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Social Work Celebrates Centennial

School of Social Welfare Pays Tribute to 100 years of Commitment

By JENNIFER GLASS

The School of Social Welfare celebrated the profession's centennial on March 24th and 25th.

Social work developed in the mid-19th century in response to grievous injustices, poverty, homelessness, child labor and the mistreatment of persons with mental illness. The social work centennial dates from the summer of 1898, with the offering of the first classes in social work. Since then, social workers have led the way in fighting for the recognition of public responsibility for the needy. They are the largest group of mental health services providers and continue to work to enhance human well-being and ensure that the basic needs of the oppressed, marginalized and devalued segments of the population will be met.

During the two day celebration, students heard

speakers on various topics about what "Social Workers Do..." This theme characterizes the many roles that social workers play in many systems within society.

Judi Segall, SUNY at Stony Brook's Ombuds Officer, spoke about her position and how it is a link to social work and an outlet for social change. Richard Adams discussed policy and how social workers can influence policy changes that affect all of society. Dr. Charlie Robbins, Associate Dean of the School of Social Welfare and Director of Social Work at the University at Stony Brook Hospital, spoke about health and social work, and also helped to kick-off the celebration. Dr. Ruth Brandwein discussed the history of social work over the past 100 years, and Dr. Paul Colson discussed the importance of research in social work and how it relates to the many jobs social workers do.

Judi Azzato, the Chairperson for the Suffolk Division of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) spoke about legislative day and the movement to get social workers licensed. Professional Associations like NASW, the National Association of Puerto Rican and Hispanic Social Workers, the Association of Black Social Workers and the National Association of Clinical Social Workers also were present.

The Graduate Student Government of the School of Social Welfare organized the tribute as a way of acknowledging the contributions of a century of experience in "helping real people solve real problems." Executive Board Members Suzanne Velasquez, Colette Reid, Courtney O' Mealley, Janis Katz, Malika Batchie, Lisa Cerami, Megan Roth and Jennifer Glass were instrumental in the success of the two-day event. Also as part of the event, the Graduate Student Government sold t-shirts to benefit the creation of a computer lab for the school of social welfare.

Jennifer Glass is President of the Graduate Student Government of the School of Social Welfare.

Grad Student Appreciation Week: It's About Time!

Have you thanked your Teaching Assistant lately? Have you used the Internet recently and remembered that it was developed, in large part, by graduate student researchers? Have you been to the hospital and recognized that you benefit from the largely unpaid efforts of medical students working, and learning, there everyday?

April 5th through April 12th is National Graduate & Professional Student Appreciation Week (GPSA Week), a celebration sponsored by the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students (NAGPS) and designed to help the nation recognize the contributions of graduate and professional students to universities, the government and our communities.

With more than 2 million people studying for post-baccalaureate degrees in this nation, you wouldn't think that a whole week would be needed to recognize the contributions of these individuals. Not so, says Anthony Rosati, NAGPS Board Secretary and co-founder of the GPSA Week concept.

"Grad students often work behind the scenes, as assistants to professors or researchers, quietly doing much of the work on some of our country's greatest achievements," Rosati says. "Whether it be medical or defense research, teaching up to 40 percent of the undergraduate courses on many campuses, proctoring

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Since its opening on December 6, 1997, Independent Media in Huntington has been quietly waging a revolution in popular culture. A blend of easy-access computer services, art shows, independent music and independent publications, Independent Media has become a unique new Coffee House of the Mind. Founder Jason Brezina has turned a Long Island store front into a techno salon.

Cool art hangs on the walls, the remainder of a recent show. Comfortable couches give patrons a place to sip coffee, check out a variety of magazines for sale and talk about bands scheduled to appear. A wall is filled with CDs for sale (in keeping with the independent concept, CDs offered are by

independently-produced bands only).

A row of seven computer work stations, both PC and Mac, lines one wall, where clients come to write a resume, work on a band flyer or surf the Internet. Independent Media has a direct line to the 'Net, so things that might take 10 minutes to download in typical on-line situations, take split-seconds here. If you don't have an e-mail account, one can be obtained here.

According to Brezina, "Our mission in regard to computers is to demystify them for the public." To that end, Independent Media offers computer classes to people of all ages (Senior Citizens get a 20 percent discount). Independent Media also offers reasonably-

priced private consultation and trouble-shooting, from its three highly-experienced award-winning computer techs. These professionals also design and host web sites for very reasonable fees.

Independent media provides a complete range of graphic and desktop publishing services. Or, for hourly rates, rent the workstations and create your own materials.

Independent Media is located at 370C New York Avenue in Huntington. For more information about the many upcoming classes (one in resume writing is planned for this month), art shows and music events at Independent Media, call 271-7995. Or visit Independent Media's website at www.indiamedia.com

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\$10 Billion Cut in Student Aid Benefit?

Congress Considers, As All-Out Lobbying By Lenders Threatens to Drown Out Student Voices

Responding to an avalanche of well-financed lobbying by institutions that make, market and guarantee student loans, a House subcommittee in March has considered repealing a 1993 decision to lower student interest rates, a reduction scheduled to go into effect this coming July 1.

