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More Ways to Pay for College

NEW YORK

You could easily describe Joseph F. Hurley as passionate about Section 529 college savings plans. He has invested in programs in 20 different states for his two children, Megan, 14, and Christopher, 10.

Hurley, a certified public accountant from Pittsford, N.Y., admits that most of the accounts were opened to help research his book, "The Best Way to Save for College, A Complete Guide to Section 529 Plans," and his Web site, www.savingforcollege.com, a guide to these sometimes complex state-sponsored savings programs.

"The average family needs only one or two" of the savings plans, Hurley readily admits. "But I definitely feel comfortable committing my funds to all these programs. And all families interested in saving for their children should, too."

Section 529 plans, named for a section of the Internal Revenue Service tax code, have been around for more than a dozen years. But they moved to front and center as a favored college savings regimen after the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 broadened the range of schools they can be applied to and the kinds of expenses that can be paid, including room and board. The 1997 act also cleared the way for \$10,000 gift contributions that have become popular with grandparents.

There are a great variety of 529 programs, some with catchy names: EdVest in Wisconsin, New York's College Savings Program, the Texas Tomorrow Fund, California's Golden State ScholarShare Account and College Illinois!

They come in two basic varieties,

prepaid tuition plans and savings plans, and 44 states offer one or both, Hurley said. He estimates assets at about \$8 billion and adds, "we believe that will grow at a pretty good clip."

Under prepaid tuition plans, parents essentially lock in today's tuition rates. The money they contribute, whether a lump sum or monthly installments, is invested by the state with the goal that it will grow to cover future tuition at the state's eligible colleges and universities.

Savings plans are more flexible, allowing parents to save money in special accounts that generally offer a variety of mutual fund options through big investment houses such as Fidelity or TIAA-CREF.

Both grow tax-deferred, and distributions are taxable at the receiving child's income tax rate, which is generally much lower than his or her parents. Unlike other college savings programs, the account remains in the name of, and control of, the parent until funds are withdrawn for school.

"The thing that's most confusing to the public is the belief that they have to invest in their own state's 529 plan," said Mark Schlafly, vice president of managed products at A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc. of St. Louis. "In reality, you can purchase any state's 529 plan."

A.G. Edwards distributes the plans developed by Ohio, Rhode Island and Wyoming, but advisers in its branches nationwide can deal with other plans, too.

"Families need to check if there's anything specific to their home state's plan that might give them an extra benefit," he said. In Missouri and some other states, for example, you can claim

your contributions as a deduction on state taxes. "But even if there's a benefit, a family may want to go elsewhere because there are better investment options."

Mike Saliba, director of 529 savings programs for Mercury Funds, a division of Merrill Lynch in New York, sees the 529 programs as "great savings tools" that can be launched with deposits of as little as \$50.

"The message for parents, and grandparents, is that this should be part of their overall financial plan if they have children, much like the 401(k) or IRA should be for personal retirement," Saliba said.

Mercury Funds manages the GIFT Plan in Arkansas and the College Achievement Plan in Wyoming. Under those plans, an aggressive investor can choose to put 100 percent of his money in equity funds, while a conservative might select 100 percent bond funds.

"But the choice of a lot of families

is what we call an age-tailored portfolio, which is a diversified mix of mutual funds," Saliba said. "It's heavier toward equities when the child is young, but gets more conservative as the child gets closer to starting college."

Rhode Island's CollegeBoundFund, administered by Alliance Capital in New York, offers one of the highest investment limits in the country at \$246,000 and a variety of aged-based as well as equity and bond funds.

"We're seeing increasing interest in contributions by grandparents, who can give \$10,000 a year tax free to their grandchildren," said Thomas McConnell, vice president for 529 programs at Alliance Capital. Tax law also allows contributions of up to \$50,000 to be amortized, for tax purposes, over five years. Further details on the 529 programs can be found at www.collegesavings.org, run by the National Association of State Treasurers in Lexington, Ky.

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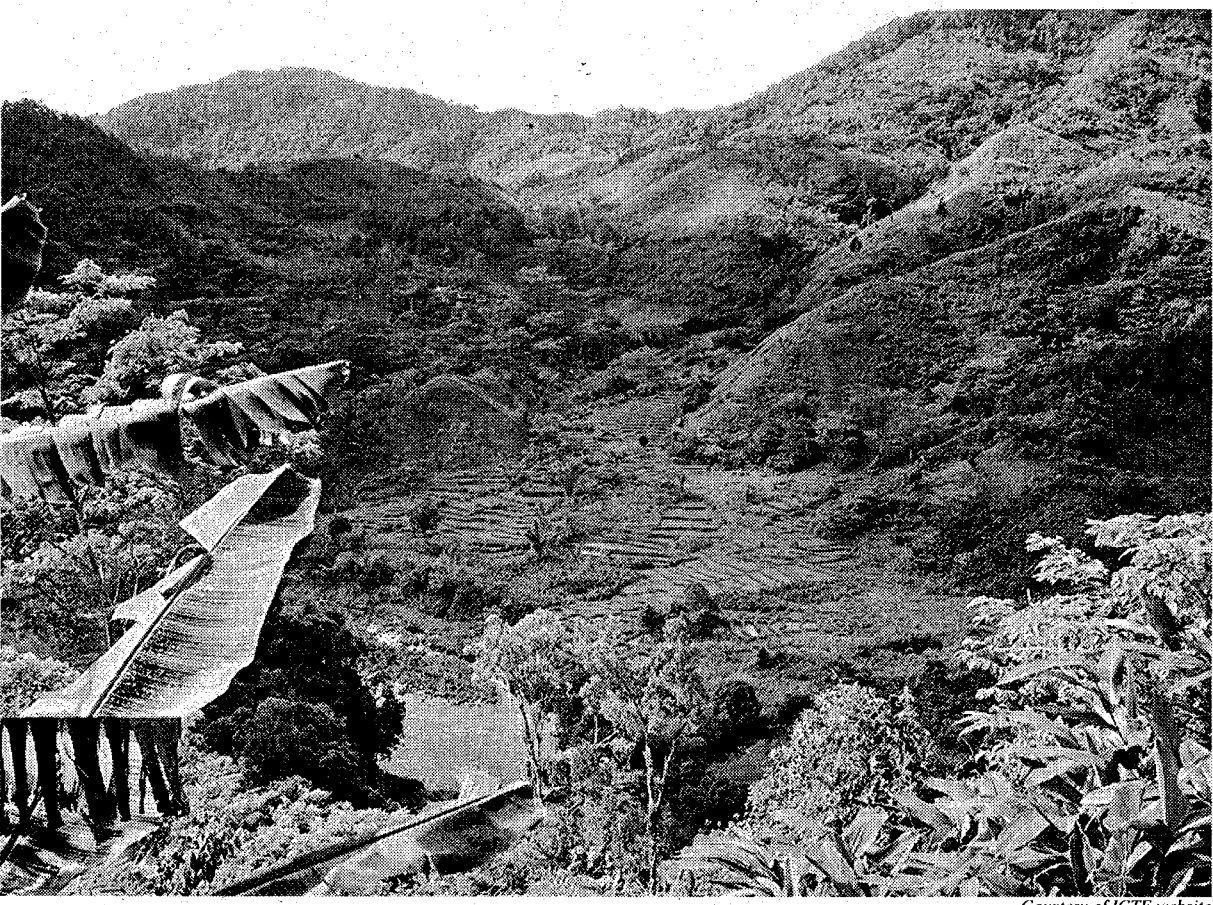
Stony Brook Professor Helps Create a National Park to Protect Lemurs and is Featured in Recent Film

By ERIN ROSENKING
Statesman Editor

For Patricia Wright, it all started with the monkeys. Back in 1968, Wright was working as a social worker in Brooklyn when she bought owl monkeys for family pets. Although she had no previous education or experience with primates, she quickly grew intrigued by the animals. Wright explained that it was the days before the sexual revolution and she was puzzled by the father monkey, who took full care of the infants. "I wondered why some of our primate cousins had that habit of father care and other primates, including humans at that time, didn't," Wright said. "I was just curious and wanted to know."

