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STALLER CENTER FOR THE ARTS

July will be jumping at the Staller Center for the Arts, with a festival of comedy and music. The season opens with John Godber's newest play. *The Office Party* takes a hard and funny look at sexual equality in the workplace. British audiences have raved about this raucous, rowdy comedy about a high-profile marketing firm that has just won a prestigious contract and is preparing for the high point of their year: the annual office party, when the unspeakable is said and the unforgivable is done. *The Office Party* will be presented Wednesday, July 7 through Saturday, July 10, and Tuesday, July 13 through Saturday, July 17, at 8 p.m., with a special matinee performance on Sunday, July 11 at 3 p.m. Tickets: \$20 on Friday and Saturday; \$17.50 other times.

Ellen DeGeneres and Kevin Pollak will present a night of stand-up comedy on Friday, July 23, at 8 p.m. DeGeneres's brilliantly funny routines emphasize wry wit and strange twists of reality. At

the 1991 American Comedy Awards, she won Best Female Comedy Club Stand-up. Pollak is especially known for his on-the-mark impressions and intelligent humor. Tickets: \$20.

Singer Chris Calloway joins conductor Mercer Ellington and the Duke Ellington Orchestra for a night of Big Band and jazz on Saturday, July 24, 8 p.m. The *Daily News* calls Calloway, d of the legendary Cab Calloway, "a magnetic performer who throws herself into a song with an abandon only the truly gifted can pull off." Tickets: \$20.

Music in the Recital Hall, hosted by Jacques Despres, is a series of three concerts, July 16, 23 and 29, at 8:30 p.m. Each is preceded by a free informal talk at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$12.50.

On Friday, July 16, Depres presents "...When the Spirit Says 'Sing!'" highlighting the African American musical legacy: blues, rag, jazz and jitterbug. The concert includes spirituals, Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue," Ravel's "Blues," and Bennett's "Five Studies in Jitteroptera." Pianists Kevin Sharpe, Craig Nies, and Jacques Despres will perform with Derek Lee Ragin, male alto, and Nai-Yuan Hu, violin.

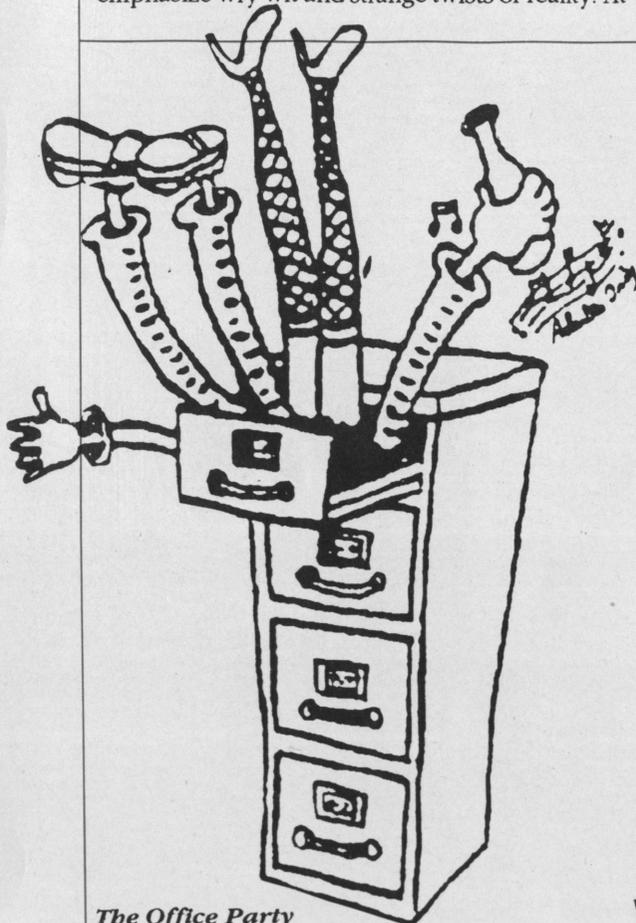
The second concert, "Sounds of the Spheres,"

on Friday, July 23, includes music inspired by nature: birds, insects, whales, night, wind, and more. The selections are works of Handel, Rameau, Couperin, Liszt, Schumann, Ravel, Bartok, Honneger and Messiaen. Musicians are Kenneth Cooper, harpsichord; Jacques Despres, piano; Tara O'Connor, flute; Craig Nies, piano; Brooks Whitehouse, cello; and Patricia Tao, piano.

The third program, on Thursday, July 29, is "Songs of the Unsung," with music by Alma Mahler-Werfel, Rebecca Clarke and Clara Schumann - three important, but often neglected women composers. Performers will be the Guild Trio (Janet Orenstein, Brooks Whitehouse and Patricia Tao); Jacques Despres, piano; Marcus Thompson, viola; and Elizabeth Weigle, soprano.

A life-size tornado travels from the stage through the audience during the fully staged musical production of *The Wizard of Oz* on Sunday, July 25, at 3 p.m. The Tinman, Scarecrow and Lion join Dorothy on her journeys for this American Family Theatre Production. Tickets: \$7.

One additional show will be presented on July 30-31. Details to follow.



The Office Party

Presented by the Hull Truck Company
 Wednesday, July 7 - Saturday, July 10, 8 p.m.,
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 Sunday, July 11, 3 p.m.
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A Night of Comedy

Ellen DeGeneres and Kevin Pollak
 Friday, July 23, 8 p.m.
 Tickets: \$20

Mercer Ellington conducts the Duke Ellington Orchestra

Guest singer, Chris Calloway
 Big Band and jazz
 Saturday, July 24, 8 p.m.
 Tickets: \$20

Summer Serenades

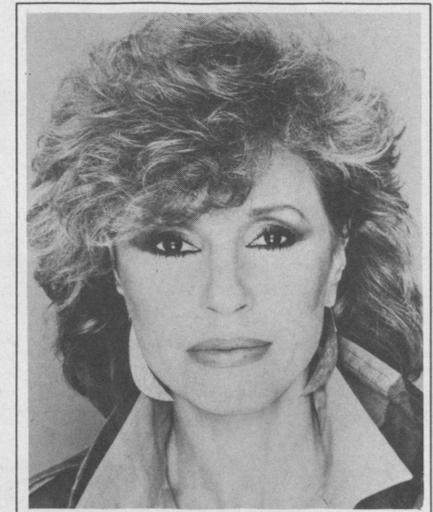
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The Wizard of Oz

Presented by The American Family Theatre
 Sunday, July 25, 3 p.m.
 Tickets: \$7.

For additional information and tickets, call the Staller Center Box Office at (516) 632-7230.



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Speaking Up

The following is from a talk by Karl Bottigheimer, professor of history, in the "Thursdays at Noon" series hosted by the English Department.

Thus far I've been talking about the ways in which history and literature, in my experience, fell short of the expectation that they should be companionate, intersecting disciplines... I'd like to talk about the ways in which that seems to be changing. I think I see signs of convergence which I know some of you – if you agree – will ascribe to what is called "The New Historicism." But I believe that what I'm talking about is a broadening of both "history" and "literature" with the result that, like expanding ink blots, they are tend-

ing to meet and overlap at their extending boundaries.

The place where that is most evident to me is in the recent English Department Ph.D. dissertations which I have been asked to examine as an "outside reader"...

First there was Jennie Clarke's fine study of three early twentieth century women writers; then Jim Fairhall's dissertation on James Joyce, and finally – just a few months ago – Thomas Nowak's study of early seventeenth century Anglican sermons on the theme of the infamous Gunpowder Plot of 1605. They all exemplified "literary" methodology, yet all three could have been regarded as "history" dissertations...

I have argued, largely on the

basis of some youthful experiences, that "History" and "Literature" were less congenial – even more inimical – disciplines than anyone was happy to admit. On the basis of some less youthful experience, I have argued that that is changing... Each [discipline] has expanded its notion of what is worth studying. In the process, many of the old verities have diminished or retreated: political, constitutional, military and diplomatic history, for instance; or in literature, an earlier canon of exemplary authors...

So in my (historian's) crystal ball (which always shows the future more clearly, if less correctly, than the past), "History" and "Literature" are more likely to be friends than the foes they have regrettably, and needlessly, sometimes been.

Come Back to The Brook this Summer

More than 300 undergraduate and graduate courses will be offered this summer. Why not take advantage of the chance to stretch your mind?

The Summer Session course schedule is available at the offices of Records/Registrar, Undergraduate Admissions, School of Continuing Education, and Summer Session, and can be requested by calling (516) 632-7790.

Almost half of the courses are scheduled in the evening and many meet only twice a week. Term I runs from June 1-July 9; Term II, from July 12-August 20.

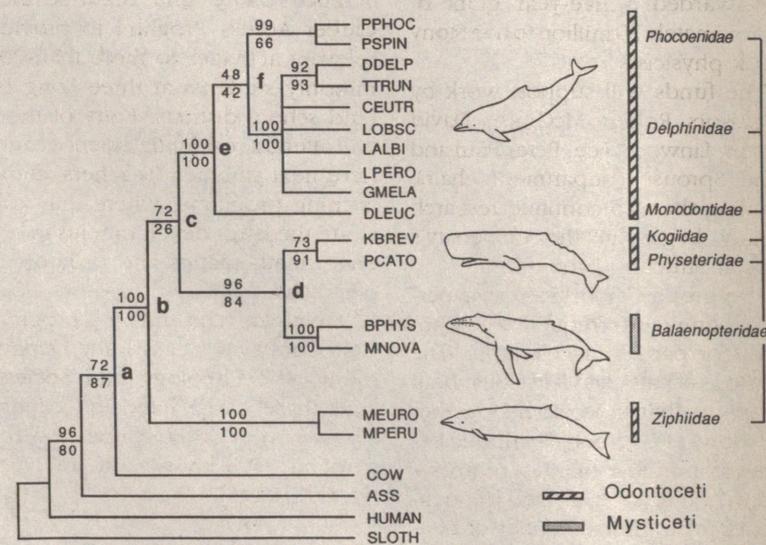
Registration begins May 10 and continues until the Friday before classes start. Sign-up is on a first-come, first-served basis. Undergraduate courses cost \$105 per credit; graduate courses, \$168 per credit.

This year, in addition to French, German, Italian and Spanish, the Summer Session will offer Arabic, Chinese, Hindi and Japanese. There are new, noncredit classes in conversational Japanese and an introduction to Japanese culture. There are courses in music, film, art, math, physics, anthropology, and much more.

High school students with grade point averages of 85 or better who will be seniors in the fall are welcome to take introductory courses in Term II.



Whale Family Tree Based on New Genetic Data



The traditionally held view that baleen whales and toothed whales form natural groups with long, independent evolutionary pathways is probably incorrect. This schematic phylogenetic tree also shows that the cow is the land animal most closely related to the whale.

Genetic Study of Whales Suggests Kinship to Cows

A new DNA study at Stony Brook calls for a radical rethinking of the evolutionary history of whales.

Axel Meyer, assistant professor of ecology and evolution, with doctoral candidate Guillermo Orti and Michel C. Milinkovitch of Yale University, reported in a recent issue of the journal, *Nature*, that baleen whales and toothed whales are more closely related than previously thought. Based on DNA evidence, the baleen and toothed whales' evolution is intertwined rather than distinct and divergent. Though sperm whales have teeth, Meyer and collaborators found them to be close cousins to baleen whales - named for the baleen, or large hairlike filter, that hangs across their mouths and enables them to strain water for food.

The researchers' results confirm theories, long held by evolutionary scientists, that whales descended from hooved land animals. Meyer, Milinkovitch and Orti analyzed DNA

from a cow, donkey, sloth and human to determine which is most closely related to whales. Their analysis proved that cows are most similar genetically to whales, and that the two animals probably descended from a common land ancestor. The study also confirmed that cows are more closely related to whales than to donkeys.

In addition, the findings indicate that baleen whales are much younger than previously thought, and may have appeared as recently as 10 million years ago, about 30 million years later than textbooks say they do. Since all whales originally had teeth (most still do), scientists thought some whales lost their teeth and developed baleen slowly, over many millions of years.

But, says Meyer, "Now that we know baleen whales are so young in evolutionary terms, the changes in their appearance and social systems all must have happened rather quickly."

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

NSF \$9 Million Grant to Nuclear Structure Lab

The National Science Foundation has awarded a five-year grant of approximately \$9 million to five Stony Brook physicists.

The funds will support work by professors Robert McGrath, David Fossan, Linwood Lee, Peter Paul and Gene Sprouse (department chair), enabling them to continue research already begun at the university's Nuclear Structure Laboratory.

The group is working on superconducting radio-frequency components for particle accelerators. The collisions of particles yield clues about the forces that hold atoms together and how nuclei behave under extreme conditions of high temperature, when rotating at high frequencies, or with unusual mixes of neutrons and protons.

Wanted: Minority Science, Engineering Students

Underrepresentation of African- and Latino-Americans in science and engineering careers is a national problem. In an attempt to reverse this trend, faculty at Stony Brook are working with teachers in area school districts to provide educational programs for minority students in grades 6 to 12. These programs are designed to increase interest and opportunity in science and mathematics education.

"Minority students in junior and senior high school have traditionally lacked role models, encouragement on the part of peers and teachers, and guidance and career planning for science and engineering careers," says Edith Steinfeld, codirector of Stony Brook's Science and Technology Entry Program. "We can reverse these trends by exposing students to exciting science, mathematics and technology learning experiences at a young age."

Recently, the Department of Technology and Society received a three-year, \$430,000 grant from the National Science Foundation's Summer Science Camp and Math/Science Career Access Program to provide relevant activities to more than 200 minority students at three Long Island school districts. Forty of them will attend a residential science camp here next summer. Teachers attend training programs, where they can share the latest developments in science, mathematics and technology education.

Steinfeld, who runs the program with Tom Liao, chair of the Department of Technology and Society, says these early, hands-on experiences have a lasting impact on the students. "We know early intervention is critical."

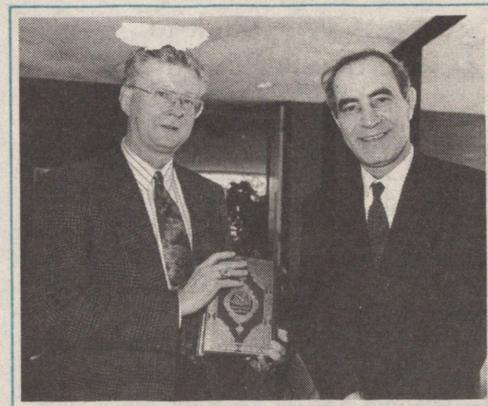
Alumni Helping Out

- The Career Advisor's Network (CAN) is up and running in the Career Development Office. Students can access the database which contains names and numbers of alumni working in specific occupations. This system is invaluable to students because it gives them an opportunity to investigate potential careers.

Some alumni have even volunteered to provide assistance in obtaining internships and employment at their organizations. If you'd like to be included in the network, call the Career Development Office at (516) 632-6810.

- Did you know that USB alumni are recruiting in Albany, Rochester and Florida? You can too! The Office of Undergraduate Admissions is looking for enthusiastic alumni to spread the excitement. If you're interested, please call Rob Pertusati '84, coordinator of the Alumni Volunteer Program at (516) 632-6868. (And be sure to look for the article about alumni recruiters in our next issue!)

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MAXINE HICKS

Dean of Library Services John Smith holds a Koran presented by Saudi diplomat Zayed Balazanj.

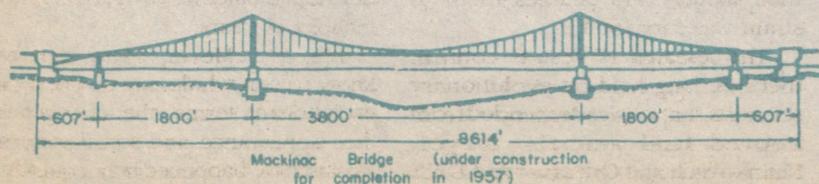
Making the World a Little Smaller

For four days in April, about 20 Stony Brook students represented Saudi Arabia at the National Model United Nations (NMUN) in New York City. Over 1600 students from 150 campuses around the United States, Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Japan and Germany participated in the conference, held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel and in the UN General Assembly Chamber.

Members of Stony Brook's United Nations Association (UNA) spent fall semester studying the UN and Saudi Arabia. They prepared position papers and drafted resolutions based on actual voting records of the Saudi Arabian delegation. In February, Vice Council Zayed Balazanj, Saudi ambassador to the UN, visited campus to help students get ready.

The NMUN is a guided reading course in the International Studies and URECA programs, taught by Hussein Badr, associate professor of computer science. Research is done at the Frank Melville, Jr. Memorial Library, Documents Section, guided by Hannah Robinson, librarian.

UNA at Stony Brook was established in 1988 by then-undergraduate Will Mittler '90 (B.A., political science), with Robinson and UN diplomat/former USB Professor Yassin El-Ayouti.



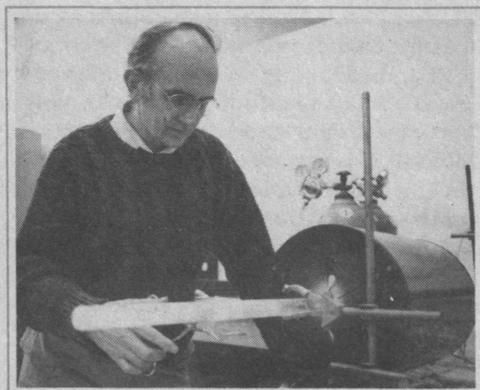
High Pressure Center's 'Journey to the Center of the Earth'

The Center for High Pressure Research (CHiPR) has been awarded a grant from the National Science Foundation to develop educational programs in seismology and earth sciences for grades kindergarten through 12.

CHiPR will work with the university's Museum of Long Island Natural Sciences to develop a program dubbed "Journey to the Center of the Earth." Center Director Donald J. Weidner says plans include displays and exhibits in the museum, portable science demonstrations and teacher training workshops. The outreach program will also sponsor on-campus workshops for small groups of highly motivated students.

Last year NSF designated CHiPR one of its national Science and Technology Centers. Based at the Mineral Physics Institute, the center is a collaboration between USB, Princeton University's Geophysical Laboratory and the Carnegie Institution.

CHiPR is also planning to expand its "Summer Scholars" outreach. Conducted for the first time as a 10-week pilot effort last summer, the program gives research experience in mineralogy and mineral physics to undergraduates.



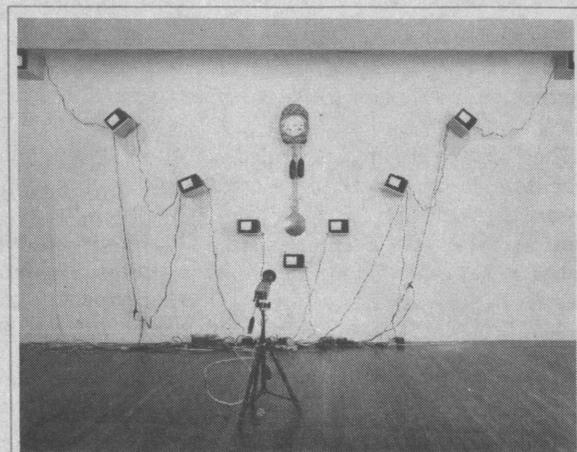
Physicist Donald Weidner in the Earth and Space Sciences high pressure lab.

MAXINE HICKS

University Honors "Father of Video Art"

Nam June Paik, video artist, was honored with Stony Brook's third annual Distinguished Korean American Award in February, recognizing his contribution to enhancing the relationship between the United States and Korea.

