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Dr. Leo Sreebny

New Dean for School of Dental Medicine

Dr. Leo M. Sreebny, Director of the Center for Research in Oral Biology at the University of Washington in Seattle, has been named Dean of the School of Dental Medicine, effective September 1, 1975.

Dr. Sreebny succeeds Dr. Max Schoen, Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs in the School of Dental Medicine, who had been serving as Dean pro tem.

Dr. Sreebny, 53, brings to his new post thirteen years of related experience as Chairman

of the Department of Oral Biology at the University of Washington School of Dentistry. He also had served as a professor in that school and the School of Medicine.

Between 1958 and 1975

Between 1958 and 1975, Dr. Sreebny served as Director of the graduate training program at the University of Washington. Under his aegis, the program received a number of research grants from state and national organizations, including a

\$764,300 graduate training grant from the National Institutes of Health and a \$237,753 award to study electron microscopic investigations in oral pathology. The new Dean received his Ph.D. degree in Pathology and Biochemistry from the University of Illinois at Urbana in 1954, after serving a residency in oral surgery at the University's Research and Education Hospital. Following a two-year stint as a Navy dentist, Dr. Sreebny opened a private practice in Chicago.

Author

Dr. Sreebny is the author of more than 60 research-related articles for professional journals. He has edited or contributed to several textbooks used in medical studies.

HSC Student Assoc. Sets Election Dates

Student representatives to the HSC Student Association have announced that elections for President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer will be held from October 13 to 20. Booths will be set up and manned on these dates in Building F all day so students from all the Schools may cast their ballots.

Nominations for officers are being solicited during the period of October 6 to 10. Students are asked to turn nominations in to Dr. Dan Fox, Building C, Room 111. Dr. Fox is the Advisor to the HSC Student Organization.

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Lecture Series to Begin October 6

Helen Marieskind, an activist in the women's health movement; Dr. Sidney Wolfe, a co-founder with Ralph Nader of the Public Interest Research Groups; and Dr. John Wennberg, a physician who recently testified in Washington during hearings on unnecessary surgery are among the prestigious professionals who will be guest speakers for the new Lecture Series on Contemporary Issues in Health Care and Public Policy, offered by the Health Sciences Center.

Now in its second year as an educational offering to students (for credit) and interested members of campus and community, the 1975-76 series will continue to focus on the consumers' approach to current health issues, problems and dilemmas. Other topics to be explored deal with malpractice, national health insurance, sex research, the profitable American drug scene, modern technology and modern disease, the patient's right to live or die — who's choice? and aging in a youth-oriented society.

Open to the Public

The lectures, free and open to the public, begin on Monday, October 6, at 8 p.m. in Building F, room 147. A coffee hour will precede each lecture, beginning at 7 p.m., so that invited guests, students, and interested campus members may meet the speaker informally. The lectures will run on alternate Mondays through March 1, 1976.

The series was designed in part as an implementation of the Center's internal commitment to share its resources with the community outside the University. Serving on the Lecture Series Planning Committee are Dr. Dan Fox, Vice-President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Roger Cohen, Associate Dean, School of Medicine; Dr. Max Schoen, Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs; Vaughn Nevin, Assistant Professor, School of Nursing; Toni Bosco, Associate for Community Affairs; and Virginia Neary, graduate student, School of Social Welfare.

The complete schedule for the series appears on page 3.



J. HOWARD OAKS, D.M.D. (right), Vice President for Health Sciences was the guest speaker at the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council's Annual Auxiliary Recognition Luncheon. Shown with him is Mrs. Joseph Trask of Melville and Good Samaritan Hospital in West Islip, incoming president of the Nassau-Suffolk Council of Hospital Auxiliaries for the year 1975-76, as Mr. Louis C. Bernst, President of Huntington Hospital and Chairman of the Board of the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council looks on.

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Basic Health Sciences New Dean Pro Tem

Dr. Madelaine Fusco, Professor of Anatomy and Physiology, has been named Dean pro tem for the School of Basic Health Sciences. She replaces Dr. Arthur Upton who resigned to pursue teaching and research interests in Pathology. Dr. Fusco, who received her doctorate in Physiology at the University of Pennsylvania, had served as Associate Dean of the School for the past year, and is the Deputy Chairman and Director of the Graduate

Program in Anatomy. Her research interest is in the central control mechanisms and the interaction of central and peripheral factors in physiological and behavioral thermoregulation — and, in turn, the interactions between the regulation of body temperature and food and water intake.

Dr. Fusco is a member of many societies, including the American Physiological Society and the American Association of University Professors.

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Current-And-Coming Calendar

September 12 — December 19

A weekly series on "Clinical Pharmacology — Current Concepts" is being offered on Friday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. The series, sponsored by the Department of Medicine of Long Island Jewish-Hillside Medical Center and the Department of Pharmacological Sciences of the School of Basic Health Sciences here, is now in progress and will continue until December 19th. Open to internist, pediatricians, family physicians, nurse clinicians, pharmacologists and house staff, the sessions are devoted to presentations of new developments in pharmacology, followed by a "give and take" session with active participation by the audience. The location for the series is the Medical Board Room, South Shore division, LIJ-HMC Far Rockaway.

September 25 — May 20

The Nassau County Medical Center is presenting its 1975-76 Pediatric Post Graduate Lecture Series, to provide practical, up to date information for physicians who care for children in the Long Island area. For further information call 542-2632.

Seminar Designed for Thought-Stirring

A University Seminar Program designed to bring people of various disciplines together to discuss convergences and problems in the multi-approaches to considering individuals and society, will begin on October 8.

The series, arranged by Dr. Dan Fox, Dr. Sidney Gelber, Dr. Dick Howard, and a University committee, will feature three speakers for the fall session and three for spring. [ALL THE LECTURES WILL BE HELD IN THE EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCES BUILDING, ROOM 001, AT 4 PM, AND ARE OPEN TO CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY.]

Fall Schedule

- October 8 Russel Jacoby, author of "Social Amnesia," speaking on *Critical Theory and Conformist Psychology*
- November 5 Steven Marcus, Professor of English, Columbia University, and Associate Editor of "The Partisan Review" will speak on *The Reading of A Text By Freud*
- December 3 John Demos, Professor of History, Brandeis University, will speak on *Doing Psychohistory: Shame and Guilt in Puritan Culture*.

October 6 — March 15

A lecture series on Contemporary Issues in Health Care and Public Policy will be offered on alternate Monday evenings at 8:00 p.m., in Building F, Room 147. For the complete schedule see page three.

