

## Stony Brook Kicks Off New Physical Education and Athletics Division

By Alvin F. Oickle

All the excitement around Stony Brook's Gymnasium and athletic fields this spring isn't concentrated on the sports teams. There's some polite academic cheering being raised for major changes taking place on two fronts:

- The Department of Physical Education and Athletics will become five units under a new Division of Physical Education and Athletics. A national search will be conducted for a division director.

- An architect has been chosen and funds committed by the state legislature, Division of the Budget and governor's office to provide the campus with a fieldhouse. This structure will be erected near the Gym, one of the original campus facilities built for a student body only a quarter the size of today's.

The steps are in line with an effort begun in 1980 to meet the needs of an academic department that is forced to turn away 800 students each semester for lack of enough instructors, and to upgrade an intercollegiate athletics program that until two years ago had only club teams in the major sports of football and lacrosse.

A new advisory committee on intercollegiate athletics, chaired by Dr. Mark Walker, professor of economics, has been appointed by Dr. Graham Spanier, vice provost for undergraduate studies. This group has been reviewing the recommendations made by the Schubel Committee (an ad hoc committee formed in 1980 and chaired by Marine Sciences Research Center Dean J.R. Schubel), which concern the appropriate levels of athletic competition for intercollegiate sports and the addition of full-time varsity sports coaches. Acting on the 1981 Schubel Report recommendations, Stony Brook added such positions in men's football and women's soccer over the past two years as both sports undertook Division III schedules.

Dr. Spanier said the new organization plan, with two faculty changes, will take effect September 1.

- Henry von Mechow, professor of physical education and chairperson of the Department of Physical Education, has accepted appointment as special assistant to the vice president for campus operations, a two-year assignment with responsibility for overseeing the planning and construction of a fieldhouse on the Stony Brook campus.

- John Ramsey, associate professor and head of the department's curriculum development, has agreed to serve as chairperson of the Department of Physical Education for a three-year term. In addition, Professor Ramsey will serve as acting director of the new Division of Physical Education and Athletics until a permanent director has been chosen and appointed.

Dr. Spanier commented, "The complexity of the current organizational format for Physical Education and Athletics makes it impossible for one individual to administer the academic department and at the same time coordinate the many other varied responsibilities. The new administrative position, the director of physical education and athletics, will manage five separate activities: Department of Physical Education, Men's Athletics, Women's Athletics, Intramurals, and Facilities and Operation."

He continued, "The goals are to provide a more workable arrangement for the unit, to provide more visibility for physical education and athletics at Stony Brook by identifying one individual who is clearly responsible for all day-to-day operations in the unit, to enhance budget management

and to pay more attention to the academic mission of the Department of Physical Education."