Paik's work has been exhibited and written up extensively. He has had solo exhibitions in



ADAM REICH, COURTESY OF HOLLY SOLOMON GALLERY

"Musical Clock," Nam June Paik (1989)

New York City at the Museum of Modern Art and the Whitney Museum of American Art, and around the United States, including the Everson Museum of Art in Syracuse and the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. His work has been shown at the Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum, the Fluxus Festival of Wiesbaden (Germany), and elsewhere. He has been called the "father of video art."

Born in Seoul, Korea in 1932, he graduated from Tokyo University (Japan) in 1956, where he majored in aesthetics, music history and art history. He has studied at the universities of Munich and Cologne. In 1964, Paik established himself in New York City, where he has devoted himself to creative video art.

To celebrate Paik's 30 years of devotion to video art, a conference, "20/21 Symposium: The Turn of the Century," was held in Seoul and Kyongju from July 30 through August 3, 1992, featuring his work.

According to art critic Young Woo Lee, Paik "has opened up a new genre in art and is today the highest authority in the field of video art." As a cultural ambassador, "He has effectively introduced the essence of Korean-American culture and art," into his work, says Lee.

The university enjoys close ties both with Korea, its government and people, and with the Korean-American community in New York City.

Stony Brook's Korean Studies Program is growing fast, and the university has many Korean and Korean-American alumni. In addition, Stony Brook has formal agreements with several eminent Korean universities.

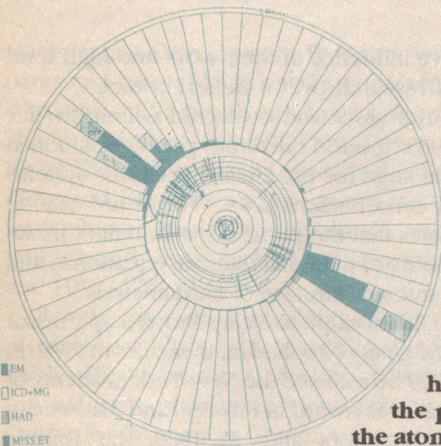
In Pursuit of the Top Quark

They've already seen charm and beauty. Now they're searching for truth.

Under the leadership of Stony Brook physicist Paul Grannis, an international team of researchers is racing to find the last undiscovered particle of matter. That particle – the top quark – is whimsically nicknamed "truth" (to go along with other quarks called "charm" and "beauty") by those who seek it. In verbal shorthand, it is also referred to simply as "the top." Whatever you call it, the top quark is a key to understanding the fundamental constituents of nature.

Grannis' group of 370 participants from 36 institutions is called the "D-Zero" project. It is one of two teams working at the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory outside Chicago. Each team has its own detector to measure what happens when particles are hurled at each other, hundreds of thousands of times a second, inside the four-mile-long ring of magnets and electronics that is Fermilab's particle accelerator. Scientists hope that the top quark will

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A computer representation of a D-Zero collision event, from electronic signals recorded on June 27, 1992. The outer circle represents a device built by personnel from Stony Brook and Brookhaven National Laboratory. During this collision, protons and antiprotons smashed into each other, then emitted other particles that formed a "jet." Studying these collisions helps experimenters understand the properties of the force that binds the atomic nucleus together.

appear during these collisions, as it did during the "Big Bang" that created our universe.

Since 1964, scientists have predicted the existence of quarks, a family of subatomic particles that form the basic building blocks of matter. Five of these six quarks have already been discovered (the last was beauty, or the bottom quark, seen in 1977 at Fermilab by a team that included some Stony Brook physicists). The sixth remains elusive, and it is the last, conclusive bit of evidence for a theory that scientists feel they are tantalizingly close to proving.

"We're convinced that it's there," Grannis says. "There's so much circumstantial evidence." That evidence lies in the particle collisions that occur in the accelerator, where protons and antiprotons are flung at each other from opposite directions at nearly the speed of light. When they crash, showers of tiny, scintillating particles – a swarm of subatomic fireflies – are released. It's a laboratory duplication of the Big Bang, when quarks lived for only a thousandth of a billionth of a second before they vanished.

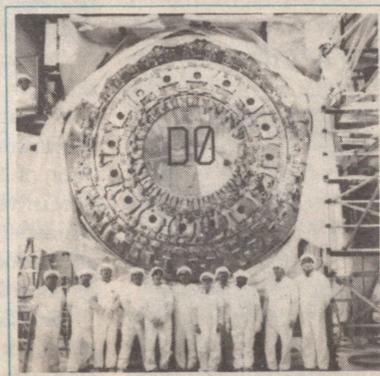
Catching these fireflies is no easy task. D-Zero workers have only about three millionths of a second to record each collision and its results. "That's the magic length of time," says Grannis, "before the particle beams come around again to make another collision."

Physicists have predicted that the top has a mass of 100 to 200 GeV (a unit of energy that represents billions of electron volts). Though infinitesimal, that's huge by atomic standards. "How long it takes to find the top

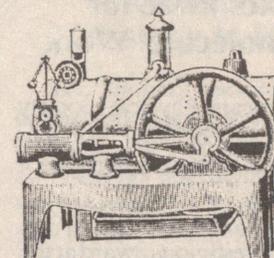
depends on what its mass is," says Guido Finocchiaro, professor of physics and a D-Zero project member. The first data collecting run, which started last May and winds up this spring, has already probed the window of possibility up to 110 GeV. "It wasn't there," says Finocchiaro. The team will take another look, and another, each time changing the parameters of their search to find a heavier and heavier quark.

Failure to find the top quark would challenge – maybe even dismantle – the so-called "Standard Model" scientists use to explain and predict our physical world. "If the top is not discovered," says Grannis, "then we'd better figure out what's wrong with the theory and find out what it is we don't know." As Grannis puts it, "The outcome will still be magnificent."

Other Stony Brook physics faculty working with Finocchiaro and Grannis in different areas of physics include Robert McCarthy, Dean Schamberger, Michael Rijssenbeek, Chang Kee Jung and Roderich Engleman.



Members of the D-Zero team pose in "scrubs" with their accelerator.



Digging Scheduled for Major Cogeneration Project

The largest contract ever negotiated between the State of New York and a private developer will enable the university to build a 40-megawatt cogeneration plant scheduled to be in full operation in 1994.

The contract, approved this winter by the state comptroller, spells out terms by which electricity and steam valued at more than \$1 billion will be generated by the plant over a 20-year period, significantly reducing Stony Brook's utility bills.

No state funds will be devoted to the project. The developer, Nissequogue Cogeneration Partners, will obtain private financing because SUNY has reached the maximum of the bonding authority granted by the legislature, said Carl Hanes, deputy to the president. Having served as chief negotiator in developing the contracts, Hanes is now coordinating construction of the \$100 million plant.

The first phase of the project will begin early this summer, with the installation of a pipeline to bring natural gas to a three-acre site near the West Campus power plant. Construction on a concrete base for the turbine, boiler, compressors and other equipment will follow. A 65-foot structure will house the machinery.

Cogeneration captures waste heat that results when electricity is produced by gas-fired turbines, and uses it to generate steam and hot water for heating and cooling. With more than 100 buildings and a daily population approaching 30,000, Stony Brook now runs a monthly energy bill of about \$2.5 million. The campus averages an electric power demand of 23 megawatts, reaching 31 megawatts at peak periods.

Physics Prize for 'Supermolecule' Work

The American Physical Society has awarded its 1993 High Polymer Physics Prize to Chemistry Professor Benjamin Chu.

Chu, a faculty member since 1968, accepted the prestigious award at the society's annual meeting in Seattle, Washington, in March.

The prize has been given by the American Physical Society each year since 1962 to recognize outstanding contributions in high polymer physics. Sponsored by the Ford Motor Company, the honor carries with it an award of \$5,000.

Chu was selected for his work in the structure and dynamics of supermolecules. He uses lasers and synchrotron X rays to look at materials that often are difficult to study, such as teflon. In fact, he was the first to determine the mass of the teflon molecule, 50 years after the material was invented. Methodologies he has developed are now used by other chemists to study the fundamental properties of various materials.

In 1992 Chu was named a Distinguished Professor by the State University of New York Board of Trustees. He served as chair of the Department of Chemistry from 1978 to 1985. He has won the Alexander von Humboldt Award for Senior United States Scientists and Alfred P. Sloan and J.S. Guggenheim fellowships.



Chemist Benjamin Chu, winner of the 1993 American Physical Society's award for high polymer research.



Dr. Robert Schwartz with a young patient.

Family Medicine Names Chief

Dr. Robert Schwartz has been appointed chair and physician in chief of the Department of Family Medicine at the School of Medicine.

Schwartz is committed to societal needs such as prenatal care and providing health care to underserved populations. His major interest is in family medicine obstetrics. Noting a trend among American family practitioners to no longer deliver babies, Schwartz has taught medical students and residents how to provide low-risk obstetrical care.

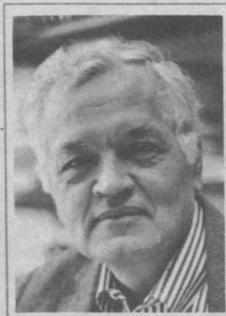
He plans to provide outreach education and health services to the community, especially Long Island's East End, establishing a primary care network to improve the relationship between University Hospital and community hospitals and physicians.

A clinical associate professor, Schwartz has been a faculty member since 1979, serving as acting chair, director of the Family Practice Residency Program, associate director, attending physician and coordinator of Obstetrics and Gynecology within the department. Winner of several honors and awards, he was chosen Teacher of the Year in 1985, 1986, 1987 and 1989.

Glimm Honored For Ground-breaking Mathematics

James Glimm, chair of the Department of Applied Mathematics and Statistics, has been awarded the American Mathematics Association's Leroy P. Steele Prize.

The prize recognizes mathematical papers of fundamental or lasting importance. Recipients are selected for the cumula-



James Glimm

tive influence of their work and high level of research over a period of time.

The association selected Glimm for his 1965 "ground-breaking" paper, "Solution in the large for nonlinear hyperbolic systems of conservation laws." The award citation notes that the paper is, "a landmark in the theory of partial differential equations...and a true masterpiece of hard analysis."

Glimm came to Stony Brook as professor and chair of applied mathematics in 1989. In 1979 he received the New York Academy of Sciences Award in Physical and Mathematical Sciences and, in 1980, the Dannie Heineman Prize for Mathematical Physics (his co-recipient of both awards was Arthur Jaffe of Harvard University.) He directs the

university's Institute for Mathematical Modeling.

Allied Health Professions Appoints New Dean

Lorna S. McBarnette, former acting commissioner of health for the New York State Health Department, has been appointed dean of the School of Allied Health Professions and a professor in the university.

McBarnette held senior-level positions in the State Health Department for more than 10 years, serving as executive deputy commissioner from 1983 to 1991, and most recently, as acting commissioner. She has been a professor of health policy and management in the University at Albany School of Public Health and a public service professor of health policy at Albany's Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Public Policy.

McBarnette brings to the post extensive experience in hospital and health systems organization and management. Prior to joining the Health Department, she served as executive vice president of St. Peter's Hospital in Albany; associate executive director of Queens Hospital Center in Jamaica (when it was affiliated with Stony Brook); and associate administrator of the Queens affiliate of Long Island Jewish Medical Center.

McBarnette was involved in policy-making, planning and directing a broad spectrum of Health Department activities, taking on and solving difficult problems.

She is founder of the department's Minority



Dean Lorna McBarnette

Management Development Program, which prepares mid-career blacks and Hispanics for leadership roles in the health and human services field. She reorganized Roswell Park Cancer Center, Helen Hayes Hospital and several other financially distressed hospitals and programs and provided leadership in designing the state's response to public health issues such as measles, tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS.

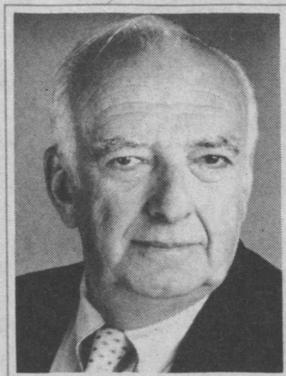
For the past six years, McBarnette has been pivotal in establishing the state's second School of Public Health at the University at Albany. She served for two years as president of that university's Center for Women in Government, an organization that advocates for and prepares women to assume policy-making roles. She currently serves on the center's board of directors.

McBarnette has won acclaim for her efforts at increasing access to health services and for her concern for the needs of immigrants.

She has received numerous awards and honors, including the Medallion of the University for Distinguished Service from the State University of New York, and an honorary doctor of laws degree from St. Joseph's College in 1990. She holds a master of science in health policy and management from Harvard University's School of Public Health.

Dean of Dental Medicine Brings a Familiar Face to the Job

Burton R. Pollack, D.D.S., M.P.H., J.D., has been appointed dean of the School of Dental Medicine. Dr. Pollack, who brings to his position 46 years of experience in dental education and 30 years of dentistry practice, received his dental and law degrees from the University of Maryland in Baltimore and his degree in Public Health from The Johns Hopkins University.



Dean Burton Pollack

Pollack's appointment comes at a time when dental education is preparing for the changes that will occur in the 21st century, when, for example, the unique needs of a large elderly population will come sharply into focus. His goal is to make certain that the educational program at Stony Brook is compatible with the anticipated needs of the next century and to produce graduates who are well prepared to meet those needs.

During his 30 years at the University of Maryland Dental School, Pollack taught in the departments of physiology, anatomy, and oral diagnosis. He also served as acting chair in the Department of Pedodontics and organized and became the first chair of the department of Community Dentistry.

Pollack also directed the program for dentists at The Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health in Baltimore, and was admitted to practice law in Maryland and in the Federal Courts in 1960.

In 1976, he joined the faculty of the School of Dental Medicine at Stony Brook, initially serving as executive associate dean. Since 1981, he has been director of the Risk Management Program for the Dental Care Center and has also served as director of continuing education. His teaching responsibilities have included the subjects of health law, ethics and risk management.

Pollack is author of approximately 100 articles and has contributed 10 chapters to texts in the field. He founded *The Journal of Law and Ethics in Dentistry* and served as its editor. His latest book is *Dental Jurisprudence and Risk Management*.

Pollack is a member of many professional organizations, including the American Dental Association and the American Association of Dental Schools.

Obituary

Edmund J. McTernan, professor of allied health and dean emeritus, died on February 3 at home. He was 62 years old.

Professor McTernan came to Stony Brook in 1969 as the founding dean of the School of Allied Health Professions. He retired in 1991.

During his career, he wrote and edited medical articles and books and served as a consultant to governments and institutions throughout the world. Over the years, he was awarded virtually every major award in his profession and served on the board of the American Society of Allied Health Professions.

Professor McTernan received a B.S. degree from New England College; an M.S. in hospital administration from Columbia University, an M.S. in public health from the University of North Carolina; and a doctorate in education from Boston University. He earned a degree in nursing through the SUNY Regents College program and became a registered nurse in 1980. He was awarded two honorary doctorates, one from Thomas Jefferson University in 1989, the second from SUNY in 1993.

He is survived by his wife, Michele, six children and 10 grandchildren. Donations in his memory may be made to the Edmund J. McTernan Endowment Fund in care of the Stony Brook Foundation, 330 Administration, University at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY 11794.

A Linguist's Passage to India

S.N. Sridhar, associate professor of linguistics, is off to India in about a month. He'll spend this summer and next fall researching "Empirical Studies of Indian English," on a Senior Faculty Research Fellowship of the American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS).

As an additional honor, he has been selected from among the AIIS fellows to receive funds specifically provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities, for "superior scholars/Indologists in the humanities." This award recognizes his overall scholarly stature and "identifies him as a humanist who, by his ...presence and participation in the [AIIS] international centers' activities, can strengthen those centers in the field of the humanities."

Sridhar has been on the faculty at Stony Brook since 1980. He is the author of *Kannada* (Routledge, 1990), a study of one language spoken in India, *Cognition and Sentence Production* (Springer Verlag, 1988), an examination of the psychological and situational processes which generate sentences, and articles on linguistics, bilingualism, language modernization, and the languages and dialects of India.



Linguists S.N. Sridhar, front, and Kamal (Meena) Sridhar.

Staller Center Bounces Back From Winter Flood

By Bill Osborn

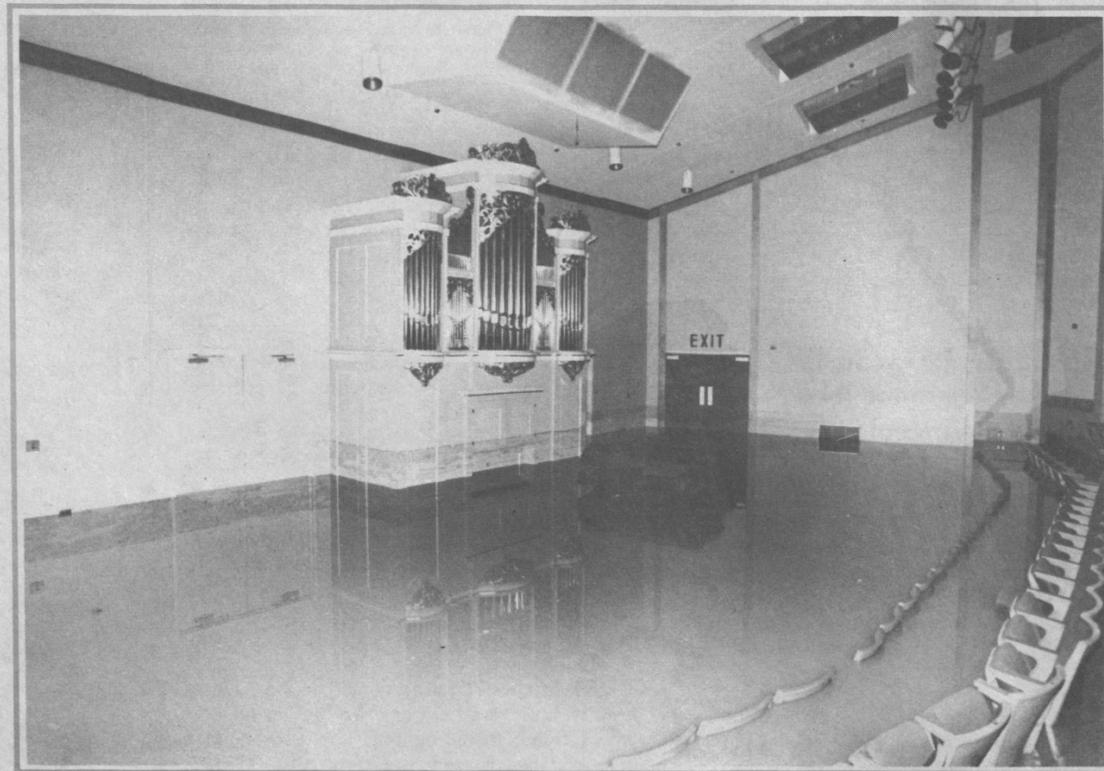
More than a million gallons of mud and water flooded the Staller Center in the early morning hours of February 21, causing an estimated \$3 million in damages, but the show must – and will – go on this summer.

"I don't call it a disaster or tragedy," says Terence Netter, director of the Staller Center for the Arts. "I simply call it a major setback. We've jumped right in to fix it."

Since its founding in 1979, the Staller Center (originally called the Fine Arts Center), has served as a cultural mecca, offering more than 500 events each year in theatre, music and dance as well as exhibitions in the University Art Gallery and lectures, performances and ceremonies in the Main Stage, Recital Hall and smaller theatres. Academic offices and classrooms for the Theatre Arts, Music and Art departments are also housed in the Center.

Most of the damage, caused by the rupture of a water main, was sustained in the Recital Hall and the area directly beneath, which holds the sculpture studios of the Art Department and storage space. Among the casualties were a hand-built organ valued at \$350,000, an electronic organ, three concert grand pianos, and lighting, projection and sound equipment valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars. The Art Department's equipment losses were estimated at about \$750,000.