Saturday, October 18

The SUNY, Stony Brook campus will commemorate International Womens' Year with an all day program to be held on Saturday, October 18, beginning 10:00 a.m. Using a theme of "E (Energy) — Day on Campus," an opening panel beginning 10:00 a.m. in the Student Union ballroom will feature "Interdependence," exploring the need for uniting energies of women, men and all, for mutual progress. Afternoon "generator groups" will explore several areas of current concern — including womens' health, law, changing life styles, equality through economics and employment, women around the world, men and women as they view their position on the Stony Brook campus — as a starting point for action-recommendations to results from "E" Day. Elizabeth Wadsworth, Vice President for Student Affairs, is campus coordinator for IWY campus plans. For further information, contact Jan Hickman, University Relations 6-3580, or Toni Bosco, 4-2331.

October 21 and 22

The Nassau County Medical Center Department of Nursing is presenting a two day seminar on October 21 and 22nd, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on "Burns — A Nursing Challenge." Reservations are limited with a registration deadline of October 10th. Fee for the sessions is \$40.00. Reservation and fee should be mailed to Miss Edith Auguston, Coordinator Nursing Education, Room 1717 Nassau County Medical Center 2201 Hempstead Turnpike, East Meadow, New York 11554.

Saturday, October 25

The Medical Technology Department of the School of Allied Health Professions will host a

seminar on ESAMT IMMUNO-ELECTROPHORESIS on Saturday, October 25th, from 8:30 until 3:00 p.m. For further information please contact Professor Barbara Ciechowski, 4-2544.

October 31 and November 1

The P.A. Program of the School of Allied Health Professions will hold a Review Session and Workshop for Graduate PA's and other qualified health practitioners who are preparing to take the 1975 certifying examination for Primary Care Physician's Assistants. The fee for the two day review session is \$65.00 and all sessions will be held at the Holiday Inn of Stony Brook on Nesconset Highway. Registration will not be expected after Friday, October 10th. To insure a spot, would-be participants should contact the Physician Associates Program, Building F Room 145, SUNY/SB.

A maximum of 20 credits in Continuing Medical Education will be awarded by the American Academy of Physicians Assistants to those participants whose attendance is verified for the entire session.

November 6 and 7

The Nassau County Medical Center presents the fourth Willis J. Potts Seminar on the Comprehensive Care of Children to be held November 6th and 7th at the Island Inn, Old Country Road in Westbury. The seminar is also co-sponsored by the Health Sciences Center here. For further information contact Dr. Gerald Ente, Department of Pediatrics at NCMC in East Meadow.

November 16 — 21

Twelve seminars have been scheduled for the 1975 American Association for the Laboratory Animal Science Annual Meeting to be held in Boston, Mass. on November 16th through 21. The seminar entitled "The Laboratory Rat: Biology in Use in Research" will be lead by Dr. Steven Weisbroth, Director of the DLAR. This seminar is the first in a series of three symposia on various topics pertaining to the biology and use of the laboratory rat in research. Topics to be presented at this session include: taxonomy, natural history, genetics, clinical pathology, nutrition, reproduction, husbandry and facilities management.

Student Association Seeks Unified Voice

In March 1973 a group of Health Science Center students mobilized to gain a unified voice for expressing and meeting the needs of both themselves and the Schools.

They formed the Health Sciences Center Student Association, held elections for officers and representatives from the Schools and stated their goals to be: (1) better all round communication; (2) cooperation instead of conflict; (3) an active commitment to the interdisciplinary concept; and (4) the distribution of regulations involving the

Students' Activities Funds. In order to insure a balanced representation from the Schools, the decision was made to elect two representatives per program, a junior and a senior. Where a program had over 50 students, an additional representative could be elected.

Since the formation of the association, in spite of a sometimes — apathy due mainly to excessive demands on health professions students' time, students have kept the organization alive.

"We needed to bring some sense of community

to students," stated Pat Babin a nursing student. "Though the Health Sciences Center is supposedly interdisciplinary, in reality we seldom see people from other programs. Through the association, we can learn together and have fun together to make this a better community for all of us. This can be a powerful way to work." The H.S.C. Student Association meets weekly on Mondays at 5:30 in Building C, Room 124.

REMINDER: Election Dates Oct. 13 to Oct. 20

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LECTURES

October 6, 1975

The Women's Health Movement: New Hope for American Medicine

Helen Marieskind, M.P.H., Assistant Professor of Health Sciences, State University of New York at Old Westbury; Activist in the Women's Health Movement

October 20, 1975

Necessary and Unnecessary Medical Care

Dr. John Wennberg, Assistant Professor, Department of Preventive and Social Medicine, Harvard University School of Medicine; Also holds appointments at Harvard School of Public Health and the Center for Medical Care & Community Health

November 3, 1975

National Health Insurance May Not Improve Your Health

Dr. Gerald R. Rosenthal, Director, National Center for Health Services Research, Department of Health Education and Welfare

November 17, 1975

Sex Research: New Frontiers

Dr. Richard Green, Professor of Psychiatry, School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry, SUNY, Stony Brook

December 1, 1975

Medical Malpractice: Prevention and Management

Irving Ladimer, S.J.D., Program Director, Research Institute of the American Arbitration Association

December 15, 1975

The American Drug Scene: Pills, Profits and Society

Dr. Arthur Grollman, Professor of Pharmacological Sciences and Medicine, and Chairman, Department of Pharmacological Sciences, SUNY, Stony Brook

January 19, 1976

Consumerism and Health

Dr. Sidney Wolfe, Director, Health Research Group, Washington, D.C.

February 2, 1976

Modern Technology and Modern Disease

Dr. Marvin Kuschner, Dean, School of Medicine, and Chairman, Department of Pathology, SUNY, Stony Brook

February 16, 1976

The Patient's Right to Live or Die — Who's Choice?

Dr. Edgar A. Reed, Deputy Chief Medical Director for Ambulatory Care, Veteran's Administration, Washington, D.C.

March 1, 1976

Aging in a Youth-Oriented Society

To Be Announced

Social Welfare Students Open Student Advocacy Center

By VIRGINIA NEARY

While most campus people were away for summer recess, five Social Welfare students were hard at work organizing the Student Advocacy Center. The Center, the result of the joint efforts of Dean Kravitz and the students, was set-up to provide assistance in navigating the complexities of the School as well as to coordinate student activities. It is, according to its statement of purpose, "designed and operated by students, for students, in order to serve students' interests."

Why a Need

Why the need for a Student Advocacy Center at the School of Social Welfare? The founders, graduate students, Stephen Goren, Margot Magid, and Cynthia Moniz, and undergraduates Marilyn Braunstein and Judy Lipschitz, feel that the flexibility and informality of the School present problems for some students. School policy regarding course and credit requirements, fieldwork and graduation has been open to interpretation, negotiation, and subject to frequent revision. Some students are adept at handling such a relatively undefined situation, but for others it is disastrous. The lack of structure often leads to success for the more politically astute students, and neglect of the less sophisticated. The Student Advocacy Center aims to help students by clarifying policy issues, running interference with faculty and administration, and serving as an all-around information center.

The Center, funded by the School of Social Welfare, has a staff of six including four of the original organizers and two new recruits, undergraduates Susan Stark and Lee Smassanow. The Center is open as close to forty hours per week as possible subject to the class schedules of staff members.