It was that curiosity that eventually led her to two faculty positions at Stony Brook, one in the anthropology department and the other in the ecology and evolution program. It also brought her to Madagascar where she discovered a new species of lemur. It even took her to the silver screen in director Michael Apted's latest effort, a feature length documentary called *Me and Isaac Newton*.

Wright is one of seven scientists picked for



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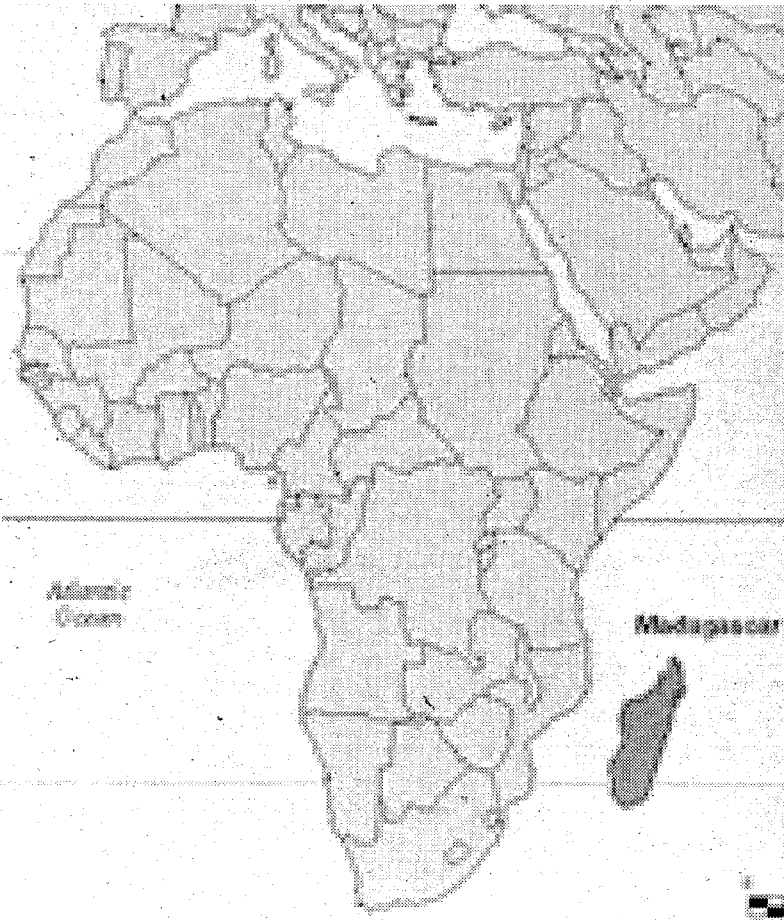
The landscape in Ranomafana National Park is filled with various rainforest types.

the film by Apted, who is best known for the films *Gorillas in the Mist* and *Coal Miner's Daughter*. In *Me and Isaac Newton*, Apted documents the personal adventures and experiences each scientist encountered during the progression of their careers. According to Wright, Apted was very kind during the filming and it has already won an award from the National Geographic Society. It has also been nominated for an academy award for best documentary. Wright said that she has already seen the film a number of times. "But I still think it is great," she said.

Before she found herself on the big screen, Wright spent time in the Amazon where she sought to answer the questions that her pet monkeys had raised. "I knew that I couldn't find out about them until I studied them in their natural habitat and knew what they ate, what they were afraid of and what their problems were," Wright said. She said that part of the reason no one had ever studied this kind of monkey in the wild was because it is nocturnal, performing most of its activity at night, and because of the poisonous snakes and jaguars that the primates shared the jungle with. And it is dark out there," Wright said, "especially when you

are alone!" After moving to South America with her baby daughter and artist husband, Wright eventually went on to Madagascar where she was the first to identify the *Hapalemur aureus*, a previously unknown lemur species, in 1986. She said that it was while she was on an expedition to find *Hapalemur simus*, a species believed to be extinct, that she came across both types of *Hapalemur*. "They were both in the same rainforest area," said Wright, "and it wasn't at all protected." It was also at this time that Wright added the title environmentalist to her list. "It was when the timber exploiters came to destroy that forest that I became a conservationist," she said. "I had 100 foot tall trees crashing down all around me."

But rediscovering *Hapalemur simus* and introducing *Hapalemur aureus* to both Madagascar and the scientific world is not all that Wright has done for the African country. In order to protect the primates and the habitat they live in, Wright worked closely with the government of Madagascar to create Ranomafana National Park where she has had an active research program studying the behavior of the *Propithecus diadema edwardsi* lemur species for the past 15 years. She is now the park's international research coordinator and the principal investigator into the program to construct a new research station. The park is Madagascar's fourth national park and it incorporates a protected zone of close to 41,500 hectares. Within the zone there is a diverse range of rainforest types as well as steep slopes and mountains, some of which reach as high as 1400



Courtesy of Conservation Ecology, Stanford University

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Wright has done research in Madagascar, an island off the coast of Africa, for the last 15 years.

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Stony Brook Professor Awarded Grant From US Department of Defense

By CHRIS LATHAM
Statesman Editor

Defamed Internet sites, downed networks, altered passwords and stolen files. These are the results of hostile hacker threats, and the U.S. Department of Defense has taken notice. Their solution? To go back to school.

A select group of twelve investigators from universities across the nation were recently awarded grants totaling \$4.5 million to conduct independent research and related education to counter the growing attacks on computer systems.

Among them is Stony Brook University's own R. C. Sekar, an assistant professor in the computer science department.

Through the Critical Infrastructure Protection and Information Assurance Fellows Program, the Department of Defense awarded Sekar \$235,000 to explore new ways to build networks capable of detecting and resisting invasions. He plans to foster a one-on-one training and mentor relationship with another researcher, over the next two years, focusing especially on computers using the UNIX operating system.

"The hacker threat is in fact very serious," Sekar said, "since so much of our financial, transportation, communication and military infrastructure is dependent on computer systems."

Sekar will be in charge of the technical aspects of the project, while the university's Research Foundation will be concerned with the administrative side. As with other university research, the emphasis will be on the development of general techniques that have wide applications and long-term results.