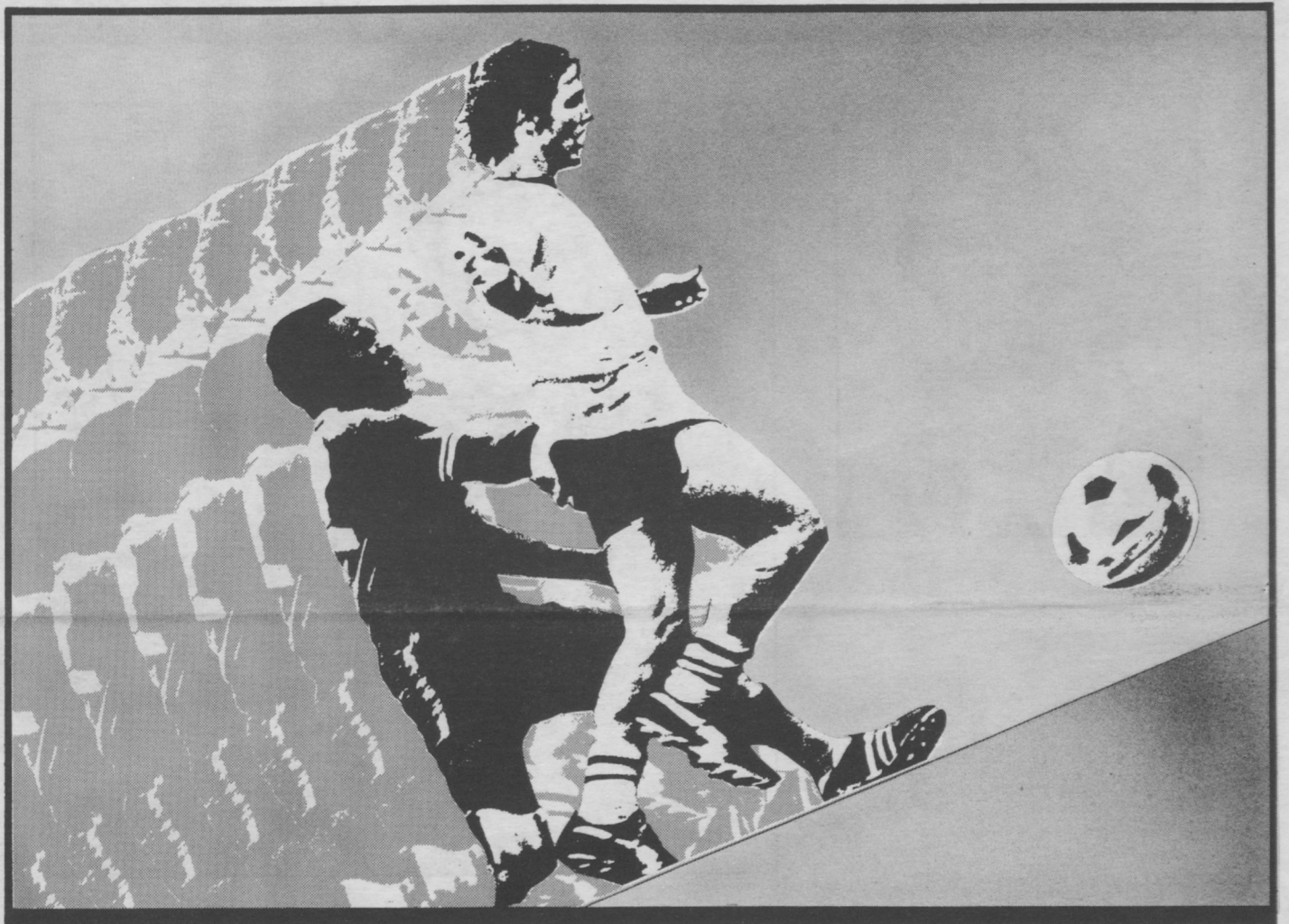
Professor von Mechow, who has chaired the department since 1977, will serve as liaison with campus officials. In addition, he will work with local and regional schools and individuals involved in athletics and public officials. He will also continue to teach and participate in department activities.

Professor Ramsey was director of men's athletics for six years and served as acting department chairperson in spring 1981. Like Professor von Mechow, he has been active in coaching and other

departmental activities for more than 20 years.

Manhattan architect Alexander Kouzmanoff (chairperson of the Department of Architecture at Columbia University) has been selected to design the new fieldhouse by early 1986. Construction, expected to begin the following summer, will be completed by the fall semester 1988 under the current timetable.

The University's existing gymnasium was erected for Stony Brook's opening in 1962. That structure was designed for a student body of 4,000. Addition of the fieldhouse will help Stony Brook meet the needs of a student body that exceeds 16,000.



### Pursuing the Challenge and the Choice

Steps have been taken over the past few months to begin to implement recommendations, made by an independent commission, that the State University of New York be granted more management flexibility.

The Independent Commission on the Future of SUNY, appointed last year by SUNY Chancellor Clifton R. Wharton, found SUNY to be the "most over-regulated university in the nation."

Their report, titled "The Challenge and the Choice" and released in January, recommended that SUNY be restructured from a public agency to a public benefit corporation in order to release it from a stranglehold of excessive state regulations. Such a restructuring, they concluded, would allow the SUNY system to compete more effectively with other colleges and universities for research support, philanthropic contributions and top students and faculty.

In response to the commission's report, legislators Mark Alan Siegel (D-Manhattan), chairperson of the New York State Assembly Higher Education Committee, and Kenneth LaValle (R-Port Jefferson), chairperson of the New York State Senate Committee on Higher Education, convened a series

of four public hearings in late February and early March. At a hearing held in Farmingdale on February 22, Stony Brook President John H. Marburger recommended that the Legislature ensure SUNY's independence by means of a constitutional amendment.