Handbook

During the summer, the Student Advocacy Center wrote and printed "Survive", a handbook for Social Welfare Students which compiles the major policies of the School and their interpretations, and lists resources available to students in the University and the surrounding community. The Center was also instrumental in getting the School to provide a list of available field placements to all students in addition to a copy of the Field Manual which enumerates all the regulations surrounding fieldwork. In previous years, obtaining field placements was a vague and confusing process, especially disconcerting to new students.

By far the most ambitious Student Advocacy Center project to date was Fall Orientation. The Center took responsibility for organizing the entire orientation program. In addition, the staff organized Peer Advisement, during which second year graduate and undergraduate students were available to answer new students' questions about any and all aspects of the School. The assumption behind peer advisement is that students would feel more free asking certain types of questions of other students rather than of faculty members. Peer counsellors were also available on a one-to-one basis during registration week to help ease the chaos.

Students Respond

According to staff member Cynthia Moniz, students responded to the Center as though it were a godsend during registration. The office provided a haven and a place to sit down in addition to much needed guidance and information.

Since orientation, the pace has slowed down a bit at the Student Advocacy Center, but plans for new projects abound. Right now, the staff members are working on a critique of the orientation program, to evaluate the pluses and the minuses with an eye toward making improvements next year. They are also trying to develop a mechanism for organizing student interest towards participation in the School's Executive Committee. The Committee is mandated to have 40% student representation, however due to the lack of a formal selection procedure it has been almost impossible in the past to insure that representatives truly reflect the interests of the student body. The Student Advocacy Center hopes to come up with a means to solve this problem. In addition, four mini-orientations are planned during the fall for prospective students who have not yet applied to provide them with a student viewpoint of the issues and problems facing the School. Other possible projects include putting out a newsletter, organizing a film series, and setting up a Job Information Service.

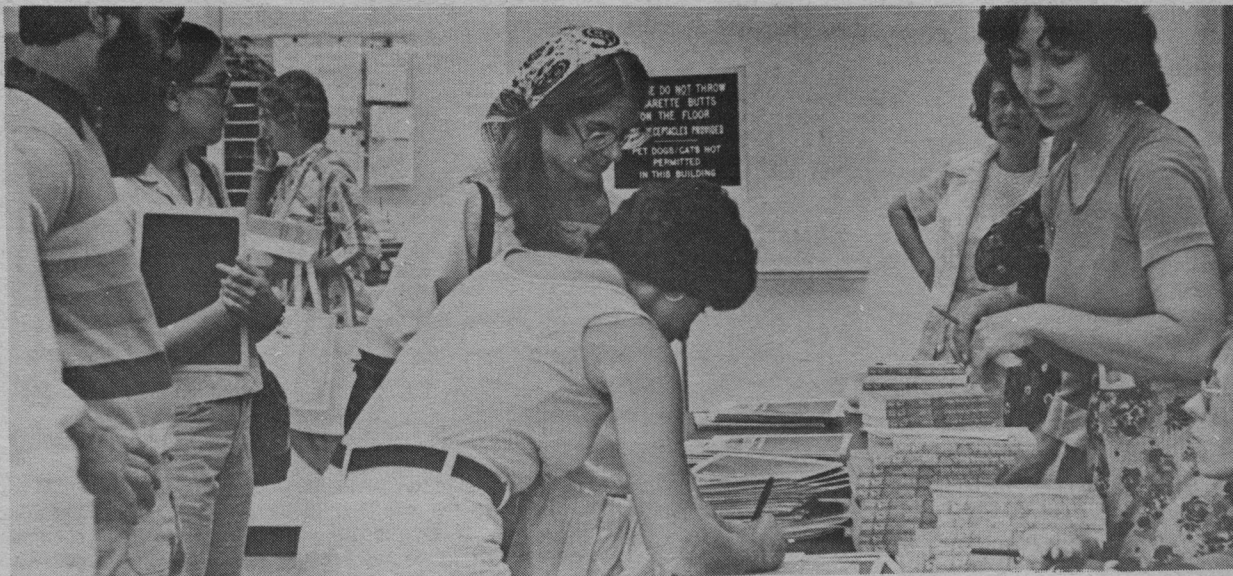
Good Start

The Student Advocacy Center has made a good start toward its goal of making life less complicated for students in the School of Social Welfare. It has already had a major impact with the publication of its handbook and its restructuring of orientation. If it continues along these lines, the Center will be a useful and needed addition to the School.

HSC Welcomes New Students

The Labor Day holiday marked the end of summer vacation and the beginning of a new season for HSC students. Lively orientation sessions for new students greeted 170 students in the School of Allied Health Professions; 176 in Nursing; 185 in Social Welfare; 48 in Medicine; and 24 in Dental Medicine.

The opening of the School of Podiatric Medicine was to have been delayed because of State budget tightening. However, because of legal action, classes were begun during the summer for the 24 students who had been accepted prior to the State notification. Students are attending classes on court order subject to the outcome of legal action in the Appellate Division of the State Court system.



Students sign in for bulletins and other materials during orientation at the School of Allied Health Professions for the entering classes of the several two-year programs offered by the School.

Photo by Jay Schleichkor

Roundup

Symposium Held on Foot Surgery

The School of Podiatric Medicine held its first annual symposium on surgery of the foot at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City in late September. The symposium, which focused on identifying recent innovative techniques and procedures in foot surgery, was planned by Dean Leonard Levy, and was conducted with the participation of distinguished faculty from Podiatric Colleges and various hospitals throughout the nation.

Have P. T. Students— Will Travel

Physical Therapy students from the School of Allied Health Professions will be traveling for some of their clinical affiliations. New agreements have been concluded with facilities in Scranton, Pennsylvania and Chapel Hill, North Carolina. In the Spring a senior P. T. student will have an opportunity to spend five weeks in an exciting program of Pediatrics Physical Therapy at the University of North Carolina's Division of Physical Therapy. In Scranton, the P. T. students will be at the Allied Services for the Handicapped, a multi-agency operation in one facility. A total of 29 facilities, most of which are on Long Island, will be used during the 20 weeks of clinical practice for the 45 students in the Physical Therapy program.

Nursing Students Launch Newsletter

Students from the School of Nursing took the plunge into journalism last May with the first edition of a hardhitting newsletter called PRN. In the first three issues stories included reports on internal school matters, informational articles, opinion essays, news about the Nurses' Student Association and a calendar of events. Students Hope to continue publishing PRN this school year.

University/Nursing Community Advisory Organization Established

Representatives from the Administration and Faculty of the School of Nursing have joined together with nursing service leadership persons and other health care professionals in Suffolk County to form a University Advisory Committee on Continuing Education in Nursing.

