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Tradition with a Difference: SB's 25th Commencement

By Sue Risoll

It was traditional, and it was unconventional.

Stony Brook's 25th annual Commencement was a day filled with pomp and circumstance and pride. It was also a day for parachutists, buses with hats and a mock funeral procession in protest of apartheid.

Nearly 4,000 degrees (including the 2,000 Ph.D. conferred at Stony Brook) were awarded May 19 in a central ceremony complete with all the trappings of graduation. But amid the smiles and snapshots, the Class of 1985 was reminded of the real world by author and feminist Betty Friedan, who delivered the main Commencement address.

Friedan, who was one of five honorary degree recipients, spoke on the dangers of accepting "false black and white polarizations." In Nicaragua, she said, she and other journalists who traveled to the Central American country saw "an ambiguous reality, not a black and white picture at all, but a picture of a country with a new kind of American Revolution."

"What we saw was...a struggling nation and it was sweet," she continued. "And it was so young, and so beleaguered. What business does the United States with all its power—the most powerful nation in the world—have in trying to destroy this struggling little revolution in Central America taking the place of 50 years of despotic dictatorship?"

Friedan also discussed the rise of the "yuppie," reminding the women in the audience, "You young ones there, taking for granted the rights that I and others fought for. Well, there'd be no yuppies without us."

"Are you going to say, 'I'm not a feminist but...'? You must say, 'I am a feminist and it is not finished yet.'"

Friedan was given an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters at the Commencement ceremony by State University of New York Trustee Thomas Van Arsdale. Other honorary degree recipients were Dr. Salo W. Baron, a world leader in preserving and recording Jewish culture and history; Dr. E. Margaret Burbidge, a pioneer in astrophysics and observational astronomy; Dr. Shiing-shen Chern, considered the parent of and reigning figure in differential geometry; and Dr. Henry Taube, 1983 Nobel Prize winner whose research has provided a foundation for modern chemistry. Drs. Burbidge, Chern and Taube received the honorary degree of Doctor of Science and Dr. Baron the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters.

Some of the graduates took the opportunity to remind those assembled of the realities of life outside the University community. Prior to the official Commencement program, graduating senior Sandra Williams gave a brief speech condemning the SUNY system's \$14 million dollars in investments in companies that conduct business with South Africa. Williams, a member of the campus-based, anti-apartheid group United Front, noted that South African blacks are allowed to congregate in public "only when burying a friend or relative," and declared, "Today we mourn the life of racism in South Africa in a system called apartheid." As she finished speaking, a procession of mourners, carrying a "coffin" and led by a drummer,

marched through the crowd.

The demonstration was supported by University President John H. Marburger, who several days before Commencement had issued a statement proclaiming his support and expressing his "personal abhorrence of the discriminatory policies of South Africa." Marburger also had supported other anti-apartheid demonstrations at the University during the two weeks leading up to Commencement.

Though there were serious moments, Commencement day was not without lighter touches. Several students (including graduating seniors Daniel Hank and Rory Aylward, who wore caps and gowns) parachuted onto the athletic field before the ceremony began. And graduates and their families rode in style in buses specially decorated for the occasion

by members of the Department of Transportation Services.

Working on their free time and on a volunteer basis, campus bus drivers constructed traditional graduates' "mortarboard" caps out of plywood and old, discarded University streetlights. Adding tassels made out of drapery cords, the drivers attached the 4-foot-wide by 2-foot-high caps to the roofs of the buses. Signs bearing inspirational messages like "Reach for a Rainbow" or "To Higher Goals in Life" (written by bus driver Bob Kerr) were affixed to the front of each bus.

"It was the idea of our director, Dave Thomas, but everybody got excited about it," recalled transportation supervisor Maureen Dell'Orfano. "The drivers even scrubbed the buses down before graduation, and we road-tested one to

make sure the caps wouldn't fall off."