Findings from the research will

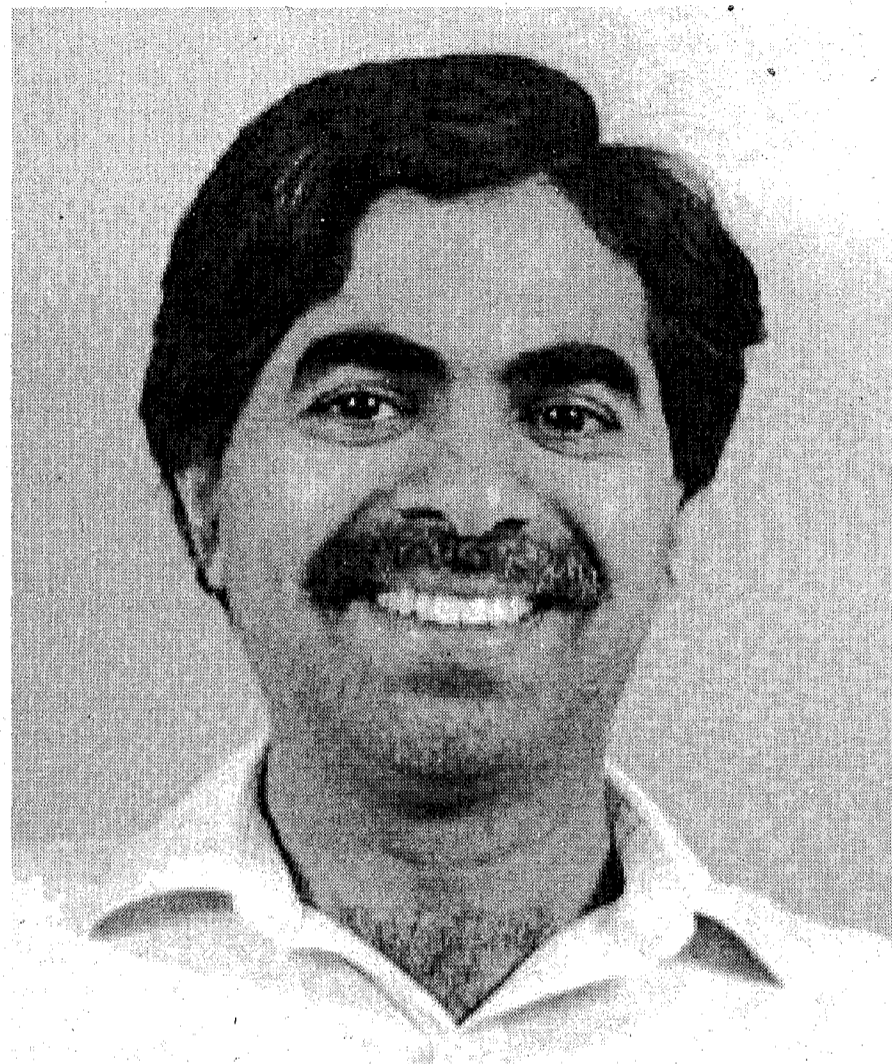
initially appear in conference and journal publications, then as software prototypes that would ultimately be made available via the Internet. A final report will be presented to the Science and Technology wing of the Department of Defense once the project is completed.

It seems Sekar's research could not be timelier. The New Year has already witnessed a string of international events that verify the need to bolster cyber security.

Most conspicuous was last week's announcement that nineteen of the nation's premier technology companies have agreed to join forces with the government to combat hackers. Among them are rivals Microsoft, Oracle and IBM. The corporate enclave promised to share intelligence and product vulnerabilities, as an effort to assure the public of the safety of e-commerce, and to maintain their \$7 billion Internet revenues.

The union was galvanized by former President Clinton's 1998 encouragement for greater cooperation between the public and private sectors to protect the infrastructure. Similar team-ups had already been formed in the electrical power, telecommunications and finance industries. Company officials said the group has become a necessity, in the wake of increasing credit card theft, extortion attempts and network sabotage.

The true danger, however, may not be the crimes themselves, but the nature of the criminals. A series of crippling attacks, last February, hit major Internet sites such as Yahoo, eBay, CNN, and Amazon, as well as universities such as Harvard and Yale. A 16 year-old Canadian teenager, who dropped out of high school after being arrested, conducted them. The hacker plead guilty to 56 charges of mischief this



www.cs.sunysb.edu/website/people/sekar.html

Assistant professor R.C. Sekar is conducting research on computer security.

month, and faces up to two years in juvenile detention.

Another incident of a young hacker is the hacker known only as 'Kubaka,' who broke into the official website of Bulgaria's president, leaving a desperate message protesting against the harsh prospects of young people in Bulgaria. President Peter Stoyanov, in an interview with the daily 24 Hours, offered the young hacker a job, praising the skill needed to invade the site without damaging any files.

According to Sekar, attacks like these are only the beginning, and are likely to escalate if unchecked. "At this point, most hackers seem to hack out of curiosity, or for bragging rights," he said. "We are just beginning to see cyber attacks being used by criminals, extremist organizations and hostile countries."

The government has good reason to heed his word. Sekar has worked in information assurance for years, and received a similar grant in the past. So far, he has guided two groups of researchers at Stony Brook, addressing a wide range of problems, from network and computer security to software analysis and debugging techniques.

One of these projects, a "self-configuring network anomaly detector," involves building a system that monitors all network traffic and creates a model for what is "normal," or safe traffic, for a system. This would allow hacker attacks to be detected more easily, since they often deviate markedly from normal traffic.

Another venture was dubbed "attacker deception and entrapment." This tackles how to lure hackers into believing their attack to be successful, when it has in fact been rendered impotent and isolated. It could be a key component in eliminating would-be vandals, because the longer they continue to hack, the easier they become to catch.

Despite the research conducted by Sekar and others, however, defeating the hacker threat is a long way off.

"The problem of protecting systems is a very hard one, and I do not expect any silver bullets any time soon," Sekar said. "Meanwhile, the threat will continue to escalate for the next several years, until the current generation of research begins to bear fruit, and then trickles down into commercial products."



Department of Defense is coming down on hackers.

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Editorials

Beating the Winter Blues

The difference between the start of the fall and spring semesters is incredible. While early September brings an air of excitement of the semester to come, late January is the total opposite. This past week, students tread lightly and carefully across campus on snowy and icy walkways, bundled up in puffy jackets and scarves. Most people are sluggish and it wasn't just because of the cold, everyone is still in that hibernation mode that comes in the middle of the winter. Some of us have gained a few pounds from holiday festivities, making us glad for the baggy clothes that serve the dual purpose of keeping us warm this time of year and hiding all the holiday cookies we ate.

The whole atmosphere on campus is as dull and bleak as the weather. While muddy snow puddles freeze and cause hazardous walking conditions, people walk with

their heads nestled into coats. There is no buzz and no talk over what people are going to do. Everyone just wants to rush back to heated dorms and cars and go back onto the couch with the cup of hot cocoa. Keeping warm is the priority for the time being, classes are a little more than a nuisance at this point.

But during the fall semester, the story is something different. Everyone walks around sporting tanned and toned bodies that look nice and healthy from the sun. The sounds of music can be heard blasting out of car and dorm windows as everyone does all they can to get their last taste of the warm weather. People can be seen giving out hugs and kisses to the friends they missed over the summer, chattering on about what they did over the last few months. The air is more festive, more charged and people actually look forward to what lies ahead.