"Making SUNY a public corporation is the weakest step that can be taken to ensure the necessary independence of action," he said. "I believe that the best solution is constitutional independence."

Others who testified in support of the commission's conclusions were former Stony Brook President John S. Toll (now president of the University of Maryland), Paul Holcomb, president of the Long Island Forum for Technology, and Walter Oberstebink, president of the Long Island Association (Long Island's regional chamber of commerce).

R. Christian Anderson, chairperson of the Stony Brook Council (Stony Brook's local governing board), also testified in favor of a constitutional amendment, and commented recently, "The Commission's report was excellent and long overdue, but it probably didn't go far enough. My own view is that a constitutional amendment is necessary."

In late February, Governor Mario M. Cuomo announced a legislative program to enhance SUNY's management flexibility. Though the governor's program did not mention the notion of restructuring SUNY into a public benefit corporation, it recommended (through an amendment to his 1985-86 executive budget) that SUNY institutions be permitted to shift funds freely among expenditure categories within an overall appropriation level for each campus. It also advocated providing "lump sum" appropriations to campuses for building repairs or replacement of academic equipment.

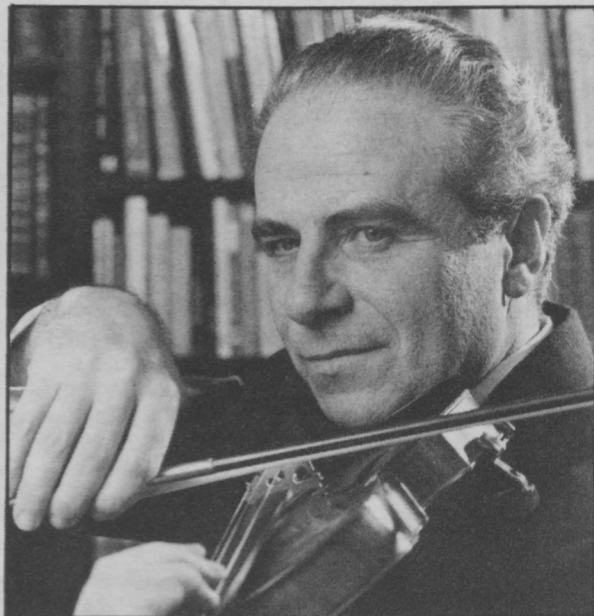
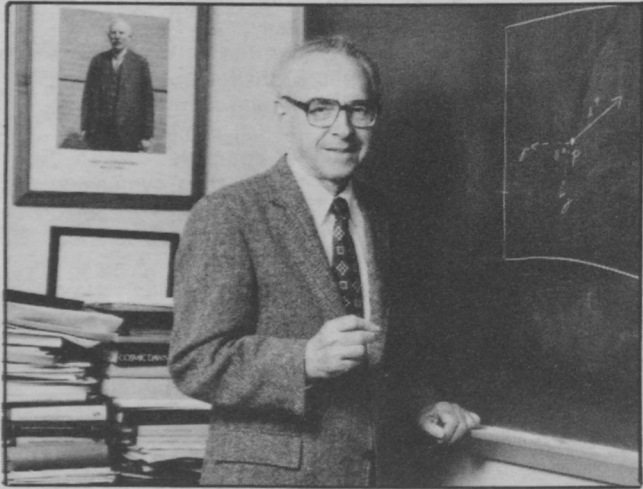
SUNY officials produced their own recommendations in the form of draft legislation endorsed by the Board of Trustees. A "blueprint" for transforming SUNY into a public benefit corporation, the plan called for an amendment of the state Education Law under which SUNY originally was created in 1948.

Under SUNY's proposal, the State University system would retain its current governance format under the Board of Trustees. However, the Trustees, chancellor and campus presidents would be given more authority, flexibility and responsibility in managing resources.

The SUNY draft legislation and the Governor's program are now being considered by both houses of the state legislature.



Lazar Gosman (upper right)  
Joseph Kerman (lower right)  
Homer Neal (lower left)  
Maurice Goldhaber (upper left)



**Stony Brook Honors Noted Film Producer**

Noted film producer Sir Run Run Shaw received the University Medal of the State University of New York at Stony Brook in ceremonies at the U.S. Consulate in Hong Kong.