The graduates seemed affected by the sense of community. Spontaneous cheering broke out several times during the ceremony (leading President Marburger to remark, "We understand that the job situation in the humanities has improved this year.") Student speaker Richard Blansky noted that this spring marked the graduation of SUNY's one-millionth student, and said, "We are not only 'one in a million', as the cliché goes, but a million who have come together as one."

And as they watched the send-off of 2,000 balloons provided by the junior class members of the Tau Beta Pi Association, Stony Brook's newest alumni stood together as one for the very last time.



In 100 Years, A Bagel and More

By Margaret Shepherd

What began as "a repository for creative thinking," now contains a bagel and a Coca-Cola™ among yearbooks, newspapers and film.

Why do a bagel and a Coke™ belong in a time capsule buried to commemorate the Commencement exercise?

"The whole emphasis of the time capsule is to preserve life as it is, as it was, and as it will be," explained graduate Daniel Hank, who headed the Preservation Archives for Recording Campus History (P.A.R.C.H.) organization of Polity, the undergraduate student government.

P.A.R.C.H. was founded a year ago by Hank, who became frustrated when trying to trace back information about campus clubs and organizations. He and others were discouraged because records didn't exist.

"The whole philosophy behind the P.A.R.C.H. association," Hank said, "is to preserve today for tomorrow. I wish

there had been a time capsule sunk so that I could dig it up."

The P.A.R.C.H. committee decided to go beyond fulfilling the need for historical documentation provided by literature and films. Students opening the 1-foot by 4-foot nickel-alloy capsule in 100 years will also find a t-shirt, tickets to concerts, and a plaque that displays a piece of Stony Brook's former "Bridge to Nowhere" (now connected to the Fine Arts Plaza).

P.A.R.C.H. wanted to provide "thought-provoking material" that directly related to student life at Stony Brook, Hank said. "For example, did you know that there are 12,000-14,000 bagels consumed every week at this University? Bagels are the mainstay of the student diet."

P.A.R.C.H. also figured Coca-Cola™ to be a large part of student life, and was especially intrigued after the original cola recipe was changed.

Hank put a lot of time and energy into the project, and was the major force behind it. When he first conceived of record preservation, he

thought it would be nice to do something more official than just sinking "a M*A*S*H*-like steamer trunk into the ground."

With encouragement from President John H. Marburger, financial backing from Polity, and academic credit incitement from the Department of History, Hank collected a committee and started doing research. Guided by his faculty advisor, Dr. John Pratt, associate professor of history, Hank dug up information from the National Archives in Washington, D.C. and the Bureau of Standards. He consulted with Anthony Bastin, director of the physical laboratories for undergraduate physics, who built the cylinder and hermetically sealed it before it was dropped into its 6-10 foot deep chamber in front of the Administration Building.

And he contacted the Eastman Kodak company, which ended up donating funds towards the capsule's construction as well as 1,000 feet of film. Hank had been reading a trade magazine when he saw the company's

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Stony Brook Grads Leap Into the Future...

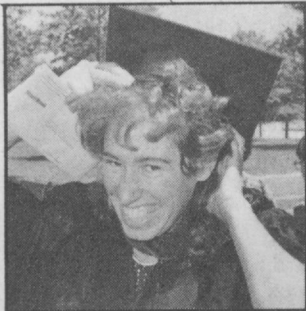


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(Left to right): **Honorary degree recipients** Shiing-shen Chern, Henry Taube, E. Margaret Burbidge; **SUSB President** John H. Marburger; **honorary degree recipients** Betty Friedan, Salo W. Baron.

