

## CAMPUS BRIEFS

### Philosophical Music

Two special programs, in cooperation with the Department of Philosophy, — have been planned for coming weeks by the Department of Music at Stony Brook. Both are open to the public without charge. On Wednesday, April 30 at 4:30 PM in Room 2322 of the Fine Arts Center, the Departments of Music and Philosophy are sponsoring a colloquium by Ernest McClain, Associate Professor of Music at Brooklyn College, City University of New York. His topic is "Musical Theory in Plato's Republic." On Friday, May 2 at 4:30 PM in the Recital Hall of the Fine Arts Center, in a second program sponsored by the Departments of Music and Philosophy, Paul Thom, harpsichordist and Professor of Philosophy at the Australian National University, will present a lecture-recital on 18th century philosophies and musical thinking. Inquiries may be directed to James McCalla, Assistant Professor of Music at Stony Brook, Chairman of the Colloquium Committee. His phone number is 246-5680.

### Three Faculty Awarded

Three members of the Stony Brook faculty are among the 276 scholars, scientists and artists selected for John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation 1980 Fellowship Awards. They and their subjects are: Dr. William R. Bauer, Professor of Microbiology, "Studies in Human Tumor Cell Biology"; Dr. Ronald G. Douglas, Professor of Mathematics, "Index Theorems and Operator Theory," and Dr. Michael H. Schwartz, Associate Professor of Sociology,

"The Power Structure of American Business." The 1980 award recipients were chosen from among 3,066 applicants in the foundation's 56th annual competition.

### Lecture About Stars

Prof. Michael Simon, a member of the Astronomy Group of the Earth and Space Sciences (ESS) Department at Stony Brook, will give a lecture titled "The Birth of Stars" Friday, May 9 at 8 PM in Room 001 of the ESS Building. Simon, whose recent research includes infrared and radio studies of regions of star formations, will discuss evidence that star formation is an ongoing process in the galaxy and will describe the observational methods used by astronomers to study the birth of stars. The lecture, part of the Open Night in Astronomy series, is open to the public without charge. If weather permits, it will be followed by a viewing of Jupiter, Mars and Saturn through the University telescopes.

### LI Summer

"Summer on Long Island; or How to Stay at Home on Long Island and Enjoy an Inexpensive Vacation," is the title of a six-session Informal Studies course which will begin Thursday, May 1 at Stony Brook. The course will alternate Thursday evening classroom meetings with Saturday field trips.

Topics to be covered in the evening classes include beaches, salt marshes, pine barrens, ponds and rivers. Field trips will include a river canoe trip, a hike through the Pine Barrens and a visit to Sunken Forest on Fire Island.

Instructors will be from the staff at the Environmental Centers of Setauket-Smithtown, in cooperation with the Museum of Long Island Natural Science and the Center for Continuing Education at Stony Brook. Inquiries may be directed to the Informal Studies Program, Center for Continuing Education. The phone number is 246-6559.

### Solar Energy Program

The Stony Brook chapter of the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) and Environmental Action (ENACT) will be sponsoring Sun Day, a program devoted to solar energy alternatives, today and tomorrow between 10 AM and 4 PM in room 231 of the Stony Brook Union. The program will include a series of films and lectures to educate the public about the viability of solar energy.

Some of the topics to be discussed by representatives of government, industry, academia and community will include: "U.S. Government Policy Towards the Solar Alternative," "Passive Solar Design" and "Electric Vehicles, a Supplementary Means of Transportation."

Sun Day began three years ago when representatives from government, industry, and environmental and consumer groups joined together on an international scale to hold this celebration of solar energy. Their goal was to educate the public about an energy source that they felt could serve as an alternative to fossil fuels. According to Stony Brook Sun Day organizer Jim Leotta, "These programs are just the beginning; much more is needed to realize our goal of a solar future."

### Cooking Fee To Increase

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