Faced with government reports documenting skyrocketing student debt rates, the scheduled "interest rate reduction" will save students an estimated \$10 billion over the next 10 years, or an average of \$1,500 to \$8,000 per-borrower.

"This rate reduction will be the single greatest step our country has taken to help student borrowers manage their growing debt burden," said Bryan Hannegan, President of the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students (NAGPS). The 1993 Student Loan Reform Act (SLRA) changes the financial instrument used to calculate student loan interest rates, a change that will have the effect of reducing interest rates on loans made after July 1, 1998, from about eight percent annum to just under seven percent.

The House Education & Workforce

Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education is being pressured by lending lobbyists to scrap the planned cut to interest rates. Some lenders have been threatening campuses that they will stop offering student loans if the interest rate cut goes into effect, causing some panic among campus administrators. At the same time many are using the scare tactics, other lenders are setting up "preferred vendor" relationships with the campuses for the coming year, promising to take care of their students in the event that others stop making student loans because of lower profit margins.

"The lenders' tactics being reported to us by financial aid administrators, students, and the staff and members of Congress, are highly questionable," says Kevin G. Boyer, NAGPS executive director. "The real student loan crisis is rapidly growing student debt, not a fictitious crisis of loan availability. The interest rate reduction may push some less efficient lenders out of the market altogether, but it will also improve market share for those who can efficiently manage their student loan portfolios. That is why lenders are using the situation to their

marketing advantage to set up 'preferred vendor' relationships."

"The second crisis is that student voices will be drowned out by a chorus of Chicken Littles claiming that the federal student loan program will collapse as lenders exit because of insufficient profits," Boyer continues. "Student should ask the same thing being asked by others in higher education: With banks offering 30-year fixed home mortgages for as low as 6.625 percent, why does a federally guaranteed student loan cost as much as 8.25 percent? And why should higher interest rates be maintained for an industry with return on equity as high as 64 percent, where other financial companies routinely make less than 15 percent?"

Students interested in receiving regular updates on the issue can sign up on the NAGPS website at <http://www.nagps.org/NAGPS/> to be placed on the NAGPS Legislative Update List, or can send e-mail to nagps@netcom.com.

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Act Threatens Nonprofits' Right to Advocate

H.R. 3485, the Campaign Reform and Election Integrity Act, which would directly impact nonprofit organizations' ability to advocate for or against - or even educate the public about - federal laws and regulations, passed the House Oversight Committee and is expected to go to the House floor.

The bill, introduced by House Oversight Committee Chair Bill Thomas (R-CA), includes a provision that requires nonprofit organizations to annually ask for consent from their members to use their funds for "political activity." "Political activity" is defined as activities to influence elections, federal legislation, federal regulations, or educating individuals about candidates for federal office or about federal legislation, law, or regulations.

Nonprofits would be required to send an annual notice to their members indicating how much they expect to spend on political activities, as defined above, in the forthcoming year. Members are then able to "vote" if they do not want their dues or contributions to be used for such activities. The amount represented by those voting in the negative would be reduced from the overall amount the nonprofit organization would be allowed to spend. It would be illegal - and enforceable by the Federal Election Commission, not the IRS - to exceed the amount permitted for political activities. For example, if 20 percent of the members of a nonprofit voted against the proposed expenditures, the portion of the budget funded by member payments would have to be cut by 20 percent. Nonprofits would not be allowed to increase their budgets for

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any reason, even to respond to crises.

All nonprofits organized under Section 501 of the tax code are covered by this provision.

501(c)(3) organizations are currently prohibited from electioneering. But the Thomas provision goes beyond electioneering issues to cover positions taken on federal laws and regulations and education about such matters. The tax code has limits on charitable lobbying, but has no limits on participation in the regulatory process. In fact, nonprofits play a vital role in the development of regulatory matters ranging from workplace to environmental protections, from consumer to health safeguards, from civil rights to education, and even regulations concerning nonprofit lobbying. The Thomas provision would directly harm nonprofit participation in public policy development.

The Thomas provision creates unfair administrative burdens on nonprofits while increasing governmental bureaucracy. The language used to define political activity in the Thomas provision is different than the IRS definition of lobbying. This means that charities will need to keep two sets of books, while expending additional resources on tracking their political activities. It also means that both the IRS and the FEC

would now be involved in overseeing the political activities of nonprofit organizations. This is strikingly counterproductive to Congress' recent efforts to streamline government with the intentions of improving service efficiency.

Contact your Representative as soon as possible to express your opposition to the nonprofit anti-advocacy provision in H.R. 3485. It is critical that you promptly register your concern with your Representative.

Although phone calls are the most effective form of communicating with Congress, we have available an electronic means of communication.

You may go to the following web page: <http://test.capweb.net/omb/> and click on <Send a Message to Congress>, a sample letter will be available for you to send to your Representative.

For more information, please contact Stephen Kline at the Alliance for Justice (202-822-6070 or skline@afj.org), Alex Formuzis at Independent Sector (202-416-0547 or alex@indepsec.org) or Patrick Lemmon at OMB Watch (202-234-5108 or lemmonp@ombwatch.org).

