

Campus Announcements for the week of 12/18/2006

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01. Administrative (dept moves/closes, employee info, Admin announcements)

1. REMINDER: International Travel Policy

As the semester begins, this is a reminder for the University community regarding the International Travel Policy (ITP).

1. All students who travel abroad on University programs are required to complete all ITP forms;
2. Faculty traveling abroad with students on University programs are required to complete the two-page itinerary form;
3. Faculty or staff traveling abroad on University business are strongly advised to complete all of the forms as well.
4. Permission for travel is required ONLY for countries on the State Department Travel Warning list at <http://travel.state.gov/travel/warnings.html>.

Forms can be found on the International Academic Programs (IAP) website at www.stonybrook.edu/iap (at the bottom of the home page).

All completed forms, questions, e-mails, or comments regarding the ITP should be sent to Jennifer Schlitz, E5320 Melville Library, Z=3390 or Jennifer.Schlitz@stonybrook.edu.

Please keep copies of all forms for your own records before you submit them to this office

<http://www.stonybrook.edu/iap>

Submitted by: Jennifer Schlitz/Prov

2. Are you using Blackboard for Winter 2007 session? Students will not have access until you make your course available

Winter 2007 session starts January 2nd.

If you are using Blackboard for your course, remember that you need to make your course available for your students.

Here's how!

1. Log into Blackboard with your Net ID Username & Password.

2. Under My Courses, you will see your courses. If your courses are unavailable it will say so next to the course.

3. Click on the course that you would like to make available and go to the Control Panel, choose: Settings in the Course Options Area.

Then choose: Course Availability and choose Yes to make your course available.

Questions/Problems ?

Contact the Blackboard support team at: bboard@notes.cc.sunysb.edu or visit:

<http://www.ic.stonybrook.edu/blackboard/faculty.shtml>

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Submitted by: Blackboard Support Team

3. Lotus Notes users(PC not MAC)- the Out of Office Reply may not work unless you have the latest release (7.0.2).

Click here to find out more <http://clientsupport.stonybrook.edu/public/notes/howto/ooo.shtml>

Submitted by: Kim Rant/DoIT

4. Time to renew library material

Faculty, Management Confidential and Professional staff who currently have borrowed library material from the Main, Music and Science/Engineering Library, with a due date of Dec. 22, 2006 are urged to renew at this time. The new due date, after properly renewing, will be May 15, 2007.

For information on how to renew via STARS/OPAC, please go to the URL.

Use your NetID and NetID password to log in to your account.

To renew in person, please present your ID card to service desk staff. It is not necessary to bring the material into the library in order to have them renewed. There are no phone renewals. Thank you.

<http://www.stonybrook.edu/library/services/circulation/borrowing.html#renew>

Submitted by: David Weiner/Lib

5. Life Sciences Stockroom will close at 1:00 PM on Wed., Dec. 20th, 2006.

The Life Sciences Stockroom will be closing at 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday, December 20th, 2006. The stockroom will re-open on Thursday, December 21st, 2006. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact Linda Millet at extension 2-0820.

Submitted by: Linda Millet/Admin

6. Spring 2007 Courses will not be available in Blackboard until December 29th, 2006

We will be upgrading our Blackboard system to version 7.1 the week of December 26th and it may not be available December 26th-28th.

Spring 2007 Blackboard course sites will not be created until December 29th, 2006

<https://blackboard.stonybrook.edu>

Submitted by: Blackboard Support Team

02. Hosp/HSC Admin Announcements

1. Option Transfer Period Deadline for state employees participating in the health insurance program has been extended to December 29, 2006.

The New York State Health Insurance Program has approved the 2007 health insurance premiums. As a result, state employees enrolled in the N.Y.S. Health Insurance Program have until December 29, 2006 to change their health insurance option (from the Empire Plan to an HMO or from an HMO to the Empire Plan). Also, employees who were not able to cancel their coverage during the year or change to individual during the year due to the pre-tax contribution rules, have until December 29, 2006 to change to individual coverage or cancel coverage without a qualifying event. To make a change to your health insurance you need to complete a NYS Health Insurance Transaction Form, which may be downloaded from the benefits portion of the hospital's website, (click on employment/benefits information/health insurance).