Stony Brook's President John H. Marburger presented the award to Sir Run Run Shaw, who heads the largest film production firm in Southeast Asia, in recognition of contributions to education and the arts including "Special friendship and support" for Stony Brook.

President Marburger, who was on the first leg of a trip to discuss developing international academic programs, was accompanied at the award ceremony by Stony Brook Nobel Laureate Physicist C.N. Yang.

In presenting the medal, President Marburger described Sir Run Run as "a man who has vigorously promoted the arts and culture in Hong Kong as a leader in the Hong Kong Arts Council and fostered cross-cultural understanding in Hong Kong, the United States and the rest of the world." He announced that Stony Brook will create a Sir Run Run Shaw Distinguished Lectureship in its College of Arts and Sciences in recognition of his support for the University.

**Stony Brook Faculty Member Featured on PBS**

"Musical Passages," a 73-minute film about the Soviet Emigre Orchestra and its musical director, violinist Lazar Gosman, is being shown this spring by the 250 television stations of the Public Broadcasting Service.

Gosman, professor of violin and chamber music at Stony Brook since 1982, is, like most of the orchestra's musicians, an immigrant from the Soviet Union. The documentary film was made in 1983 in New York City and opened last spring at the Festival Theatre in Manhattan.

The movie includes interviews with Gosman, his wife and the other musicians, and scenes of the orchestra in rehearsal in New York City and giving performances in Virginia, Florida and New York's Carnegie Hall.

The Gosmans traveled to Los Angeles March 19 to appear on the PBS station there during the showing of "Musical Passages."

**Physicist Honored by Pres. Reagan**

President Ronald Reagan presented Dr. Maurice Goldhaber, adjunct professor of physics, with a National Medal of Science, the highest honor accorded U.S. scientists and engineers by the federal government.

At a ceremony in the East Room of the White House, Reagan told 19 scientists that they had made "an outstanding contribution to our way of life and our future."

"There's no nation on earth that can match our scientific capability, our standard of living and our national security," said Reagan. "We stand on the verge of more advances than mankind has ever known."

Goldhaber was cited for "his many contributions to all aspects of nuclear physics and, more recently, particle physics, and for the leadership he has provided the scientific community as an administrator of science, as a shaper of scientific thought, and as a prolific source of stimulating ideas."

Dr. Goldhaber's 50-year career as a physicist includes a dozen years as a teacher and another dozen as the director of the Brookhaven National Laboratory. Currently, he is a Distinguished Scientist at Brookhaven.

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**Stony Brook Provost Named to Key National Science Position**

Provost Homer A. Neal will have a leading role in a broad new program to increase the National Science Board's attention to education and human resources.

Dr. Neal has been appointed vice chairperson of a new committee on education and human resources, established as one of the two principal committees of the National Science Board, the governing body of the National Science Foundation (NSF).

The National Science board is responsible for both overseeing the operation of the National Science Foundation, the principal federal agency for the support of university research, and advising the President and Congress on the health of the nation's efforts in basic research.

Dr. Neal has been Provost at Stony Brook since 1981. A high energy physicist, he was appointed to the 25-member National Science Board by President Jimmy Carter and confirmed by the U.S. Senate in 1980 for a term which runs through 1986.

**Distinguished Lecture on "Aesthetic of Bach"**

One of the nation's leading musicologists will be at Stony Brook this month to give a program in honor of the 300th anniversary of the birth of Johann Sebastian Bach.

Dr. Joseph Kerman, professor of music at the University of California at

Berkeley and editor of the journal, *19th-Century Music* will give the Sidney Gelber Distinguished University Lecture in the Arts and Letters on Monday, April 29, at 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall at Stony Brook's Fine Arts Center. Dr. Kerman will use the concert piano and recordings as part of his lecture, "The Aesthetic of J.S. Bach."

All seats are free and open to the public on a first-served basis.

Dr. Kerman's published works have covered Elizabethan madrigals, the Beethoven quartets, the masses and motets of William Byrd and opera. A frequent contributor to the *New York Review of Books*, he is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a former Guggenheim Fellow and recipient of the National Institute of Arts and Letters Award.