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Grad Appreciation Week

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and grading exams, or simply studying for the joy of education, graduate and professional students are the unsung heroes of our nation's academic institutions. Without them, tuition would be higher, research wouldn't be as successful, our society wouldn't solve as many problems and our lives wouldn't be as rich."

Dozens of campuses will honor graduate students with special awards ceremonies, research

competitions, workshops, speakers and rallies. A listing of events is being collected by NAGPS and is available on its website at <http://www.nagps.org/NAGPS/>. Gubernatorial proclamations are also listed on this website. For more information, you can contact NAGPS at 1-888-88-NAGPS or via e-mail at nagps@netcom.com.

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DIVERSITY OF CULTURES: FOCUS ON THE ARTS

April, 1998

Wednesday, April 1 – Thursday, April 30

Toscanini College, Main Floor
 "The Celebration of Cultures." Bulletin board display. Sponsors: Toscanini College, Leg., and Residential Programs.

Sunday, April 5

8:00 p.m. - Ammann College Main Lounge
 "Ammann College's Coffeehouse." Listen to poetry, songs, and music.
 Sponsors: Ammann College, Leg., Mendelsohn Quad Council, and Residential Programs.

Monday, April 6

9:00 p.m. - Ammann College Main Lounge
 "Wheel of Fortune: Focus on the Arts." What happens when Pat Sajak meets the Mona Lisa? Sponsors: Ammann College, Leg., Mendelsohn Quad Council, and Residential Programs.

9:00 p.m. - Stimson College Main Lounge
 "Mysteries of India." Traditional dance performed by "Jewels of India" and a demonstration of "Mendhi." Sponsors: Stimson College, Leg., Club India, and Residential Programs.

Tuesday, April 7 - Friday, April 17

12:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Student Union Art Gallery
 "Student Group Show." Senior student art exhibit. Sponsors: Student Union Art Gallery and Student Activities Center.

Tuesday, April 7

8:00 p.m. - Keller College Main Lounge
 "Have an Egg-cellent Easter." Decorate Easter eggs. Sponsors: Keller College, Leg., and Residential Programs.

9:00 p.m. - Dewey College 1st Floor Center Hall Lounge
 "I Didn't Know You Had One There!" Tattoo and body piercing contest.
 Sponsors: Dewey College, Diversity Peer Educators, and Residential Programs.

9:30 p.m. - Ammann College Main Lounge
 "History of the Blues." Band will perform. Sponsors: Ammann College, Leg., Stony Brook Gospel Choir, and Residential Programs.

9:30 p.m. - Stimson College Main Lounge
 "Spread This." Discussions on controversial French paintings (L'origine du Monde) and the freedom of artistic expression. Sponsors: Stimson College, Leg., Sigma Beta Honor Society, and Residential Programs.

11:00 p.m. - Keller College Game Room
 "Decades of Film -- Academy Award Winning Pictures." "The Sound of Music" will be shown and a discussion will follow. Sponsors: Keller College and Residential Programs.

Wednesday, April 8

12:40 p.m. - Student Activities Center Auditorium
 Presidential Lecture Series: "A Collar in My Pocket - The Anatomy of Prejudice." Presentation by Jane Elliott. Sponsors: President's Office, Office for Diversity and Affirmative Action, and Center for Innovation and Excellence in Education.

Thursday, April 9

8:30 p.m. - Hendrix College Main Lounge
 "It's An Art Affair." International music, food, and a slide show on artwork.
 Sponsors: Hendrix College, Club India, and Residential Programs.

Friday, April 10

8:00 p.m. - Schick College
 "Schick's Talent Bash." Sponsors: Schick College, Leg., and Residential Programs.

Sunday, April 12

9:00 p.m. - Whitman College Main Lounge
 "Sabor Latino! Latin Flavor!" Learn different Latin dances. Sponsors: Latin American Students Organization, Minority Planning Board, S.A.I.N.T.S., Whitman College, and Residential Programs.

Monday, April 13

9:00 p.m. - O'Neill College Fireside Lounge
 "Anna Christie" Residents perform play by Eugene O'Neill. Sponsors: O'Neill College, RAs, Theater Department, and Residential Programs.

9:30 p.m. - Dewey College Center Hall Lounge
 "Origami - The Art of Paper Folding." Demonstration and history. Sponsors: Dewey College and Residential Programs.

9:30 p.m. - Schick College 1st Lows Lounge
 "Sponge Painting a la Schick." Sponsors: Schick College and Residential Programs.

Tuesday, April 14

4:00 p.m. - Javits 103
 "Audre Lorde: Gender and Race." Video and discussion. Sponsors: Federated Learning Community on Gender and Sexual Diversity and UNITI Cultural Center.

7:00 p.m. - O'Neill College Fireside Lounge
 "Eugene O'Neill Film Night." Two films will be shown followed by discussion. Sponsors: O'Neill College, Leg., and Residential Programs.

8:00 p.m. - Gershwin College Main Lounge
 "Images of Hiroshima." Pictures and artwork from WWII. Sponsors: Gershwin College and Residential Programs.

8:30 p.m. - Schick College Coffeehouse
 "African Arts and Paintings." Presentation. Sponsors: Schick College, Leg., and Residential Programs.