It is January but it is not all that bad. You are probably cold right now but spring will come and with it the warm weather that will melt the ugly snow and force us to put away the heavy coats. But what to do in the meantime?

The University does what it can to make up for this nasty time of year. There will be another Club Unity in the Union this Friday, a party that has come to be a campus favorite and sure to help some, at least temporarily with the winter blues. The campus is also gearing up for Black History Month, which begins the first of February, a month long event which is sure to bring some life to the campus both culturally and physically.

If that is just not enough to cheer you out of a winter rut, take heart knowing that the ground will be visible again, that you will want to open your window and that it is only a few short months away.

Commentary:

Bush Shows His True Colors

By ADAM ZIMMERMAN
Statesman Editor

Over the course of his campaign for President, George W. Bush gave himself a multitude of labels. Compassionate conservative. Reformer with results. Uniter, not a divider. Six days into his administration, these self-given platitudes seem as bare and hollow as his cliché-filled, substance-less inaugural address.

Recount, anyone?

Consider this. On Monday, Bush the Elder's boy restored Daddy's and Ronald Reagan's policy to deny federal funding to overseas organizations that help women obtain or themselves provide abortions. Though this has no bearing on abortion laws within the United States, several international family planning groups will now suddenly be without millions of taxpayer funds because, as White House press secretary Ari Fleischer proclaimed, "it's something the President believes in." Of course, Bush doesn't have to worry about being raped.

Here's some food for thought. Monday also happened to be the 28th anniversary of the landmark Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision, which established a woman's right to privacy and thus recognized her freedom to terminate a pregnancy. Bush himself proclaimed in his inauguration speech that "if our country does not lead the cause of freedom, it will not be led." What about a woman's freedom to have control over her own body and life? Well, in a written statement to right-to-life protest marchers on Monday, Bush told them, not the millions of women who deserve the protection of Roe v. Wade, that "we share a great goal."

Our esteemed leader has spoken.

And he has also spoken with his nomination of John Ashcroft as US Attorney General. Ashcroft, whose selection has caused a highly contentious debate in the evenly-split Senate immediately following their

power-sharing agreement, is a man whose principles and convictions just about scream conflict. He has opposed desegregation plans for Missouri schools. He distorted African-American judge Ronnie White's record so much while blocking his appointment to the federal bench that Republican senators apologized to White following his testimony during the Ashcroft hearings. He is notoriously anti-abortion and anti-gay, and he even went so far as to call Confederate leaders during the Civil War "patriots."

There are several worthy Republicans who are well-qualified for the Attorney General post, and whose ideologies are much less questionable and far more mainstream than Ashcroft's. Yet Bush, well-aware of the national debate over the former Missouri senator, went forward with the nomination anyway, and in doing so further divided the country

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Tell Me About It

Advice for the College Aged Crowd

By Carolyn Hax

Hi there, Carolyn:

I thought in college that I'd gotten rid of any remnant shyness through a strict regimen of parties and other things I believed I should know how to deal with. It was fun, if a little painful, and seemed to be having a good effect. But now that I'd like to be a little more myself, and by that I mean more free in conversation with less internal censorship, I'm finding that people often just look at me oddly.

This is all coming to a head right now because my boyfriend of two years is trying to get me to do more things socially. He's already been patient for a year while I wimped out on all but our closest friends. It's just that I can't seem to find a happy medium between being politely social (and somewhat superficial) and being someone whom I can respect in these situations. Blah.

—R.

If I could pay you enough money to get you to agree to be your good weird self in public, I would pay it. Cash money. Cold hard clams.

It's not that I want to embarrass you. Not at all. It's that I want to increase my chances, if only by one, of running across someone interesting at some future social thing.

Forget your pain. What about *our* pain, the short-attention-span cocktail-partygoers of the Earth?

OK, so maybe the unedited you is a little off-putting. But couldn't that just be the consequence of your retreating back underground? You admit you haven't been out among the polloi for at least a year. Social bantering isn't like riding a bike; it's more like ... throwing a spiral. The first few after a long layoff will be ugly wobbly duck things, and your arm will be sore the next day.

For your purposes, that translates into spewing a few head-scratchers before you fully limber up the connection between your brain and your tongue. And many of us, considering how weird we all are in the dustiest parts of our minds, are inclined to let an oddball utterance slide.

Sometimes even two. Get circulating, and before you know it you'll be *genuinely social*. (It's not an oxymoron.)

Dear Carolyn:

Do you have any suggestions for dealing with passive-aggressive hostility aimed in your direction—the kind that is not overt enough to respond to? I am frequently and consistently on the receiving end of sighs, grunts and under-the-breath comments from my boyfriend's best-friend's girlfriend. She seems to be resentful and insecure when I have good news, and happy and self-satisfied when I fail at something. We do couple things together, and I think this woman sees herself in competition with me, for what I don't know. These are long-term relationships we're in, and I don't see avoiding her as an option. Up until now I have ignored her, because I think she's just insecure, but I envision this getting worse as the life decisions become more important.

—New York, NY

I guess you could start failing at everything.



That might soften her up.

The ignore-the-grunts approach is perfectly sound, since this is clearly her problem, not yours. She's the one hung up on you, and she's the one too snivelly to own up to it.

But her disapproving bodily noises must get old, so consider facing her hang-ups for her. Next time she simmers, just ask: "Have I offended you in some way?" (Unspoken translation: "What crawled up your (bleep) and died?") Force her out of her hiding place. She can choose either to stand behind her criticisms, or she can lie her way out of them—thus forfeiting any moral superiority she's convinced herself that she has. It's a win-win prospect for you, and life doesn't spit those out often.

Carolyn:

I have a friend who is financially constrained at the moment. I enjoy her company a lot and although we want to do stuff like movies, weekend getaways or dinners, she is unable to. I am not financially constrained at the moment and I frequently offer to pay for her (gladly), but obviously

she is resistant to my picking up the check too often. I wonder if there is a more tactful way that I can continue to offer to pay until she is ready.

BTW, we do a lot of free stuff in the area too.

—D.C.

Then do more free stuff, and use the money you save to buy a DVD player, a mondo TV and some elaborate takeout. Instant movie-slash-getaway.

To be financially constrained is to loathe constant reminders that one is financially constrained. Unfortunately, and regardless of good intentions, that's how frequent offers to pay come across. What you really want is her companionship, and that (I hope) is free. Keep it cheap and don't press.

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Turning It Around

Seawolves' Men's Basketball Off to Its Start In Years

JEFFREY JAVIDFAR
Statesman Editor

Perhaps the best kept secret in Stony Brook is not some concoction in a chemistry lab or why the price of on-campus food is so staggeringly inflated, but rather the miraculous turnout of the Men's Basketball program under the tutelage of Head Coach Nick Macarchuk. Unfortunately, with only a home attendance of 830, few people see the high flying dunks and tide-shifting threes provided by the Seawolves.

In only his second season at Stony Brook, Macarchuk has brought the program to never-before-experienced highs. Going into Wednesday's game against Brown the men are an even 9-9 with the hardest part of their schedule already past. At the same point last year the Seawolves were 6-17 and ended the season with a 6 game slide to finish 6-23.

Stony Brook has turned some heads in the college basketball community with its gritty and at times dominant performance. It's not the big wins against established programs like Army and Navy that have garnered the extra attention, but rather the very close losses to major East Coast schools like Hofstra, Rutgers, and UConn. In fact, the Seawolves have given quite the scare to several Big East Conference teams and have sportscaster highlights to prove it.