Immediate help came from an \$800,000 allocation for emergency relief from the State University of New York for structural repairs and another \$100,000 for equipment replacement.



Water and mud flooded the Recital Hall, drowned the front row seats and lapped over the stage in February.

Repairs to the building will bring some welcome improvements, including better acoustics, new flooring and more stage space. "In the end, we'll have a Recital Hall that looks better and sounds better," says Netter.

"Response to the accident was unprecedented and rapid from every sector – from the President's Office to the Facilities Operations to the students," says Netter.

Within a matter of days, Campus Services had

cleared the water and mud from the Recital Hall; power and heat were back on and classes were able to resume in the building.

The community also lent a hand, with local churches and schools opening their doors to house performances. Donations of money and equipment included a Baldwin grand piano from singer-songwriter Billy Joel. About 60 to 70 percent of the ticket holders for cancelled performances told the Staller Center not to refund their money, but to use



In the makeshift recital space in Studio A, a music student tries out the piano Billy Joel donated to the university.

the funds toward restoration of the building.

"It has been an extremely emotional time for many people who have put a lot of their life and soul and effort into the Center. Everyone's response has been excellent," says Benjamin Walcott, assistant provost, who was asked by President John H. Marburger to coordinate the restoration efforts.

In the first days after the flood, custodial crews worked around the clock pumping, mopping and shoveling out the mess, while Alan Inkles '83, man-

aging director of the Staller Center, and his staff were busy rescheduling and canceling performances and replacing equipment.

The Silberman organ was removed to its builder in New Hampshire to dry out and await damage assessment. The Music Department quickly established a satellite performance space in the Educational Communications Center so that students could resume their practice and performance schedules. Steinway, the venerable concert grand piano manufacturer, provided a loaner piano, and a second instrument, the one donated by Billy Joel, was delivered to the makeshift recital hall as well.

And there's always a silver lining. "I think that as a result of the flood, the media attention it has received, and the community response, there is much greater appreciation for the center outside the immediate region," Netter says.

That appreciation may reach as far as Albany. On March 3 Governor Mario Cuomo made an unscheduled stop at the Center – his first visit there – to survey the flood damage. Local legislators have also been quick to voice their concern, according to Janice Coughlin, director of governmental relations for the university. "Many called us within a day of the flood, and many have sent staff representatives to tour the damage."

Only a few weeks have passed since cold, muddy waters came rushing in, but the Staller Center has already announced that the Bach Aria Group will be able to hold its annual June festival in the Recital Hall, and plans are underway for an Opening Night Gala on the Main Stage, scheduled for early July. The gala will include a benefit performance of John Godber's new comedy, *The Office Party*, performed by England's Hull Truck Theater Company.

The show must go on, and at the newly renovated Staller Center for the Arts, it will.



Seats from the Staller Center get an airing.



Muddy boots on a muddy piano.



Students inspect stage lights in the storage area.



One of three ruined grand pianos.

New Data Indicates No Evidence Of "Cancer Clusters" in Irving, O'Neill

A preliminary review of new data issued last month by area tumor registries appears to confirm what experts previously surmised: that there is no higher incidence of cancer among those who lived in O'Neill and Irving residence halls between 1981-88 than in the general population.

The data – now being studied at length by Dr. Roger Grimson, a nationally prominent biostatistician and epidemiologist and expert in the field of disease clusters – matched Social Security numbers of 13,000 former inhabitants of the residence halls against information in registry data banks in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut and from other sources. By law, medical data on anyone who has been diagnosed with cancer must be reported to these registries.

"A preliminary examination of the findings indicates to me that there was no higher incidence here than anywhere else nor was there a cluster," Dr. Grimson said. "Of the 13,000 names, there were 24 matches and 19 possible matches, but I expect that number to be significantly reduced as we take a closer look at the figures. The registries make no distinction between those who had cancer at age nine months, nine years or 19 years. We will have to go through the results line by line and eliminate those who developed cancer before they came to Stony Brook."

Dr. Grimson, with the university's Department of Preventive Medicine, is writing the first guidelines by which scientists and researchers around the world can measure and analyze disease clusters in small environments. The findings he is now reviewing follow a report from three separate environmental testing laboratories last fall that gave a clean bill of health to the two residence halls that were the focus of a "cancer cluster" investigation last summer.

The university ordered an intensive study of the environmental aspects of Irving and O'Neill after a former student suggested there might be a link between the residence halls and an incidence of cancer among friends who lived in the buildings between 1981 and 1988.

Over the eight-year period, about two dozen students (out of several thousand who resided in Irving and O'Neill) were reported to have contracted a variety of cancers. Because the cancers were varied and the number of reported cases low, university experts believed there was no environmental connection between the residence halls and those who contracted the disease. But to



VINCENT NANFRA

A courtyard in G-Quad.

be certain, more than \$20,000 environmental tests were conducted.

Experts point out that without exception, environmentally linked cancers result in only one manifestation of the disease developing among its victims. For example, mouth cancer was rampant among workers who dipped radium-tainted brushes in their mouths while painting watch dials. Clusters of lung cancer were found among employees who manufactured asbestos. By comparison, the cases reported by the former student spanned a broad range of cancers including leukemia, stomach cancer, leg cancer, Hodgkin's Disease, a throat tumor and hip cancer. Experts also point out that cancer is not uncommon in this age group.

All the environmental studies tested each building, including over 100 long-duration air samples (covering more than 80 different potential contaminants) on every floor, drinking water samples (covering 66 potential contaminants), seven-day, 24-hour temperature/humidity recordings, ionizing and non-ionizing radiation measurements, and evaluations of past and present physical conditions. Studies were conducted by three Long Island firms: Pedneault Associates, Kem Medical Products and Taylor Environmental.

Here is a summary of their findings:

- AIR TESTING

Air samples were collected in various bedrooms and common areas in both buildings, using

calibrated high- and low-volume pumps, colorimetric tubes and/or passive dosimeters. All samples were taken in accordance with prescribed methods and all air samples collected were analyzed by independent outside testing laboratories, with the exception of carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide tubes, which provided immediate results on completion of those tests. All samples were of long duration rather than "grab" samples, to ensure testing reliability. No measured levels were above regulatory requirements. *These tests covered such potential contaminants as asbestos, molds, carbon monoxide, pesticides, lead, solvents and PCBs.*

- WATER TESTING

Water samples were collected in each facility by an outside laboratory and were analyzed by the same laboratory in accordance with prescribed methods. Water samples for both buildings were certified by the laboratory as meeting New York State drinking water standards. *These tests covered such potential contaminants as chlorides, detergents, lead, bacteria and solvents.*

- IONIZING RADIATION TESTING

Background radiation assessment was conducted throughout the entire Irving-O'Neill complex, using GM survey meters to detect the presence of alpha, beta or gamma sources of activity. All readings were at the expected normal background level of 50 counts per minute. Ambient radon levels were also measured at the basement elevation as part of a 21-day survey. Results showed an average reading of .4 pC/l, which is 10 times below the recommended EPA action level, and more than six times lower than the mean indoor value expected in New York State homes. *These tests looked for unusual radiation, radon pockets, etc.*

- NON-IONIZING RADIATION

Building surveys for extreme low frequency (ELF) electric field in the 5 Hz-2 kHz range showed all ambient readings to be less than 20 volts/meter, as expected. The National Radiological Protection Board's recommended maximum exposure level to electric fields by the general public is 10,000 volts/meter. Similar surveys for extreme low frequency (ELF) magnetic fields in the same frequency range showed all ambient readings to be at 1.6 milligauss. The National Radiological Protection Board's recommended maximum exposure level to magnetic fields by the general public is 20,000 milligauss. *These tests looked for electromagnetic fields.*

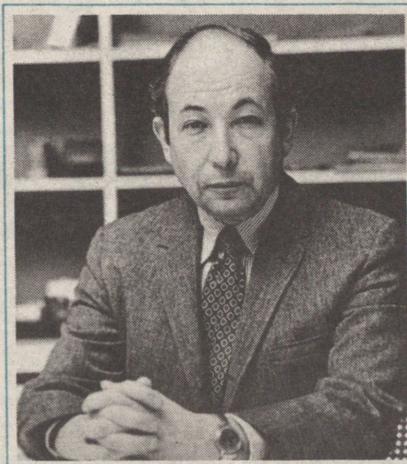
Commencement 1993 Set for May 23

About 3,700 students will join the ranks of alumni, when the University at Stony Brook celebrates its 33rd commencement on Sunday, May 23. Dr. Howard Green, the George Higginson Professor of Cellular Biology and chair of the Department of Cellular and Molecular Physiology at Harvard Medical School, will receive an honorary Doctor of Science degree. SUNY Trustee Thomas Dixon Lovely will confer the honorary degree.

Dr. Green is internationally known for basic research which has made it possible to grow skin in the laboratory to treat severely burned patients.

Green and his associates spent 10 years developing techniques to cultivate epidermal cells from small skin biopsies. With colleague James Rheinwald, Green discovered that the co-cultivation of epithelial cells with fibroblasts, a type of cell found in the underlayer of skin, was essential to the process of growing sheets of skin.

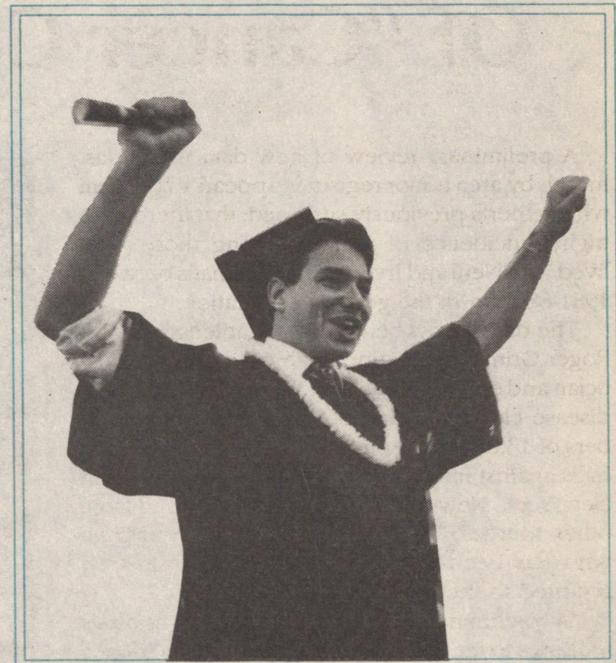
Green published his findings in the *New England Journal of Medicine* in 1984, the same year the Burn Unit opened at University Hospital. With the support and guidance of Green, Stony Brook professors Harry Soroff and Lorne Taichman were able to develop and provide treatments for burn patients who otherwise would not have survived. In 1988, Stony Brook established the Living Skin Bank to provide state-of-the-art care for burn patients.



Howard Green

Before joining Harvard in 1980, Green served on the faculty at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and New York University School of Medicine. He has authored hundreds of journal articles on cell biology and received major awards in his field.

A member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the National Academy of Sciences, Green earned an M.D. from the University of Toronto in 1947 and a M.S. degree from Northwestern University in 1950.



At last year's commencement, Glen Engelmann '92 (B.E., Engineering Science) let his happiness show.

News Central: 'ProfNet' Links Journalists to Campus Experts

Public information officers (PIOs) at 180 colleges, universities, industrial research laboratories and government-sponsored scientific institutions have joined an electronic cooperative created by the University at Stony Brook to give journalists a quick, convenient means to identify experts among faculty and research staff.

Called "ProfNet," the cooperative is linked by Internet, the world's largest computer network. ProfNet enables any journalist to send an electronic mail (e-mail) query to institutions representing well over 150,000 professors, scientists and physicians. PIOs respond by e-mail, fax or phone - whatever route the journalist specifies.

As the creator and "system operator" of ProfNet, Stony Brook's Office of News Services is the first point of contact for journalists seeking experts or researching trend stories. Announced in late January, ProfNet has successfully conducted queries for reporters and producers at "60 Minutes,"

"Nova," *The New York Times*, *Science*, *The Wall Street Journal* and CNN.

"ProfNet puts us at the center of the dialogue between the national media and the nation's campuses," says Dan Forbush, associate vice president for public relations and creative services. "That gives us tremendous leverage for generating visibility for Stony Brook."

ProfNet members include most of the Ivy League and Big Ten, plus Cal Tech, UC-Berkeley, MIT, Stanford, the National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering, the Brookings Institution, Argonne National Laboratory and the Scientist's Institute for Public Information.

Alumni journalists and authors may send queries by e-mail to Daniel.Forbush@sunysb.edu or to CompuServe ID 76550,750. Queries may also be faxed (516) 632-6313, or phoned (800/ProfNet). Please specify your organization, the nature of your project, the expertise you seek, your time frame and the manner in which you wish PIOs to respond.

Sunwood Invites Membership

The Sunwood

Beach and Gardens Group extends an invitation to alumni to join the Sunwood association and avail themselves of the beautiful grounds and private beach belonging to the university on the North Shore of Long Island.

Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, the gardens, lawns and beach of the Old Field estate are open only to members. Yearly membership costs \$35 per family. Membership covers the cost of opening the property, improving the facilities, and guarding the parking area.

To join the Sunwood Beach and Gardens Group, write to the Office of the Provost, 407 Administration Building, University at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, New York 11794-1401, or call (516) 632-7000.

The Office of Conferences and Special Events handles reservations for picnics and barbecues, outdoor meetings and al fresco private parties. For information and reservations, call (516) 632-6320.



MAKING

Babies

By Wendy Alpine

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sk Dr. Kathleen Droesch '77 the secret to being a successful superwoman and she'll tell you: making lists.

"The bottom line is, it all comes down to lists," she says with a laugh.

Sitting in her Strongs Neck country kitchen, Droesch shows me five

lists written on the back of an envelope. Two are for her, two for her husband, Jim, also a physician, and one for the long term when they have finished with the other lists. Consider Jim's "Saturday" list (which he calls his "hateful" list): Go to dry cleaner, fix door, pick up boat cushions, install rug. And her "Next Week" list: Go to jeweler, return clothes, figure out finances for bank account and pick up birthday card.

Keeping organized is how she juggles her busy career and active, young family. An infertility specialist at University Hospital at Stony Brook, Droesch also is a mother of three, including Brian, six weeks; Michael, 5; and Kristen, 3. And don't forget Jesse, the family's golden retriever.

But Droesch concedes that you can't have it all. "You can't have the happy house, wonderful children and rise to the top of your career without giving up something," says the 38-year-old Massapequa native, thumping her tiny son on the

back as she rocks him. "Until family responsibilities are shared 50/50, a woman can't become chairman of the department. The question is, where are you going to sacrifice?"

Droesch herself is having a tough time deciding. With the first two babies, she went back to work after six weeks. This time, she's staying out longer and working from home.

And that sits just fine with her son, Michael. Now that she's home more, Michael has asked her to wave to him from the bus stop everyday like other stay-at-home moms.

"He's just so thrilled to have me home," she says, deftly pouring a cup of tea with her left hand as she holds the baby over her shoulder with her right. "He even asked me, when will we have enough money so that I can work part time?"

Daughter Kristen, who's watching TV, also seems to enjoy having mommy around and is getting used to the new addition. She told her mother that she doesn't mind Brian as long as he doesn't touch her makeup and dolls.

Droesch says she's able to do it all thanks to a supportive husband, who empties the dishwasher in the morning and bathes and cares for the children so that she can get some extra rest. Her mother, who lives nearby, also helps out. A babysitter comes to the house four days a week, and a cleaning woman is there thrice weekly.

With a mischievous grin, Droesch describes herself and her daughter as the tough ones and her

husband and sons as kind and patient. Throughout our two-hour interview, not a whimper could be heard out of Brian's mouth.

A board certified obstetrician-gynecologist specializing in reproductive endocrinology, Droesch cares for women trying to get pregnant and for those at the end of their fertility cycle. As an in vitro fertilization specialist, she splits her time between Stony Brook and Stony Brook-affiliated Long Island IVF, based at John T. Mather Memorial Hospital in Port Jefferson.

At Mather, working with Stony Brook alumnus Dr. David Kreiner '76 and former Stony Brook faculty member Dr. Daniel Kenigsberg, she performs egg retrieval and embryo implantation on women who have been treated with fertility drugs and received ultrasound tests and blood work at Stony Brook.

Droesch says though sperm and egg fertilization in the petri dish is 75 percent successful, only a small percentage of embryos implanted in the woman's uterus develop into a baby. At the Stony Brook/Mather program, the take-home-baby rate is 21 percent, higher than the national average of 14 percent. No one really knows why the embryos don't develop, but clinical research is under way at labs across the country to improve current methods.

On average, it takes three or four attempts to achieve a successful pregnancy, with each try

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Our Man Overseas

Kenneth W. Meyer '77
(Religious Studies,
Comparative Literature)

When Ken Meyer was an undergraduate at Stony Brook, he spent spring semester of his junior year in Egypt, studying at Alexandria University. Before heading home, he traveled for four months overland to Athens and on to Calcutta, whetting his appetite for a life in exotic places.

After a master's degree in Chinese Studies from Washington University in St. Louis (1979), he was a Rotary Foundation graduate fellow in China at National Taiwan University from 1979-80.

Since 1986, he's been working for the State Department and has lived in Beijing (1990-92), Athens (1988-90), and Baghdad (1986-88) in the line of duty. Now he's a Foreign Service Staff Communications Officer in Tunisia, where he began a two-to-three-year assignment last October.

Ken's hometown is Northport, New York, where his father still lives. Three years ago Ken endowed a scholarship in honor of his parents, which is granted annually to a student pursuing Middle Eastern or East Asian studies. His motivation in establishing the award was, "To support and to encourage students of 'non-western' cultures. It's a gesture of solidarity with those students. My success in finding work shows that it's possible to make a living in these fields."

In his spare time, Ken is a poet and writer. *From the Western Gate*, a collection of essays and stories about China, was printed in Beijing in 1992. He served as contributing editor for the book.

Here are some stories from his days in China.

Angels And Flying Saucers

After a two-hour hike, at last the Zhanshan temple rose before me. I had come to the conclusion that perhaps I should limp about the port city of Qingdao on foot for the remainder of my stay, having had a hair-raising bicycle accident the day before — at least one is *de riguer* if you stay in China any length of time. True, explorations were taking longer, but I might survive to relate my tales to distant loved ones. Thus, pleased with my endurance but dragging one foot slightly, I paid my 10 Chinese cents and entered the gates of this quiet retreat just east of the city.

The temple consisted of three buildings containing wood blocks (from which books would be printed) of the Buddhist canon and statues of the three Buddhas: the primordial or Amitabha Buddha, the Buddha of the present age — known to



us as "Gautama" or "Sakyamuni," and the coming or Maitreya Buddha. All of the structures were in very good condition and, unlike many temples in China, this one actually had a few monks in evidence, dispatched from the headquarters of the China Buddhist Association in Beijing. I fell into conversation with two elderly monks in the central pagoda. They were surprised when I lit some incense at the altar and asked if I were interested in Buddhism.

The older monk led me over to a banner of Chinese calligraphy on the northern wall. I had a suspicion as to what was coming as I had had similar experiences in other locales: people in many countries weren't certain whether or not to believe a westerner when he or she indicated some acquaintance with their culture, so they liked to give you impromptu exams. With a benign, innocent smile the monk asked if I would care to recite a little.