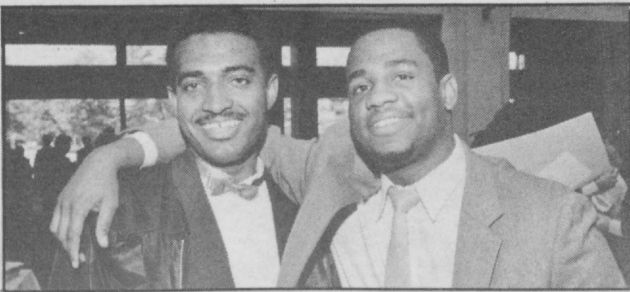


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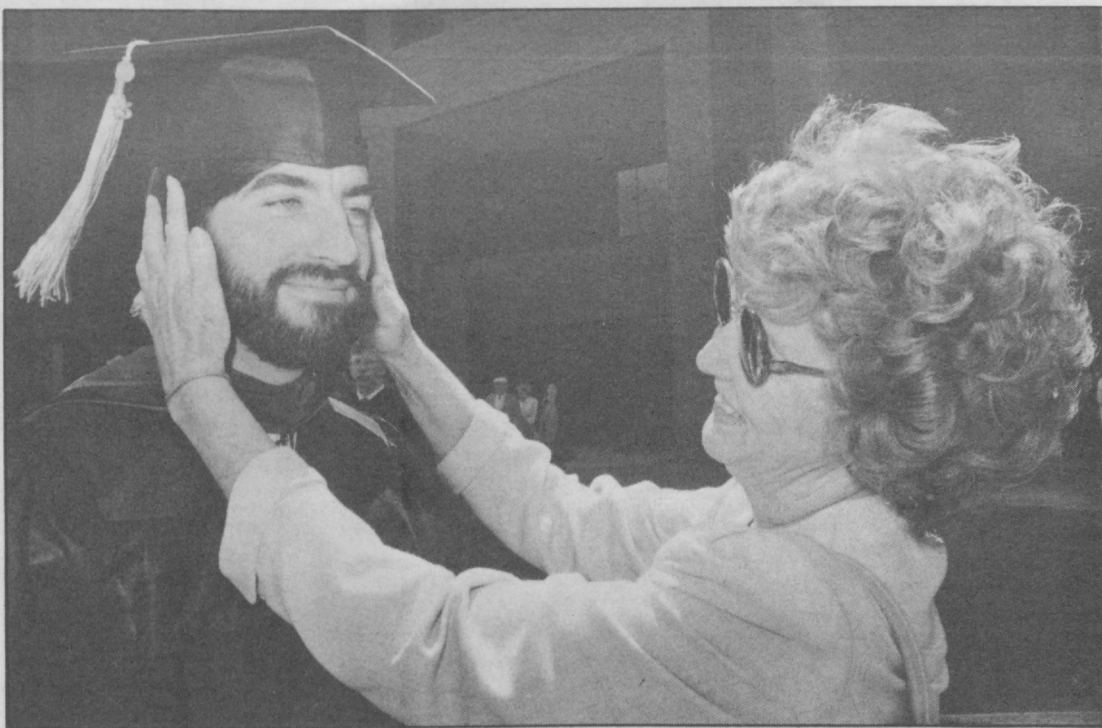


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advertisement announcing a new motion color print film that would "last 100 years if properly stored."

Film, it was decided, was the best way to record student life. Originally, P.A.R.C.H. wanted to use video, but the group concluded that in 100 years a machine on which to play it may not exist. "Film, at least," explained Hank, "is something tangible." Even if there are no projectors in the year 2085, he noted, there will be an image to reproduce from.

Why wait such a long time before reopening the capsule?

"A lot of what exists today, will not be around then," Hank said. "Right now, what is in there is worthless. In 100 years, it will be priceless."

"Why open up something like this in your own lifetime? One hundred years from now, maybe my grandson will be around to open the capsule."

Pool Closed All Summer

A rehabilitation project will keep the swimming pool in the Gymnasium complex closed until classes resume in September.

Professor Henry von Mechow, chairperson of the Department of Physical Education and Athletics, said the pool will be closed June 3. Reopening is scheduled no later than Sept. 2.

New Assistant VP, Others Appointed

Margaret Montgomery Mitchell has been appointed to a newly created administrative position—assistant vice president for human resources—at Stony Brook.

Mitchell, who has been director of Personnel Services/Human Resources at the Columbia University Teachers College, assumes responsibility for personnel activities, including labor relations, recruitment, fringe benefits, classification and compensation, and training at the University (including the Health Sciences Center and University Hospital).