The Sidney Gelber Lectures were initiated in 1981 in honor of Dr. Gelber, professor of philosophy at Stony Brook and the University's chief academic officer from 1971 until his retirement in 1981. The April 29 lecture is the last of seven in the 1984-85 Distinguished University Lecture Series. The series is sponsored by the Office of the Provost at Stony Brook and *Newsday*, Long Island's daily newspaper. This lecture is being co-sponsored by Stony Brook's Department of Music and the Stony Brook Foundation.



"There has always been a resistance to the mind in America. We never have developed the kind of intellectual tradition that exists in Europe."

## Professor Defends the Ways of a Wimp

Everyone knows that Real Men don't eat quiche. And that there is no place for wimps in America, land of Mom and apple pie.

Or is there?

Thomas Flanagan says there is. Dr. Flanagan, novelist and professor of English at Stony Brook, rose to the defense of wimps in an article titled "The Ways of a Wimp," which appeared in the *New York Times Magazine* on February 12. In it, he admitted that he suspects himself of wimpiness and revealed that he prefers discussion of the works of Henry James and Jane Austin to speculations of the outcome of the World Series.

But today's real litmus test of wimpiness, he pointed out, is "political habits of the mind, the moral sentiments of politics." Here too he is guilty, he admitted, finding the "new" patriotism "a shrill and vulgar hysteria."

He continued, "I believe that no national priority is higher than that of attending to those who have been damaged or neglected by our society—the poor, the ill, the old, those maimed both by our present racism and by the consequences of our history of racism."

Just why did Flanagan write his

treatise on wimps? "It was written just before the election, which I was fairly certain Reagan would win," he recalled recently. "I wanted to say something, hopefully in a witty sort of way, about the fact that his 'new' patriotism seems to me a kind of symptom of a growing anti-intellectualism in this country."

But far from this being a recent development, he continued, "There has always been a resistance to the mind in America. We never have developed the kind of intellectual tradition that exists in Europe. We've had to improvise as we went along."

What of the future? Is there hope for those wimps of the intellectual and political varieties?

There is, Flanagan claimed, "though I doubt if it will surface for the next four or five years. Assumptions across the country are true: students today are very conservative. They're very interested in getting jobs."

"There's a real connection between Reaganism and Yuppieism," Flanagan observed. "The whole climate that exists reminds me of a line from a short poem by Yeats about young people trying to restrain the wild middle-aged."



Thomas Flanagan

There are some promising signs, though. "A number of young people still are interested in poetry and music, which is encouraging," Flanagan reported. "I think there might be a renaissance when people find out there are no jobs anyway."

For now, Flanagan has found reactions to his "Ways of a Wimp" to be positive. "I haven't talked to

anybody who said they didn't like it," he enthused. "As a matter of fact, I've gotten favorable comments from high school and college friends I haven't heard from in 30 years."

"It shows they're still reading the *New York Times*, anyway."

## \$5,000 Gift Sparks Fast Start for Stony Brook Fund Drive

With an anonymous \$5,000 gift doubling the ante for all early gifts, the second Annual Fund campaign is off to a fast start at Stony Brook.

"You took up the challenge even though we were just beginning to ask for flexible funds and you were new to giving," reports an Annual Fund brochure received in the mail by more than 35,000 Stony Brook alumni, most of them from Long Island and the rest of the New York City metropolitan region.

Annual Fund efforts raised \$35,000 last year—more than a dollar for every alumnus/a though less than the initial campaign's optimistic \$50,000 goal.

"This year we're raising the stakes," Annual Fund coordinators announced. "We've doubled the figure raised in the first campaign. This year's goal is \$70,000. This time, with your help—and we mean YOU—we can meet the challenge."

Helping to meet the challenge is an

anonymous \$5,000 matching gift pledge from an individual whom university officials identify only as "a friend long associated with the campus." Each gift of \$100 or more, up to the \$5,000 total, will be matched by the anonymous donor.

Denise Coleman, assistant vice president for university affairs, notes that contributions "are very important because they provide flexible, quickly available sources of support for purposes such as athletics, scholarships, library acquisitions and departmental programs where no other funds are available."

We're very interested in the \$100 or more gifts needed to earn our \$5,000 matching pledge," she added. Previous donors, Coleman noted, will be asked to consider increasing their gifts. First-time donors are being asked to contribute \$25-\$50.