USB's .500 winning percentage is the highest of all Division I Independent programs. Stony Brook is 9 years and 1 mascot removed from its last winning season. The then Stony Brook Patriots posted a 16-12 record as Division III school.

In spite of meager home attendance figures, USB is boasting a stellar 6-1 record and +17 points scoring-margin at home. Giving the Stony Brook faithful even more reason for optimism is the fact that the Seawolves play host to 7 of their last 10 opponents. With the easy portion of their schedule ahead of them, USB will most likely finish with a winning record and even has the potential to post a 19-9 mark for the season.

All in all, it is quite obvious that the former

Atlantic-10 Coach of the Year is again working his magic at Stony Brook. Though Macarchuk's tactics can't be ignored, the remarkably improved level of play can also be partially attributed to the infusion of talent in the off-season.

Senior transfer, Leon Brisport (#45), has been invaluable to Stony Brook this season as The Man in The Middle. Brisport averages 16.5 points and 8.6 rebounds per contest. Not only does he lead the team in blocked shots with 23, but Brisport has led the team in scoring 9 times, including 11 straight games where he has scored in double figures.

Brisport's performance on the road is even more impressive. On January 13th, he turned in his second 30-point effort of the season on the road against Binghamton. His best performance this year was a 35-point, 13-rebound clinic against Columbia on December 9th.

Macarchuk's reputation in the college basketball community and his recruiting skills are quite evident as the freshmen class, of D.J. Munir, Mike Konopka, Jairus McCollum, Lee Church and J.B. Bennett, is probably Stony Brook's best ever.

Point guard D.J. Munir (#15) heads this year's freshman crop. The Seawolves' playmaker leads the team in assists (3.9 avg.) and ranks second on the team in scoring (11.3 ppg.). Equally impressive is the fact that Munir, a 6-3 guard, also ranks third on the team in rebounding at 3.4 per game. He also leads the team in free throw shooting at 83 % and is averaging a heavy 35 minutes of action.

A closer look would reveal that his numbers are even more impressive if you consider the competition he has faced. Compared to some of the highly touted freshmen point guards that he has played against, he has more than held his own. This list includes Omar Cook (SJU), Mike Sherrod (Rutgers), and Taliek Brown (Connecticut). Forwards Mike Konopka (#41) and Jairus McCollum (#30) have provided crowd-pleasing dunks and solid production whether as starters or coming off the

bench. They have combined for 13.4 ppg and 6.8 rpg this season. Point guard Lee Church (#20) and Forward/Center J.B. Bennett (#35) have provided sound play and valuable minutes in their reserve roles.

Nonetheless, the performance of those returning from the inaugural season of Division I competition cannot be ignored. Strong senior leadership and prior Division I experience was something the team lacked last year, but has gotten a lot of this year from Josh Little and Chris Balliro.

Starting shooting guard Josh Little (#3) is third on the team in scoring with 10.5 ppg and his 22 steals places him second to only Munir on the team. Josh's 47% shooting from three-point-land ranks 20th in all of Division I. He is the first USB men's basketball player to be statistically ranked as a Div. I player by the NCAA. Not surprisingly, Little now owns the University's record for three-pointers made and is tops in many of the shooting categories. This accomplishment is further enhanced when one considers that Josh Little notched his place in school history against tougher Division I opponents like UConn, St. Johns, and Maryland.

Senior Forward Chris Balliro (#33) has alternated starting and reserve roles all the while scoring 7.8 ppg and pulling down 4.4 rpg. The 6-7 Massachusetts native plays with a lot of energy and has a nice three-point touch that almost always places him in the middle of a USB run.

At the beginning of the second season of Division I competition, Macarchuk's goals are clear-cut. "We need to become more competitive," the coach explained. "Before you can win, you need to compete and that is our main goal this year." Well it is safe to say that the coach's initial goals have been met. Indeed, optimism is in abundance at the Sport's Complex. However, the team's success two-thirds of the way through the season may have unknowingly raised expectations. With ten games remaining and a winning season in sight, Macarchuk's Seawolves may yet again surpass expectations.

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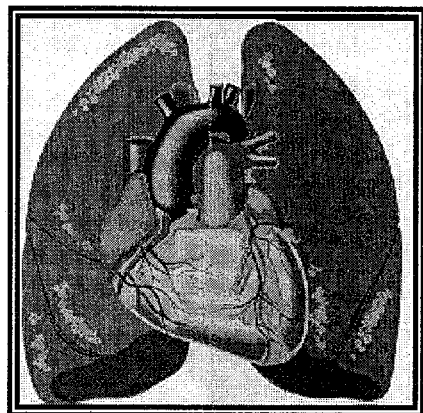
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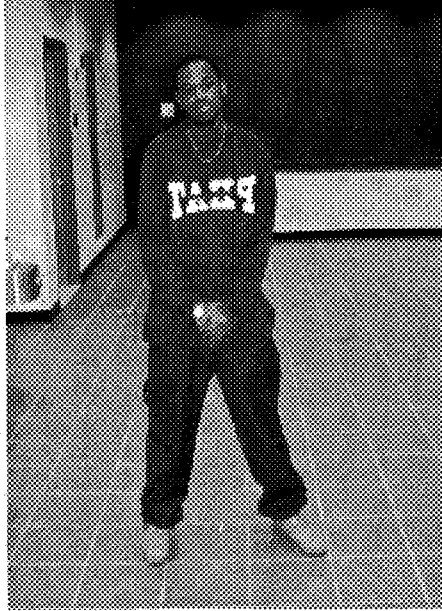
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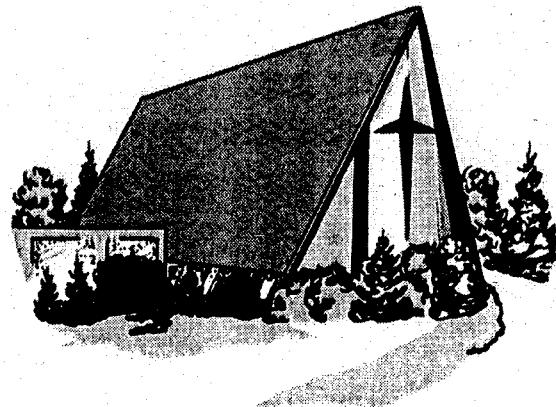
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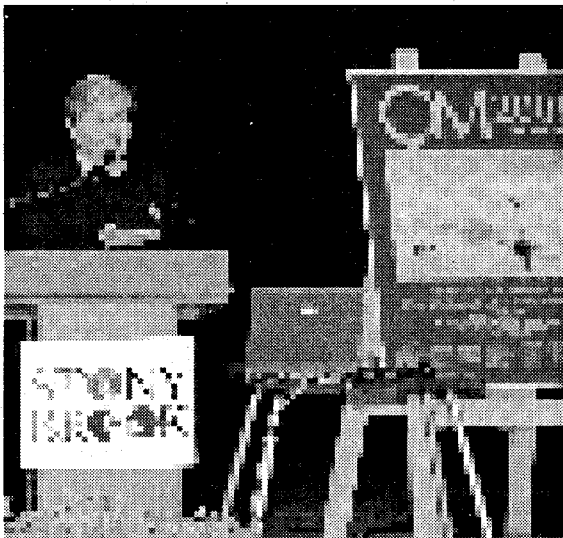
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who attended the conference.

