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CAMPUS PUBLIC SAFETY SPECIALIST TO HEAD DEPARTMENT AT STONY BROOK

STONY BROOK, N.Y.--A campus public safety specialist who has held key positions at two universities and a hospital has been appointed director of public safety at the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

The new director is Gary B. Barnes, 40, from Bay Village near Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Barnes will be responsible for all public safety and security operations at Stony Brook, including the University's 90-officer Department of Public Safety.

Since 1979, he has been director of security and safety of the 400-bed Huron Road Hospital, a private hospital with 2,000 employees in East Cleveland. He previously served as assistant director of police and security at Cleveland State University, from 1977 to 1979, and in two top police/security positions at Kent State University from 1970 to 1977.

Mr. Barnes is a 1969 graduate of Kent State with a B.A. degree in law-enforcement. Before and immediately after graduating, he served for about two years as a police officer in the City of Kent, the first college or university graduate on that police force. As a young, university-oriented officer, he drew frequent assignments related to the Kent State campus. He left the Kent Police Department in July, 1969, before the tragic Kent State shootings in May, 1970, to become sergeant of police in the nearby Chesterland, Ohio, Police Department, then returned to assume Kent State police responsibilities in September, 1970.

"Stony Brook represents one of the best opportunities in the country for a campus public safety director," Mr. Barnes said, discussing his appointment. "The campus already has achieved a crime rate considerably below the average for Suffolk County. Unlike the typical non-campus municipality, it's a place where most of the residents-the

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students-are at home most of the time. They aren't leaving to go to work or whatever. Consequently, there's great potential here for achieving the kind of community awareness that can keep crime to a real minimum. It's possible to implement the newer pro-active, rather than re-active, approaches to law enforcement, with officers working to prevent crime rather than to solve it after the fact. That's where the Public Safety Department at Stony Brook has been heading and where I hope we'll continue to head, constantly emphasizing the special public service role of campus public safety officers, serving members of the special academic community of which we're a part."

Mr. Barnes has completed course work for a M.A. degree in criminal justice, which he expects to receive at Kent State this fall. He also has completed continuing education seminars and training programs in law enforcement, crime prevention, civil emergency management, labor management, traffic, and management and organizational development.

Mr. Barnes began his seven years of police work at Kent State as projects director of the university's Center for State and Local Government, administering criminal justice projects and conferences, from 1970 to 1974. He then became director of training, planning and research for the Kent State Campus Police Department and director of the department's police training academy, where he was responsible for the training of more than 5,000 police officers, working with about 130 different police agencies.

Mr. Barnes succeeds Hugh J. B. Cassidy, who has served as interim director of public safety at Stony Brook the past six months.

Mr. Cassidy, a Stony Brook resident who is a retired New York City police inspector, will continue to be associated with the University as a criminal justice/community consultant.

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