Photo by Sidney Stafford

**The Stony Brook Foundation** held its 11th annual Distinguished Contributions to Higher Education Awards dinner March 23. This year's event honored Dr. Roland W. Schmitt, senior vice president for corporate research and development at the General Electric Corporation, and recognized Stony Brook's College of Engineering and Applied Sciences for its contributions as a major training and research support center for regional high technology industries. Pictured here are (left to right): President John H. Marburger, Dr. Schmitt, Mrs. Claire Schmitt, Provost Homer Neal and Mrs. Jean Neal.

## C O N N E C T I O N S

### Why is concrete falling off the facade of the basic health sciences tower? Is anything being done to fix it?

The problem, as explained by M. Sanford (Mitch) Gerstel, assistant vice president for campus operations and director of facilities planning, is this:

The ¾-inch concrete finish on the facade of the basic health sciences tower was sprayed onto flat 20' x 20' panels that were coated with an adhesive. That adhesive has deteriorated, and two years ago the concrete finish began to fall off (construction on the tower was completed in 1977).

A \$900,000 contract has been awarded to an architectural firm (the Eggers Group) to design the best

method of removing the panels and replacing the concrete finish. Actual work on the building is not expected to begin for another two years. In the meantime, potentially dangerous areas of the building have been cordoned off. (Also, the structural integrity of the building is not affected by the loss of its concrete "skin".)

Employees may submit questions to "Connections" by mailing them to: Editor, Campus Currents, 121 Central Hall 2760.



## Blood Drive April 24

The University will sponsor its annual spring blood drive Wednesday, April 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Gymnasium. Appointments are available from 10 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. (Blood drive organizers will attempt to accommodate your choice of times; however, this may not always be possible.)

To indicate when you would like to donate blood, return the form below to your department blood bank captain or the Office of Personnel, Benefits Section, Administration Building 0751.

### 1985 SPRING BLOOD BANK DONOR FORM

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# KUDOS

Dr. **Mark Aronoff**, chairperson of the Department of Linguistics, has been appointed to the Language Review Committee of the Linguistics Society of America...Dr. **Gerald E. Brown**, professor of physics, was elected as a Foreign Member of the Mathematics and Physics Section of the Finnish Society of Sciences and Letters...**Clarence Dennis**, M.D., professor of surgery, has been awarded the 1984 Laufman-Greatbach Prize of the Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation...**Rose Daniele** has been appointed women's track and field coach and will also instruct physical education classes in gymnastics...Dr. **John J. Dunn**, adjunct professor of microbiology, has received the U.S. Department of Energy's 1984 E.O. Lawrence Memorial Award...Dr. **Irwin Kra**, chairperson of the Department of Mathematics, has received a 1985 Research Fellowship from the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science...Dr. **Paul C. Lauterbur**, University Professor of chemistry and radiology, has been selected to receive the Pittsburgh Conference's 1985 Maurice F. Hasler Award...Dr. **William le Nobel**, professor of chemistry, has been awarded a 1985-1986 Alexander von Humboldt



Sandra Weeden

Fellowship for senior U.S. scientists. Dr. le Nobel will be engaged in research at several institutions in the German Federal Republic...**Dorothy Lane**, M.D., associate professor of community medicine, and **Howard C.**

**Mofenson**, M.D., professor of clinical pediatrics, received the fourth annual public health service awards from the Long Island Region of the New York State Public Health Association...Dr. **Nicholas Rzhovsky**, assistant professor of Germanic and Slavic languages, has received a grant-in-aid from the American Philosophical Society for research on Russian literary theater...Dr. **Hanan C. Selvin**, professor of sociology, has been elected a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science...Dr. **John A. Thorpe**, professor of mathematics, has been elected governor of the Metropolitan New York Section of the Mathematical Association of America...**Sandra Weeden**, women's athletic director, has been awarded the 1985 Service Award of the New York State Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women...Dr. **Ann Welbourne-Moglia**, associate professor of nursing, has been elected chairperson of the board of directors of the Sex Information and Education Council of the United States...Dr. **Cheng-Wen Wu**, professor of pharmacology, has been elected one of eight new members of the Academia Sinica, Taiwan's National Academy of Science...Dr. **Tamarath Yolles**, professor of community medicine, has been appointed to the Acute Care Planning Task Force of the N/S Regional Health Systems Agency.