For Dr. Mueller, and the hundreds of other quark-oriented guests roaming the Stony Brook campus this week, there was more than enough to talk about.

Dr. Shirley Strum Kenny, president of Stony Brook University, Dr. John H. Marburger, director of Brookhaven National Laboratory, and Dr. Robert L. McGrath, provost of Stony Brook University, attended the Quark Matter opening session.

"The collaboration between Stony Brook and Brookhaven National Laboratory is a great example of how world-class resources, when joined in partnership, can promote exciting and promising discoveries," Kenny



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President Kenny speaks at conference.

said. "This extraordinary event will bring together the world's finest scientific minds with the goal of unlocking some of the mysteries of the universe."

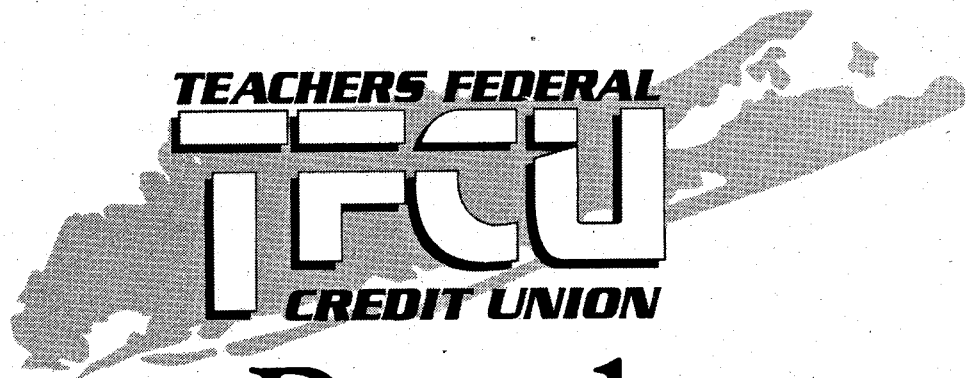
Much of the conference consisted of theories, analyses and comparisons of research on the study of matter at high temperatures and densities. Focus rested squarely on recent works compiled at Brookhaven and CERN, a major particle physics laboratory in Geneva, Switzerland.

After the Brookhaven scientists presented their information on the RHIC project, renowned physicist and science populist Lawrence M. Krauss gave a free lecture to the public on the nature of atoms, at the Staller Center for the Performing Arts.

Krauss has researched the origins of the universe, the nature of dark matter, general relativity and neutrino astrophysics, but he is best known for his literary contributions.

The rest of the conference was divided into a series of private sessions covering an array of advanced formulas, theories and procedures, which were attended mostly by veteran scientists and a select group of students. Even the titles of the subjects presented threaten to baffle the average person.

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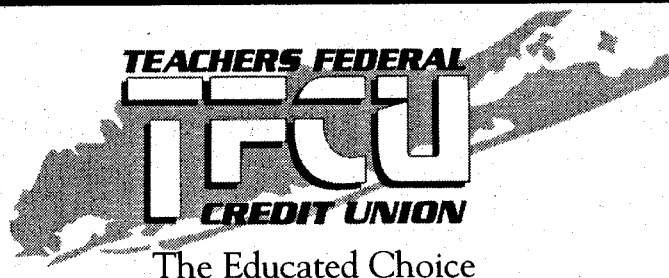


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Lady Seawolves Win Over Lady Bears 60-57

JEFFREY JAVIDFAR
Statesman Editor

The Lady Seawolves came out of the gate strong and proved that their recent three game slump was well behind them. Fueled by their tenacious defense, gritty rebounding and another dominating performance by Sherry Jordan (#15), Stony Brook posted a 15 point margin by halftime and held on late for a 60-57 victory over Brown.

USB improved its overall record to 11-9 and 2-2 against the Ivy League thanks to the heroic efforts of Sherry Jordan. The 5-11, forward dominated on both sides of the ball, scoring a game high 28 points and falling 1 rebound short of a double-double all the while coming up with 6 steals and 2 huge blocks. Sherry's 20.6 ppg average has her ranked 16th in the nation in Division I scoring.

"We wanted to set the tempo," said Coach Roberts. "It's important to do so, the past few games we got behind early and it was very hard playing catch up. We came out wanting to run, push the ball, and play good defense."

The friendly confines of the Sports Complex continued to provide Stony Brook with the necessary shelter to shield them from their road woes. The Lady Seawolves are 9-1 at home compared to 2-8 away from

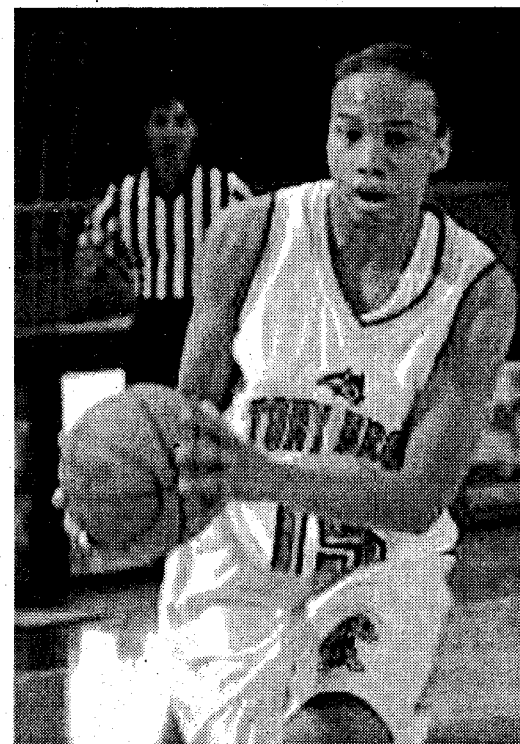
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On Tuesday night, the Lady Seawolves got it done with a stifling defense and a +8 offensive rebounding margin that provided them 21 points off of turnovers and 12 second-chance points. Conversely, In the first 20 minutes of play, Brown managed to eke out only 4 and 5 points in those respective categories.

The Lady Seawolves took the largest lead of the night at 38-21 into halftime. However, a deeper and fresher Brown squad made use a 7-0 run early in the second half to get within 38-28. Ragan Kenner scored four points during the run. Stony Brook kept the lead at double digits over the next eight minutes.

Brown had another run in them, however. Down 52-43 with 6:01 left, Stephanie Bruce began a 7-2 run with a jumper and the Lady Bears were within 54-50 with 3:12 left. Jordan responded with a three-pointer for the Seawolves.

However, Brown and their animated head coach Jean Marie Burr wouldn't give up. A pair of free throws by Rachael MacDonald and a fast break lay-up by Bruce trimmed the advantage to 57-54 with 1:11 remaining. After a controversial call that went against the Lady Bears, Coach Burr took the time out to wonder all the way across the court to engage



Jordan scored a game high, 28 points.

two referees in a heated discussion. Surprisingly, she escaped a technical.

Following a turnover by Stony Brook, Brown had an opportunity to tie the game, but Kenner's open three-pointer with 43 seconds remaining rimmed out.

