princess Diana's contributions to the lives of children maimed by mines and AIDS patients. He went on to speak of Mother Teresa, and the Pope. "We need to connect with the giants of our times to show us a way to live right" explained LaPierre.

He then went on to speak of his experience in the work force. A versatile man, he detailed experiences in the French Army, his time working for the French Magazine *Paris Match*, his

personal accounts as a translator, and later, his life as an author.

The author started to tell the tales of individuals profiled in his books, destitute men and women that live on the streets of India, suffering from all forms of disease and subsequent heartache. LaPierre became specifically affected when he began to speak of India, and moved away from his book lecture to detail the measures that he and his wife take to help the situation.

LaPierre donates large percentages of his book royalties to efforts in India to help children with leprosy. In addition to this, he donates invaluable publicity to the situation through television interviews and lectures. LaPierre and his wife, also named Dominique, take trips to India every year, and funnel every donation they receive for their cause into the cause itself. LaPierre explained that he does not employ personnel and does not use contributions to cover telephone calls or airfare, instead he makes sure that the money is well placed.

The author finished by fielding questions from the audience on a number of topics, including the state of Mother Teresa's order of nuns, and the situation in India.

Many members of the audience expressed their approval of his books, along with the ones

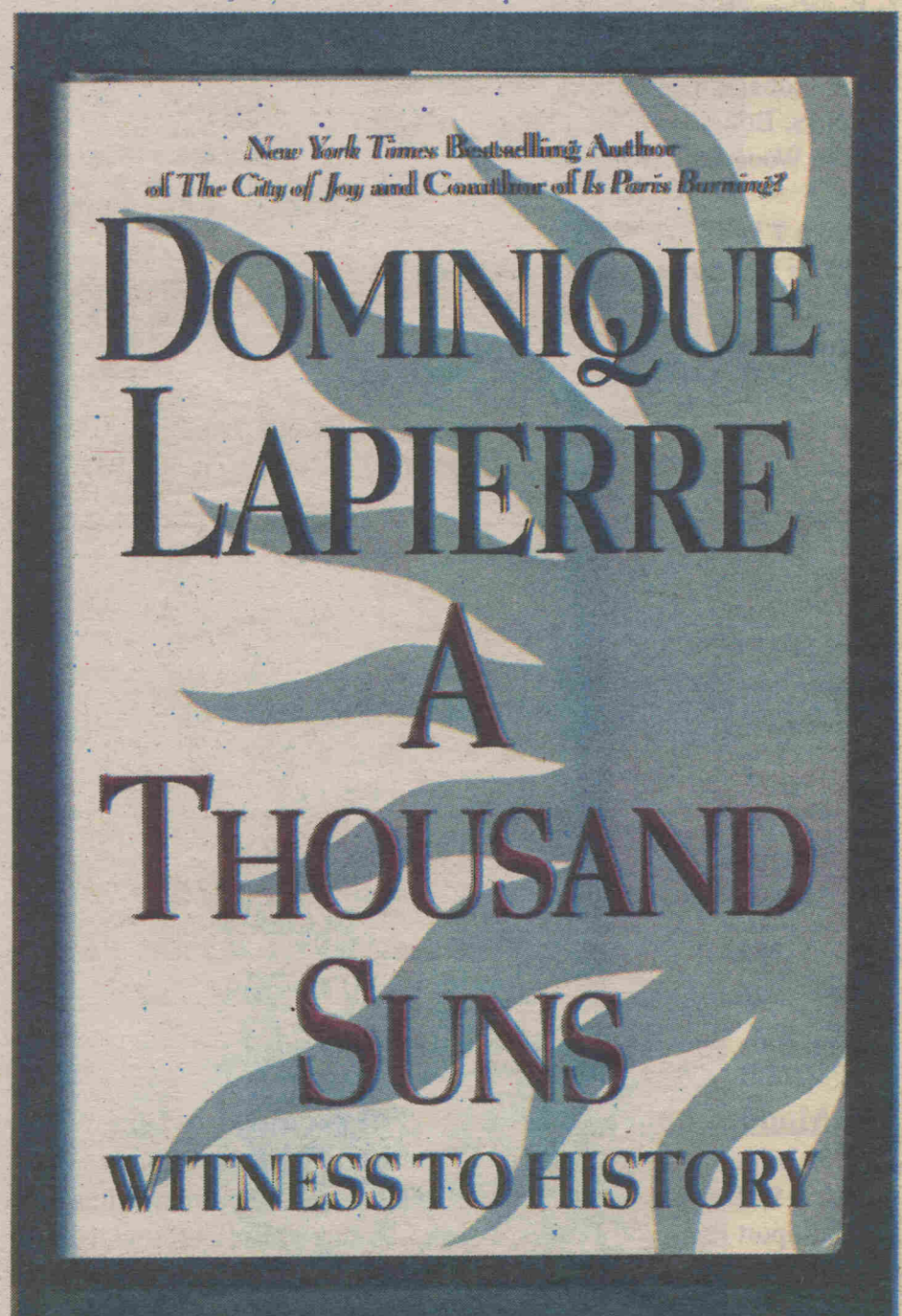
he coauthored with Larry Collins. One audience member appeared moved to tears upon speaking of his new book, *A Thousand Suns*, copies of which were sold at the lecture.

In a way, LaPierre is one of the few men in his time that is attempting to follow a personal philosophy of global action. It is possible that he fancies himself a caring charity, along the lines of Princess Di and Mother Teresa. It is largely possible, that with all the man has done to further his cause, that he is right.



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Dominique LaPierre speaking in the Javits Conference Room last week.



LaPierre's new book, "A Thousand Suns" recounts his time and work in Calcutta.