Jointly sponsored by the University School of Nursing and the Informal Studies Program of the Center for Continuing and Developing Education (CED), the group has been established to provide the University with greater feedback as to the educational needs of the nursing community. The Committee has been charged with such responsibilities as proposing topics of study which could be offered through the Informal Studies Program to Registered Nurses and other health care professionals on a part time and evening basis.

The Advisory Committee is under the leadership of Dr. Ellen T. Fahy, Dean of the School of Nursing.

Four Grants Awarded to SAHP

Four grants totalling \$239,751. have been awarded to the School of Allied Health Professions at the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

The grants will be used to improve basic sciences instruction, train instructors at clinical facilities, provide traineeship support to qualified graduate students, and conduct a specialty institute in human sexuality for teachers from Allied Health colleges from across the nation. All the grants were awarded by the Division of Associated Health Professions within the Bureau of Health Resources Development, a component of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Weisbroth Edits Book

Dr. Steven Weisbroth, Director of the Division of Laboratory Animal Resources edited a recently published book entitled *Biology of the Laboratory Rabbit*. Dr. Weisbroth was invited to review this book at a September conference on Rabbit Disease and Management, held at the State University of New Jersey at Rutgers. The conference was sponsored by the New Jersey Cooperative Extension Service in cooperation with the New Jersey Farm Bureau.

Continuing Education for Health Services Administrators

The graduate program of Health Services Administration in the School of Allied Health Professions recently held the first in a series of continuing education workshops for health care executives. This initial workshop presented the topic of Management by Objectives Through Transactional Analysis, a dynamic approach to applying the M.B.O. concept with a realistic understanding of human nature.

Accent on Human Sexuality

Robert Hawkins, Associate Dean of the School of Allied Health Professions and Assistant Professor Blossom Silberman conducted a two-day workshop entitled *Sexuality: Concepts and Attitudes* for the Suffolk County Community College Department of Health Careers and Nursing.

The goals for the seminar included: Developing awareness of human sexual behavior; discussion of sexual behavior on a non-judgmental basis; assessment of one's own level of sexual feelings; understanding of the sexual response cycle; and separation of sexual fact from myth.

Students Send a Child to Camp

Students in the Physical Therapy program were a behind the scenes "angel" this summer. The students contributed \$100 to Clover Patch Camp in Schenectady, making it possible for a handicapped child to go to this camp for four weeks.

In addition to this contribution, the students have also given lesser amounts to the Arthritis Foundation and the Denise Holleran Memorial Fund at Nassau Community College. Denise was a student in the Physical Therapy program who left for personal reasons in November, 1974, and unfortunately was killed in an automobile accident in February, 1975.

Students Bring Help to Senior Citizens

Students from the Community/Mental Health Program in the School of Allied Health Professions invited Senior Citizens to "Tune In To Health" in the comfort of their own surroundings, in late June.

The student-health educators did the traveling, bringing the program to the meeting room of the Strathmore Terrace in Mt. Sinai. The lively program included: Food For Thought, (an accent on nutrition); Exercise To Beat The Bulge; Facts And Fallacies of Sex; Meeting Emergencies; Aspects Of Aging; Will You Be In "Good Hands", (issues in health insurance); Responding To Life, (psycho-social aspects).

Keynote speaker was Elizabeth Taibbi, Assistant to the Suffolk County Executive for Senior Citizens' Affairs.

First Graduates in Surgical Residency



A reception for the first three graduates in the residency program of the Department of Surgery was held in June at the home of Dr. William Heroy, Professor of Clinical Surgery. From left, Dr. Harry Soroff, Chairman of the Department of Surgery; graduates, Dr. Vidysagar Annam, Dr. Stephen L. House, and Dr. Alan R. Koornick; Dr. Donald Janelli, Associate Professor of Clinical Surgery and Surgical Chief at Nassau Hospital; and Dr. Heroy.

photo by Toni Bosco

P. T. Seminar Puts Focus on Stroke Victim

Nearly 200 professionals attended a two-day seminar on "treatment and management of the adult patient with hemiplegia (stroke)" sponsored by the program in Physical Therapy in cooperation with the Long Island District American Physical Therapy Association.

The guest lecturer was Ms. Signe Brunnstrom of Lund, Sweden, a noted international rehabilitation specialist.

Following the seminar, a special five-day workshop was held at Oak Hollow Nursing Center for 16 instructors of therapeutic exercise from various universities throughout the country.

"The programs were presented as part of the Department's and School's commitment to continuing professional education," said Professor J. Schleickorn, Chairman of the program in Physical Therapy.

Physician Associate Brochure Available

The Physician Associate Program of the School of Allied Health Professions has published a new brochure describing the program. Copies of the brochure are available by contacting Ms. Joan Kenny at the Physician Associate Program.

HSA Forms Alumni Association

The graduate program in health services administration has formed an alumni association and held its first annual dinner meeting and social in late June. First graduates of this Masters degree program received their degrees in June, 1973. The program numbers 64 graduates to date.

The HSA program received full accreditation from the Accrediting Commission on Graduate Education for Hospital Administration after the Commission reviewed the program in July 1975.

School of Medicine Looks Into Sudden Infant Death

The School of Medicine recently submitted a grant application to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to obtain funding for the establishment of a regional center in Nassau and Suffolk Counties, based at the School of Medicine, for counselling, data collection and health manpower training regarding Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. Meetings have been held with members of the Sudden Infant Death Syndrome groups and concerned professionals from both counties to establish a Community Council to work with the School of Medicine toward setting up an Information and Counselling Center for SIDS, using the University as an "umbrella" for the bi-county area in dealing with this problem.

Major Improvements In Student Health Services

University Health Services, located in the brick Infirmary building behind the Student Union and opposite H-Quad, has announced some major improvements for the better health of Stony Brook students.

- The main developments are:
- a new in-patient service, with ten beds for patients not requiring hospitalization;
 - a walk-in service from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., for screening and treatment by primary care physicians;
 - expanded gynecological services, with emphasis on education;
 - increased laboratory testing services, with more ties to outside labs;
 - a health shop, where non-prescription drugs are available at cost, run by the Health Advisory Board set up last year;
 - new staff, including an internist, a fellow in Adolescent Medicine, and an orthopedist;
 - new charts and health forms, color-coded to improve filing systems, and designed to increase emphasis on the individual filling out the forms.

As it did last year, University Health Services operates specialty clinics in Allergy, Dermatology, Gynecology, Othopedics, Physical Therapy, Podiatry, Surgery and Urology. Special services include a Pharmacy for prescription medicines, and a birth control and VD information and counselling center known as EROS.

A most important action has been the formation of a Pregnancy Task Force, with leadership from the UHS staff, including Dr. Henry Brill, Director, Dr. Carol Stern, Gloria Lamm, a nurse-specialist in Family Medicine and Gynecology, Paul Kaprowski, a mental health specialist, Roger Phelps, Director of University Housing, and a student from EROS.

