

# New Paltz named 'hottest' school

## Newsweek guide includes college among 25

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NEW PALTZ — Access to the Big Apple, affordable tuition and a funky hometown have landed the State University of New York at New Paltz on the latest "it" list for American colleges.

The school has been named the "Hottest Small State School" in the 2008 issue of the Kaplan/Newsweek "How to

Get Into College Guide."

SUNY New Paltz is one of 25 schools to receive the "Hottest" distinction. The guide will go on sale Monday.

"Applying to college is more competitive than it's ever been," said Kristen Campbell, one of the guide's contributing editors. "We were looking for an opportunity to highlight a group of schools for a different set of reasons that may not be on a tra-

ditional list."

The "25 Hottest Schools in America" list was created using the opinions of admissions experts, alumni and current students and their parents.

### Near Big Apple

SUNY New Paltz's ability give students a small-town atmosphere with access to metropolitan amenities was a big plus, Campbell said.

"Having a great residential environment and great diversity in the student body is really attractive, and the fact that it's also really close to New York City gives students an outlet to socialize and expand their social horizons."

For the school, a national ranking means more national and international attention and interest, said David Eaton, vice president for enrollment management.

"It's great to get on any list, and this one is particularly pos-

itive because of the way they make their assessment by talking to students, guidance counselors and looking at the national trends," he said.

The SUNY New Paltz community includes 6,000 undergraduate students and 2,000 graduate students. Tuition, room and fees is about \$16,000 for an in-state applicant and \$26,000 for out-of-state students.

Other "Hottest" winners in New York include:

■ Cooper Union for the

Advancement of Science and Art, "Hottest for Free Tuition," New York City.

■ Cornell University, "Hottest Ivy," Ithaca.

■ Eastman School of Music, "Hottest Music School," Rochester.

■ Fordham University, "Hottest Catholic School," Bronx.

■ Queens College, "Hottest for First-Generation Students," Queens.

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