9:00 p.m. - Dewey College Classroom
 "Art Techniques Made Simple." Speaker discusses concepts of basic colors and painting. Sponsors: Dewey College and Residential Programs.

11:00 p.m. - Keller College Game Room
 "Decades of Film -- Academy Award Winning Pictures." "The Godfather" will be shown and a discussion will follow. Sponsors: Keller College and Residential Programs.

Wednesday, April 15

8:00 p.m. - Schick College Main Lounge
 "Clay Mania." Sponsors: Schick College, Leg., and Residential Programs.

9:00 p.m. - Dewey College Classroom
 "A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words." Presentation and discussion by a guest speaker. Sponsors: Dewey College and Residential Programs.

9:00 p.m. - Dewey College 1st Floor Center Hall Lounge
 "Who's Who in Art History?" Discussion by Art professor. Sponsors: Dewey College, Leg., Art Department, and Residential Programs.

9:00 p.m. - Schick College Coffeehouse

"Variations of Chinese Art." Video and discussion. Sponsors: Schick College and Residential Programs.

Thursday, April 16

6:00 p.m. - Ammann College Lobby

"Who is Othmar Ammann?" Learn about Othmar Ammann and the art of bridge design. Sponsors: Ammann College, Leg., Mendelsohn Quad Council, and Residential Programs.

9:00 p.m. - O'Neill College Fireside Lounge

"Eugene O'Neill Talent Show." Sponsors: O'Neill College, Leg., and Residential Programs.

9:30 p.m. - Schick College Classroom

"A Night of Greek Music and Dancing." Sponsors: Schick College, Leg., Artemis Hellenic Student Organization, and Residential Programs.

Friday, April 17

7:00 p.m. - O'Neill College Main Lounge

"Rededication Ceremony for Eugene O'Neill." Dinner honoring the playwright. Sponsors: O'Neill College, Leg., Dr. Norman Goodman, and Campus Residences.

Saturday, April 18

9:00 p.m. - Ammann College Main Lounge

"The Forgotten Language." Learn about sign language. Sponsors: Ammann College, Sigma Delta Tau Sorority, and Residential Programs.

10:00 p.m. - O'Neill College Main Lounge

"Eugene O'Neill Party." Sponsors: O'Neill College, Leg., and Residential Programs.

Sunday, April 19

11:00 a.m. - ESS Plaza/In Front of SAC

"The 6th Annual Latin Block Party." Enjoy dance, music, games, and authentic foods. Sponsors: Sigma Lambda Beta Fraternity, Inc., Gamma Ce Upsilon Sorority, Inc., Caribbean Student Organization, and 40th Anniversary Committee.

8:00 p.m. - Toscanini College Main Lounge

"Our Music: The Music of Toscanini College." Sponsors: Toscanini College and Residential Programs.

9:00 p.m. - Hamilton College Classroom

"Mendhi -- The Body Art of India." Discussion and demonstration. Sponsors: Hamilton College, Center for India Studies, and Residential Programs.

Monday, April 20

9:00 p.m. - Gershwin College Main Lounge

"Kamasutra: The Art of Making Love." To educate residents about the book of love. Sponsors: Gershwin College, Leg., and Residential Programs.

Tuesday, April 21

12:00 p.m. - Mendelsohn Quad

"Eugene O'Neill Picnic." To celebrate the 30th anniversary of the opening of O'Neill College. Sponsors: O'Neill College, Leg., and Residential Programs.

4:00 p.m. - Javits 103

"Macho Mems and Sissy Sahibs: Popular Indian Culture and Diasporic Sexualities." Lecture and film clips. Sponsors: Federated Learning Community on Gender and Sexual Diversity and Center for India Studies.

7:30 p.m. - Keller College Main Lounge

"Art and Fractals." Speaker discusses the art and symmetry of fractals. Sponsors: Keller College, Math Department, and Residential Programs.

11:00 p.m. - Keller College Game Room

"Decades of Film -- Academy Award Winning Pictures." "Rainman" will be shown and a discussion will follow. Sponsors: Keller College and Residential Programs.

Wednesday, April 22 - Friday, May 1

12:00 - 4:00 p.m. - "Art in Our Lives - The Round Table." Art exhibition of retired artists. Sponsors: School of Professional Development and Continuing Studies, Lifelong Learning Programs, Student Union Art Gallery and Student Activities Center.

Sunday, April 26

8:00 p.m. - Dewey College Coffeehouse

"Movie Magic." Discussion on the art of movie making. Sponsors: Dewey College and Residential Programs.

10:30 p.m. - Toscanini College Main Lounge

"Guitar: The Soul of Rock Music." Discussion and basic guitar techniques. Sponsors: Toscanini College and Residential Programs.

Monday, April 27

10:00 p.m. - Student Union Auditorium

"An Extravaganza of Cultural Dances: Performed by Your Friends." Sponsors: Eisenhower College, Club India, Haitian Student Organization, LASO, CSO, and Residential Programs.

Tuesday, April 28

11:00 p.m. - Keller College Game Room

"Decades of Film -- Academy Award Winning Pictures." "Forrest Gump" will be shown and a discussion will follow. Sponsors: Keller College and Residential Programs.