"We got together to do something about controlling the rate of unwanted pregnancies on campus," said Dr. Stern. "Last year, 150 women came to health service who were pregnant and didn't want to be. We don't know how many went elsewhere. The Pregnancy Task Force was formed to find out why this very high rate and what can we do about it."

Welcome to the HSC Library

All faculty, students and staff are invited to visit the Library in Building A on South Campus. We encourage you to ask questions of our staff, to browse through the collection and to pick up your copy of the "Guide To The Health Sciences Library". If you wish to arrange group orientation tours, please call the Readers' Services Department at 4-2512 or 4-2530.

HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER LIBRARY

CALENDAR

Hours:

Monday-Thursday	8:30 am - 11:00 pm
Friday-Saturday	8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday	1:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Thanksgiving Recess: We will be closed Thursday, November 27, and Sunday, November 30 and will be open regularly scheduled hours on Friday, November 28, and Saturday, November 29.

Winter Recess: We will be closed Saturdays and Sundays on the weekends of December 20, December 27, and January 3 as well as for the holidays on December 25 and January 1. The Library will be open 8:30 am-5 pm on December 22 thru 24, December 26, December 29 thru 31, and on January 2.

Regular Library schedule resumes on January 5, 1976.

U. Health Service Information

Medical Service: Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week;
TELEPHONE: 4-2273 (4-CARE)

Gynecology and Eros: 4-2472

Mental Health Service: Appointments and information, call 4-2281; from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. After 4 p.m., call 4-CARE

Emergency (for an ambulance): 4-2222. For more routine transportation when ill but not requiring an ambulance, call 4-CARE.

Response: 751-7500. This is an off campus telephone agency, dealing with problems.

Security: 6-3333

Invitation

You are invited to attend a participatory conference exploring crucial health issues facing women today on October 11-12, beginning 9:30 a.m., at SUNY College at Old Westbury.

Stony Brook participants include Elinor Polansky, Frances Brisbane and Barbara Goldberg of the faculty of the School of Social Welfare, and students Jane Porcino, Fran Davis and Lee Crespi.

For further information, contact Professor Polansky at 4-2143.

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Tel.: 6-3645

Bookstore

Place: Stony Brook Union
Time: Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Tel.: 6-3666

Library

Place: Core Campus
Time: Mon.-Thurs., 8:30 to midnight, stacks closed at 10 p.m.
Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sat. 1 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sun. 2 p.m. to midnight, stacks closed at 10 p.m.
Tel.: 6-5976

Library

Place: South Campus, Bldg. A
Time: Mon.-Thurs., 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Fri.-Sat., 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sun., 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Tel.: 4-2513

Bus Transportation

Place: From "P" Lot (on South Campus)
Time: Between 7:30 a.m. and 6:10 p.m., every 10 min.
Between 6:25 p.m. and 8:55 p.m., every 15 min.
Between 9:25 p.m. and 10:55 p.m., every 30 min.
Tel.: 6-5904

Cafeteria

Place: South Campus, Bldg. "F"
Time: Mon.-Fri., 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Place: Kelly Cafeteria and H Quad Cafeteria
Time: Mon.-Fri., 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Place: Knosh
Time: Mon.-Sun., 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Place: Student Union Cafeteria
Time: Mon.-Fri., 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.,
Sat. & Sun., 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Place: Buffeteria
Time: Mon.-Fri., 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.,
Sat. 5-7 p.m., Sun. 5-7 p.m.
Tel.: 6-3659

Student Services (Core Campus)

Director: Dan Frisbie
Place: Administration Bldg., Room 118
Time: ADMISSIONS — Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
FINANCIAL AID Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Tel.: Admissions, 6-5126/7/8/9
Financial Aid, 6-7010

Student Services (Health Sciences Center)

Director: Eleanor Schetlin
Place: South Campus, Bldg. C.
Time: ADMISSIONS — Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Room 100
FINANCIAL AID & REGISTRATION — Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Room 103
Tel.: Admissions, 4-2109
Financial Aid & Registration, 4-2109

Post Office

Place: Stony Brook Union, Room 046
Time: Mon.-Fri., 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Tel.: 6-3646

Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Inc.

Place: Infirmary, Room 138 (Office)
Time: 12 Noon to 4:00 p.m. (Office)
Tel.: Emergencies 4-2222 — Office 4-2285

A Welcome SPAN at Nursing



The SPAN staff during a planning session are, from left, Sylvia Fields, Helen Purello, John Armstrong, and Antol Herskovitz.

photo by Gene McDermott

Ribbon cutting ceremonies, followed by a champagne toast, highlighted the opening of the SPAN project at the School of Nursing on September 22. SPAN — Self-Instructional Physical Assessment for Nursing — is a new method of training nurses in physical assessment skills, using a "living laboratory" approach. The project is funded by a 2-year grant for \$192,000 from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The laboratory idea combines three teaching methods — videotaped viewing; the use of simulated models; and personal, real experience, with students working on each other.

The co-planners and project directors of SPAN are Sylvia Fields, Associate Professor, and Antol Herskovitz, Director of Media Services. Dr. Ellen Fahy, Dean of the School of Nursing is the Program Director. Co-workers are Nurse Practitioner Helen Purello, and John Armstrong, Media Producer and Director.

The project, based in Building G, Room 156, welcomes visitors.

People

Mrs. Gleniss Schonholz, formerly with the Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York City, joined the Staff of the Nassau County Medical Center as Administrator on July 1st.

The Nassau Heart Association has awarded research grants, totaling more than \$59,000, to three full-time physicians at Long Island Jewish-Hillside Medical Center. The recipients, Dr. Norman Gootman, Dr. Robert Hanby and Dr. Stanley Wiener, are also Associate Professors at the School of Medicine.

Dr. Robert K. Match of Roslyn has assumed the position of President of L.I. Jewish-Hillside Medical Center and as such will be its chief administrative officer. Dr. Match has been with the medical center for seven years and formerly served as executive vice president and director.

Mrs. Shirley Layburn is now Chief of Respiratory Therapy at Mather Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Layburn received her bachelor's degree in 1972 from the School of Allied Health Professions.

Dr. James E. Mulvihill has been named Vice President for Education and Research at L.I. Jewish-Hillside Medical Center in addition to his continuing role as Dean of the Clinical Campus.

The following students received General Excellence awards at graduation from the School of Allied Health Professions: **Judith Ahern**, for Cardio-Pulmonary Technology/Respiratory Therapy, **Jennifer Ashley-Moore** for Physician Associates; and **Harvey Finkelstein** for the graduate program in Health Services Administration.

Dr. Nora Schetlin, Director of Student Services, authored an article entitled "Wonderland and Looking Glass: Women in Administration" for the Spring '75 issue of the Journal of the National Association for Women Deans, Administrators, and Counselors.

Dr. Francine Smithline, a 1974 graduate of the School of Medicine, co-authored an article in a recent issue of the prominent medical journal, *The New England Journal of Medicine*, reviewing pertinent findings on prolactin and breast cancer that have emerged from years of extensive cancer research.