Carl E. Hanes Jr., vice president for administration said: "We are extremely pleased to have attracted Ms. Mitchell to Stony Brook." She was recommended by a search committee headed by Dr. Graham Spanier, vice provost for undergraduate studies.

Mitchell is a doctoral candidate in labor studies education at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. She earned the master of arts degree in industrial and labor relations at Rutgers and the bachelor of arts degree in political economy at Holy Family College in Torresdale, PA.

She has served at Columbia since 1981, the past two years also serving as adjunct assistant professor in the Graduate School of Labor and

Industrial Relations at New York Institute of Technology. Previously she was director of employee relations for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Cheyney (PA) State University.

Vice President Hanes also has announced several other administrative area personnel changes:

- Denise Chabot Healey, appointed director of grants management. Recommended by a search committee headed by Dr. Murray Sherman, professor of anatomical sciences, she comes to Stony Brook from the University of Texas Health Sciences Center in Dallas, where she has been associate director of the Office of Grants and Contracts Management. She previously was with the National Institutes of Health in the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute.

- Richard Brown, assistant vice president for administration and controller, promoted to associate vice president and controller, serving as deputy to the vice president.

- Lee Yasumura, appointed assistant vice president for administrative affairs.

- Daniel Melucci, named budget director. He has been acting budget director the past year and a half.

- Karol Kain Gray, named chief accountant (she has been acting chief accountant).

Stony Brook Says Happy Birthday Bach

By Alvin F. Oickle

It may have taken place 300 years ago, but the birth of Johann Sebastian Bach still is cause for celebration at Stony Brook.

Two full weeks of activities—including the world premiere of a prize winning television film, concerts, free public lectures and a birthday party—will be conducted in observance of the 300th anniversary of Bach's birth, June 16-30 at the fifth annual Bach Aria Festival and Institute at the University.

The world renowned Bach Aria Group will be in residence and performing with the 46 Fellows of the Institute. The Fellows, chosen from several hundred applicants, come from 17 states and three foreign countries. Twenty-two concerts and lectures are scheduled, not only on the Stony Brook campus, where the Festival and Institute were founded by the Bach Aria Group in 1981, but also this summer at the Nassau County Fine Arts Museum and Center in Roslyn, at the Chapel at St. Charles Hospital in Port Jefferson and at Guild Hall in East Hampton.

Governor Mario Cuomo and the New York State Legislature have proclaimed June 16-30 as Bach Tricentennial Weeks throughout the state.

To open the celebration, PBS (Public Broadcasting Service) television stations across the country will show *In Search of Bach*, a videofilm made at Stony Brook during the Bach Festival, beginning June 16. WLIW-TV 21, Long Island's PBS affiliate, will be the first in the nation to show the hour-long film, Sunday, June 16, at 8 p.m. Other PBS stations will follow at 10 p.m. (Channel 21 will repeat the showing June 17 at 9 p.m., June 22 at 10 p.m. and June 23 at 3 p.m.)

In Search of Bach was elected red ribbon winner at the 27th annual American Film Festival, sponsored by the Educational Film Library Association.

A special addition to this year's Bach activities at Stony Brook is a Choral Program to be conducted June 16-22 by Margaret Hillis, considered the most prominent choral conductor in the United States. Her busy schedule includes serving as director of the Chicago Symphony Chorus, American Choral Foundation and Elgin Symphony Orchestra. Participants in the Bach Choral Program will prepare several major works and perform them in concert with the Bach Aria Group and the Fellows of the Institute on June 21-22.

A special guest performer will be soprano Barbara Pearson, a frequent soloist with the Chicago Symphony and who this season sang Bach's St. Matthew Passion with the Oregon Symphony, conducted by Hillis. The Choral Program will enroll choral directors and singers from throughout the tri-state area, forming a third facet of the Festival and Institute during the tricentennial program.