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PREVIEW WEEKEND

FRIDAY

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Laurence Baxter Memorial Statistics Symposium.
Room P 131, Math Tower,
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. *Call Applied Mathematics and Statistics at 632-8370 for more information.*

Tennis Match.
Men's Tennis vs. Concordia.
Tennis Courts, 3:30 p.m.

Roth Quad Regatta.
Cardboard and duct tape boat
race on Roth Pond, 3:30 p.m.
to 5:30 p.m.

Carnival and Concert.
Tabler Quad, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

A Celebration Honoring Women Pioneers in Suffolk County Health Care.
Presented by Maternal Child Services in the Pro Health Dining Cafe, Level 5, University Hospital, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. (By invitation.)

SATURDAY

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"Women Telling Women's Stories: Feminist Biography, Memoirs, Testimony, and Narrative."
Student Activities Center Auditorium, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Contact the Women's Studies Program at 632-7378 for more information.

Baseball Game.
Seawolves vs. Adelphi. Baseball Field, noon.

Alumni Association Reception and Dinner.
Student Activities Center,
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
(By invitation.)

Stony Brook Chamber Singers.
Staller Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Dance Theatre of Harlem.
Staller Center Main Stage, 8 p.m.

Student Arts Festival: Alumni Theatre Night.
Theatre I, Staller Center, 10 p.m.

SUNDAY

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Debbie Whittemore Memorial 5K Run.
Sports Complex, 10 a.m.

Celebrando Unidad: Celebrating Unity.
Academic Mall, 11 a.m.

Baroque Sundays at 3.
Staller Center Recital Hall, 3 p.m.

College Bowl Preliminaries.
Residence Halls, all day. *Call 632-6787 for more information.*

ANNIVERSARY WEEK

MONDAY

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40 Years on Long Island "The Human Dimensions of Environmental Change."
Symposium. "Global Change" and "The Changing Local Environment." Student Activities Center Auditorium, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. *Call the Marine Sciences Research Center at 632-8701 for more information.*

Student Arts Festival: A Taste of the Arts.
Student performances all week.
Student Activities Center Dining Hall, noon.

College Bowl Finals.
Stony Brook Union, 7 to 10 p.m.

Student Arts Festival Greeley Coffee House and Talent Show.
Greeley College, 9 p.m.

TUESDAY

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Dreams & Politics "The Human Dimensions of Environmental Change."
"The Environment and Human Health"; "Social and Historical Dimensions of Environmental Change." 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. *Call 632-8701 for more information.*

Student Arts Festival: A Taste of the Arts.
Student performances all week.
Student Activities Center Dining Hall, noon.

The Stony Brook Chamber Singers.
Performance celebrating our 40th anniversary. Melville Library Galleria, noon to 12:40 p.m.

Senior Art Exhibit.
Opening and reception,
Staller Gallery, 5 p.m.

"New Gown in an Old Town."
Panel discussion. Alliance Room,
Melville Library. Reception
7:30 p.m.

Poetry Slam!
Poetry contest, music, refreshments, prizes. University Bookstore, Melville Library, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

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Earth Day Green Team Day and Campus Pride Patrol.
10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Planting of the Great Tree at 2:30, Student Activities Center Drive. *Call Conferences and Special Events at 632-6320 for more information.*

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40TH

ANNIVERSARY

Commuter Student Association Spring Fest Barbecue and Birthday Celebration.
Staller Plaza, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

"Swallow This."
Inter Fraternity and Sorority Council alcohol awareness presentation. Stony Brook Union Auditorium, noon.

Toyota Comedy Festival's Laugh Well Program.
Staller Center, 7 p.m. *Call 444-2899 for tickets.*

"Infectious Diseases and Society."
International Symposium. Opening reception, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Student Activities Center Lobby. Hosted by Molecular Genetics and Microbiology. *For more information, e-mail to idsympos@asterix.bio.sunysb.edu, or visit our Web site at: asterix.bio.sunysb.edu.*

THURSDAY

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The Town Greets the Gown

Munch and Mingle Continental Breakfast.
Commuter Commons, Room 144,
Student Activities Center, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

"Infectious Diseases and Society."
International Symposium.
(See Wednesday, April 22 for more information.)

JOIN US!

Student Arts Festival: A Taste of the Arts.
Student Activities Center Dining Hall, noon.

Softball Game.
Seawolves vs. Briarcliff. Softball Field, 3:30 p.m.

Stony Brook Village Center Celebrates the University!
Giant birthday cake. Shops and Grist Mill open. Carriage rides, puppet shows, clowns, Student Arts Festival performances, vintage fashion show, refreshments. 5:30 to 8 p.m. For Stony Brook faculty, staff, and their families.

Stony Brook Jazz Ensemble Concert
Staller Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Spirit Night!
Student talent show featuring skits, dances, and musical performances. Sports Complex, 7 p.m.

Sparechange Dance Theatre.
A Dance Theatre Laboratory. Staller Theatre II, 8 p.m.

Korean Cultural Show.
Student Activities Center Auditorium, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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Diversity Day "Infectious Diseases and Society."
International Symposium.
Student Activities Center Lobby, 8 a.m. to 4:10 p.m.
(See Wednesday, April 22 for more information.)