<http://www.stonybrookmedicalcenter.org>

Submitted by: Cassandra Moore/UHMC

04. Conferences/Seminars/Lectures

1. Ecology and Evolution Seminar

Please note time, day and place. 11:00 A.M., Monday, December 18, 2006, Health Sciences Center, 8th Floor, Room 025. "Ecological Knowledge and Tools for Marine Reserve Design", Dr. Heather Leslie, Department of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology & the Princeton Environmental Institute, Princeton University. Host: Dr. Lev Ginzburg. Dr. Leslie is a candidate for our Ecology position. If you need a disability-related accommodation, please call: The Department of Ecology and Evolution at (631) 632-8600.

Submitted by: Donna Digiovanni/CAS

2. A Step-by-Step Guide to Relieving Neck & Back Pain

GCRC SEMINAR SERIES

Gerald M. Silverman, D.C., D.A.C.S., Private Practitioner, Author: Your Miraculous Back. New Harbinger Publications, 2006.

Physical, Ergonomic and Psychosocial Factors in the Transition to Chronic Low Back Pain
Friday, January 19, 2007 at 4:00 pm, HSC T-16 Room 025

Submitted by: Danielle Hill/UHMC

05. Hosp/HSC Conferences/Seminars/Lectures

1. Cold Spring Harbor Protocols Trial until January 15, 2007

Cold Spring Harbor Protocols is a definitive, interactive source of new and classic research techniques. The database is fully searchable by keyword and subject, and it has many novel features such as discussion forums and personal folders made possible by online publication. Its coverage includes cell and molecular biology, genetics, bioinformatics, protein science, and imaging. Protocols are presented step-by-step and edited in the style that has made Molecular Cloning, Antibodies, Cells and many other CSH manuals essential to the work of scientists worldwide. Protocols will be continuously expanded, updated, and annotated by the originators and users of the techniques. Cold Spring Harbor Protocols can be accessed directly from the Databases list of the Health Sciences Library Website. Please feel free to offer feedback at any time so that we can evaluate the usefulness of this product to Julitta Jo, Associate Director for Collection Development, or call her at 444-3688.

<http://www.hsclib.sunysb.edu/>

Submitted by: Julitta Jo/HSC

06. Charitable (Habitat, Blood drives, Cats, etc...)

1. A puppy for Christmas? A kitty for Christmas?

Why choose if you don't have to? The SBU Cat Network is currently fostering homeless kitties that were rescued on campus and that seem to believe they're puppies. They have a better sense of humor than most of the relatives you'll be spending the holidays with. If you're interested in supporting our effort by giving one of these little ones a loving home, contact Nancy Franklin (nancy.franklin@sunysb.edu). They've all been tested, vaccinated, spayed/neutered, and given preventive flea and worm treatment.

<http://www.sinc.sunysb.edu/clubs/sbucat/index.php>

Submitted by: Nancy Franklin/CAS

2. Holiday Gift Program

For almost 20 years, through the generosity of University/Hospital employees and students, we have been able to provide Holiday gifts to children and their families who live near or below the poverty level in Suffolk County. You can help by purchasing a new toy(s) for children in the 1 to 12 year old range. You decide what to buy: gender, price, qty., etc. You can drop off the unwrapped items at the following location, times and dates: Social Behavioral Science Building Main Lobby (12/12 and 12/21) 11 AM - 2 PM.

Submitted by: Maryann Bell/CAS

07. Entertainment (Sports, Movies, Events, etc...)

1. 4th Annual Sweet Dreams Chocolate Event to benefit the Cody Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities

Please join us on Monday, January 29, 2007 for the 4th Annual Sweet Dreams chocolate event to benefit the Cody Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities at Stony Brook University, a division of the Department of Pediatrics at Stony Brook University Medical Center. This evening of chocolate indulgence, at Watermill Caterers in Smithtown, is tailor made for chocolate lovers. Purchase VIP reception tickets at \$125 or tickets to the Main Chocolate event at \$100. Many sponsorship opportunities are available by calling 631 444.2899. Reserve early-last year's event was a sell-out! Tickets make a great holiday gift!