Another special event will be "A Family Birthday Party for Bach," to be given June 22 at 1 p.m. at the Nassau program in Roslyn and June 27 at 7 p.m. at Stony Brook's Fine Arts Center. Each program will include music that Bach wrote to perform with his wife and many children, narrated by Dr. Samuel Baron, professor of music at Stony Brook and the Bach Aria Group's music director. Balloons and birthday cakes will round out the celebrations.

For ticket information, call the Fine Arts Center Box Office at 246-5678.

Dr. Rosenberg Dies

Dr. Milton Rosenberg, associate clinical professor of obstetrics and gynecology in the School of Medicine, died March 1 after suffering a heart attack at the Lake Success office of the Medical Society of New York. He served the society as executive vice president. Dr. Rosenberg, 61, also served the society as president in 1981 and 1982.

BRIEFS

Stony Brook Graduates Receive Presidential Management Internships

Presidential Management Internships were awarded to two Stony Brook graduates who received master's degrees at this year's Commencement. A third graduate was a PMI alternate.

Harry Weiner, dean of Stony Brook's W. Averell Harriman College for Policy Analysis and Public Management, said the PMI program provides opportunities "equivalent to clerkships for United States Supreme Court Justices. They are the right-hand people to top administrators in the federal government." Neither of the interns' assignments has been determined yet.

Among approximately 200 chosen from more than 600 applicants from around the nation were Lisa Berger who has a juris doctor degree from the Boston University Law School, and Cassandra Daniels, who worked at the Vera Institute of Justice in New York City while completing her master's degree at Stony Brook. Berger has a bachelor's degree in history, earned at Stony Brook, and practiced law in Boston for three years before deciding to pursue a public policy career. Daniels previously earned a degree in

accounting at Long Island University's Southampton College. At Stony Brook, she held both an Alfred P. Sloan Fellowship and one of two W. Averell Harriman College Fellowships.

The PMI alternate is Theresa Elkowitz, who received both the bachelor's and master's degrees from Harriman this year. She participated in Harriman's accelerated academic program, held a teaching assistantship and works for the Brookhaven Town Department of Housing, Community Development and Intragovernmental Affairs.

Stony Brook Chemistry Alumni Return for "Cobalt" Symposium

Faculty and alumni—including Stony Brook's first Ph.D. recipient—took a close look at 27 years of "Chemistry at Stony Brook: Past, Present and Future" during a symposium in early May.

Dubbed the "Cobalt Anniversary Symposium" (cobalt being Element No. 27 in the periodic table), the conference recognized the accomplishments of Stony Brook chemists during the 27 years since the formation of the Department of Chemistry and the initiation of its graduate program.

The featured speaker was Dr. Raymond Mackay, chief of the Chemical Division, Research and Development Center at Edgewood, MD. Dr. Mackay holds Stony Brook's first Ph.D. (1966).

Drs. Fausto Ramirez, William le Noble, Theodore Goldfarb, Robert F. Schneider and Sei Sujishi were honored for 25 years of service to Stony Brook. Dr. Ramirez also was honored on his forthcoming retirement.

Appreciation also was expressed to Natalie Fiess, assistant to the chairperson for nearly 15 years. She will retire this month.

The two-day symposium included five sessions featuring speakers who were all former Stony Brook undergraduates, graduate students and post-doctoral program graduates.

Chairing the sessions were Drs. Philip M. Johnson, Albert Haim, John M. Alexander, Robert C. Kerber and Hans A. Bates, all from the University's Department of Chemistry.

Alcohol Awareness Program Earns National Recognition

National recognition has been given to the alcohol awareness program conducted this academic year at Stony Brook.

The National Association of Student Personnel Administrators' Board of Directors selected the University as a

recipient of the organization's annual Award of Merit. The association cited Stony Brook's "outstanding programming during National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week."

Dr. Samuel R. Taube, assistant vice president for student affairs, headed the campus program. It was arranged by faculty, staff and students representing several groups including the Office of Residence Life, Department of Public Safety, Residential Physical Plant, Personnel, Faculty-Student Association and the Stony Brook Union, among others.

The campaign included a letter to every employee, a banner contest in the residence halls, breathalyzer test demonstrations, films, information tables and several alcohol-free social events on campus.