Student Arts Festival:

A Taste of the Arts.
Student Activities Center Dining Hall, noon.

International and Multicultural Festival.
Foods and music of many nations and cultures, and a surprise finale at 1:45 p.m.
Academic Mall, noon to 2 p.m.

Filipino Fest '98.
Stony Brook Union Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Sparechange Dance Theatre.
Staller Theatre II, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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School of Medicine Alumni Reunion Potluck Dinner and Talent Show.
HSC Tower Gallery, Level 2,
6 p.m. to 8 p.m. *Call 444-2899.*

Haitian Students Organization Cultural Show.
Stony Brook Union Auditorium,
6:30 p.m.

Black Women's Weekend Fashion Show.
Student Activities Center Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Sparechange Dance Theatre.
Staller Theatre II, 8 p.m.

Stony Brook Chorale: Love in the Spring.
Staller Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

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Division I Lacrosse.
Seawolves play University of North Carolina. Athletic Fields, 1 p.m.
P.A.W.S. scholarship campaign celebration before the game.
Call 632-7205.

Sparechange Dance Theatre.
Staller Theatre II, 2 p.m.

Ackerman Concert.
Graduate students from the Department of Music perform in memory of Dr. Lauren Ackerman.
Staller Center Recital Hall, 4 p.m.

MONDAY

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Grand Finale!

Stony Brook 40th Anniversary Celebration.
For students, faculty, and staff.
Food, fun, and more. Academic Mall, 8:30 p.m.

For more information about 40th anniversary events, contact Pat O'Rourke, President's Office, 516-632-9115.



STONY BROOK: MANY VOICES, MANY VISIONS, ONE UNIVERSITY

GSO ELECTIONS

1998- 1999

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICES OF:

**PRESIDENT
VICE PRESIDENT
TREASURER
SECRETARY**

Procedure:

1) If you are nominating yourself:

- a) On a sheet of paper, print your name, department, telephone and ID numbers.
- b) Include a brief, typed statement (150 words or less) indicating why you are seeking the position, what your objectives are if you are elected, etc. This statement will be included on the election ballot. **Unless we receive your statement, your name will not appear on the ballot.**
- c) You must provide the signatures of at least 25 graduate students including their printed name and ID number for verification.

2) If you are nominating someone else:

- In addition to all the information listed above you must:
- a) Inform the individual that he or she has been nominated.
- b) Include on the candidates nomination your printed name, department, telephone and ID numbers.

-Petitions available with your Department Secretary and at the GSO Office-

Deadline: All nominations must be returned to the GSO office (Room 224 in the Student Activities Center) by **Monday April 13th at 4 p.m.**

There are NO EXCEPTIONS to this deadline!

NOTE: Submissions without the minimum 25 signatures and campaign statement will not be placed on the ballot.

ATTENTION GRAD STUDENTS: GSO SPRINGFEST IS BACK!!

This year's GSO SpringFest is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 9th, from 2 to 7 p.m. at the ESS Fountain Area. Music will be supplied by WaterStreet BluesBand (Electric and Acoustic Sets).

Free food and beer to those in attendance!

Last year's event was a tremendous success, so come on out and enjoy some cool tunes, good food and cold beer.

**Volleyball Court!
Kiddies Welcome!**

Please bring graduate student I.D. and proof of age. No one under 21 will be admitted unless accompanied by a parent.

This policy will be strictly enforced.

For more information, especially if you would like to cook for an hour or so, please contact christopher.cahill@sunysb.edu.

Also, check out <http://www.waterstreetbluesband.com>.

What comes to mind when you hear the word--

DIVERSITY



Race, gender, age,
language, physical
characteristics,
disability, sexual
orientation, economic
status, parental status,
education, geographic
origin, profession,
lifestyle, religion,
position in the hierarchy
and any other
difference.



Commuter Peer Partnership Program

The Office of Commuter Student Affairs is accepting applications for the 1998-1999 Commuter Peer Partnership Program. If you are a commuter student and want to help a new commuter student to successfully navigate Stony Brook, then pick up your application today! Applications are available in the Office of Commuter Student Affairs, Student Activities Center, Suite 131.

The deadline for applications is **April 17, 1998.**

For additional information, contact the Office of Commuter Student Affairs at **632-7353.**

UNDERREPRESENTED GRADUATE SCHOLARS MEETING

The next meeting of the Underrepresented Graduate Scholars (UGS) will be Thursday, April 9th, at 5:30 p.m. in the Uniti Cultural Center (located below the Roth Quad Cafeteria). Refreshments will be served.

Around the Campus...

Presidential Lecture Series

The Presidential Lecture Series, Celebrating Diversity, presents Jane Elliot on Wednesday, April 8, during Campus Lifetime (12:40 p.m. to 2:20 p.m.) in the Auditorium of the Student Activities Center.

Elliot is the innovative educator best known for adapting the "Blue Eyes, Brown Eyes" experiment, a sensitizing exercise in which participants are labeled "inferior" or "superior" based on their eye color. Elliot was featured in the award-winning film *Eye of the Storm*. In her lecture, titled "A Collar in My Pocket," Elliot will introduce the film and explore the problems of racism, sexism, ageism, homophobia and the responsibility shared by everyone to eliminate prejudice from our society.

