



**December 5, 2005**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** University Senate  
**FROM:** Shirley Strum Kenny, President  
**SUBJECT:** Campus Report

**1. Faculty/Staff Campaign**

The Faculty/Staff Campaign, "It's About Us," for 2005/2006 is under way. Last year, more than 1,900 faculty and staff gave in excess of \$900,000 to support the University, and we expect to exceed that total this year. To date, 927 individual contributions have been received to a total of more than \$420,000.

The Campaign website, <http://www.stonybrook.edu/sb/itsaboutus/>, provides an annotated list of funding opportunities including scholarship, fellowship, and departmental programs. Contributions may be made by cash, check, credit card, or payroll deduction.

The Campaign Co-Chairs are :

- Gerald E. Brown, Distinguished Professor, Physics and Astronomy
- Patricia Gilbert, Director of Human Resources for Nursing, Stony Brook University Hospital
- Karol Kain Gray, Executive Director, the Stony Brook Foundation, Inc.; Associate Vice President for Administration/Finance
- Craig Lehmann, Dean, School of Health Technology and Management, Health Sciences Center
- Michael L. McClain, Associate Director of Stony Brook University Hospital
- Fred Sganga, Executive Director of the Long Island State Veterans Home
- Yacov A. Shamash, Vice President for Economic Development; Dean, Engineering and Applied Sciences
- Peter Vicciellio, Clinical Professor and Vice Chairman of the Department of Emergency Medicine, School of Medicine

The Co-chairs will designate departmental leaders; for the name of your departmental leader or for further information, please call 2-4490 or 4-2899.

**2. Faculty Recruitment**

University records show an increase of 72 faculty members to a total of 1,962 since November 2004.

Of these, 13 are tenure-track hires and 59 off track; 34 are on West Campus and 38 in the Health Sciences Center .

In the Provostial area, there are 9 more tenure track faculty: 3 in the College of Arts and Sciences, 1 in Business, 2 in the Physical Education Program, and 5 in Marine Sciences. The College of Engineering and Applied Sciences has 2 fewer faculty members than at this time last year.

### **3. William and Jane Knapp Endowed Chair in Pharmacological Sciences**

The inaugural lecture for Stony Brook University 's William and Jane Knapp Endowed Chair in Pharmacological Sciences at the School of Medicine was given by its incumbent, Dr. Jeffrey Pessin, on Monday, November 28 in the University Health Sciences Center .

Dr. Pessin is Chair of the Department of Pharmacological Sciences and a nationally recognized leader in diabetes research. His address was entitled, “Diabetes, Obesity, and Cancer: The Human Condition in a Drop of Blood,” and focused on the cellular and physiologic development of these diseases, and potential early diagnostic strategies.

Bill and Jane Knapp are 1978 graduates of Stony Brook University . Bill is a member of the Stony Brook Foundation Board, and Jane is the former president of the Stony Brook Alumni Association.

### **4. National Medal of Science**

Dr. Dennis Sullivan, Professor of Mathematics, has been named a recipient of the National Medal of Science.

Dr. Sullivan received his Ph.D. in Mathematics from Princeton in 1965. He has been a Stony Brook faculty member since 1995, and also serves on the faculty of the CUNY Graduate Center . He previously served at Princeton, MIT, the Institut des Hautes Études Scientifiques in France , and Queens College . In 1994, he was awarded the King Faisal International Prize for Science for his research in mathematics.

I congratulate Dr. Sullivan on receiving this prestigious award.

### **5. Veterans Home Funding**

The Long Island State Veterans Home has secured \$2.2 million in New York State funding for construction and technology improvements at the Home over three years.

The announcement was made during the Home's traditional Veterans Day ceremony, during which a check for more than \$1 million was presented. State Senators John Flanagan and Michael Balboni, who sponsored the legislation, were present at the ceremony.

The funds will be used to modernize the Home's information technology system, including its Electronic Medical Record (EMR) and pharmacy tracking systems, to provide residents with digital cable service, and to upgrade the overall communications within the facility.

## **6. Athletics Championships and Kornhauser Scholarship**

Stony Brook teams have won two historic victories.

On November 12, our Football team recorded a 23-21 victory over Central Connecticut State, sharing the Northeast Conference Championship with CCSU and winning the first NEC championship in school history. The same day, our Men's Soccer team won our first America East Men's Soccer Championship beating Binghamton 4-2 in penalty kicks. The game was recorded as a 1-1 draw.

Football coach Sam Kornhauser retires at the end of this season after 22 years of service. A "Coach Sam Kornhauser Scholarship Endowment" will be established in his honor and be awarded annually to a football player. An initial goal for the endowment has been set at \$200,000, and alumni Stuart Sharoff '81 and Dan Jones '91 have made leading gifts. Coach Kornhauser was named 2005 NEC Coach of the Year, in a vote conducted by the league's head coaches.

## **7. December Graduation**

The mid-year commencement ceremony will be held on Sunday, December 18 at 1 p.m. in the Main Arena of the Sports Complex. More than 700 students will be individually presented for graduation. I urge the attendance of as many faculty members as possible.

Academic dress for the ceremony may be obtained by arrangement with the University Bookstore. Participants should assemble in the Pritchard Gym at 12:15 p.m. for the academic procession.

For further details, please contact the Office of Conferences and Special Events at 2-6320.

## **8. Winter Holidays**

I wish all University faculty and staff, and their families, a very happy and peaceful holiday season.

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