Since Alcohol Awareness Week, the effort has continued under direction of Dr. Frederick Preston, vice president for student affairs. The Office of Student Affairs has established an interim set of guidelines for campus social activities, seeking voluntary observance while a campus-wide committee develops a permanent list of recommendations.

Literary Journal *Gradiva* Revived at Stony Brook

The international literary journal *Gradiva* has been revived at Stony Brook with the publication of the first issue of a new series.

The journal was active at Stony Brook for several years until one of its co-editors left for Israel. Dr. Luigi Fontanella was asked by the other editor, Dr. George M. Carpetto, to join him in relaunching the publication.

Dr. Fontanella is an associate professor and Dr. Carpetto is an assistant professor, both in the Department of French and Italian.

Originally, *Gradiva* focused on psychoanalysis and literature. Dr. Fontanella explained, but the new series brings other methodologies into play as well.

The journal is geared to once-a-year publication at this time, but Drs. Fontanella and Carpetto and their new editorial and advisory boards hope that interest will generate more subscribers and lead to more frequent publication, giving the journal more visibility and consistency.

Of the 1,000 copies of the new first issue printed, more than 200 went to Universities, libraries and private subscribers in the United States and abroad. The annual subscription price is \$12.

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KUDOS

Dr. **Jacob Bigeleisen**, professor of chemistry, chaired a subcommittee of CLOSEUP (Committee on Science, Engineering and Public Policy) that prepared a report on national science and technology policy. CLOSEUP is a joint unit of the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineering and the Institute of Medicine...Dr. **Paul Bingham**, assistant professor of biochemistry; Dr. **Patrick Hearing**, assistant professor of microbiology; and Dr. **Rajen Koshy**, assistant professor of medicine, have been selected to receive 1985 Catacosinos Fellowships...Dr. **Clive R. Clayton**, associate professor of

materials science and engineering, has been elected a Scientific Member of the Bohmische Physical Society...Dr. **Seymour Cohen**, distinguished professor of pharmacology, has been elected to honorary membership in Phi Beta Kappa...Dr. **Lou C. Deutsch**, assistant professor of Hispanic languages and literature, has received a SUNY Central Administration Faculty Grant for the Improvement of Undergraduate Education. Dr. Deutsch's project involves the development of CAI software for elementary Spanish...Dr. **Barbara Elling**, professor Germanic and Slavic languages and literatures, has been elected to the Delegate Assembly of the Modern Language Association of America...Recent University Hospital

Employees of the Month were **Kathleen Gunn**, J&R Nurse on Pediatric ICU, and **Edward Hines**, technical specialist in biomedical engineering...During the summer Dr. **William J. Harris**, assistant professor of English, will be a W.E.B. Du Bois Fellow at Harvard University, where he will work on a book about black avant-garde novelist Ishmael Reed...Dr. **Bryce Hool**, professor of economics, has been named chairperson of the Department of Economics, effective Sept. 1, 1986...**June Jordan** is the recipient of the 1985 Fellowship Award in Poetry from the New York Foundation for the Arts...Provost **Homer A. Neal** has been appointed a trustee of the Scientists' Institute for Public Information, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public awareness and understanding of vital issues involving science and public policy...Dr. **Monica Riley**, professor of biochemistry, has been named acting chairperson of the

Department of Biochemistry...The Pilot Club of Sayville (a professional women's service organization) honored **Monica Roth**, director of the Office of the Disabled, as Handicapped Woman of the Year...**Mortimer Shakun**, D.D.S., associate professor of dental health, has been named associate dean for student affairs at the School of Dental Medicine...Dr. **S. Murray Sherman**, professor of neurobiology and behavior and of anatomical sciences, has been elected by Oxford University to its 1985-86 Newton-Abraham Visiting Professorship in Medical, Biological and Chemical Sciences...Dr. **Stephen Spector**, associate professor of English, has been appointed a Fellow at the National Humanities Center for 1985-86...Dr. **David Cohen**, professor and chairperson of the Department of Neurobiology and Behavior, has been elected chairperson of the Council of Academic Societies of the Association of American Medical Colleges.