# EVENTS

Campus Currents lists events of general, campus-wide interest. Submissions may be sent to: Editor, Campus Currents, 121 Central Hall 2760.

## • MONDAY, APRIL 15

**LECTURE:** "A Physician's Impressions of Developing Nepal," Arthur Grollman, M.D., SUSB (slides will be shown). Old Chemistry Building, 8 p.m. Sponsored by the Arms Control, Disarmament and Peace Studies Resource Center.

**CONFERENCE:** "Advance registration (preferred but not required) for April 30 conference on "Down's Syndrome: The Early Years and Beyond" (speaker will be Siegfried Pueschel, M.D.). Open to the public. Registration fee \$35, lunch included (half price for SUSB faculty and staff). For more details on registration or on the conference itself call the Department of Continuing Professional Education, School of Allied Health Professions at 444-3209.

## • TUESDAY, APRIL 16-SUNDAY, APRIL 28

**THEATRE:** *The Two of Us* by Michael Frayn (author of Broadway hit *Noises Off*). Collection of four short plays: *Black and Silver*, *Mr. Foot*, *New Quixote* and *Chinamen*. Fine Arts Center Theatre I, 8 p.m. (Tues.-Sat.) and 3 p.m. (Sun.). Tickets at Fine Arts Center Box Office, general admission \$12 (Fri. and Sat.), \$10 (Tues.-Thurs., Sun.); senior citizens \$8; SUSB students \$5.

## • WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

**SPEAKER'S SUPPER:** "The Church in America," Rev. Francis P. Kilcoyne, Stony Brook Union Room 201, 5:30 p.m. Reservations for dinner must be made by previous Sunday. General admission \$4, SUSB students \$3. For more information call the Interfaith Center at 246-6844.

## • FRIDAY, APRIL 19

**DINNER DANCE:** Black Faculty and Staff Association annual scholarship dinner dance, Huntington Town House,



Actors Peter Crook and Annalee Jefferies in a scene from *The Two of Us*.

Huntington Station. Donation \$35. For more information call Emile Adams at 246-7000.

## • SATURDAY, APRIL 20

**VIOLIN:** Elmar Oliveira, Fine Arts Center Main Stage, 8 p.m. Tickets at Fine Arts Center Box Office, general admission \$15, \$13 and \$11; SUSB students and senior citizens, \$13, \$11 and \$9.

## • MONDAY, APRIL 22

**LECTURE:** Martin Buskin Memorial Lecture: "Covering the Higher Education 'Beat'," Edward Fiske, Education Editor, *The New York Times*. Chemistry Building, Second Floor, University Commons Room, 8 p.m.

## • MONDAY, APRIL 22-FRIDAY, May 10

**ART:** Juried fiber arts exhibition, Stony Brook Union Gallery, Mon.-Fri., noon-6 p.m. No charge for admission. For complete schedule of opening day events, call the Crafts Center at 246-3657.

## • WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

**CHAMBER MUSIC:** Christopher O'Riley, piano, Fine Arts Center Main Stage, 8 p.m. Tickets at Fine Arts Center Box Office, general admission \$9; SUSB students and senior citizens \$5.

**SPEAKER'S SUPPER:** "Before and After Vatican Council II," Rev. Vincent Rush, Stony Brook Union Room 201, 5:30 p.m. Reservations for dinner must be made by previous Sunday. General

admission \$4, SUSB students \$3. For more information call the Interfaith Center at 246-6844.

## • THURSDAY, APRIL 25-SATURDAY, APRIL 27

**THEATRE:** Two one-act plays: *Great Nebula in the Orion* by Lanford Wilson and *The Toilet* by Amiri Baraka/Le Roi Jones. Fine Arts Center Theatre III, 8 p.m. Tickets at door. Suggested donation \$3.

## • SATURDAY, APRIL 27

**SYMPHONY:** University Chorus and Symphony Orchestra, Fine Arts Center Main Stage, 8 p.m. Tickets at Fine Arts Center Box Office, general admission \$5; SUSB students and senior citizens, \$3.

Photo by Michael Shavel