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STONY BROOK FACULTY CONDUCT CONFERENCE ON EFFECTIVE TEACHING

STONY BROOK, N.Y. --- Six faculty members at the State University of New York at Stony Brook participated in a Danforth Foundation conference on "Effective Teaching" in November.

Donald and Joan were the conference chairpersons. He is a professor of English and she is assistant to the dean of Stony Brook's Graduate School. They arranged the Nov. 11-14 conference for the New Jersey-New York Region of Danforth Associates at New Paltz, N.Y.

Danforth Associates are faculty couples selected for excellence in teaching and student-faculty relations.

Also participating from Stony Brook were four faculty members who served as conference leaders: Dr. Elof Axel Carlson, distinguished professor of biochemistry, whose lecture was entitled "The Art of Teaching"; Dr. B. Homer/Goldberg, professor of English, whose topic was "Teaching by Discussion"; Dr. Patrick J. Hill, ~~associate professor in philosophy~~ and Dr. C. Lee Miller, associate professor in philosophy, who together outlined Stony Brook's pioneer Federated Learning Communities program.

Richard Dyer-Bennett, an associate professor in Stony Brook's Department of Theatre Arts, performed as "The 20th Century Minstrel" excerpts from Robert Fitzgerald's translation of Homer's Odyssey.

In a closing panel on "Improving Other People's Teaching," Dr. Carlson was joined by Professor James Redfield of the University of Chicago

and Professor Florence Howe of the State University College at Old Westbury.

Dr. Donald Fry said, "The Danforth Associates are teachers chosen for their excellence in teaching, but they are more. They ~~are~~ are enthusiasts about teaching. This November 'retreat' was aimed at both the theory of education as well as the nuts and bolts of classroom instruction. Stony Brook can be proud that so many of its faculty are recognized widely as excellent teachers."

Also Danforth Associates at Stony Brook are ~~Dr.~~ Dr. A. A. Strassenburg, professor of physics, and Dr. Joseph ~~Katz~~ Katz, who is director of Stony Brook's Research Group of Human Development and Educational Policy.

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Nov. 23, 1982

EDITORS: For local angles, Donald and Joan Fry, Elof Carlson and Homer Goldberg live in Setauket, Lee Miller lives in Port Jefferson, Joseph ~~Katz~~ Katz lives in Stony Brook, Patrick Hill lives in St. James and Richard Dyer-Bennett lives in Great Barrington, Mass.