William Treanor, Associate Professor of Health Sciences in the School of Allied Health Professions, was honored recently at the annual meeting of the National Society of Cardiopulmonary Technologists as recipient of the L. Duane Postlethwaite Memorial Award for outstanding service to the National Society of Cardiopulmonary Technologists. The award, in the form of two plaques, was presented at the society dinner attended by over 350 technologists.

Dr. David Annunziato, Director of Pediatric Ambulatory Services at the Nassau County Medical Center and Assistant Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at the School of Medicine, was a featured speaker at the sixth annual symposium on birth defects for high school students sponsored by the Nassau County Chapter of the March of Dimes and the Nassau County Science Supervisors Association.

John Valter, Assistant to the Vice President for Health Sciences, authored an article entitled "Shared Responsibility for the Academic Program" which was published in the Spring '75 issue of the Journal of Podiatric Medical Education.

Dr. Kong-Jyun Ro has just completed an A.I.D.-funded project investigating the health resources of the Korean Health Care System. He

authored a paper on "The Effects of Investment in Human Capital on the Economic Development of Korea" in a recent Journal of East and West Studies.

Dr. Warren Balinsky, Associate Professor in the Health Services Department of the School of Allied Health Professions has been working on physician manpower analysis models. He published the results of one study in *Medical Care* last May and completed a review of research on "General Health Status Indexes" published again in *Medical Care* this year, April 1975 issue.

Dr. Edward C. Sinnott has been named Chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology at the Nassau County Medical Center. Dr. Sinnott is also Professor of Clinical Anesthesiology in the School of Medicine.

Dr. Sidney Louis, Chief of the Division of Neurology at the Nassau County Medical Center, presented the first lecture in the 1975-76 series, "Diagnostic Tests Used in Epilepsy", sponsored by the Epilepsy Foundation of Nassau County and held at South Nassau Communities Hospital in Oceanside.

Platon J. Collipp, M.D., Chairman, Department of Pediatrics, and biochemist researcher, **V. T. Maddaiah, Ph.D.**, of Nassau County Medical Center have recently received two grant awards for their work in understanding how growth hormone makes children grow and on vascular mitochondria in arteriosclerosis.

The first award from the National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism and Digestive Diseases, was for \$9,200. One of the by-products of this research is to try to determine why only hormone from human pituitary glands is able to be active in children and why other sources are unable to activate the hormone.

In the second award from the Nassau Heart Association, both co-investigators received \$15,790 to examine how energy is made by the heart. One of the major questions of this research is the following: Does the build up of cholesterol change energy metabolism of the heart?

Both grants were awarded to the Meadowbrook Medical Education and Research Foundation, Inc., who are administering the fiscal details of the grants.

Jeffrey Sachs, a dental student in the School of Dental Medicine, has recently been elected to membership in the Stony Brook Foundation.

Sylvia Bakst of Great Neck, Director of Community Relations at L.I. Jewish-Hillside Medical Center received the Emily Stebbins award, a prestigious national citation which each year singles out one professional who has made unusual contributions in the field of hospital public relations.

Clifton Mereday, Assistant Professor in the Physical Therapy Department, has been invited to conduct two programs on the recent advances in orthotics for the New York Chapter American Physical Therapy Association. The professional continuing education programs will be held on two weekends in October and November in Utica and Buffalo.

CREDIT UNION ON SOUTH CAMPUS

Here's your opportunity to join the campus Credit Union — with no inconvenience.

Beginning Monday, October 6, representatives will be on the south campus each week, beginning at about 10 a.m. to welcome you as a new member.

On Monday, October 6, the sign-up location will be the corridor between Buildings A and B.

On Tuesday, Oct. 14 (Monday, Oct. 13 is a holiday), the location will be the area between Buildings D and E.

On Monday, October 20, representatives will be in the lobby of Building G.

Watch announcements for future locations to be published in This Week.

Dr. Avron Ross, Dean of the clinical campus, Nassau County Medical Center, presented a paper on "Toxicity of Adenine Arabinoside in Humans" in August at a symposium held at Stanford University School of Medicine, California. His research was financed by a National Institute of Health grant.

Michael Nolan, who received a master's degree in Health Services Administration from the School of Allied Health Professions in June is the Assistant Administrator of Southside Hospital in Bay Shore.



Student Rhonda Gorlick prepares health education slides.

Rhonda Gorlick, a senior in the Community/Mental Health Division at the School of Allied Health Professions, participated in a unique internship program sponsored by the Regional Medical Program in Maine during the summer. Rhonda learned to produce health education media materials during her internship training.

Dr. K. Ann Stolurow, Assistant Professor, and **Robert Hawkins**, Associate Dean, of the School of Allied Health Professions presented a paper entitled "Validity, Anonymity, and the Collection of Sensitive Information" at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association in Chicago held in September. The paper was jointly sponsored by the Psychometric Society.

Dr. Bernard Gauthier has been named Physician-In-Charge of Pediatric Nephrology at L.I. Jewish-Hillside Medical Center as well as Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at the School of Medicine.

Dr. Leslie Wise has been named the new chairman of the Department of Surgery at L.I. Jewish-Hillside Medical Center.

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of L.I. Jewish-Hillside Medical Center is expanding its full-time staff with the appointment of **Dr. Sydney S. Chen** of Bayside as Physician-In-Charge of the Division of Gynecologic Oncology and **Dr. John Ayromlooi** of Bethpage, as Coordinator of the Division of Maternal and Fetal Medicine. Both doctors will hold the academic rank of Assistant Professor of Obs/Gyn at the School of Medicine.

Robert O. Hawkins, Jr., Associate Dean of the School of Allied Health Professions recently gave a mini-workshop on Human Sexuality for the Nassau County Department of Drug and Alcohol Addiction, Family Education Series. The series is coordinated by **Joan Tippman**, a new graduate student in the School of Social Welfare.

Jules Elias, Chief Histotechnologist at the Health Sciences Center gave lectures recently on Immunofluorescence, Immunology for Histologists, and Minimum Standards for Histotechnologists in New York State, New Jersey, and Michigan.

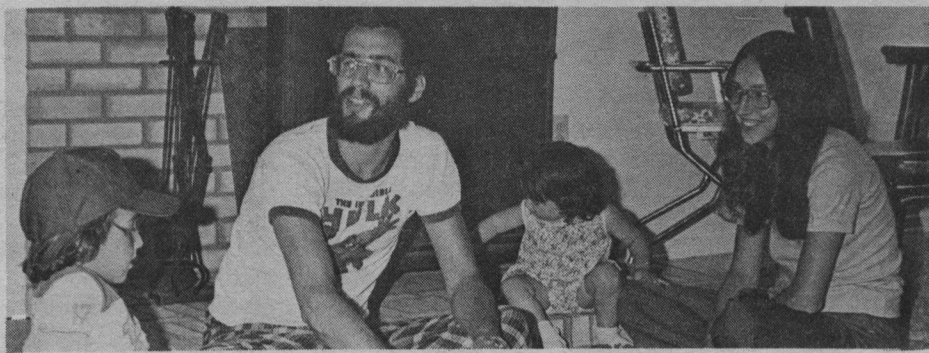
High Praise for HSC From 2000 Miles Away

Two subjects really turn John Goodman on — Colorado and Stony Brook.

