

## **THE HISTORY OF STONY BROOK PROJECT**

Beginning in the fall of 1995, run a series of publicized roundtable discussions, symposia and possibly lectures as part of the History of Stony Brook Project. Persons invited will be those who participated in different ways in the leadership of the building of the University, e. g. John F. Lee, Tom Irvine, John Toll, Edmund Pellegrino, Ernest Boyer, Paul Villeitte, Clifford Wharton, Norman Hurd, Mrs. Elizabeth Moore, Donald Blinken, Hugh Carey, Leon Giuffreda, Kenneth LaValle. The aim would be to talk about their sense of Stony Brook and how they saw the University at their time fit into the previous and subsequent developments surrounding the University. It would represent those who were associated with the University until the middle or later '70's; and preferably those who had connections with its development in mid to later '60's and early '70's. Each of these discussions would be taped and also would be connected to discussions with an audience of interested participants.

Here are some of the questions we should focus on:

1. Perhaps as many as six sessions, two per month, from September to November could be sponsored by the Project.
2. Should there be a specific group of persons on an ongoing basis associated with these lectures? And if so, who should they be? This raises the question in turn whether the History Project should entail a specific group of persons associated with it and what their role and function would be.

3. Would not public lectures given by some of these participants be desirable?  
What themes would be more appropriate for a larger public audience?
4. How should these be advertised and communicated? How many persons should be involved if we have from four to six such sessions in the fall?
5. It would appear appropriate in most cases to involve these key persons for a relatively full day of symposia, discussions and meeting with others.
6. All of these transactions would become an integral part of the University Archives and particularly the History Project.
7. Perhaps we might organize over this next year speakers and participants in the following groups:
  - Former Presidents, such as Lee and Toll; former major senior administrators, such as Pellegrino, Glass, Irvine; and former Chancellors, such as Boyer and Wharton.
  - Governors, such as Carey; major Trustees, such as Moore and Blinken; and key members of the Executive branch, such as Villeitte and Hurd; and State Legislators, such as Giuffreda and LaValle.

Essentially, it would be desirable if we had the opportunity to hear from representatives of these two groups: those associated with the interior development and workings of the University, and those who were involved in the

political and fiscal decisions and policies that affected the course of Stony Brook's development.

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