I took a deep breath and regarded the calligraphy. It was a text of the Chan school (we know this branch of Buddhism somewhat better in its later, Japanese incarnation, "Zen"). Unlikely as it sounds, I had studied some of these texts in my undergraduate and graduate school days, but I wasn't familiar with the passage at hand. I plunged in anyway, and with a few uneasy pauses negotiated a paragraph. Despite my several mistakes and hesitations, my hosts were astonished. They clapped me on the back and praised my efforts. We returned to the main part of the hall and were soon engrossed in a weighty discussion of Lao Tzu's "inaction."

Just when I was riding the crest of a wave of self-congratulations, the conversation took an ominous turn: my older friend asked me about "*feidie*." My repartee came to a crashing halt. As I recalled, "*feidie*" had two meanings: flying saucers (?), and angels (*asparas* in Sanskrit). The other monk also appeared to be mystified: "What are *feidie*?" he asked. "They're very mysterious!" exclaimed the older monk. He moved his hand through the air:

"they're insubstantial and without a form that can be grasped! You can only find traces of where they've been..."

I still wasn't clear if we were talking about flying saucers or angels.

"Thank heavens we don't have them in China!" said the younger of the two monks.

"But we do!" countered the older monk.

"That's right," I contributed. Here I wasn't even sure what we were talking about, yet I was ready to leap right into the conversation. I was just like the country I had come from; we can't stand to be left out of anything. I think by this time I had decided we were talking about flying saucers:

"They're mentioned in the Song dynasty histories," I pointed out. "In fact, China even has a 'Flying Saucer Investigation Society.'" Or was it the "Angel Investigation Society"? Good Lord...

"I didn't know that," noted the older monk, stroking his chin. "Have you ever seen one?"

I gulped. I had to admit that I had never seen one, but I thought perhaps my father had.

Fortunately, at this juncture the conversation veered off to another topic, and I was soon bidding my new friends farewell. They urged me to come visit next time I was in Qingdao and we would chat some more. "*Feidie!*" I muttered under my breath as I limped out the temple gate. I would

have to look this word up back at the hotel without delay!

I bought a small wooden clapper outside the temple. These wooden "shells" are beaten with mallets to keep time while one is chanting the scriptures. I drove all the Chinese mad on the flight back to Beijing experimenting with this memento.

P.S. *Feidie* does mean "flying saucer." ■



Ken Meyer, against a backdrop of mountains in China.

Three Anecdotes of Life in Beijing

1. A Counterrevolutionary Element

One day my first Chinese language teacher, Mr. Wei, remarked on my dictionary, which was one he hadn't seen before.

It was a dictionary I had bought in my student days in Taiwan. "This dictionary is very popular outside the mainland," I noted, handing it over for him to peruse. "It's by Liang Shiqiu."

"Ah, Liang Shiqiu." Mr. Wei looked down. "Mao Zedong criticized him." His tone of voice was apologetic, as if to say, "I didn't say this!"

"Really?" I thought for a moment. Oh yes: Liang had fled to Taiwan when the People's Republic was established. But hadn't I just bought a collection of his essays published in Beijing? So many contradictions in China... "What did Chairman Mao say about him?" I asked.

"He labeled him a counterrevolutionary element." Maybe he did, I thought, but it's still a good dictionary.

2. Doing Everything on Campus

An overheard conversation:

"I was coming home last night. It was very late. I came in through the gate, and I saw a couple in the shadows. They were doing everything! On the school grounds!"

"You're mistaken. They were just kissing —"

"No, they weren't! I know the difference —"

"You thought you saw something, with your imagination and those big, thick glasses of yours, but you really didn't see anything."

He probably saw it. No place for couples to go.

3. All My Books—

My second Chinese language teacher, Mr. Bai, was a much older man; quiet, circumspect, wary. He dutifully quoted the party line when he deemed the conversation appeared to warrant it.

One day I told him that next week I would like to read through some passages of Sun Zi's *Art of War*, a Chinese classic approximately 2500 years old.

Mr. Bai's eyes lit up with unprecedented enthusiasm. "Yes, I would like to read through that with you. We can certainly do that. But, perhaps..."

"Yes?" I said.

"Perhaps you can loan me a copy. So I can prepare. I would have to prepare ahead of time. It has been a long time."

"No problem," I assured him. In fact I had an extra copy of the book with me at the time. It was a heavily annotated, dog-eared paperback copy I had read through many years ago when I lived in Taipei. In fact I had several copies of this work, but this just happened to be the one I had in my shoulder bag that day. I took it out and handed it to him.

"I'm afraid it's not in very good shape," I apologized. "And it's printed in the old-fashioned characters, not the new 'simplified' ones. Will that be all right?"

Mr. Bai accepted the book reverently and flipped through it slowly. "Yes, this will be fine. This is fine." He stood up, carefully placing the borrowed book in his gym bag. Our lesson was over.

"You see," he explained, "all my books were destroyed in the Cultural Revolution..."

Stony Brook welcomes your letters.

Here are two: one from a member of the Class of '74 who moved to California and lost contact with us until a fateful phone call. The other is from a member of Stony Brook's very first freshman class, who visits campus frequently from Alabama.

Please write to us. We'll try to print your letter.

After Years of Silence, a Phone Call Leslie A.I. Duncan '74 Economics

One Sunday morning I received a telephone call, and the caller identified himself as a Stony Brook student. At first I wanted to hang up and politely excuse myself. The young man seemed so persistent, that I thought it might be courteous to give him a few more minutes.

It was almost 20 years since I heard from Stony Brook, and after my experiences on campus as a student, I vowed never to return. Nonetheless, I listened to the stranger's request for a donation for the school and soon after, agreed to become a member of the Alumni Association.

I was frankly surprised by the call, and could not understand why they were interested in calling me. "You see," the caller explained, "You are an alumnus, and we would like you to be as active as the other alumni in your school." It was then I realized that perhaps there was some type of rebirth at Stony Brook, and maybe some of the old wounds could be healed.

Stony Brook has been a foster parent in the development of my academic career, but has not always been the best parent. On the other hand, it is the place that brought me through academic infancy and helped me see the world the way it is.

Today I present to you a picture of my family: my son, Michael Leslie Duncan, my wife, Junie Duncan [74] and myself. As you may have known, in 1976 we left New York penniless, sad and bewildered, in search of a new life, armed only with two bachelor's degrees from Stony Brook. We came to California because it was a chance to get away from the cold and perhaps an opportunity to live in a decent house for the first time. Junie got her nursing degree at Stony Brook, and the possibility existed that she would be able to seek employment at a California hospital. When we arrived here, we were fortunate to obtain employment. I pursued a career in banking and embarked upon a full-time law degree...

[Junie works as an intensive care nurse, and Leslie took his California Bar Exam this February.]

We came to California without the slightest idea what we were about to find. We had no friends, family or neighbors. All we knew was that we were Stony Brook graduates. Few people in California heard about Stony Brook and its achievements: Stony Brook did not have a basketball or a football team on national television, and so no one heard about it. Junie and I simply had to apply the

skills we learned and use them effectively in order to become accepted among our peers...

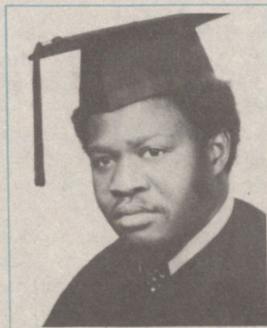
I vividly recall that my days at Stony Brook as a student were marred by continuous obstacles. First of all, Stony Brook had two types of students, those with lots of money and those without. It was easy to tell because they had fine clothes, cars, stereos. They were stuck up and powerful, while others had nothing.

But it appeared that the business of school had nothing to do with money, because the final analysis was to do your work, get good grades, and get out. One of the ways I circumvented the problem was to become political and learn from my teachers, such as Professors Egon Neuberger, Donald Blackman, and Mike Zweig. These teachers had the character to promote the business of learning seriously. They were tough as far as what they expected from

with cardboard every night before I went to lecture hall 101 the next day. The coldest winter breeze I ever felt was on my way from the library



Michael, Junie '74 and Leslie Duncan '74, today.



Leslie Duncan in 1974

students and gave me the opportunity to work hard.

Those of you who read this article may remember I came from Grenada and did not understand racism in its individual and institutional forms. As a child I had grown accustomed to an old Westminister form of colonial government and suddenly found myself in a situation where students lived in dormitories in ethnic groups with minimum contact except in class. It was a rough situation where, socially, people resented each other for whatever reasons. I was lonely on campus. It was difficult to convince girls that I was longing to be loved, away from home and penniless in a desperately strange and cold place.

My roommate, Dan Savage, and his friend, Gene Davis, did a lot to welcome me to Stony Brook. I found kind friends to give me a meal when I simply could not eat. There were times my winter coat was raveled to the point that I placed my hands in my pocket to feel my bare knees exposed to the bitter cold. I had one dark blue Stony Brook sweat shirt I wore all winter. This was my only winter shirt. I wore it everywhere and even slept in it at night. I knew what it was to be hungry. I knew what it was to line my both shoes

to the Earth and Space Sciences building, and because of all the construction on campus, the blue buses only traveled from the student union building to South Campus at hourly intervals.

When I finally met girl friends, I met some very deceptive women who changed the way I looked at relationships. Stony Brook women were determined to be co-equal partners and not merely casual acquaintances. It was a hard lesson to learn, because I had seen and heard about masculine dominance in my culture, and of course I thought that was the way a man ought to be.

While I was on campus I worked in the periodicals department. Mrs. Murphy relied on me to be there at night. Every semester I carried 21 credits, and sometimes 24. My grade point averages were 3.5 and 4.0. I worked hard because I wanted to get out.

Character building was always the focus at Stony Brook. In 1972, Stony Brook was a tough place to be: academic excellence was at its peak... Tuition had been increased... It seemed that no-

body slept on campus; stereos played music all night, and we were always singing new lyrics to new tunes on the old Steinway pianos. Pool was a favorite game when you had nothing to do. I used to wait for Joe Lee King, as he would always dominate the game. Leroy was good also. Eric Scott, Gustavo, Charlie, and George Catalano, Rick, Sherry, Calvin and Reginald were some of the students I knew. Our focus was to study and get that piece of paper.

In real life, the Stony Brook experience was invaluable. My wife is my Stony Brook girl friend, and this is the lady who had the opportunity to know me in my poverty, sickness, happiness, achievements, business, family and career.

I often wonder how life would be without Stony Brook. Today we live in our own home, go to the supermarket to buy anything we need, wear what we want, drive our own cars, travel anywhere, and work with others as co-equals in participation for a better America and world.

The question which ultimately arises is how to motivate others to become responsible when there are so many obstacles to daunt that spirit? Or

Because Stony Brook had such a high level of political activity in my time, it made me realize that people who are vocal always have more control over their destiny... This is a political world, and people do not simply make decisions out of complacency or the goodness of their hearts. People make decisions because of expediency and their desire to achieve their goals... Stony Brook taught me to become sharper and to pursue excellence. I learned that age, race, sex are no barriers, if only we are determined to pursue our goals regardless of those idiotic nuances that distract our attention. Yes, you can, and no matter what the obstacles are, the time is well spent when you achieve the goal...

Junie and I are coming home next year as your prodigal son and daughter to see you on our 20th and first reunion. I am sure you will understand that it will be hard not only to see you, but to remember the good and bad things about you. We believe we did the job well, but of course you could have avoided some of the bigotry and sad times for us. We hope after all these years you and I have benefitted from these experiences and we all could work to make our students and Stony Brook a better school.

and track with some of you and intramurals with a bunch more. I dated a few of you and partied with many more of you. Of course we all studied quite a bit back then. But for many of us it was our first time away from home, and I think what we remember most is each other.

After I received my engineering degree, I worked at Stony Brook for a year on the research faculty. After five years with Westinghouse in Pittsburgh, Newark and Raleigh, I took a job with Wyle Labs in Hampton, Virginia, for four years. I have been in my current job in Hunstville, Alabama, for over 15 years. I work for New Technology Inc. at NASA on Redstone Arsenal. I am a member of the project management team responsible for the five-year plan to upgrade the Data Reduction Center for the Space Shuttle. Previously I was the project manager for Data Reduction for the Western Space Shuttle that was to fly out of Vandenberg Air Force Base in California. After that I held the same position for the Space Shuttle that flies out of Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

I am bowling (better than ever), playing basketball (not better than ever) and playing golf (actually still trying to learn the game). I have produced over 100 local musical variety television shows.

The fact that I sing in these shows gives you a hint how good they are, but it is a lot of fun and has given me the opportunity to work with lots of singers and beautiful models. I also videotape weddings and produce music videos for local singers. I still have my 1968 Olds 442 convertible with the 4-speed Hurst shifter. It will be an antique next year, like me.

Although I have traveled all over the

country during my career and really love living in Alabama, there is no place like home. All things being equal, I would love to be back in the Stony Brook area (with a huge salary and a paid-off mortgage). But unless I win the lottery again (I hit for a few Gs in N.Y. PICK4), I'll continue to be a lonely New Yorker in the Heart of Dixie.

Thanks to the Stony Brook Alumni Directory, I was able to send holiday greetings to over 70 alumni, 65 for the first time in 25 years. I'm sure I speak for all the alumni when I say thanks. The directory has been a long time coming.

**Back in 1962 and '63, Bruce would sometimes become "the Swami." If he was pretty sure the basketball team was going to win its next game, he would come into G-Quad cafeteria at dinnertime in a purple robe and turban and predict the outcome from the balcony. Everyone lived in one residence ball then, and the campus had only three finished buildings. "It was a fantastic time," he recalls. ■*

Send your letters to the Office of Alumni Affairs, 441 Administration, University at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY 11794.

Reflections BEJECTIONS



Bruce Betker, last summer, with friend Claudia Saasto.

News from Deep in the Heart of Dixie Bruce (The Swami) Betker '67 Engineering Science

Greetings from yesterday! It's hard to believe that over 30 years have passed since we started our college careers at Stony Brook. When we graduated over 25 years ago, many of us embarked on new lives far from Stony Brook and each other. But the memories I have from my college days have remained strong. I return twice a year, in the summer and over Christmas. Stony Brook has always meant a lot to me, as I am sure it does to you.

My name is Bruce Betker, better known to some as "the Swami."* I played varsity basketball

simply, how many young people are still walking around our campus experiencing the same hardships and meeting some of the same jerks I met?...

Teachers must begin to ensure that students learn the rationale for arguments and how they should relate them to real-life issues. In many cases, the workplace is hostile and is not willing to provide training unless the employee is competent in the basics.

A deficiency in mastering the mechanics of language impedes our ability to communicate... This undermines our ability as a nation to compete effectively...



Vintage Bruce Betker

Making Babies

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costing about \$10,000. Often, success depends on age: women over 40 don't do as well as younger women possibly because of the "quality" of their eggs, she says.

Because the process is long and frustrating, some of her patients feel desperate and obsessed with their quest for a baby. Nothing else seems important. And when they experience one disappointment after another, they sometimes experience a high level of frustration. "But as soon as these women are pregnant, they become nice again," she says.

How did they respond to her own recent pregnancy? With mixed feelings, she reports. "I tried to hide it as long as possible, because it caused some patients a lot of distress," she says. "I wore over-sized clothes for as long as I could."

Her pregnancy seemed almost like a betrayal to some patients: every other woman in the world, it seemed, could have babies - even their own doctor. "I lost some patients because they couldn't deal with it. One woman saw me and burst into tears."

In vitro fertilization has received media attention recently because of court cases over frozen embryo ownership and inflated claims of success from some hospitals.

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the American Fertility Society have called for additional research studies.

"Just the fact that you're infertile and never have had any children puts you at risk for ovarian cancer," she says.

Dr. Gabriel SanRoman, assistant professor in the Division of Reproductive Endocrinology, works with Droesch. He says she brings a strong background in infertility to the program and has an "excellent" bedside manner.

"Patients can relate to her as a woman and a mother because many are already mothers themselves attempting second pregnancies," SanRoman says.

Adds Kreiner: "From a personal perspective, it has been very rewarding to work with Kathy, having gone to the same college and medical school, and having completed the same fellowship program."



Gowned and ready to implant an embryo, Dr. Droesch waits for the patient to arrive.

At the other end of the spectrum, Droesch is working to encourage generalist physicians and cardiologists to prescribe hormone replacement therapy for post-menopausal women. The treatment remains controversial. Though it has been shown to have a beneficial effect on the heart and bones, it may carry a slight risk of breast cancer.

But, she points out, "Ten times as many women will die of heart disease as will die of breast cancer." She and SanRoman will soon begin studies to test a new hormone called micronized progesterone as an alternative to the standard progestin, Provera, given with estrogen in hormone replacement therapy. Recent studies have shown that Provera slightly increases levels of the "bad" cholesterol called LDL. Initial studies of micronized progesterone show it has no impact

on cholesterol levels, making it safer. Estrogen alone has a positive effect on the heart, but may raise a woman's risk of breast cancer.

Looking back on her undergraduate days, Droesch says she majored in economics, even though she knew she always wanted to be a physician. One of her favorite professors was William Dawes, now director of undergraduate studies in the Economics Department, whom she found especially "supportive and helpful." She liked economics and did well in it, and, furthermore, having an unusual major made her stand out when applying to medical school: Her conversation with Downstate Medical Center's admissions director on the downfall of the German steel industry helped her gain admission to the school, she thinks.

She put herself through college by managing the Rainy Night House and later working as the first female Student Union building manager, winning the post because she took the ghastly 6 a.m. slot. She lived on campus in Langmuir College and Roth Quad and rarely went home on weekends, unlike most Stony Brook students.

At Downstate, where she met her husband (today head of surgical gynecology at University Hospital), she was inspired by a faculty member for whom she volunteered to work in a women's health clinic. She found that she enjoyed working with women of all ages, and that motivated her to choose obstetrics-gynecology.

After a four-year residency at Long Island Jewish Medical Center, she completed a two-year fellowship at the Jones Institute for Reproductive Medicine in Norfolk, Va., considered the pioneering program for in vitro fertilization in the U.S.

Droesch is deeply concerned with women's health issues, and notes that, though there has been a big push to increase funding for research, it still lags behind support for men's health problems.

"Men are still considered more at risk for heart disease, even though as women age they carry a similar risk," she says. "It's still a man's world." She feels hopeful about Hillary Rodham Clinton's plans for health care reform and would like to see comprehensive health insurance available for all Americans.

"It's nice to make money, but I want my children and children's children to be able to get affordable health care." ■



Doctors Kathy Droesch and David Kreiner, both infertility specialists and Stony Brook alumni, share facilities at Mather Memorial Hospital.

Additional questions have been raised about the use of fertility drugs, including one study that said they carry 27 times the risk of ovarian cancer. Droesch says the study was flawed because it didn't indicate which drugs were involved or the dosage and length of time a woman had to be on them to cause adverse effects. In response, she says the

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USA Today Sportswriter/USB Alumna Speaks Out for Women in Sports

The Stony Brook Division of Physical Education and Athletics sponsored its second annual "Girls and Women in Sports Day" (proclaimed by Congress to recognize the progress and achievements of female athletes) on Saturday, February 6. Despite an unexpected snowstorm, the event enjoyed a great turnout. Approximately 70 young people from the community came to participate in sports clinics given by Stony Brook athletes. There were vendor exhibits, three dynamic speakers and

a USB vs. Vassar College Women's Basketball game.

The Alumni Association was delighted to welcome Rachel Shuster '76 back to campus as a member of the speakers' panel. Some of you may remember Shuster as the sports director for WUSB and a member of the women's tennis team. After leaving USB, Shuster earned a Master's in Broadcast Journalism from the American University in Washington, DC. Since that time, she has distinguished herself as one of a select few prominent women in sports journalism. She spent three years at the *Washington Star* and is currently writing for *USA Today*.

Her presentation recalled wonderful memories of Stony Brook, which she had not visited since graduation. She was amazed at all the changes that have taken place.