As a '72 graduate of the Cardio-pulmonary Technology/Respiratory Therapy Program in the School of Allied Health Professions, John says categorically,

"I am fully confident that the Respiratory Therapy program in the School of Allied Health Professions in Stony Brook is far and away the best program in the country."

As a former Brooklynite who fell in love with Colorado at first sight, John says with equal non-negotiability, "You'd have to be out of your mind not to want to live here after you see it." His wife, Barbara, and their children, Jason, six, and Jessie, one and a half, agree.



John, who left New York right after graduation and headed west for Denver, is now the Coordinator of the Respiratory Therapy Program at the Community College of Denver, North Campus. As coordinator, he spends 25 to 30 hours a week in seven hospitals under contract with the college, teaching an average of 55 students per year. As a recognized respiratory therapy specialist, he is a consultant working with many

doctors.

"When I took over at the community college in 1974, the program was on probation for seven violations," John related.

In April 1975 when the program was re-examined by the accreditation committee of the American Medical Association, which must approve RT schools, it received unqualified approval for the next four years.

John feels much of the credit for

his success is rooted back at the Health Sciences Center.

"With the Stony Brook degree, you gain so much proficiency. You come out far ahead of therapists in any part of the country. The level of work was high and intense. Everything related to systems — renal, neural, brain — everything tied together. I came out capable of holding my own with the docs, confident I could set up a rapport with them."

He added that one of the greatest facets of the AHP program was the "attitude."

You got to really care through this program. You felt an intensity about the way you were expected to learn and perform."

John credits the army for "turning him on to respiratory therapy" after he worked as a medic and operating room technician. After his discharge, he enrolled at Nassau Community College to study science, and two years later was accepted in the CPT/RT program at SUNY, Stony Brook.

SB Joins Suffolk Community Council in New Health Study

A professor from the School of Medicine has been named Project Director of a \$50,000 grant from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW), awarded to the Suffolk Community Council to conduct a feasibility study for the establishment of a prepaid group practice health plan to serve residents of Suffolk County.

Marvin M. Leeds, Associate Professor in the University's Department of Community Medicine, will head a Suffolk Community Council task force set up to determine if a community-sponsored,

community-controlled health program, based on the Health Maintenance Organization concept would be beneficial to residents of Suffolk. Mrs. Priscilla Roe of Stony Brook is the chairman of the council's Task Force on HMO Development.

The plan would be offered as an alternative to conventional indemnity health insurance such as Blue Shield. For a prepaid monthly dues, the program would provide subscribers with a full range of primary and specialist health services under one roof — from allergists to

X-ray — with a special emphasis on preventive care. Also included would be unlimited hospital stays, preventive dental care for children and outpatient mental health services.

According to Professor Leeds, the HMO promotes cost containment and efficiency through optimal use of ambulatory services, home care and health education strategies. Government employee studies have shown that it is particularly effective in reducing hospitalization. The member has access to a variety of medical specialists and allied health

professionals located in one facility working as a team, and may utilize these services as often as necessary with little or no out-of-pocket cost.

The feasibility study consists of an analysis of the factors which will affect the success or failure of the HMO. These include consideration of the legal structure the HMO will assume, identification of professional staff to provide services and of potential subscriber groups which would be sources of enrollment. Preliminary cost estimates will also be made to determine financial feasibility of the HMO.

If the results of the feasibility study indicate that further development is warranted, Professor Leeds expressed hope that the program could be operational by July, 1977.

The HEW grant was made available under the HMO Act of 1973. A preliminary HMO feasibility study by the Suffolk Community Council was initially made possible by a grant from the Blue Cross of Greater New York in 1974. The HMO concept is most closely identified with the Kaiser-Permanente Foundation Health Plan popular on the west coast.

HSC and BOCES Students In Lab-Partnership



Students from the Medical Laboratory Assistants Program of the BOCES Second Supervisory District have the unusual opportunity of getting some college level lab experience, thanks to a cooperative step taken by BOCES II and the Medical Technology Program of the School of Allied Health Professions.

Dr. Martin Rosenfeld, Chairman of the Department of Medical Technology, has a contractual agreement with

BOCES II whereby students in their Medical Laboratory Assistant Program come to the South Campus and work for five sessions with the faculty and students in the professional program here. The BOCES program includes students who are still in high school and post high school students.

"We are trying to expose these young men and women to a University environment, while giving them the opportunity to work with automated and

sophisticated equipment," said Dr. Rosenfeld, who worked with BOCES teacher John Thomas in setting up the arrangement. Students come from Center Moriches to the Islips, the area which is encompassed by the BOCES II District.

"The University experience has given the students added employable skills," stated Mr. Thomas, who has written a book entitled, *Medical Laboratory Skills*, to be published soon by McGraw-Hill.

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First Fifth Pathway Program

By Bert Jablon
Assistant to Superintendent,
Nassau County Medical Center

In conjunction with State University of New York, Stony Brook, School of Medicine, a 46-week supervised clinical clerkship — commonly referred to as a Fifth Pathway program — began at Nassau County Medical Center on August 11, 1975, for 14 foreign-trained physicians.

The Fifth Pathway doctors are expected to develop improved skills in interviewing, history taking, physical examination, diagnosis, and for organizing treatment plans for patients in inpatient, emergency, and ambulatory services.

The students will conform to SUNY, Stony Brook University holidays and vacation schedules. However, they will be required to serve night and weekend on-call assignments at the direction and discretion of their hospital supervisors.

During their clinical clerkships, these physicians will rotate through five primary specialties: pediatrics, medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, surgery, and psychiatry. They will also spend time in a number of other specialized departments such as family and rehabilitation medicine, radiology, pathology, anesthesiology, ophthalmology, psychology, and SUNY's "Community Medicine" program.

Several of these Fifth Pathway students formerly completed the Medical Center's recent four-month Eighth Semester program.

Faculty

Faculty for this program is drawn from full-time staff, volunteer attendings, and medical residents who have received — or are eligible for — teaching appointments from SUNY, Stony Brook, Health Sciences Center.

Dr. Avron Ross, Dean of the Clinical Campus, and Bert Jablon, Coordinator of Professional Educational Services, direct the overall supervision and logistics of this new program. However, each residency director is responsible for the student's program within his or her respective department.

Both the University and the Medical Center will establish an ongoing evaluation of the student enrollees — and the program itself — during the 1975-76 training period.