President Issues Land Use Policy

President John H. Marburger recently issued Stony Brook's first formal land use policy.

The policy was prepared by Marburger in conjunction with vice president for campus operations Robert A. Francis and the Campus Environment Committee of the University Senate, and approved by the Stony Brook Council.

"The process of deciding how to use the land remaining to us is extremely important," commented Marburger, "and should be made as explicit as possible. Despite the large apparent size of our campus, our property is a finite resource and must be used wisely."

The land use policy reads as follows:

Basic Assumptions

1. SUNY at Stony Brook will continue to expand during the next century. Our neighborhood will become increasingly developed, and the probability that the State will acquire additional land for campus use is low. Decisions regarding the care and use of campus land are essentially decisions "forever." Although the rate of campus development has slowed, it has not halted, and even slow growth over a century will lead to a very crowded campus.
2. Stony Brook's interests are best served by maintaining an attractive environment. The campus itself should encourage students, scholars and employees to want to live, work and study here. The campus should be viewed as an aesthetic asset to the community, and campus initiatives within the community should aim to preserve the aesthetic quality of life associated with Long Island's north shore.

Specific Land Use Policies

1. **Buffer Zones**
The campus will develop and maintain a visual buffer zone consisting of plant materials in a natural setting. A traveler proceeding along campus boundary roads should have the impression of driving through parkland. The boundary roads along which visual buffers should be established are Nicolls Road, State Road 25A, Stony Brook Road, Oxhead Road and Pond Path Road. Buffers should also be maintained between the community and the campus along boundaries that are not adjacent to roads.
2. **Natural Plant Material**—First priority.
Existing plant material, including wild trees and shrubbery, is an extremely valuable resource. It should be inventoried, and groundskeeping personnel should be trained in and assigned to its maintenance as a priority. Vulnerable areas should be identified annually for priority treatment. Every effort must be made to preserve large trees in the buffer zones and in the campus interior.
3. **Existing Landscaping**—Second priority.
Planted material should be maintained. If portions of a landscaping project die back after the contractors' warranty expires, their replacement should move to a high priority. Some existing landscaping may be unrealistic or poorly planned. Those areas should be identified and redesigned.
4. **New Landscaping**—Third priority.
New landscaping should only be undertaken when resources and expertise are available to do it right. It should be installed with whatever systems (e.g., irrigation) are required to maintain it properly.
5. **Nursery**
The University should establish and maintain a nursery on its grounds for the development of new and replacement plant materials, especially trees and shrubbery. Positions in groundskeeping should be created to maintain the nursery, and trained personnel should be hired to ensure expertise in caring for plant material in the nursery as well as in the campus landscape.
6. **Aesthetics**
Any project that makes a significant change in the appearance of the campus, including but not limited to new construction, rehabilitation, major landscaping, sculpture, stored equipment, temporary or experimental structures, roads, walks, paving, fences, signs and barricades, must be reviewed prior to implementation according to a procedure to be developed by the Campus Environment Committee, and approved by the Building and Grounds Committee of the Stony Brook Council. The procedure must allow for input from constituencies most directly affected by the project, and from experts or professionals such as landscape architects, artists, and architects where relevant. Disputes regarding the appropriateness of a project on aesthetic grounds are expected to be resolved by the President in consultation with the Building and Grounds Committee.
7. **Parking**
No more land area should be devoted to surface parking than is currently the case (Spring, 1985). Additional parking needs should be met by the erection of parking structures. It is anticipated that parking and traffic control will continue to pose serious problems in the future, but these problems must not be solved at the expense of Stony Brook's trees and green spaces.
When new buildings are constructed, parking areas may be created within the landscaped zone surrounding the building.
8. **Contractor Orientation**
No construction or maintenance work affecting the campus visual environment by University personnel or outside contractors should be performed without an orientation regarding site preparation, cleanliness, safety and priorities regarding native trees and plants. Contractors must agree to help preserve landscaping during their activities on campus. The orientation should be attended by senior administrative personnel (vice presidential level) to emphasize the seriousness with which these issues are regarded.
9. **Governance**
Decisions regarding campus land use must be reviewed by the Campus Environment Committee of the University Senate, and presented by the President to the Stony Brook Council for endorsement. The President may consult various ad hoc groups for policy guidance before conveying a proposal to the Council. The success of any land use policy depends upon the support of SUNY Central Administration and relevant state agencies. The senior campus administration and the Council will undertake to keep SUNY informed and to secure SUNY and agency support as necessary.