Although she had been interested in sports all her life and said she had to get up extra early to read the sports page before her brothers, Shuster said it was an ad in *Statesman* that changed her life. She saw that WUSB was looking for a sports-

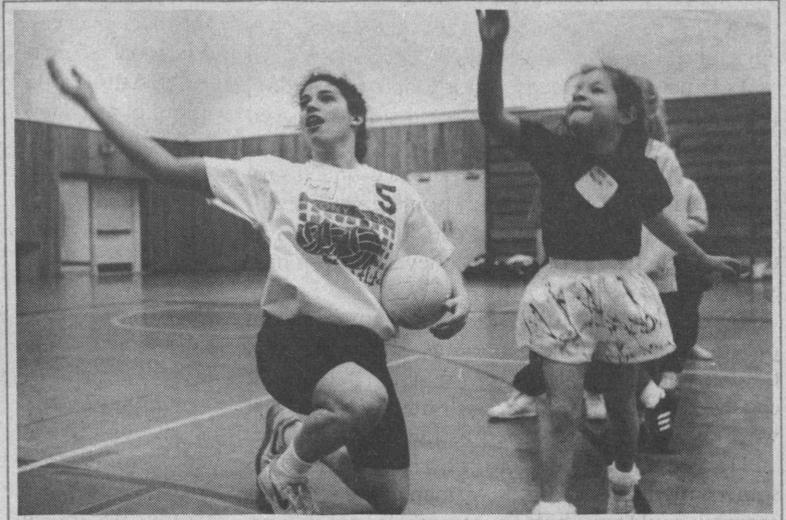
caster and decided to give it a try. (Incidentally, we took her back to WUSB to have a look around!)

Shuster touched on some of the barriers for women in her field, recounting several unpleasant events related to the controversy over letting women journalists into men's locker rooms. She encouraged those present to continue to work at achieving equal coverage for women's athletics at the high school and college level. Her presentation received an enthusiastic response from the audience and surely got those present thinking about how far women have come in the sports world – and how far they still have to go.



Rachel Shuster '76

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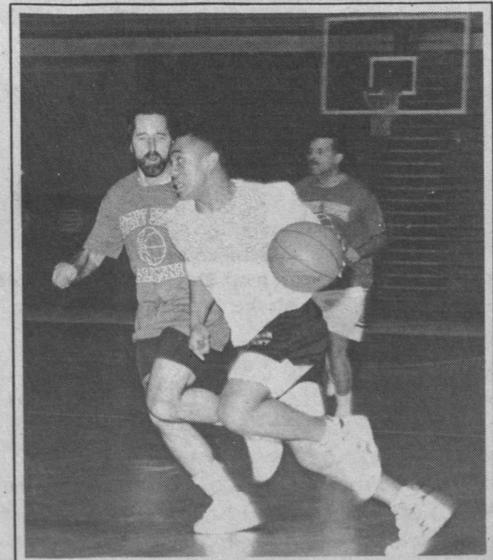
Volleyball star Anastasia Nikas coaches a young player at Girls and Women in Sports Day.

Alumni Take It to the Hoop

Saturday, February 13 saw 13 former USB basketball players return to campus for the Annual Alumni Basketball game.

The teams divide into even- and odd-year alumni. The Evens were Keith Coffin '90, Charwin Agard '91 (who decided to play on the even-year team), Lewis Howard '92, Mike Francis '92, Craig Fluker '82 and Charwyn David '92. The Odds were Bill Gieckel '71, Bill Stokes '69, Greg Angrum '85, Frank Prantil '87, Yves Simon '91, Curt Hilton '91 and Stephen Hayn '91.

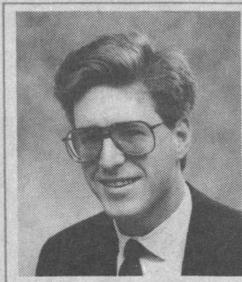
Following the Even team's victory, players and their families enjoyed a casual reception sponsored by the Alumni Association. The event was a great success, so if you missed out this year be sure not to make the same mistake twice! Call the Alumni Office at (516) 632-6330 or Coach Bernard Tomlin (516) 632-7201 to be included on the mailing list for Alumni Basketball '94.



At the alumni basketball game in February.

Speaking as Your President...

A successful alumni program provides information and services designed to cultivate alumni interest, service alumni needs, and request alumni support. At Stony Brook, we are fortunate to



have such a program. Our board, which sets policy for the association, is comprised of some 25 dedicated and enthusiastic Stony Brook graduates. The day-to-day operations of the association are coordinated by an effective professional staff in service to the university.

Each year the board, through its standing committees, develops goals and objectives for the coming year. Our goals this year were especially ambitious, and I am pleased to provide a midyear update on our progress.

Our Executive Committee began working with Undergraduate Admissions to plan for ongoing alumni involvement in the recruitment of high-achieving students, in connection with an institutional marketing plan commissioned by the Stony Brook Foundation. (More on this in the next issue.) We also began to take advantage of our large alumni base, identifying and targeting people to work on legislative matters affecting the university. Finally, we have been working to improve communication between the university and the Alumni Association and between the association and our alumni. This magazine is part of that effort.

Our Finance Committee has teamed up with the Membership, Services and Program Committees to develop innovative ways to entice you to join the rapidly growing body of active, dues-paying members. Our Awards Committee seeks to recognize those who have succeeded because of their Stony Brook experience. Finally, our Nominating Committee is on the lookout for interested alumni who would like to serve on our board. If this means you, please give our office a call at (516) 632-6330.

As a Stony Brook alum, you have a bond with some 65,000 individuals worldwide. We hope you share our view that your success in life – either professionally or personally – is in some part attributable to your experience at Stony Brook.

All the very best,

Sheldon L. Cohen, president
Stony Brook Alumni Association

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Theater Discounts. Members are entitled to discounts at a variety of shows. Many of these include same-day savings on parking and restaurants. Call the Alumni Office for up-to-the-minute details.

When you call for reservations, mention the alumni code: "A1," and show your Alumni Association membership card when you pick up your tickets.

Forbidden Broadway, Theatre East, 211 East 60th Street. Call (212) 838-9090. Twenty percent discount and \$5 parking with validated ticket. Present same-day ticket or stub for discount dining at nearby Houlihan's.

The Idiot, Jean Cocteau Repertory Company, Bouwerie Lane Theatre, 330 Bowery, East 2nd Street on 3rd Avenue. Call (212) 677-0060. Opens May 8. Tickets \$12.

Nunsense, Douglas Fairbanks Theatre, 432 W. 42nd Street. Call (212) 564-8038. Twenty percent discount (except Saturday nights), and \$6 parking with validated ticket. Present same-day ticket or stub for discount dining at nearby Curtain Up!

Hello Muddab, Hello Faddub, Downtown Circle in the Square, 159 Bleeker Street, (212) 254-6330. Twenty percent discount (except Saturday night and Sunday matinee). Discount dining at nearby Suzie's restaurant.

American Symphony Orchestra. Members are entitled to two-for-one tickets for the American Symphony Orchestra. Mention the Preferred Listener Program when ordering. Call Center Charge (212) 721-6500.

Transmedia Executive Savings Card. Members are entitled to apply for this card, which offers a 25 percent discount at over 1400 restaurants in the New York metropolitan area, New Jersey, Connecticut, Philadelphia, Florida and Chicago.

► Financial:

MBNA MasterCard. Members are entitled to apply for the Alumni Association's MasterCard. Using the card supports Alumni Association activities, so use it whenever you charge purchases. To obtain an application for the MasterCard, call the Alumni Office at (516) 632-6330.

► Library:

Present your current membership card at the Frank Melville, Jr. Library circulation desk to obtain a library card giving you borrowing privileges at the the university's main library.

► Merchandise Purchase:

University Bookstore. Members will receive a 10 percent discount on logo items when membership card is presented at point of purchase.

Gold Star Directory. A brochure describing the goods and services available and the procedure for using the plan is available from the Alumni Affairs Office.

Price Club. Members may join Price Club for a fee of \$25 per year.

► Publications:

Stony Brook. A magazine published by the Office of News Services, providing updates on activities of USB alumni, the Alumni Association and the University at Stony Brook, is mailed to graduates and friends of the university.

► Recreation:

Indoor Sports Complex. Current members are eligible to receive a discount on the annual membership fees. As of 1/1/93, individual alumni memberships are \$60, family memberships are \$135. For additional information about the programs and services, call (516) 632-7200.

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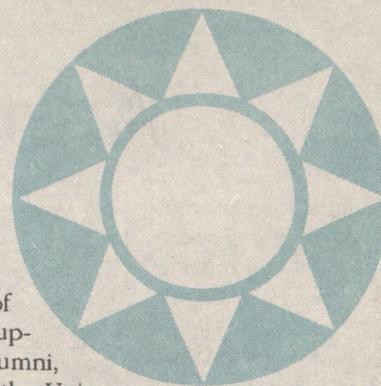
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► Miscellaneous:

Stony Brook Pretzel Service. Present your membership card at the Indoor Sports Complex Concession to receive a complimentary pretzel.

For more detailed information on services and benefits, call the Alumni Affairs Office at (516) 632-6330.



SUMMER EVENTS

Saturday, May 1, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mission to Planet Earth, Stony Brook alumni and their families will be blasting off from the Marine Sciences Research Center on a Mission to Planet Earth. Participants will explore China, Africa, and Long Island and discover the environmental problems unique to those areas. Following the exploration, the group will come together in a problem-solving session designed to uncover what actions must be taken to preserve planet Earth.

Lunch will be included.

If you and your family would like to participate in the journey, please call the Alumni Office (516) 632-6330 for tickets.

Washington/Baltimore Region Club. June picnic planned (date to be announced).

Tuesday, September 28

A Night at the Ball Park. Orioles vs. Yankees. In Baltimore.

Wednesday, July 14, 8 p.m.

USB Alumni Theater Party at Staller Center, *The Office Party*, \$12 for Alumni Association members.

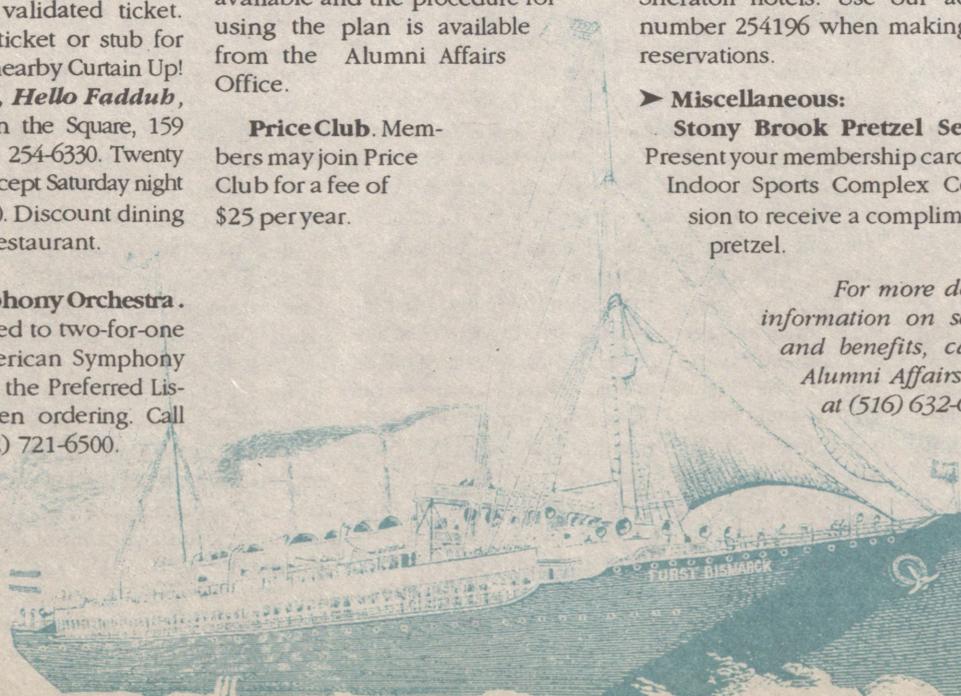
Thursday, July 15, 7 p.m.

SUNY Alumni Cruise, Lady Liberty Cruises departs Port Washington at 7 p.m. for a summer night's sail, returning at 11 p.m. \$64 per person includes dinner, dessert, three hour open bar and dancing to a live band. This event is always a sellout - so book early!

Saturday, September 11, 1:40 p.m.

Come join the Alumni Association at Shea! Mets vs. Chicago Cubs. For more information and ticket orders, call Dick McNally (718)359-8477.

Call the Alumni Affairs Office at (516) 632-6330 for more information or to make reservations.



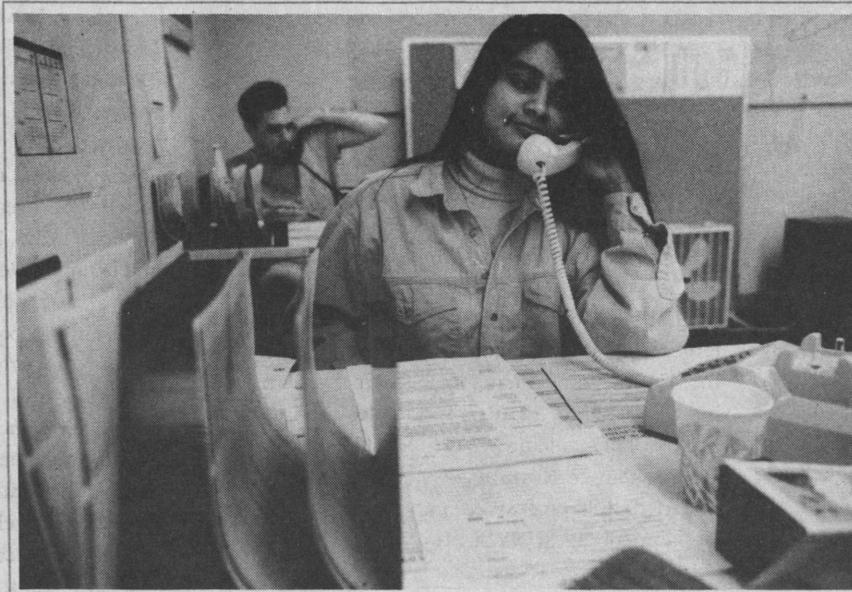
Annual Fund Underway

If you're sitting at home watching television one evening soon, don't be surprised if you receive a phone call from a Stony Brook student.

The Stony Brook Telefund Program is in full swing and well on the way to reaching its goal of \$500,000. Over 3,400 dedicated alumni have pledged to the 1992-93 Annual Fund Program. Ongoing support from alumni, parents and friends will double that number by the close of the fiscal year on June 30.

Stony Brook is fortunate this year to have Joseph Buscareno '66 as the spokesperson for the Annual Fund Program. He has been an active participant and supporter of the university for many years, and we are proud that he has become involved in this capacity.

Private support of the university has become increasingly important. The generosity of our alumni and friends enriches the experience of the students by providing a wide range of program-



Staffing the phone for the Annual Fund is undergraduate Vibha Kapoor.

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ming and opportunities that otherwise would not be available. For example, a record number of scholarships was awarded to students that needed financial help in order to continue their education,

as well as to promising students who were rewarded for their high achievements.

In addition, mentor programs, living/learning centers, lecture series, retreats, athletics, orientation, commencement and much more are made possible, in part or whole, as a result of your gifts through the Annual Fund Program.

So this year, when your telephone rings and the voice at the other end says, "Good evening. I'm calling on behalf of the University at Stony Brook," listen carefully and respond generously. Your gift makes a difference.

Thanks to those alumni who have already made their gift to the 1992-93 Annual Fund Program. We look forward to receiving gifts from all alumni by June 30, 1993.

Anyone interested in becoming involved with Stony Brook's Annual Fund Program should contact the Annual Giving Office at (516) 632-6303. We will be glad to answer any of your questions and give you additional information.

New Scholarship Established

Because Stony Brook is a state-assisted institution and cannot directly accept private funds, all private giving must be through the Stony Brook Foundation, the sole official fund-raising and private gift-receiving agency for the university. Any questions about private giving at Stony Brook should be directed to Carole G. Cohen, president of the Stony Brook Foundation and vice president for University Affairs, Room 330, Administration Building, (516) 632-6300.

To Encourage Engineers

Applied Digital Data Systems (ADDS), a Long Island division of NCR Corporation, has established the Paul Laurence Dunbar Scholarship at the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences. The scholarship will be given annually to outstanding African American, Latino American, or Native American undergraduates pursuing a degree in electrical engineering or computer science at Stony Brook.

Recipients will receive \$5000 annual grants up to a maximum of \$20,000 over the course of a four-year college program. In addition, Dunbar Scholars will be encouraged to participate in a paid summer internship program at ADDS, to provide practical work experience to enhance the student's career preparation.

The first two Dunbar scholars were announced recently. They are Alex A. Pena and Samuel Stewart.

Pena, a junior majoring in electrical engineering, will receive funding for the remainder of his undergraduate program. He is a 1990 graduate of Colegio Padre Fortin High School in Santiago, Dominican Republic. His family now lives in Astoria, NY.

Samuel Stewart, a freshman majoring in computer engineering, will receive funding for all four years of his college program. He is a 1992 graduate of Jamaica High School in Queens, NY.

"ADDS is committed to identifying and nurturing America's brightest minds," says David McCrabb, vice president and general manager of ADDS. "Our partnership with Stony Brook ensures the students will receive a quality education at an institution that is committed to Long Island's economic development."

"This scholarship is very important to us and will help us recruit excellent minority students to the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences," says Yacov Shamash, dean of the college. "This demonstrates the need for strong partnerships between industry and academe to provide quality engineering and applied science education."

Because the scholarship is targeted to minority students, the university was able to match the gift

from ADDS with funds available through the SUNY Empire State Honors Scholarship Fund for African, Latino and Native American Students Program, says Sherwood Johnson, director of financial aid and student employment. The additional funds will allow NCR Corporation to support two Dunbar Scholars for the next four years.

The Paul Laurence Dunbar Scholarships are named in honor of the first African American writer to attain national prominence. Born in Dayton, Ohio, Dunbar (1872-1906) published his first volume of poetry, *Oak and Ivy*, while working as an elevator operator in 1893. His poetry and novels ranged from nostalgic longing for the humor and pathos of the Old South, to bitter and restless anger over the treatment of blacks.

Founded on Long Island in 1969, ADDS has grown from one of the largest producers of video display terminals to a diversified, multi-product research and development facility. In addition to display terminals, ADDS is currently involved in the development of database management systems, and x-technology. In 1980, NCR Corporation acquired ADDS in order to capitalize on the research, development and product line of the younger organization.

◆ 1963

SAVE THE DATE! 30th reunion October 30, 1993. Call the Alumni Office, (516) 632-6330, for more information.

◆ 1964

Joan Friedman Lundberg stopped by the Alumni Office when she was in town recently. She is a teacher at Golden Years Montessori and lives in Edina, MN, with her husband, Philip.

◆ 1966

Alice (Kleinberg) Rubenstein is a clinical psychologist in private practice in Rochester, NY. She is a member of the American Psychological Association's Division of Psychotherapy Board. Her daughter, Jennifer, is a freshman at Williams College while daughter, Heather, is a sophomore in high school.

Graduate Degrees

John Impagliazzo (MS) is chair of the Department of Computer Science at Hofstra University in Hempstead, NY. John also serves on the accreditation committee of the Association for Computing Machinery. • **Raymond Mackay (PhD)** is a professor of chemistry and director of the Center for Advanced Materials Processing at Clarkson University. Raymond is also chairman-elect of the Colloid and Surface Chemical Division of The American Chemical Society and associate editor of the *Journal of American Oil Chemists' Society*.