Fortunately, for the Lady Seawolves Jordan hit 3-of-4 free throws to seal the game for the Seawolves. Afterwards, she stated, "This was a get back on track type of game. We needed this win."

Sherry Jordan was part of an undermanned front line, along with Jill George (#35) and Danielle DeGiorgio (#13) that scored 40 points, and pulled down 24 of the teams 34 rebounds. Due to recent injuries and the departure of Kelli Cofield from the team because of personal reasons, the Seawolves were forced to play Jordan, George, and DeGiorgio for the entire 40 minutes.

Point guard Jessica Burch (#11) came off the bench to spark a 16-5 run with a pair of steals and six points. She ended with 10 points and seven steals.

"When we play good defense our offense picks up, said Roberts, we get turnovers and layups. Jessica was a big part of that."

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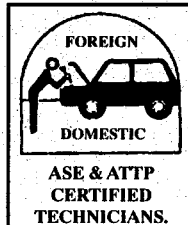
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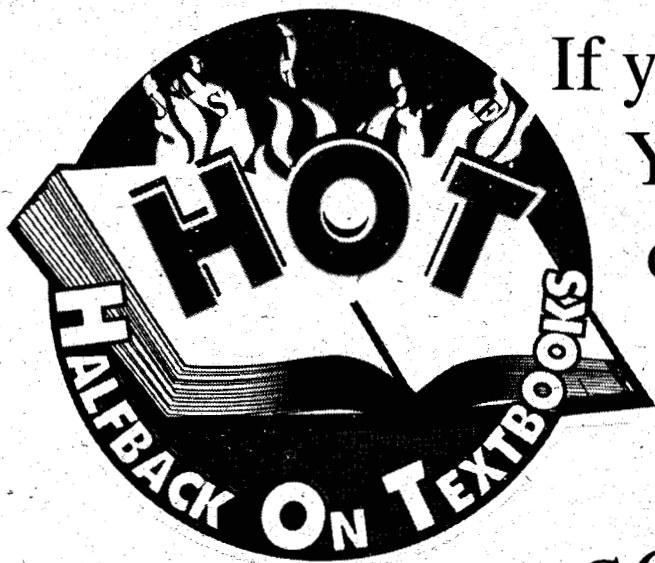
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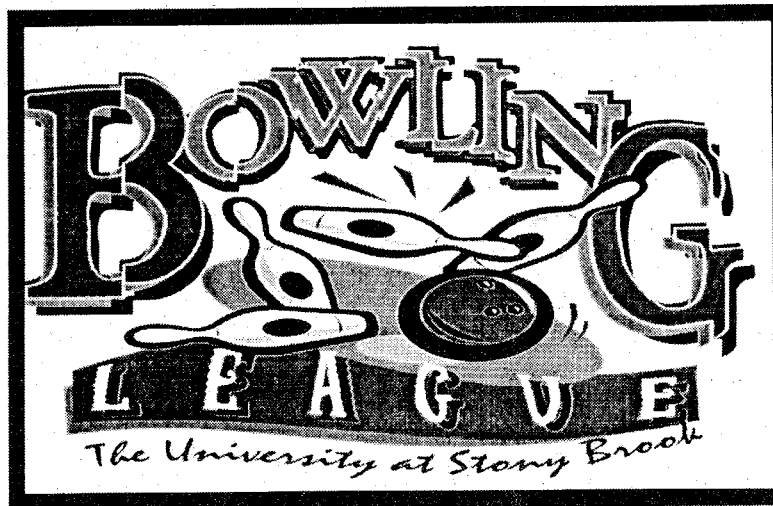
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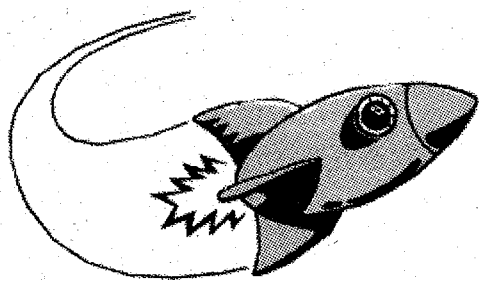


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A Big Bang In The Re-Making? Quark Matter 2001 Conference Held at USB

By CHRIS LATHAM
Statesman Editor

The Quark Matter 2001 conference started with a bang. Technically, it was a little bang, but its implications are big. Very big.

Nearly 700 participants gathered from around the globe to attend the 15th International Conference on Ultra-Relativistic Nucleus-Nucleus Collisions (Quark Matter 2001). The week-long event, which lasted from January 15 to January 20, was hosted by Brookhaven National Laboratory and held at Stony Brook University.

The group assembled to examine questions and experiments about quark-gluon plasma, a theoretical liquid state of matter, by assessing the results of Brookhaven's new particle accelerator, the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider.

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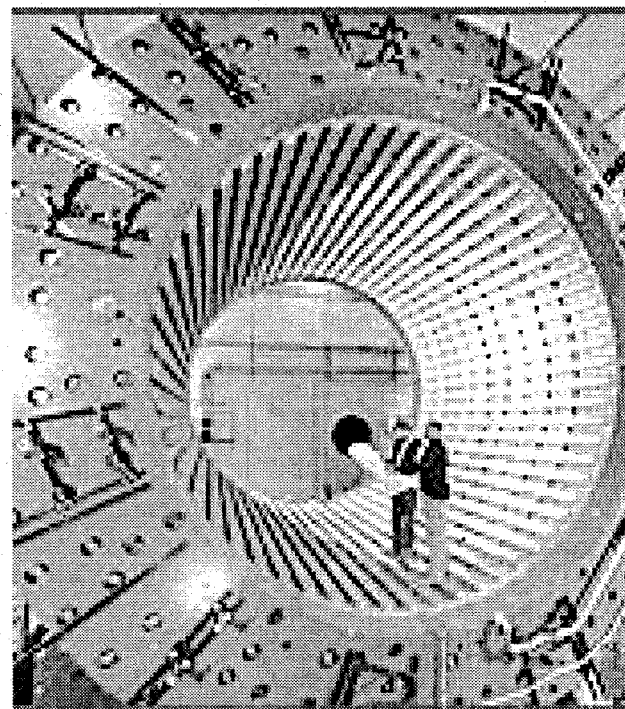
Scientists believe the last time large quantities of matter with such density and heat existed were millionths of a second after the Big Bang, the tremendous explosion that is thought to have created the universe.

"We hope to form that matter from which the entire universe emerged," Dr. William A. Zajc, a Columbia University physicist and scientist working at Brookhaven, said at the conference.

Quark-gluon plasma is the matter for which Dr. Zajc and his fellow scientists are searching.

Physicists believe that much will be learned about the origin of the universe and of the centers of stars, if the liquid matter can be created. Although it cannot be proven, some, like Dr. John Harris, a Yale physicist working at RHIC, suggest that last Monday's test may have already produced small amounts of the plasma. But until the accelerator is started again in the spring, scientists will have to settle for an enormous amount of circumstantial evidence strongly in favor of the existence of quark-gluon plasma.

In the final analysis, "the data clearly demonstrates that RHIC produces a higher energy density than previous accelerators," said Dr.