Submitted by: Nancy Leiken/UHMC

2. CSEA Local 614 Members

Members of CSEA Local 614 are invited to attend a Holiday Gathering being held at the Student Activities Center, Ballroom A from 11:00am 1:30pm on December 18, 2006. Refreshments will be served.

Submitted by: Louise Melious/Admin

3. University Cafe Acoustic Series to feature Garland Jeffreys and Ellis Paul in January

The Sunday Acoustic Series at The University Cafe has announced two shows scheduled for January, 2007.

On January 14th, Garland Jeffreys will perform at the Cafe. A veteran of the New York music scene since his 1970's release of "Wild in The Streets," Jeffreys will re-visit his extensive catalogue of songs that captured the New York airwaves in the 70's and 80's, in addition to presenting new songs and his interpretations of songs by Bob Dylan and others.

On Sunday, January 21st, Ellis Paul, who stands at the top of the singer-songwriter genre these days, will return to the Cafe. His new 2 CD release, Essentials, showcases a career that has brought him national acclaim. Antje Duvekot will open for Ellis.

Both shows are at 2 P.M. Admission is \$25.00 with a \$20.00 admission for Stony Brook students, faculty and staff.

Reservations by e mail to SundayStreetWUSB@aol.com

Submitted by: Charles Backfish/CAS

08. For-Pay Workshops/Courses (SPD, etc...)

1. Defensive Driving Program Offered for UUP employees and their immediate family members.

A NYSUT sponsored Defensive Driving program is being offered on Saturday, January 13, 2007 from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM in the Wang Center Room 201, for all UUP employees and their immediate family members.

Cost is \$25 per person. Checks should be made payable to "NYSUT Benefit Trust" and delivered to the UUP office, 104 Old Chemistry, Z=3475. Office hours are Monday thru Friday, 9 am to 3 pm. Receipt of your check reserves your place in class.

Participants are usually entitled to a 10% discount on their automotive insurance. Check with your provider. The certificate is good for three years of savings!

Contact Corinne Burns at Ext. 26570 or cmburns@notes.cc.sunysb.edu for more information.

Submitted by: Corinne Burns/Affl

2. Stress Management Workshop

The Division of Wellness and Chronic Illness in the Department of Preventive Medicine Services at University Hospital Medical Center will be presenting a series of six workshops on stress management.

These workshops focus on meditation as a core experience for stress management. The group is introduced to several forms of meditation including breathing techniques, the stress relaxation response, mindfulness meditation, walking meditations, heart-centered meditations and others. Other aspects of stress management discussed are sound nutrition, movement, sleep practices, time management and prioritization, awareness of thought patterns and related emotions.

Workshop dates are Wednesday, January 3, 10, 17, 24, February 7, 14, 2007 between 5:30 and 6:45 pm at 33 Research Way, East Setauket, NY.

Lower your stress and register early for this popular workshop since seating is limited to fifteen participants. The fee for the six sessions is \$120.00 payable at first session.

For information and registration, please call 444-9815.

Submitted by: Marion Hollinger/UHMC

09. Research (Studies, Testing, etc...)

1. MRI Pilot Study

Volunteers are needed to participate in a pilot MRI study to investigate the microscopic motion of fluid in the brain. The goal of the study is to collect preliminary data to understand how changes in the mechanical properties of the brain can lead to changes in cerebrospinal fluid build-up in the brain, such as in hydrocephalus. We are seeking healthy individuals who have no contraindications for an MRI. The study will involve 1 hour of your time and be completely non-invasive. No injections will be given. You will not be paid for participating in this study. If interested, please contact Mark Wagshul, PhD at 4-9563, or mwagshul@notes.cc.sunysb.edu.

Submitted by: Mark Wagshul/UHMC

10. Miscellaneous

1. Holiday Sale - December 21

The University Hospital Auxiliary is holding a HOLIDAY SALE on Thursday, December 21 in the vendor area on level 5 by the deli and cafeteria. Featured will be perfume, holiday cards and other holiday surprises! Please visit our table on level 5.

Submitted by: Patricia O'Brien/UHMC