◆ 1967

Judith Brown recently moved from Massachusetts to New Jersey and would like to hear from Hillel members to plan a gala reunion. • **Betty Friedman D'Arms** visited the Alumni Office when she was in town recently. She is a secretary in the district office of the Jamesville-Dewitt Central School District and lives in Elbridge, NY, with her husband, Philip. • **Judy Davis Rosenthal** is the controller of the Douglass Community Association. She lives in Kalamazoo, MI, with her husband, Al, daughter Lis, who is a freshman at Michigan State, and son, David, who is a high school junior. Judy visited **Bob Grobe ('66)** and **Donna Maritato ('73)** in Maine this past summer.

◆ 1968

SAVE THE DATE! 25th reunion October 30, 1993. **Jack Guarneri** is the reunion chair. If you'd like to help, call the Alumni Office.

Elizabeth Bosch (G'72) has been teaching Spanish at John Glenn High School for 25 years. She lives in Ronkonkoma, NY. • **Gerry Maier Burnett** teaches kindergarten in Chappaqua, NY. She lives in Ossining,

NY, with her husband and three children. • **Georgia Cuming** is a reference librarian at New York Institute of Technology. She writes that she has been having a wonderful life with family and friends.

◆ 1969

Michael Ross Chernick lives in Torrance, CA, with his wife, Deborah, and sons, Nicholas and Daniel. He was president of the Southern California Chapter of the American Statisticians Association during 1991-1992. Michael has 25 journal publications to his credit and is working on a statistics book about bootstrap methods. • **Ron Kenedi** is the vice president of the largest solar provider in North America, Photocomm, Inc. He lives on 20 acres in northern California with his wife, Sharon. • **Laura J. Mandel** is an associate professor of medicine at SUNY Health Science Center at Brooklyn. • **Ronald Sarner** was recently promoted to full professor in the Computer Science Department at SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome. He was also the recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. This year, Ronald is acting dean of Information Systems and Engineering Technology.

◆ 1970

Stephen L. Brenner founded the TOPS program because of his concern for high school and recreational athletes. Dr. Brenner is a board-certified orthopaedic surgeon and is director of orthopaedics at Kennedy Memorial Hospital, Saddle Brook, NJ. He is also on staff at Pascack Valley Hospital and has been a member of the New Jersey Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. • **Geraldine Donato** lives in San Francisco, CA with her husband, Dennis Tsai, and daughter, Joanna, age 7. • **Louis J. Farbenstein** lives in Setauket, NY, with his wife, Resa, and children, Madeline, 4, and Lee, 15 months. Louis is a guidance counselor with the Oceanside School District. • **Bernice Dresher** is a counselor at Northport Middle School. She lives in Huntington Station, NY. • **Cindy Hyman** lives in Melville, NY, and is general manager and comptroller of Alure Home Improvements. She earned an MBA from Pace University. • **Daniela Sciaky** is a research scientist at Children's Hospital Medical Center of Cincinnati (OH), where she lives with her husband, Reed, and children, Sara and David.

◆ 1971

Judy (Orenstein) Aschenbrand lives in Woodmere, NY, with her husband, **Leonard ('68)** and their four children. Judy does medical billing for an orthopedic practice. • **Michael Braet** coordinates a supported housing program for chronic mentally ill adults. He serves on the board of directors of two nonprofit, low-income housing development agencies. Michael

writes that he is a single parent with two teenage daughters and is suffering a mid-life crisis. • **Bonnie (Weinberg) Farb** is teaching sixth grade at a middle school in Durham, NC. She has two daughters, Debbie, 15, and Jessica, 11. • **Bruce L. Katz and Lynne M. Mofenson** are alive and well in Silver Spring, MD, along with their 10-year-old daughter, Jessica. Bruce works in free-lance publicity/editing and is writing a novel. Lynne is associate branch chief for clinical research in the Pediatric, Adolescent and Maternal AIDS Branch, National Institutes of Health and Human Development, NIH, where she directs clinical, therapeutic and vaccine trials in HIV-infected children and pregnant women. • **Steven Klapisch** became a partner in the law firm of Weisberg, Friedman and Klapisch. The firm specializes in immigration and nationality law. • **Lynne Krieger** is a registered nurse with advanced certification in the neonatal ICU at Mt. Sinai Hospital in NY. • **Ronald Pehr** is a shareholder in the law firm of Pearson & Patton, specializing in civil litigation. His daughter is a second-year theater major at New York University. Ronald lives in Las Vegas, NV. • **Art Schiffer (G'76)** writes that he has been up to "all sorts of nasty things." He is living in Greenville, SC, with his wife, Betty. • **Howard Strassler** is an associate professor and director of operative dentistry at the University of Maryland Dental School. He was a featured speaker on the topic of "Advanced Adhesives in Restorative Dentistry" at the American Dental Association meeting in Orlando.

Graduate Degrees

Michael Williamson (MM) is pursuing a doctorate in performance and composition at New York University.

◆ 1972

Susan Cohn Koller is a psychologist specializing in the evaluation and treatment of children with learning disabilities and emotional problems. She lives in Knoxville, TN. • **Susan Lazarus** has spent her years since USB in New York City, originally as a photographer, then as a filmmaker. Most recently, she was post-production supervisor of the political satire, *Bob Roberts*. • **Cory Lippman** teaches ESL in New York City public schools. She lives in Flushing, NY. • **Jay C. Schechtman** lives in Memphis, TN, with his wife, Ida, and their three children, Philip, Malka and Ilana. • **Joel W. Scott** started his own computer company, Computer Control, in 1985. He now has six full-time employees and has opened a branch in Worcester, MA. Joel lives in Wethersfield, CT, with his wife and two children. • **Linda Seaberg** lives in Staten Island with her husband, Philip, and their two sons. She is a resource room teacher in a Brooklyn elementary school.

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◆ 1973

SAVE THE DATE! 20th Reunion October 30, 1993. *Carole Weidman is the reunion chair. If you'd like to help, please call the Alumni Office.*

Mitchell Baer is married with two children and practices law in Washington, DC. He still adheres to his theory that as long as you have your jumpshot, everything is OK. • **Paul J. Crosby** lives in Toms River, NJ, and works as manager of plant engineering at Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station. • **Bob Katz**

is a real estate appraiser for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. He lives in San Francisco, CA. • **Joel Kleinman**, a physical therapist in private practice specializing in orthopedics, lives in Brookline, MA. • **Irwin Leventhal** and **Leslie Epstein ('74)** are celebrating their 17th wedding anniversary after both hitting the big 40. They live in N.Y.C. with their children, Joshua, 12, Adam, 10, and Matthew, 8. • **Norm Prusslin** was a featured panelist at the Long Island Music Conference held at the Five Towns College Campus, Dix Hills, NY. He spoke on the future of radio for college and commercial radio programmers.

education program. He is independently researching colonial and early American construction techniques. Peter lives in Westbury, NY, with his wife and two children. • **Janet Testaverde Nici** is being kept very busy with her two children, Jimmy, 5, and Karen, 2, and her job at Bell Labs. She lives in Tinton Falls, NJ. • **Franklyn Perez** is assistant counsel in the Office of Professional Discipline, New York State Department of Education. His wife, **Carmen Santiago Perez ('78)** is interim acting supervisor of social workers, Committee on Special Education, District 2, City of New York Board of Education. • **Robert Seyfarth** is a supervisor in the environmental pollution control section of the Suffolk County Health Department. He lives in Miller Place, NY. • **Steven M. Shoum** is the director of the Department of Anesthesiology at South Nassau Communities Hospital. He is also pursuing a master's in Health Services Administration. Steven lives in Massapequa, NY.

Graduate Degrees

Juan E. Mestas (MA'74, PhD'85) is the vice president and dean of students at Portland State University. He was previously director of retention services and acting director of educational equity programs at California State University-Long Beach. Juan lives in Portland, OR.

◆ 1975

Ronda Brooks (G'85) is a school social worker in the Brentwood School District. She lives in Coram, NY, with husband, Alan, and son, Sam. • **Steve Feldman** recently moved to Rye Brook, NY, with his wife, Janice and daughter, Halley. • **Vincent C. Gianì** recently reported for duty with Marine Air Traffic Control Squadron-28, Marine Corps Air Station New River, Jacksonville, SC. • **David Gitomer** lives in Bay Shore, NY. His oldest daughter, Amanda, has acquired her first pet, PJ the turtle. • **George S. Lipkowitz** is the director of Transplantation and Transplant Surgery at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, MA. He is also assistant medical director of the New England Organ Bank. He and his wife, **Keri L. Heitner ('78)**, live in Amherst with their two sons. • **Adrienne Mirro** has been working for the Supreme Court of Suffolk County for the past 10 years. She writes that the work is fulfilling and credits her personal achievement and career satisfaction to Professor Morton Reichler, whom she acknowledges with continuing gratitude. • **Jeanne O'Rourke** is an art teacher and recreation director for adults with developmental disabilities. She lives in Wakefield, RI, with husband, Greg Behic (whom she met at a USB party) and their three children. • **Anna (LaFace) Reisner** is an attorney in Westchester, NY. She lives in Croton-on-Hudson with her husband, Carl, and their four children, Sam, 12, Jenny, 7, Becky, 5, and newborn Abby.

◆ 1974

Susan Benson is the director of career services at the University of San Diego's School of Law. • **Roger L. Berkow** is an associate professor of pediatrics in the Division of Pediatrics Hematology/Oncology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He is also director of pediatric education and associate director of the General Clinical Research Center. Roger spends his free time with wife, Patty, and two sons, Jonathan, 12, and Geoffrey, 9. • **Arnold Cooperman** is a legal editor for the Florida Legislature's Division of Statutory Revision. • **Peter F. Haarmann** teaches construction, carpentry and building maintenance occupation for BOCES, Nassau Tech, a vocational

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Graduate Degrees

Jolie A. Cizewski (PhD) is a professor of physics at Rutgers University and was recently elected to the Council of the American Physical Society. • **Katherine Kemler (MM'75, DMA'86)** is a professor of flute at Louisiana State University. She just had a solo CD released on Centaur Records, "Virtuoso American Flute Works." • **Rosalie Reszelbach (PhD)** is working for Cambridge Eye Doctors after earning her OD in 1986 in a program designed especially for PhDs. She lives in Watertown, MA, with her husband and their son, Andrew. • **Ruth H. Sanders (PhD)** is a professor of German at Miami University of Ohio. • **Katherine Traxler (MLS)** conducted the 1992 SCMEA Division I Choir. She lives in Stony Brook.

◆ 1976

Michelle Kraushar Blumenstyk lives in Teaneck, NJ, with her husband and their two sons, Eric and David. She is a certified hand therapist. • **Carol Davis-Wiebelt (G'81)** is a private consultant in the area of community development block grant administration. She lives in Rocky Point, NY, with husband, Bill, and children, Jeffrey, 9, and Thomas, 4. • **Fred Futterman** is an associate general counsel of HIP of Greater New York. He and his wife of five years, Lisa, live in River Vale, NJ, with their two-year-old son, Jamie. • **Michael Martin** founded the Body Bag Beach Civic Association on July 4, 1992. He lives in Rocky Point, NY. • **David Ost** recently translated and edited *The Church and The Left* by Adam Michnik (University of Chicago Press) and is a contributing editor of *Telos*. He lives in Ithaca, NY. • **John Palmer** is a vice president at Prudential Securities. He was recently a committee member at The New York Society of Security Analysts. • **Michael J. Prokopchak** lives in Virginia Beach, VA, with his wife, **Nancy (Balchunas) '78**. He is the chairperson for the science department in the Norfolk Public Schools. • **George Spivack** practices cardiology with Internal Medicine Associates, P.C. in Meriden, CT. He lives in Hamden, CT, with his wife, Linda, and three-year-old daughter, Marla. • **Leonard M. Sturm** is a partner at KPMG Peat Marwick. He lives in Smithtown, NY.

Graduate Degrees

Jeanne W. Baum (MA), graduated Union Theological Seminary in May 1987 with a Master's of Divinity. She was ordained as a Presbyterian pastor in November 1987 and is currently pastor of Old South Haven Presbyterian Church. Jeanne is also vice moderator of Long Island Presbyters. She lives in Brookhaven, NY.

◆ 1977

Neil P. Forrest practices law with Varet, Marcus and Fink, P.C. in New York City. He lives in East Hills, NY. • **Cheryl Hamilton Jaworski (MD'82)** has re-

Verses from the Past

Eugene Schlanger '76 (English)



Maralyn (Schulman) '78 and Eugene Schlanger '76

Gene Schlanger wrote the accompanying sonnet about Professor "Jack" Thompson in an English literature class on February 25, 1975. He offers it "as a tribute to a professor who inspired many of us, especially in our poetic desires," recalling that "Jack [Thompson] was the best reader of all."

Gene majored in English at Stony Brook, went on to earn a law degree at St. John's University, and now works as vice president and assistant general counsel for Nomura Securities International, Inc. in New York City. He and his wife, Maralyn '78 (née Schulman) live in Chestnut Ridge, NY, with their children, Serra, 9, and Stephen, 4. Maralyn, who also

entered civilian life after 10 years of active duty with the Air Force. She works half time as medical director of an outpatient psychiatric clinic in Bethesda, MD, and half time in private practice in Waldorf, MD. Cheryl had a baby boy in late December. • **Eric Kessler** has been president of HBO Video since 1989. He and his wife, **Marcia (Lucas)**, live in New Rochelle, NY, with their sons, Jason, 8, and Brandon, 5. Marcia is a lawyer with First Boston Corporation. • **Mark Lehrman** lives in Dallas, TX, with wife, Tricia, and their children, Danielle and Benjamin. Mark is an associate professor of pharmacology at University of Texas-Southwestern. • **Bonnie Link** is

majored in English, is pursuing a master's degree at Queens College.

Gene and Maralyn came back to the Brook for Homecoming '92 and report that they especially enjoyed the English Department's reunion and are looking forward to attending the open poetry reading that the department is planning.



John Thompson

*Lewd professeur, how long have you beheld
This infamous, chartered, bounteous rhyme,
These chronicles of passion, death, red wine,
Bold flights towards muses, where once gods
had dwelled?*

*Has every thought at every turn
And all these sentences, thick yet sublime,
Shown you one spark of truth, the prophet's mime,
Which you hope to impart to we who yearn
The man of letters' quest, his rapt, sly dream,
An empire of knowledge, willed and secure,
A clever path to a more clever door?
All this, I think, is your own silent scheme.
Well, mighty man, here's to your vibrant soul,
Subtle wit, cigarette, and epic goal.*



Editor's note: John Thompson is alive and well and living in New York City. He retired 10 years ago and is busy writing novels.

senior trial counsel of Interboro Mutual Insurance Company. She lives in East Meadow, NY. • **Barbara Morris** is a free-lance writer, with articles appearing regularly in insurance association trade magazines. She lives in Oakland, NJ, with her husband and their two children, Sarah, 5, and Allison, 3.

◆ 1978

SAVE THE DATE! 15th reunion October 30, 1993. Barry Seidel is reunion chair. Please call Barry or the Alumni Office if you'd like to help.

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Michele DelMonte '76 (B.S., Allied Health)

Zonta

Club of Suffolk County has named Michele DelMonte '76 the 1992 "Woman of the Year."



Michele is a developer in the Office of Public Policy, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Rockville Centre.

After graduating from Stony Brook, Michele worked in the Pathology Department of Mercy Medical Center, then in Renal Immunology at Nassau County Medical Center. She has also taught at Molloy College in Rockville Centre. Along the way, she earned a master's degree in medical technology from St. John's University and later became certified by the New York State Department of Health as an HIV/AIDS trainer.

A co-founder of the Long Island Post-polio Support Group, she is currently active on the Suffolk county executive's Ad Hoc Committee on Abuse of the Disabled and the Task Force on Family Violence. She is also a member of the Long Island Coalition on the National Health Care Plan and the Long Island Council on Housing for People with Disabilities.

Michele works in policy analysis and development, which, she says, is "a natural extension of advocacy, transferring Stony Brook research and training skills to the social sciences."

Steven Galson is a medical epidemiologist with the Center for Disease Control. He spent February 1993 in Somalia assisting UNICEF. Steven lives in Cincinnati, OH. • **Ilene Haspel** is the coordinator of the Community Impact Big Brother/Big Sister Program at Columbia University. She has two children, Zach, 5, and Zoe, 1 1/2, and lives in Croton-on-Hudson, NY. • **Keri L. Heitner** works for the University of Massachusetts as a program developer, writer and consultant. She also writes commentary for a local weekly newspaper. She lives in Amherst, MA, with her husband, **George S. Lipkowitz '75**, and their two sons.

Graduate Degrees

Gloria J. Baciewicz (MD) is director of the Alcohol and Drug Dependency Program at the University of Rochester. She lives in Rochester, NY, with her husband, **Gene Schneider MD '79**, and their two children. Gene is clinical director of the Rochester Psychiatric Center and a clinical associate professor at the University of Rochester. • **Nancy Coggins Lynch (MALS)** lives in Centereach, NY, with her husband. They are expecting their first child in April. Nancy is thrilled that her book, *Hands-On Activities for Elementary Biology*, is continuing to earn royalties a year and a half after it was first published by Alpha Publishing Company.

◆ 1979

Deborah Burros is a published author of several science fiction/fantasy stories. She lives in Huntington, NY. • **Barbara Cohen Hon** is vice president in Human Resources at National Westminster Bank in NY. • **Gail Goldstein Koelln** is pursuing a career in the environmental field after completing an internship at the New York Zoological Society. She lives in Kew Gardens, NY, with her husband, James. • **Kenneth Marek** is a senior associate concentrating in creditor rights, foreclosure and bankruptcy law with the law firm of Kelly, Gaus & Holub in Sussex County, NJ. When not working, he scuba dives, skis and enjoys country western dancing. Kenneth recently joined an opera company and performed in two operettas during the company's first season. He also volunteers for the Community Food Bank of New Jersey's Second Annual Check-Out Hunger fund-raising drive. • **Larry Muller** owns Alliance Distributing, the largest Nintendo video game distributor on the East Coast. He lives in Commack, NY, with his wife, **Marilyn (Woznicki)**, and their daughter, Amanda. • **Sharman L. (Mancher) Regensburg (G'80)** is a clinical social worker in private practice in East Northport, NY, where she lives with husband, Edward, and son, Corey. • **William A. Reuter** works in an intensive alcohol and drug day treatment program at Bayley Seton Hospital on Staten Island, NY, while completing credentialed alcoholism counselor certification and expanding his private psycho-

therapy practice. • **John L. Wittreich** recently left Somalia for the Persian Gulf with Air Anti-Submarine Squadron-37, homeported in San Diego, CA, as part of the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk battle group. • **Craig Zammiello** has been working at Universal Limited Art Editions as a master printer for various artists, including Jasper Johns and Robert Rauschenburg. He also teaches a workshop at the Huntington Art League. • **Jeffrey Zauderer** is an otolaryngologist in Chelmsford, MA. He lives in Lexington, MA, with his wife and three children.

Graduate Degrees

Gary Smagalski (DDS) is in private practice for Oral/Maxillofacial Surgery in Petaluma, CA. He and his wife, Faith, had their third son, Ryan, in 1986. Their oldest son, Sean, is a freshman at Indiana University, majoring in pre-med. • **P.M. Tuts (PhD)** is an associate professor of physics at Columbia University and is doing research involving the search for the top quark and other high energy physics experiments as a member of a Fermilab team.