Computerized Career Help Now Available to All Faculty and Staff

Have you run into a professional dead end? Thinking of switching careers? The Career Development Office (Student Affairs Division of Career and Developmental Services) has announced that, due to lower student demand during the summer months, its interactive computerized career guidance system DISCOVER is available to faculty and staff from now until the beginning of the fall semester.

DISCOVER allows the user to sit at an assigned microcomputer and, by following simple operating instructions, explore a wide variety of subjects relating to career and/or education options. For example, if a person wants suggestions for jobs which relate to specific values, abilities and interests, he or she can complete a self-inventory that enables the computer to list appropriate occupations from its bank of 425 careers. If a person seeks a career with a great deal of travel, high income and high level of responsibility,

such jobs will be pinpointed in the Strategies for Identifying Occupations section. Another part of the program lists occupations related to the course content of 194 college majors, and yet another section highlights specific information about potential college and graduate school choices.

However, DISCOVER is not a panacea for career indecision, warned Jim Keene, director of the Division of Career and Developmental Services. "While DISCOVER is useful, there is no system around that can tell people what they should do with their lives," he said. "That is up to the efforts and choice of the individual. However, DISCOVER is helpful in the career exploration phase, and will identify a number of logical choices that people can take a closer look at by reading about the career field, speaking with people in that field or corresponding with professional associations."

Additional information about DISCOVER and how it can be "accessed" is available from the Career Development Office, located in Room W0550 of the Frank Melville, Jr. Memorial Library (246-7025). There is a one-time fee of \$10 to use the system, payable to the Bursar.

EVENTS

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

- FRIDAY, JUNE 7
GOLF: Second annual golf outing to benefit Patriots Cub (football booster club). Colonie Hill Country Club, Hauppauge. For more information call Alumni Office at 246-7771.
- SUNDAY, JUNE 16-SUNDAY, JUNE 30
BACH: Fifth Annual Bach Aria Institute and Festival. Public concerts, master classes, choral program in celebration of 300th anniversary of Johann Sebastian Bach's birth. For more information, see this issue of *Campus Currents* or call the Fine Arts Center Box Office at 246-5678.
- MONDAY, JUNE 17-THURSDAY, SEPT. 19
EXHIBIT: "Homage to Bolotowsky: 1935-1981," Fine Arts Center Art Gallery, weekdays 1-5 p.m. and evenings prior to Fine Arts Center Main Stage performances. No charge for admission. Reception Sat., June 29, 6-8 p.m.
- SUNDAY, JUNE 23
CONVOCATION: Schobl of Allied Health, HSC Level 3 Terrace, noon. Reception in HSC Level 3 Galleria, 1:30 p.m. For more information call department commencement representative.



- MONDAY, JUNE 24-SATURDAY, JULY 6
DANCE: Nat Horne Jazz-Ballet Institute. Beginner, intermediate and advanced level classes for professional dancers, college students, dance teachers and qualified high school students. Gymnasium, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. each day. For more information and registration forms, call Claire Dorgan or Joan Wiebke, Department of Physical Education at 246-6790.
- TUESDAY, JULY 2-SUNDAY, AUGUST 4
THEATRE: Stony Brook Summer Theatre Festival (all professional productions). July 2-14, *Tintypes*; July 16-28, *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*; July 30-August 4, *Beyond Therapy*. For subscriptions and group rates, call the Department of Theatre Arts at 246-7698. For single tickets, call the Fine Arts Center Box Office at 246-5678.