Graduate Piano Trio

The Graduate Piano Trio of the State University of New York at Stony Brook is scheduled to perform a concert in memory of Dr. Lauren Ackerman, a generous donor to the Department of Music, on Sunday, April 26 at 4 p.m. in the Recital Hall of the Staller Center.

The Graduate Piano Trio includes Anne-Marie Hoffman, violin; Jeremy Hake, cello; and Wai Cheng, piano. They will perform Franz Schubert's *Trio in E flat Major, Op. 100, D.929* and Maurice Ravel's *Trio in A Minor*.

Admission for this concert is free. For more information, call the Music Department at 632-7330.

Undergraduate Recital

A special Undergraduate Recital is scheduled for Monday, April 27 at 4 p.m. in the Recital Hall of the Staller Center. Admission is free.

Selected chamber and solo compositions will be performed by undergraduates studying in the Music program. The music is written by such diverse composers as Beethoven, Bartok, Mozart, Chopin, Cage and others. For more information, call the Music Department at 632-7330.

Wind Ensemble Concert

The University Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Northport resident Bruce Engel, is scheduled to perform a concert on April 14 at 8 p.m. on the Main Stage of the Staller Center. The concert will feature a tribute performance of Morton Gould's *Jericho*, as well as works of Mozart, Berlioz, Puccini, Beckel, Kaisershot, John Williams

and special selections from Jerome Kern's *Showboat!* Tickets are \$6 (\$4 for students and seniors). For tickets, call the Staller Box Office at 632-7230.

The extraordinary University Wind Ensemble is a group of select musicians from Stony Brook who are dedicated to music-making of the highest caliber. The director, Bruce Engel, comes to the University as a talented and experienced performer and conductor. He is currently Music Director of the Verrazano Winds, the Brooklyn Brass, the St. Anthony's Symphonic Band and Orchestra, as well as the director of the USB Wind Ensemble.

For more information, call the Music Department at 632-7330.

Chamber Players Preview Concert

On Wednesday, April 15 at 8 p.m., the Stony Brook Contemporary Chamber Players will present a World Premiers Preview Concert of newly-commissioned works in the Recital Hall of the Staller Center.

This concert will preview their 11th annual program of specially commissioned works for their World Premieres Concert to be played in New York City's Miller Theater at Columbia University on Tuesday, April 22, 1998.

Come to hear the Contemporary Chamber Players - the hottest virtuoso graduate performers group in the United States. The New York Times called this acclaimed ensemble "a remarkably well-trained small army of musicians... of consistent accomplishment... offering finely polished renderings of new works."

Featuring newly commissioned works by composers Kurt Rohde, Eric Zivian, Michelle Ekizian, Sheila Silver and Ludmila Ulehla.

Admission is free. For more information, call the Music Department at 632-7330.

Seders on Wheels

April 6th through April 9th, join us to celebrate the holiday of Passover. Volunteers are needed to help conduct model seders and deliver care packages to residents of nearby nursing homes and senior adult residences. To participate, call 632-6565 and sign up today!

Book Signing at Wallace's

Meet Aaron Levin, author of *Testament: At the Creation of the State of Israel*, at 4 p.m. on April 28th at Wallace's bookstore right here on campus.

Yom Hazikaron Memorial Service

Remember and honor Israel's Veterans at a Memorial Service at Campus Lifetime on April 29th at the Hillel Memorial Garden in the Academic Mall.

Israel at 50 Birthday Bash

Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration at the Roth Pond Area on April 30th from 4 to 8 p.m. Join us for a Picnic Israeli Style and live music from Amir and Ron. Also, cast your ballots for the Hillel Student Board elections.

Stony Brook Chamber Singers

The Stony Brook Chamber Singers will present their home concert following their successful concert tour to Boston on Saturday, April 18th at 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall of the Staller Center.

Featured works will include *Cantate Domino* by Buxtehude, *Scherzi Musicali* by Monteverdi, *Noturnni* by Mozart, 4 e.e. *cumming choruses* by Vincent Persichetti and three spiritual jazz pieces.

The Stony Brook Chamber Singers is an auditioned small ensemble of 18 singers. The ensemble consists mainly of undergraduate music and general students. In the past several years, the Chamber Singers has toured Canada, New England and the East Coast. The group is under the direction of conducting graduate student Li-Fen Chen.

Tickets are \$6, \$4 for senior citizens and students. For tickets, call the Staller Box Office at 632-7230.

Stony Brook Jazz Ensemble

The best jazz in Greenwich Village comes to Stony Brook as the most important jazz concert of the season will take place on Thursday, April 23 at 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall of the Staller Center. The concert will feature two big bands: The Stony Brook Jazz Ensemble and the legendary Vanguard Jazz Orchestra.

The Vanguard Jazz Orchestra has been New York City's premiere big band for the past 32 years, playing every Monday night at the famed Village Vanguard. First formed in 1966 by Count Basie and Stan Kenton alumni Thad Jones and Mel Lewis, the band has established itself as the quintessential voice in contemporary big band music.