◆ 1980

George Araujo is the director of environmental health and safety for the Nassau County Medical Center and the A. Holly Patterson Geriatric Center. He lives in Bay Shore, NY. • **Rosanne Cohn (G'84)** is a senior human resources administrator for a \$2.5 billion corporation. She lives in Bay Shore, NY, with husband, Bruce. • **John Folan** practices internal medicine and sports medicine. He lives in Stony Brook with wife, Susan. • **Mark Frimmel** has formed a law partnership, Pleuretes & Frimmel, specializing in bankruptcy, real estate and business transactions. He lives in North Bellmore, NY. • **Mitchell Hausman** received his L.L.M. in Taxation from New York University in February 1992. He is a trial attorney for District Counsel, Internal Revenue Service, Manhattan. • **Denise M. Keyser** is a labor/employment law attorney in NJ. She is married and has two daughters, aged 4 and 2 1/2. • **Lillian Linz Mason** lives in Bethesda, MD, with her husband, Michael, and sons, Matthew, 4 1/2 and Will, 2 1/2. She practices law part time. • **Jonathan H. Segal** is an assistant clinical professor of medicine at University of California-Davis. He lives in Foster City, CA, with wife, Wendy, and children, Daniel and Ilana.

Graduate Degrees

Patricia Hope (MALS) teaches biology and is writing a book on hormones and behavior. • **Lillian F. Pliner (MD)** is an assistant professor of medicine specializing in hematology. Her daughter, Katherine Marielle Dreyfuss, was born in February 1992. Lillian lives in Short Hills, NJ. • **Ruth Swinick (MALS)** teaches math at Riverhead High School. She lives in Centereach, NY. • **Jeremy Szabo (MM)** is a free-

lance musician living in New York City. He is currently performing in *Les Miserables* on Broadway.

◆ 1981

Kimberly Ann Affronti is a senior trial attorney in the special victims bureau in Queens County. She lives in Bay Ridge, NY. • **David J. Braverman** is an investment officer for Standard & Poor's Market Scope, an on-line investment advisory service which provides news and analysis for 50,000 stockbrokers. He lives in South Setauket, NY, with his wife, **Randi (Schneider)** '80, and their four children. • **Thomas J. Chappell (G'82)** was appointed legislative counsel to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue in March 1992. He lives in Boston, MA. • **Rosanne M. Hoffmann** is branch manager for Olsten Temporary Services in Westbury, NY. She lives in Stony Brook. • **Judith (Coppola) and Noah Lipman** are the proud new parents of Elizabeth and Katie. Noah practices law in NY and NJ. • **Patricia McDonnell** is the director of human resources for the NYC Emergency Medical Service. She lives in Kew Gardens, NY. • **Peter Pitsiokos** was recently elected vice president of Gyrodyne Company of America, Inc., in St. James, NY. He lives in Setauket with his wife, Judith and their children, P.J., Teddy and Chris.

Graduate Degrees

Ronald Cohen (MPA) is the coordinator of youth and family services at Family Counseling Service in Westhampton Beach, NY. He is pursuing a school counseling degree at Hofstra University and contemplating private practice work. Ronald lives in Port Jefferson, NY. • **Elizabeth Lee (MSW)** is a family nurse practitioner working in the Newburgh school district, providing primary care and physicals for junior high school students. She lives in New Paltz, NY. • **Cesar Linares (DDS'85)** lives in New York City with his wife and three children.

◆ 1982

Heidi (Dahler) and Michael Scholnick live in Baldwin, NY. They met in honors chemistry.

Graduate Degrees

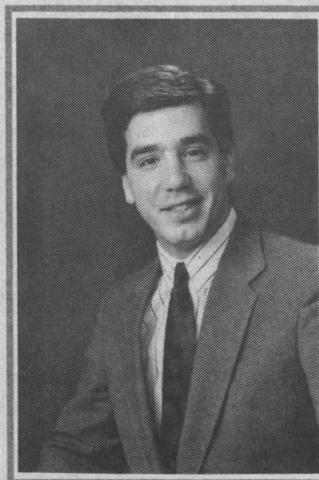
Carol Lustgarten (MSW) is writing her sixth book, a book of poetry which she is self-publishing and expects to be out by March 1993. She lives in Boston, MA. • **Paula Silver (MSW)** is a school social worker for BOCES II and director of the singles department for Suffolk County YM/YWHA of Commack. • **Elizabeth Sturm (MD)** became board certified in geriatrics in April 1992. She lives in Commack, NY, with her husband and their three children. • **Julio Vidaurrazaga (PhD)** was a visiting research professor at USB for the fall semester, 1992.

◆ 1983

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A Real (Estate) Success Story Brian Marino '89 (B.A., Psychology)

Although it's only been a few years since Brian left Stony Brook, he's already enjoyed a great deal of success. After graduation, he enrolled at Villanova University to pursue a master's degree in psychology, but became intrigued by the world of investments. He decided to look into a career in real estate, took some courses and was



quickly convinced that this was the field for him.

Many would argue that the current real estate market on Long Island is bleak, but Brian's accomplishments suggest otherwise. In 1991, he earned "Rookie of the Year" honors from The Prudential Long Island Realty, a title sought after by more than 250 new agents. He was named to the Leading Edge Society, an exclusive organization of the nation's top

Michael Ardito completed his residency at Seton Hall University in 1990 and is now board certified in internal medicine with an office in Clifton, NJ. He lives in Totowa, NJ, with his wife, Sharron, and son, Adam, 2. • **Mary Ellen Cannon-Angell** and **James (G'72)** are the proud parents of one-year-old Claire. • **Jason D. Green** is a fellow in colorectal surgery and looks forward to opening a practice on Long Island in 1993. • **Helene Krinsky** received a JD from New York Law School in June 1991. She passed the New York and New Jersey bar exams in July 1992. Helene lives in Rosedale, NY. • **Catherine Marrone (G'85)** is pursuing a PhD in the Department of Sociology at USB and is presently "ABD." Catherine lives in Moriches, NY. • **Ben Marsh** is trading over-the-counter stocks on Wall Street and living in New Rochelle, NY, with wife, Elyse, and daughter, Sara. • **Tom Melgar** completed a residency in internal medicine and pediatrics in 1991 and was chief resident in internal medicine, 1991-1992. He is an assistant professor of medicine in the Med/Peds Department at Wayne State University. Tom lives in

realtors, for achieving nearly \$4 million in sales in 1992. With that kind of track record, he's certain to do well in 1993.

In addition to business commitments, Brian has remained active at USB through participation in alumni focus groups and receptions for high school students during Admissions Open House.

A commuter for most of his Stony Brook

years, Brian lived in Whitman College, Roth Quad, the last three semesters. "I made a tremendous number of friends when I lived on campus, some of whom I still keep in touch with," he says. And speaking of his alma mater, he adds, "Stony Brook gave me all the tools I needed for success. It pointed me in the right direction."

Southfield, MI, with wife, Francine Bruder, and newborn daughter, Brianna. • **Anne (Rockford) and Paul Scott Phillips ('87)** were married in June 1989. Paul practices ophthalmology in Hunterdon County, NJ, while Anne practices psychiatry in Belle Mead, NJ.

Graduate Degrees

Gerard Buffo (MD) is a partner in Connecticut Valley Radiological Group. He lives in West Simsbury, CT. • **Catherine McHugh (MD'87)** is practicing pediatrics in the Baltimore area, where she lives with her husband, Louis Jacobson, also a pediatrician, and two children, Matthew and Julianna.

◆ 1984

Cheryl Mintz recently finished her third season as a stage manager for the New York City Opera. Presently, she is the production stage manager for a new Harold Arlen musical, *Sweet and Hot*, playing at the Asolo Theatre Company and the McCarter Theatre. • **Monica (Kuffo) and Brian ('86) Murphy** recently

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moved to Huntington, NY. • **Aquilos A. Sanchez** is a residential supervisor at the Young Adult Institute in Rego Park, NY. He married Lidia Abudayeh Summar in February 1993. • **David Wright** received a master's degree in education and college student development. He is an academic counselor for Long Island University's C.W. Post campus.

Graduate Degrees

Scott Emery (PhD) started a new company, EHI, specializing in ecology, public health and water resource issues. He lives in Tampa, FL. • **Ida Messana (MD)** is in private practice in internal medicine in Forest Hills, NY, where she lives with one-year-old daughter, Johanna Rachel Sanders.

◆ 1985

Rego Anagnos is vice president of marketing for Pulsar Components International. He lives in Manhasset Hills, NY. • **Annette Casazza (MSW'88)** is vice president of the West Babylon Board of Education. She has been employed as a counselor by the Town of Babylon for four years. Annette is also a credentialed alcoholism counselor and a member of the National Association of Social Workers. • **Laura Reimer** owns a riding stable where she gives lessons. She graduated from Hofstra Law School in 1989, passed the bar exam and practiced law at a large firm for two years, but quit because it was too time consuming and stressful. Laura now practices

law out of her home, runs the stable and is active in her church. • **Barry S. Wenig** writes that he is alive and well and surviving the New Hampshire winters. He and his wife, Mary, are expecting their first child in February 1993. Long Live *Statesman!* • **Jerrit Gluck (G'88)** is the project engineer for the restoration of the Moore Building in Oyster Bay, Long Island. The historic building was used to house Theodore Roosevelt's summer White House staff.

Graduate Degrees

Juan F. Falla (MD) is living in Clearwater, FL, with his wife and two children. He is a family physician for CIGNA Healthplan of Florida and chairman of the Family Practice Department.

◆ 1986

John Doherty is a trader of asset swap at Bankers Trust Company. He is single and lives in New York City. • **Rebecca Mendelsohn** is the program director at the Beach Y Jewish Community Center and also directs the day camp. She received her MSW in May 1989. • **Douglas W. Nangle** was awarded the Don F. Hake award for Outstanding Graduate Career by West Virginia University. Upon completion of his clinical psychology residency at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, he will receive a PhD in Clinical Psychology from West Virginia University, where he also received his master's.

Graduate Degrees

Phyllis Curatola (MSW) is a school social worker who deals with teen parents. She lives in Wantagh, NY.

◆ 1987

Ginna (Smith) and **Edward Gabalski** live in Manhasset, NY. Ginna is a production supervisor for Estee Lauder. Ed is a surgical resident at North Shore Hospital. • **Monica J. Hickey** received her JD from Fordham Law School in 1991. She is an assistant district attorney for the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office in Hauppauge, NY. Monica lives in Babylon, NY. • **Christine A. LaSala** graduated Albert Einstein College of Medicine in 1991. She is obstetrics and gynecology resident at Hartford Hospital (CT). She lives in Newington, CT, with husband, **John Alexander**, who will receive an MBA from Baruch College. • **Bill Nelson** was recently promoted to Sales Engineer at NEC, Melville, NY. • **Kathleen O'Sullivan** is still a journalist, caterer and mother. She is learning Russian for a joint Soviet, German, Polish television film project about the Katyn Massacre of 15,000 Polish Officers in 1941. She lives in Port Jefferson, NY. • **Barry Shaktman** completed his MD at SUNY Buffalo in 1991 and is an obstetrics and gynecology resident at Medical College of Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia. He was married in June 1992.

Graduate Degrees

Elizabeth Meller Alderman (MD) is an assistant professor of pediatrics at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Division of Adolescent Medicine at Montefiore Medical Center. She and her husband, Eric, live in New Rochelle, NY, with their one-year-old daughter, Sara Faith. • **Bagdig Baghdassarian (MD)** works at Hicksville HIP. His wife is a first-year medical student at SUNY HSC at Syracuse. • **Alan Cortez (MD)** is doing a pediatric endocrinology fellowship at UCLA. He is married and lives in Los Angeles, CA. • **Seth Lubinger (MD)** is an attending physician in the Department of Emergency Medicine at North Shore University Hospital. He lives in New York City. • **David L. O'Connor (MA)** teaches alternative high school in Port Washington, NY. He and his wife live in Brightwaters, NY, and are soon to be the proud parents of twins.

◆ 1988

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Kristin A. Buck has received her master's degree in English from the University of Delaware. She is an English literature/writing instructor at the State University of New York at Morrisville and at Syracuse University. Kristin expects to begin work on a doctor-

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Bertha Steinhardt Gutman '91 (M.F.A., Art)

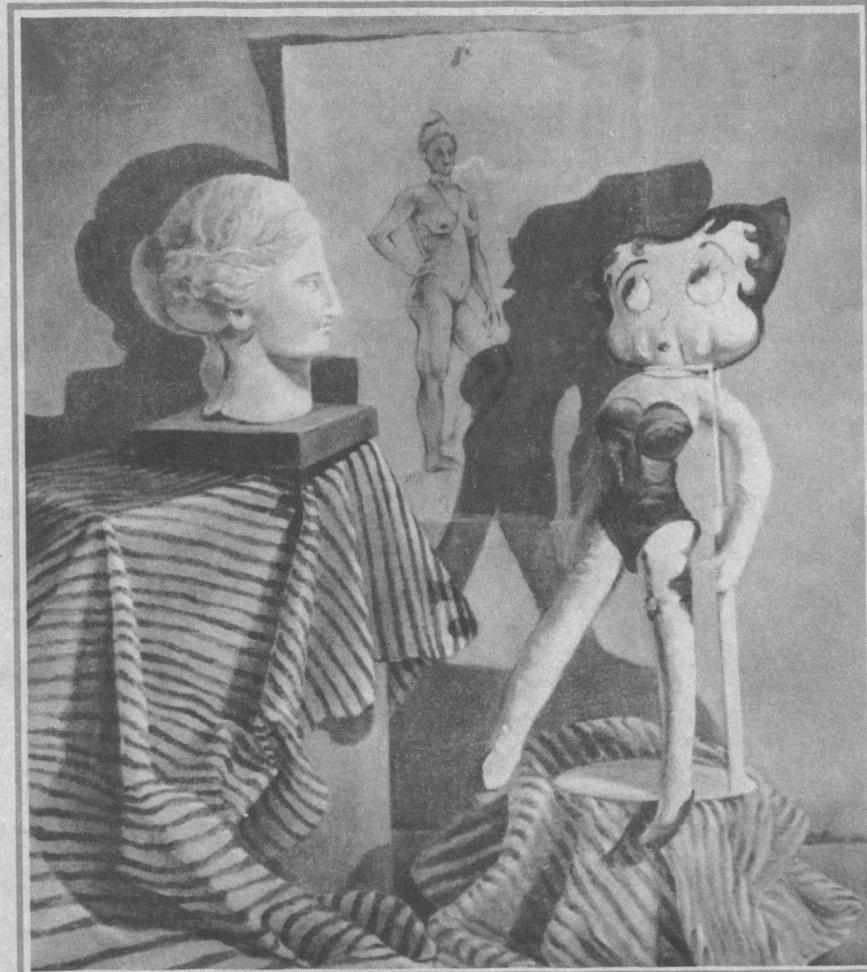
Historically, the woman artist has been cut off from grand scale figure painting and its accompanying religious, classical and moral themes. Instead, she has turned to still life and its depiction of everyday scenes.

The paintings of Bertha Steinhardt Gutman '91 continue this tradition with an added twist: all the still lifes have dolls, figurines and statues that act out stories, both personal and universal. Bertha's solo exhibition, "Dollhouse Stories," oil paintings on canvas and linen, was exhibited at the Gallery 84, Inc., in midtown Manhattan this past January and February.

Through the doll-inhabited paintings, the artist celebrates both the trivial aspects of the everyday as well as the exalted strivings of the noblest human endeavors. The results are often ironic, playful and even funny.



"Icons, Games, Art," Bertha Steinhardt Gutman (1992), oil on linen.



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"I am Woman," Bertha Steinhardt Gutman (1992), oil on linen.

Bertha teaches painting at Suffolk County Community College in Selden and Brentwood. While a graduate student at Stony Brook, she designed and taught life drawing and painting as a teaching assistant. In 1992 she was awarded a special opportunity stipend from the New York Foundation for the Arts and the East End Arts Council.

She has exhibited at Gallery 84 previously in group shows, as well as at the Cooperstown Art Association Galleries, the Newark (NJ) Museum, the Art Center of Northern New Jersey, the Hunter College Voorhees Gallery, and the Smithtown Township Arts Council at Mills Pond House. While at Stony Brook, her work was shown at the University Art Gallery, the Frank Melville, Jr. Memorial Library gallery, and in the Union Art Gallery.

**Loyal to the Brook
Or, What! You're Still Here?**

**Carmen Vazquez '79
(B.A., Social Sciences '81, M.S.W.)**

Back in 1978, Carmen Vazquez enrolled at Stony Brook as a transfer student. She's still here – by choice.

Although her days as a student are behind her, as director of Student Union and Activities, she's involved with students every day, supervising about 150 organizations and their programs.



involved in "building a sense of community" at Stony Brook, along with her mentor, friend and supervisor, Phyllis Solomon Hirsh (see the winter issue of *Stony Brook* for a profile of Phyllis' husband, Carl). She recalls, "Phyllis inspired me to go into student affairs administration. Over those five years, I worked in almost every quad on campus: G

Carmen earned an associate's degree from Fisher Junior College in Boston and then worked for a few years in New England and Manhattan. When she was ready to go back to school, she chose Stony Brook because it was the best institution in the region, and to be near – but not too near – her family in East Marion, Long Island.

She was then 25 years old and used to her independence. Knowing she faced a dramatic adjustment, she moved into Tabler Quad's Sanger College, sharing a suite with 20- and 21-year-old undergraduates, and threw herself into life at Stony Brook. She finished her degree requirements in one year while working as an RA. She made "wonderful friendships," she remembers, and is still in close contact with Nadine Guevrekian-Tinger and others.

The residence halls were in transition then, and working as an RA and later as intern, residence hall director and quad director, Carmen became in-

and H, Tabler, Roosevelt (we called it Stage XII, then) and Kelly. I know the atmosphere and the facilities of every one of them."

Living and working on campus, she enrolled in the MSW program, "because I shared their mission of social change. I had two wonderful placements: interning in the University Counseling Center and the Foreign Student Office – that's now International Programs. I did one-on-one counseling, advising, programming, placements. At the same time, I was supervising RAs in Toscanini."

Also during those years, she met and married Gary Matthews '82 (MSW), who is director of physical plant for East Campus today.

When Karen (Kayla) Mendelsohn (then assistant director of Student Union and Activities, now assistant dean for student affairs in the School of Allied Health Professions) went on maternity leave, a position opened for Carmen, and the rest is history.

ate in the very near future. • **Gastone Crea** received an MD from SUNY Brooklyn HSC. He lives in Bedford Hills, NY. • **Elena Damiano** graduated from New York University College of Dentistry in June 1992. She is a general practice resident at Interfaith Medical Center in Brooklyn. • **Massimo B. Vassalle** works at Republic National Bank and lives in Port Washington, NY. He earned an MBA from St. John's University in 1992.

Graduate Degrees

Patrick Hugh Brown (MD) is assistant director of Medical Education at St. Clare's Hospital and Health Center and is attending in internal medicine. He lives in New York City. • **John P. DeRosa (MD'88)** is doing a one-year internship in Internal Medicine at Winthrop University Hospital in Mineola, NY. In July 1993 he will begin a residency in radiology at the University of Pittsburgh. • **Seth Potash (MD)** married Linda Jacobs in September 1991. He completed his residency in ophthalmology at Lenox Hill Hospital in June 1992 and is a glaucoma fellow at the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary. He sends his best regards to all his classmates from the School of Medicine Class of '88. • **Brian Ratel (MD)** is an attending physician in the emergency department of North Shore University Hospital.