Dental School Joins With Three Village School District to Reduce Tooth Decay

Some 6,000 elementary school children in the Three Village School District will be invited to participate in a national program on reducing tooth decay, directed by the staff of the Department of Children's Dentistry at the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Once a week, the children from kindergarten through grade 6 will take five minutes from their classroom routine to rinse their teeth with a neutral dilute sodium fluoride solution — a technique proven to be a safe and effective way of preventing cavities — under supervision of their teachers and monitors from the University's School of Dental Medicine.

The program is one of 16 being carried on throughout the country by the dental research component of the National Institute of Health specifically for the purpose of demonstrating the cost and effectiveness of a supervised fluoride rinsing program for

school children. The geographic areas selected for the study were chosen because they do not have fluoridated water supplies.

"Research has shown that a supervised program of weekly rinsing may reduce the incidence of caries by 30 to 40 per cent," said Dr. Louis Ripa, Chairman of the University's Department of Children's Dentistry. "The National Institute of Health now wants to know the cost and effectiveness of actually setting up mouth-rinsing programs for large groups of children living in areas where the water is not fluoridated like Suffolk."

Dr. Ripa and Dr. Gary Leske, Associate Professor of Children's Dentistry, were awarded a \$150,000 contract from the National Institute of Health and were named co-principal investigators of the mouth-rinsing demonstration project, which has received the approval and endorsement of the Three Village School District.

"We were tremendously pleased with the positive and

enthusiastic response we received from the Three Village School District, and the teachers, who saw the program in terms of its health benefit to the children of this community," said Dr. Ripa.

The program which will begin later on this fall is completely voluntary and requires the written consent of the parents before a child will be allowed to participate.

The procedure, which is for rinsing only and involves no swallowing, requires approximately five minutes of teacher-student time weekly. The fluoride solution is prepared by dental hygienists who serve as "rinse monitors" on the day selected for mouth rinsing. The monitors will see that the fluoride solution is properly prepared and distributed to each classroom in special plastic bottles fitted with plastic pumps and calibrated to dispense the proper amount of solution — about two teaspoons — needed for each child's rinsing. Each

child is then given a paper cup containing the sodium fluoride solution. With the teacher's supervision, the children swish the solution around in their mouths for one minute, empty it back into the cup and place a napkin in the cup to absorb the liquid. The cups are then discarded into plastic containers.

Prior to beginning the mouth-rinsing demonstration program, which will continue approximately five years, Dr. Leske will do dental examinations, excluding x-rays, on a number of students selected at random from kindergarten through 9th grade. These "random-sampling" examinations will be done once a year to give further data demonstrating the efficacy of the mouth-rinsing procedure.

Mouth-rinsing will be done only up through 6th grade, but we'll do examinations up through 9th grade for better comparison data," explained Dr. Leske.

The dental educators added

that the demonstration project is not intended to and should not in any way take the place of regular dental care and preventive procedures provided in the private dental office.

"We think the program will increase the utilization of dental services by promoting an awareness and concern for better dental health in the community," said Dr. Ripa.

Among the many health groups and individuals endorsing the NIH study to be carried out in the Three Village School District by the School of Dental Medicine are the Northern Brookhaven Dental Group, the Commissioner of the Suffolk County Department of Health Services, Dr. Mary McLaughlin, and the metropolitan New York regional office of the New York State Department of Health.

Dr. Ripa and Leske, fathers of four and three children respectively, are both residents of the Three Village School District.

HSC Graduate "Builds" for Future Students

When Al Briskie graduated in 1973 from the Community Mental Health Program in the School of Allied Health Professions, he "never dreamed" that he'd be coming back to the Health Sciences Center — wearing a hard hat.

Al, age 46, who was a one time high school dropout and an operating engineer on construction jobs for several years before deciding to go back to school and on to college, is now helping to erect the structural steel and place the stone facings on the HSC buildings under construction.

"I am operating the derrick on top of the building," said Al, who is a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 138.

Still a Student

On evenings and weekends Al switches from hard hat to student

and counselor. He is getting a Master's degree in Community Counseling from C.W. Post College and is leading Alcohol Education and Family Counseling on Saturday mornings at South Oaks Hospital in Amityville as a participant in the South Oaks Hospital Alcohol Counseling Training Program.

"I chose to remain a 'hard hat' because I am hoping to get involved in health education for the blue-collar worker," Al said, explaining that the popular image of the man under the hard hat is more mythical than accurate.

"Blue-collar workers today are individuals, with different problems, asking questions like anyone else, concerned about many issues and wanting to learn. In fact," he added, "it was while working with blue-collar workers that I began to see a need for health

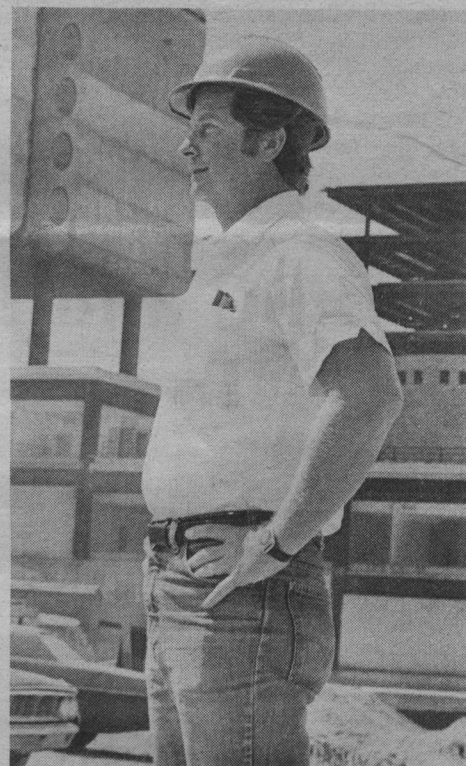
education. When you consider the importance of the blue-collar workers in the economy of Long Island, concern for their health is essential."

Worked Nights

While at Stony Brook, Al had a "brutal" schedule, studying full time days and working full time nights. He is particularly anxious to use his expertise as a health educator by establishing health programs through the blue-collar unions.

His life experiences, hard work and education, gained as an adult, have converged into a philosophy which Al sums up as, "Take each day as it comes, learn as much as I can about myself, be real in my communication with others — an art in itself — and use time wisely."

An ex-navy man, Al resides with his family in Fort Salonga.



AL BRISKIE in his hard hat, on the job, surveys the new HSC building.
photo by Toni Bosco

HSC Is Nation's Leader In Enrollment of Women Medical Students

The School of Medicine is probably the national leader when it comes to the enrollment of women in medical school. For two years now, women in the entering classes have totalled 60% and 50%, respectively.

Currently, the enrollment of women in medical schools totals an overall average of 18%, according to a recent report by the Association of American Medical Colleges, which predicts that this figure will rise to 30% by 1984-85. While women in medicine are "making haste slowly" in the United States (a slim 8.2% of U.S. doctors, trailed only by Spain and Madagascar), the School of Medicine at Stony Brook is galloping towards rectifying these dismal statistics.