In a rare Long Island appearance, both bands will perform repertoire from various classic eras in big band compositions and arrangements.

You owe it to yourself and your

friends and family to hear what is sure to be the "swingingest" concert of the year. Tickets are \$6, \$4 for senior citizens and students. Plan to get tickets early by calling the Staller Box Office at 632-7230. For more information, contact the Music Department at 632-7330.

Stony Brook Chorale

The Stony Brook Chorale, conducted by Timothy Mount, will perform a program entitled "Love in Spring," featuring Brahms' beloved waltzes, the Liebeslieder Waltzer, on Saturday, April 25, at 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall of the Staller Center. The piano duo team of Dale Liao and Vanessa Fadial will accompany.

Also on the program will be 4 Ancient Spanish Songs arranged by Lukas Foss and Joaquin Nin. This program will be repeated on Sunday, May 3, at 3 p.m. at the Patchogue Congregational Church.

Don't miss the opportunity to hear Stony Brook's zenith of choral ensembles. It is an evening of choral music that will surely gladden the heart. Prices are \$6, \$4 for senior citizens and students, at the Staller Box Office, 632-7230. For more information, call the Music Department at 632-7330.

Dine With Your Dean

The roads to success follow many a winding road. Learn about the people behind the titles on Wednesdays, from 12:30 to 1:30, in the Upper Dining Lounge of the Student Activities Center.

Dine With Deans Schedule:

April 8: Marvin Geller, Marine Sciences

April 15: Paul Edelson, Professional Development and Dick Laskowski, Physical Education and Athletics

April 22: Norman Edelman, Medicine

April 29: Lawrence Martin, Graduate School

May 6: Lorna McBarnette, Health Technology

The Deans will discuss their careers, early influences, role models, best and worst decisions, and the benefits of their co-curricular activities.

They will share the wisdom of hindsight. What would they change, if they could plan their lives all over again?

Reservations are required due to the expected demand. Please call 632-7320 to reserve your seat now.

If you'd like your event listed here, then call 632-6493 or send e-mail to: tflanaga@notes.cc.sunysb.edu

What Does The GSO Do For Me?

The Graduate Student Organization (GSO) uses the money you pay for your Student Activity Fee to provide a wide variety of services to the graduate student community, sponsor social and cultural events on campus, and convey your concerns to the Administration. Several of the important programs and services that we provide are listed below. To your own surprise, you may find that you are directly benefitting from one or more of these services and programs.

RAP: The Research Allocation Program is a matching fund met by the GSO. Its goal is to facilitate graduate student travel to conferences. If you are a graduate student presenting a paper or a project at a conference, then you are eligible to receive a travel grant of up to \$200 (limited to once per academic year per individual).

Departmental Allocations: An amount of \$3.75 per full-time and \$.75 per part-time students is set aside by the GSO and is given to your Senators to be used as the graduate students in your department see fit.

Small Claims Court and Legal Help: As members of GSO, all graduate students are entitled to use the small claims court, run by NYPIRG (632-6458).

Child Care: GSO spends \$8500 every year in subsidy to on campus child care for graduate students. This allows the child care organizations on campus to offer a reduced fee for graduate students.

Voluntary Ambulance Care: This on campus organization provides ambulatory services to the graduate students, and is supported and funded by the GSO.

The SPOT: Located in Fanny Brice, the SPOT is the campus graduate student bar run by the GSO (located 2nd floor Fannie Brice Theatre) features live music from campus and local alternative, blues, folk, and jazz bands. It serves a large variety of reasonably priced beverages (including imported beers), and offers billiards, darts, and a relaxed and comfortable atmosphere. It is open from 8pm to 2:30am Wednesday through Saturday.

Clubs and Organizations: GSO funds numerous graduate student clubs and organizations on campus. Among these are the Under-Represented Graduate Students (UGS), the Chinese Students and Scholars Association (CSSA), Sinorama, and the Graduate English Society.

Social and Cultural Events: Earlier this semester, GSO funds helped make possible the celebration of the Chinese New Year by CSSA and Sinorama. Women's History Month receives a generous amount of GSO funding and support. GSO sponsors an Interdepartmental Bash at the SPOT every Spring, and holds an annual Spring Fest Barbeque/ Jazz Concert, which is open to all graduate students.

Conferences and Speaker Series: GSO often helps to fund conferences and guest speakers on campus. This year, we helped the Concerned Hatian's League bring former Hatian President Aristide to the university.

News & Views: In addition to containing information about campus events and issues relevant to graduate students, *News & Views* also presents your viewpoints and concerns to the University Administration. Any graduate student wishing to contribute an article to *News & Views* is welcome to.

One of the most important roles of the GSO is to represent graduate student interests through the various University committees and task forces. This aspect of the organization has suffered lately due to a lack of student involvement: it is simply not possible for the Executive Council or the GSO Senate alone to man the many committees requiring graduate student input. We would like to encourage anyone interested in getting involved to contact us; we can arrange for you to get your voices heard!

Our office is located in the Student Activities Center, rm 224. Our phone number is 632-6492.
Our current e-mail address is: usbgs0@hotmail.com