◆ **1989**

Gerard Brandenstein is the assistant executive director of the Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation. He received an MBA from Dowling College in February 1993. Gerard is engaged to **Erin McCabe ('90)** and lives in Astoria, NY. • **James M. Elia** is a third-year medical student at SUNY Health Science Center at Syracuse. He was recently engaged to Timothea Jarrell. • **Sarah Friedland** lives in Stony Brook. A collection of her underwater paintings will be shown at the Smithtown Township Arts Council's outreach gallery at the Chase Manhattan Bank in the Smithaven Mall, Lake Grove through April 1993. • **Karen A. Greene** is a respiratory therapist at Queens Hospital Center and a member of the United States Naval Reserve. She was activated during Desert Storm and served from January through June 1991. She is interested in keeping in touch with former students who have relocated to different parts of the U.S. and are working in respiratory care.

◆ **1990**

Lisa Buttacoli works in the microbiology lab at Pall Corporation on Long Island. She lives in Floral Park, NY. • **Elizabeth Fox** received an MBA from Dowling College in 1992 and recently married her college sweetheart. She is employed by an insurance company and lives in Coram, NY. • **Loreen Cronin** will marry Christopher Forella on July 17, 1993. She is a third grade teacher at St. Raymond Elementary School and completed a master's degree in Special Educa-

tion from Manhattanville College in August 1992.

•**Dale Joseph** received an MPA from Columbia University in May 1992 and works for Agenda for Children Tomorrow, a public/private coordination initiative that is looking at ways of improving service delivery on a neighborhood level. •**Jodi Rabkin** is a candidate for a Master of Science in Counseling at Hofstra University. She will graduate in Spring 1992.

•**Michael J. Weinberg** is manager of the Kraus House residence on East 5th Street in New York City.

Graduate Degrees

Dan Kalb (MD) will complete a family practice residency in Pittsburgh, PA, in June 1993 and plans to practice in Baton Rouge, LA.

◆ 1991

John P. Bertschuk recently graduated from The Basic School at Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, VA. •**Lynda Dissler** is an RN at Long Island Jewish Medical Center. •**Jay M. Korman** joined the staff of Defense Forecasts, Inc., to help analyze and identify opportunities for manufacturing and high technology companies in the defense sector and in related commercial sectors, as well as help companies redirect their dependence on defense sales to commercial customers. He lives in Washington, DC.

•**Rebecca Riemann** is a medical technologist in the microbiology lab at University Hospital. She lives in Dix Hills, NY. •**Joanne Rosenshein** is a full-time law student at Hofstra University. •**Jonathan E. Sobel** was recently engaged to Denise and continues to work at Schneider Children's Hospital as a physician's assistant, where he cares for babies who have undergone open heart surgery.

Graduate Degrees

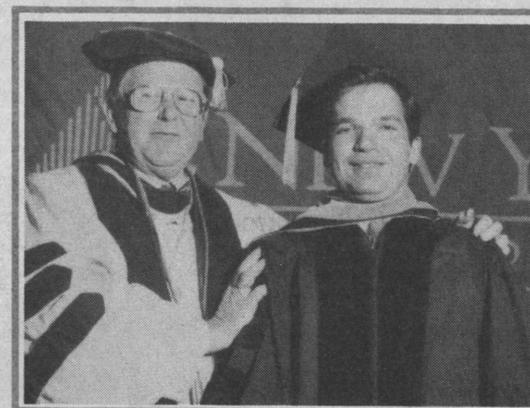
Irene K. Bossert (MAIS) teaches chemistry, honors chemistry and an innovative science research skills program at Baldwin High School. She also works as an adjunct instructor of organic chemistry at Molloy College in Rockville Centre. •**Pearl Chua-Eoan (MD)** is a second-year resident in pediatrics at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center. She was married last June and lives in Cliffside Park, NJ. •**Mary Koslap-Petraco (MS)** is a pediatric nurse practitioner running an immunization action program aimed at improving immunization status of children under two years. She was the 1991 recipient of the New York State Coalition of Nurse Practitioners Outstanding Student Nurse Practitioner of the Year Award.

◆ 1992

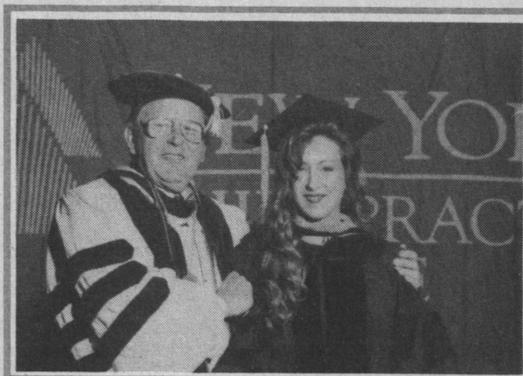
Rolando I. Chen was recently commissioned as a Navy Ensign upon graduation from Officer Candidate School. •**David M. Fritz** was recently commissioned as a Marine 2nd Lt. upon graduation from Officer

Two New Chiropractors

Two Stony Brook alumni – both from the Class of 1989 – recently completed their doctor of chiropractic degrees. In a ceremony at the New York Chiropractic College in Seneca Falls, Tammy Louise Bohne and Allan E. Frishberg were awarded degrees by the college president, Dr. Kenneth W. Padgett, and members of the board of trustees.



Dr. Allan E. Frishberg '89



Dr. Tammy Louise Bohn '89

Candidate School. •**Allison Goldstein** is pursuing a Master's of Education at Dowling College and will be certified to teach. She was recently engaged to **Craig Gerken** who is in the physical chemistry doctoral program at University of California-Berkeley. They are planning a summer '94 wedding.

TRANSITIONS

Births

Barry J. Hecht '81, a son, Eliot Zachary (5/92). •

Tammy, who majored in biology at Stony Brook, was named to the Phi Chi Omega International Chiropractic Honor Society in recognition of her high grade point average.

Allan was an economics major when he was at Stony Brook.

Sandra (Rafiy)'89 and **Jeffrey Layne '89**, a girl, Sabrina (7/92). • **Cecelia Yung '81**, a daughter, Jennifer Nicole (7/91).

Engagements

Nancy Puccio '87 to Claude Robb. • **Donna Scott '88** to Joseph Vaccaro.

Marriages

Ellen Alexew '87 to Marc Dreiling (10/92).

In Memoriam: Lonnie Nungesser '82, M.A. Psychology

Lonnie Nungesser, 38, died on May 13, 1992, in San Francisco. An AIDS researcher and writer, he was a doctoral candidate in psychology at Stony Brook when he was diagnosed with AIDS in 1983. Given only months to live, he returned to San Francisco to conduct research with Philip Zimbardo at Stanford University, where he'd earned his bachelor's degree.

During his 10 years of illness, Lonnie completed several books, including *Homosexual Acts, Actors and Identity* (Praeger Press, 1984), *Epidemic of Courage: Facing AIDS in America* (St. Martins) and finally,

How to Live Until You Say Goodby: Axioms for Survivors (HarperCollins, 1992).

As long as his health permitted, he worked at the World Institute on Disability. He made guest appearances on radio talk shows and lectured at Stanford. His life works and unpublished autobiography have been acquired by the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, in a special collection called, "The Nungesser Papers: Hope for Humanity."

Mark A. Schall '85 recalls, "Lonnie was well known and loved by many at 'the Brook.'"

up & Coming

EXHIBITS

University Art Gallery, Staller Center, Tuesday-Friday, noon-4 p.m.; Saturday, 5-8 p.m. Free. 632-7240.

May 1-13: "Senior Show '93."

Stony Brook Art Gallery, Stony Brook Union, Monday-Friday, noon-4 p.m. Free. Call 632-6822.

April 19-30: "Mountains Round About - Jerusalem in Israeli Printmaking from the 70's and 80's."

May 3-14: "THAW" - Talented Handicapped Artists Workshop. Curated by Karl Kneis.

LECTURES & SEMINARS



Thursday, April 22: Distinguished lecturer Lewis Branscomb, "The Clinton-Gore Technology Policy: Where Does University Science Fit In?" 4 p.m. Alliance Room, Frank Melville, Jr. Memorial Library. Call 632-7000.

Tuesday, April 27: "Albert Camus' *Nuptials*: Questions of Sexuality," Anthony Rizzuto, associate professor, French and Italian. 4:30 p.m. Humanities Institute Faculty Colloquium Series. Room E-4340, Frank Melville, Jr. Memorial Library. Call 632-7765.

Thursday, April 29: Electro-Acoustic Music Lecture and Demonstration. Jonathan Berger, Yale University. 7 p.m. For location, call Music Department at 632-7330.

MUSIC

* Due to a flood at the Staller Center, performances originally scheduled for the Recital Hall and the Main Stage

have been relocated. Call the Staller Center, 632-7230, or the Music Department, 632-7330, for new location.

* **Wednesday, April 21:** Contemporary Chamber Players. 8 p.m. Guest composer Charles Wuorinen. Features the *Chamber Concerto for Cello and Ten Players*. Call 632-7330.

* **Saturday, April 24:** Stony Brook Chamber Singers. 8:15 p.m. Features works by Josquin, Mozart, and selected small ensembles of vocal jazz, madrigals, and musical theater. \$6; senior citizen/student discounts. Call 632-7230.

* **Tuesday, April 27:** Contemporary Chamber Players. 8 p.m. Works by Stony Brook composers. Free. Call 632-7330.

* **Friday, April 30:** Stony Brook Camerata Singers. 8 p.m. An all-Italian program conducted by David Lawton. \$6; senior citizen/student discounts. Call 632-7230.

* **Monday, May 3:** Stony Brook Chorale. 8 p.m. Roberta Moger, guest conductor. Works for brass, strings, and chorus by Brahms, Kodaly and Verdi. Special guests, the Long Island Brass Guild. \$8; senior citizen/student discounts. Call 632-7230.

* **May 4, 6, 11, 13:** Spring Festival of Chamber Music. 8 p.m. Free. 632-7330.

* **Thursday, May 6:** University Orchestra. 8 p.m. Features works of Schubert, C.M. von Weber, Lehar, Gershwin, Siczynski, Herbert, and Tchaikovsky. Free. Call 632-7330.

* **Saturday, May 8:** Stony Brook Symphony Orchestra. 8 p.m. Features the works of Ung, Stravinsky, and Beethoven. \$9; senior citizen/student discounts. Call 632-7230.

Tuesday, May 11: The Guild Trio, "Hungarian Greats." 5 p.m. Features works by Bartok and Kodaly. Lecture Hall 2, Health Sciences Center. Free. Call 444-2765.

* **Wednesday, May 12:** University Wind Ensemble. 8 p.m. The works of Mozart, Khachaturian, C.M. von Weber, and Gounod. Free. Call 632-7330.



BACH ARIA FESTIVAL

Wednesday, June 16: "The Italian Bach." Panel, 7 p.m. Concert, 8:30 p.m. Music by J.S. Bach, Scarlatti, Vivaldi, Marcello. Staller Center for the Arts Recital Hall.

Saturday, June 19: "The French Bach." Panel, 7 p.m. Concert, 8:30 p.m. Music by J.S. Bach, Couperin, Lully. Staller Center for the Arts Recital Hall.

Saturday, June 26: "The German Bach." Panel, 7 p.m. Concert, 8:30 p.m. Music by J.S. Bach, Buxtehude, Kuhnau, J.L. Bach. St. James Roman Catholic Church, Setauket.

Tickets, \$15. Call 632-7239.

FILM

THE ALTERNATIVE CINEMA

Tuesday, April 27: *Down by Law* (U.S.A., 1986). Director Jim Jarmusch. 7 and 9:30 p.m. SB Union Auditorium. \$2. Call 632-6136.

C.O.C.A. FILMS

C.O.C.A. (Committee on Cinematic Arts) films are shown on Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and midnight; and on Sunday, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., in Room 100, Javits Lecture Center. \$1.50/general admission; \$1/Stony Brook ID. Call 632-6472.

April 23-25: *Home Alone II*

April 30-May 2: *A Few Good Men*

May 7-9: *Alladin*

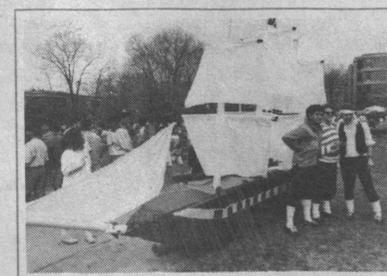
THEATRE & PERFORMING ARTS

April 29-May 2; May 6-9: *The Rivals* by Richard B. Sheridan. 8 p.m., Thursday, Friday, & Saturday; 2 p.m., Sunday. Theatre 2, Staller Center for the Arts. \$8; \$6/students & seniors. Call 632-7283 or 632-7230.

CONFERENCES & SPECIAL EVENTS

Wednesday, April 21: Center for Biotechnology, Biotechnology Job Fair. 1-3:30 p.m. Representatives from 30 companies will be on hand. Alliance Room, Frank Melville, Jr. Memorial Library. Free and open to all. For further information, call Donna Moran, 632-8521.

Wednesday, April 21: "Mountains Round About" Opening Reception (7 p.m., Union Gallery) and slide talk, "Meaning of Cultural Diversity and Contemporary Israeli Art in the Middle East Reality," Ami Steinitz, Open University of Israel. 8 p.m. Room 236, Stony Brook. Free. Call 632-6822.



Friday, April 23: Roth Regatta. Harrowing cardboard boat race across the pond. Roth Quad, 4 p.m. Free. Call 632-6787.

Saturday, April 24: Black Faculty and Staff Association 3rd Annual Basketball Tournament and Dinner Dance. Game: 2 p.m., Indoor Sports Complex; Dinner Dance: 6-10:30 p.m., American Legion Hall, Christian Avenue, Setauket. \$8. For tickets, call Charles Garrison, 444-3109, or Leslie Smith, 874-2687.

Sunday, May 23: Commencement.

ATHLETIC EVENTS

Call 632-7200 for a complete schedule.



Bach Aria Festival Presents: 'The International Bach'

This year's Bach Aria Festival and Institute, June 16-27, will focus on the interplay between J.S. Bach and the Italian, French and German music of his time. The program includes concerts, panel discussions, seminars and recitals.

The opening concert on Wednesday, June 16, at 7 p.m., will present "The Italian Bach." A panel including University of Illinois musicologist John W. Hill, University of Alabama historian Susan Nicassio, Bach Aria Group soprano Julianne Baird and WSHU-FM program director Suzanne Bona will consider how Bach reconciled the rugged Lutheran Germany of his origins with the splendid decadence of Baroque Italy.

The concert, which follows the same evening at 8:30 p.m., will feature vocal and instrumental music by Marcello, Scarlatti, Vivaldi and Bach.

"The French Bach" will be presented on Saturday, June 19, beginning with a discussion at 7 p.m. Panelists include University of Arizona musicologist James R. Anthony, Wellesley College historian Eugene L. Cox, Stony Brook harpsichordist Arthur Haas and WNYC-FM classical music commentator James Irsay. The concert, at 8:30 p.m., includes music by Couperin, Lully and Bach.

The festival turns its attention to "The German Bach" on Saturday, June 26, with a panel discussion at 7 p.m. and a concert at 8:30 p.m. Speakers include musicologist and Bach Aria Group founder William Scheide, Yale University literary his-

torian Cyrus Hamlin, Stony Brook organist Russell Stinson, and WUSB-FM classical music host Mark Lederway. The performance will feature music by Buxtehude, Kuhnau, Johann Ludwig Bach and J.S. Bach.

Sunday, June 20, at 2 p.m., the artist-fellows of the Bach Institute will perform a recital of music by Lotti, Zelenka, Biber and Bach. On Friday, June 25, at 8:30, the artist-fellows will present works by Handel, Couperin, Telemann and Bach in recital.

A Young People's Concert, hosted by David Britton, will be given on Thursday, June 24, at 7 p.m.

The traditional all-day marathon Bachanalia at Chelsea Center in East Norwich will begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 27, with a concert that includes Cantata 51 and the trio sonata from the *Musical Offering*. A panel discussion follows at 3 p.m. and a second concert at 4:30. Panelists are Bach Aria Group harpsichordist Yehudi Wyner, Brandeis University musicologist Robert Marshall, music commentator Terri Towe, and classical music hosts Richard Berger (WRHU-FM) and George Wallace (WBAU-FM). The concluding concert will offer music by J.S. Bach and Lotti.

Most events are in the Staller Center for the Arts Recital Hall. All pre-concert panels and seminars are free. Concert tickets are \$15; recital tickets, \$10. Tickets to the Young People's Concert are \$5; and to the Bachanalia in Nassau, \$22. For further information, locations and ticket reservations, call (516) 632-7239.

Summer Season Will Sizzle at Staller

The upcoming summer season at the soon-to-reopen Staller Center for the Arts will offer drama, laughter, music and more all through July.

A pair of stand-up comics, a trio of concerts, the Duke Ellington Orchestra with jazz singer Chris Calloway, a fully staged musical production of *The Wizard of Oz*, and John Godber's powerful new comedy are coming to Stony Brook.

Godber's play, *The Office Party*, a

rowdy exposé of sexual politics at a British advertising agency, earned rave reviews in England. This show opens the season Wednesday, July 7, and runs through Saturday, July 17.

For details of the program, schedules, and ticket prices, see the inside front cover.

Alumni are entitled to discounts at all shows. For further information and reservations, call the Staller Center Box Office at (516) 632-7230.

Retrospective Art Exhibition

A retrospective exhibition of 43 paintings and works on paper by American artist Warren Brandt will be shown at the University Art Gallery in the Staller Center for the Arts from July 1-August 8.

Brandt's work, which includes watercolors, pastels, drawings and paintings, includes still lifes, landscapes, nudes, studio interiors and self-portraits. His still lifes, in which he places Oriental rugs, colorful draperies and ceramic objects, are probably his best known paintings. An abstract expressionist in the 1950s, Brandt shifted to realism in the 1960s. His work is considered to be in the tradition of Matisse and Cezanne, and his subjects are "the intimate moment and familiar place, people and objects," according to Ruth Beesch, guest curator.

Reviewing Brandt's work for Art in American, critic Gerrit Henry wrote, "His is an earthy celebration of things, nowhere so much as in a



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"The Checker Game," by Warren Brandt

self-portrait in which the mirror image of the artist at work clashes heavily with the welter of objects he's in the process of depicting.... This artist gives his absolute all."

The University Art Gallery is open Tuesday through Friday, noon to 4 p.m. and Saturday, 5 to 8 p.m. For more information, call (516) 632-7240.

Mrs. Malaprop and *The Rivals* Offer Classic Comedy of Manners

Stony Brook Theatre will present Richard B. Sheridan's timeless comedy of manners, *The Rivals*, at the end of April and in early May.

Directed by Theatre Arts Assistant Professor John Cameron, *The Rivals* tells a story of romantic intrigues and entanglements in late 18th century England. This is the play that brought Mrs. Malaprop (and her "malapropisms") into the world.

First presented in 1755, *The Rivals* centers around Captain Anthony Absolute and his efforts to win the heart of the lovely Lydia Languish while disguised as a lowly ensign. The complications begin when his father, Sir Absolute, arranges with Mrs. Malaprop for Lydia to marry his

son, the captain, in order to keep her from the ensign. Neither realizes that the captain and the ensign are one and the same. What follows is an elegant comedy with more than a touch of farce.

Performances will be held Thursday, April 29, through Saturday, May 1, and Thursday, May 6, through Saturday, May 8, at 8 p.m. Additional performances will be given on Sunday, May 2, and Sunday, May 9, at 2 p.m.

All performances will be in Theatre Two of the Staller Center for the Arts. Tickets are \$8; \$6 for senior citizens and students. Tickets are available at the Staller Center Box Office, 516-632-7230.

SUMMER SIZZLES AT STALLER



They're off to see the Wizard! Come join the fun this July at the Staller Center for the Arts, where *The Wizard of Oz* will be performed Sunday, July 25. For other shows in the summer season, see the inside front cover.

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