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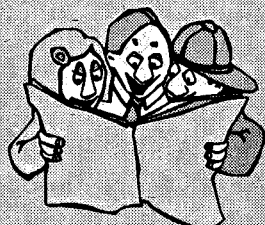
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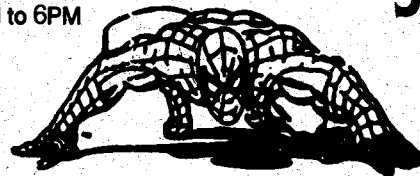


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Bush a Divider, Not a Uniter¹⁷

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across cantankerous partisan lines. As The New York Times noted in a recent editorial opposing the Ashcroft nomination, "we cannot endorse Mr. Ashcroft as an appropriate candidate to lead a department charged with providing justice for all Americans." Unfortunately, it seems the Senate has not come to the same conclusion.

Bush can't seem to avoid controversy even when the issue has substantial bipartisan support. On Tuesday, Bush unveiled his comprehensive education package. To be fair, the plan does include several positive, bipartisan measures: expanded federal aid to local school districts, more early reading programs, and increased focus on standardized testing in mathematics, science, social studies, and reading. However, the Bush education plan also calls for federally funded vouchers, which would give parents money to take their children out of public schools and place them in private institutions.

While it is necessary to hold schools accountable for student success or failure, this policy of

draining money from the nation's public schools would erode their effectiveness and reduce American confidence in them.

What Bush has thus far failed to realize is that his election victory was nowhere near a mandate for his own agenda, as he lost the popular vote. The American people in effect stated that more of them preferred Al Gore's vision than Bush's, and were it not for the the Supreme Court's utter audacity in literally selecting Bush to become President, we would have had Gore's vision. The nation as a whole will be better off once Bush becomes more amenable to the will of the people, for it is our Constitution he has sworn to preserve, protect, and defend, not his own.

Luckily, we are only six days into the administration, and there is plenty of time for Bush to improve. A highly religious man, Bush no doubt believes that God rested on the seventh day after creating the world in six. Our Commander-in-Chief would do himself a favor by doing the same, to take stock of a flammable situation which he cannot allow to catch fire, lest he himself get burned in the process.

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One Professor's Work in Madagascar

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meters. Wright said that when she is not teaching her primate conservation class during the spring semester, she is teaching study abroad classes in the park during the fall..

But lemurs are not the only creatures who have benefited from the creation of Ranomafana Park. According to Wright, it has also helped the people in the area with the building of schools and health clinics. It has also provided help with agriculture, bee keeping and fish cultivation, which make up the livelihoods of the residents in addition to employing 100 locals who run the park and conduct research of the wildlife.

As the popularity of ecotourism continues to rise, Ranomafana has recently become a tourist attraction. "In 1991 when the park was inaugurated there were no tourists," Wright said. "Ten years later more than 12,000 tourists come to Ranomafana each year." Wright explained that each visitor pays \$10 to see the park, half of which goes back to the villages to circulate within their economies. "That is \$60,000 a year that goes directly back to the people," she said, pointing out that the average Malagasy earns \$300 a year. "Tourism and the park make a big difference to their daily lives," said Wright. Helping the lemurs, the environment and the people of Madagascar is not the end for Wright who visits the park from two to six times a year. "We are also helping make Ranomafana a world heritage site," she said.

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The Haplemur aureus (pictured above) was discovered in 1986 and the Haplemur simus (pictured at left) was found at the same time, both by Patricia Wright and her colleagues. The simus species was believed to be extinct by conservationists. Both lemurs now live in the protected habitat of Ranomafana National Park in Madagascar, the country's fourth national park.

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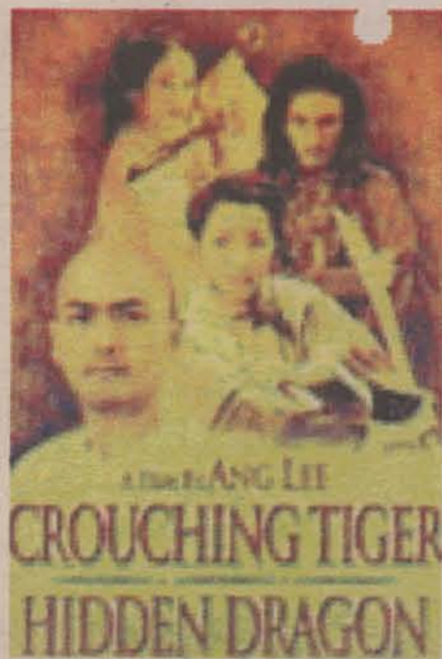
Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon Captivates Audiences

By TINA CHADHA
Statesman Editor

The must-see film this winter, guaranteed to captivate all audiences whether their tastes range from action and adventure to female empowerment to timeless love stories, is *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*.

The martial arts fairy tale first debuted in America in limited theaters but growing popularity prompted Sony Pictures to expand the film to over 1000 screens. This is an impressive start, especially in US theaters where foreign films often have a tough time at the box office.

Set in ancient China, the movie begins with Li Mu Bai, played by Chow Yun-Fat, a legendary warrior who has decided to retire from the field of fighting and give his sword, the Green Destiny, into safe hands in Beijing. He asks his friend and love interest Yu Shu Lien, played by Michelle Yeoh, to deliver it to his friend, but right after she does, the Green Destiny is stolen. The main plot of the movie is finding the sword, which leads to many graceful and mind-



blowing fight scenes. It also opens the door for new characters and sub plots that are all somehow connected to finding the sword. Even if you are not a martial arts fan and frown at the thought of watching long and predictable fights, the aero dynamics and elegant fighting scenes in CTHD are amazing.

The sword fights were coordinated by Yuen Woo-Ping, the fighting genius behind the movie *Matrix*. Woo-Ping used the same "wire-work" technique as in the *Matrix* to make the enlightened warriors walk on water, jump through trees and fly.

These fighting scenes, however are not new to loyal kung fu fans. They are based on an old genre in Chinese film and literature called "Wuxia." The Wuxia were warriors who lived during the time of Confucius, and who are fabled to have had magical abilities that allowed them to walk on walls with superhuman speed and reflexes.

A major difference between these traditional martial arts movies and CTHD, besides the million dollar budget, is the strong and fierce female roles. The movie mostly focuses on Jen Yu, played by Zang Ziyi, a governor's daughter who defies the traditional role of women and who hates the fact that she is forced into a marriage by her father and a life where she will be forced to obey another man. She is strong minded, fearless and a gifted fighter, putting the male warriors in this film to shame. Her mentor and role model in the movie and also the villain is another ambitious female character, Jade Fox, played by Li Fa Feng. Jade Fox instills fear in all who stand in her path, both men and women alike. Instead of concentrating on getting married and having children, she spends her time plotting to become the best warrior, a life-



All photos courtesy of CTHD website

Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon was originally only released in selected US theaters. It's popularity prompted Sony to release it at over 1000 theaters nationwide.



style generally pursued by males.

Also bringing variety to the movie is the love story subplots. The first one is between Chow Yun-Fat and Michelle Yeoh who until the end of the movie never outwardly declare their love for each other. The second is between

Zang Ziyi and a Lo, a bandit living in the desert, played by Chang Chen. The two characters love affair is intertwined with the plot and makes for an abstract ending that leaves it up to audiences members to interpret and discuss their version of the movie.