

Parents: Interns help with childcare

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all families," Saks said. "The common link is that nobody is born knowing how to be a good parent. Birth to Three is like an extended family."

Through the years, the group has maintained its link to the University.

According to Robin Van Winkle, Birth to Three volunteer coordinator, the organization currently has 13 practicum students in University departments ranging from education to psychology. She also noted that the orga-

nization uses about 20 volunteers from the University's greek system.

Van Winkle said students help assist with the parent groups as well as children's programs by playing with children and modeling good-behavior management strategies.

University education major Patience Gottlieb is an intern who assists with childcare at the facility.

"We're role models," Gottlieb said, "and parents observe how we interact with the children."

Gottlieb also stressed the importance of the training parents receive through Birth to Three.

"I think that parent education is very important," she said. "I think every parent in the country should have some child-development education so they can react reasonably to how their children act."

The celebration of the new facility will kick off tonight at 5 at 86 Centennial Loop. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

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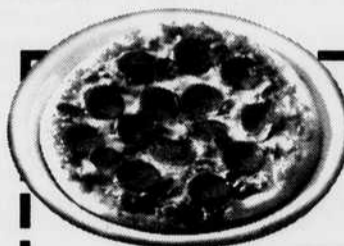
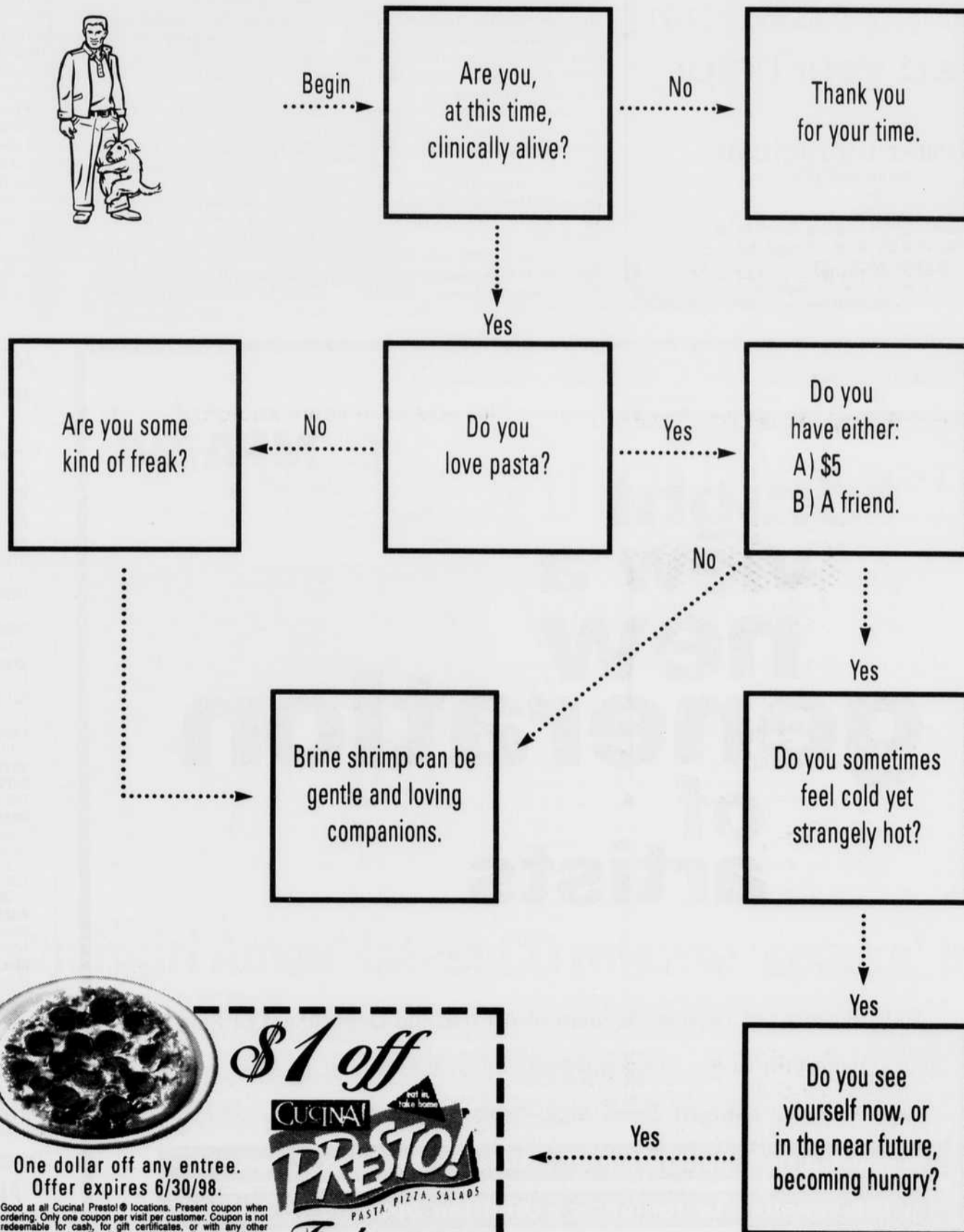
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