

Stony Brook People

1969 Class Gift Funds Art Award And Exhibition

An art exhibit and sale funded by the Class of 1969's gift will be held at Stony Brook in late April. The First Annual Stony Brook Union Invitational Purchase Award Exhibition will award \$400 in prizes to the winning artists so that their works can be hung permanently in the Stony Brook Union.

The class gift totaled almost \$1000, of which more than half has been spent to purchase and frame eight works now hanging in the Union. These pieces include works by Giacometti, Miro and Chagall.

The rest of the gift will support the Purchase Award Exhibition to be held April 26 - April 30 in the Union Gallery. Students, faculty, staff and community members who have exhibited within the Union during this past year are invited to submit one work to the exhibit.

The winners of the show will receive cash honoraria for their work, which will then hang in the Union. Six prizes will be awarded: best in show, first prize for sculpture, first prize for painting, first prize for graphics, first prize for photography and first prize, miscellaneous. Works not selected for Purchase Award prizes will be on sale during the exhibit.

The Purchase Award Exhibition was established to enable the Union's Art

Works purchased with the 1969 Class Gift now hang in the Stony Brook Union.

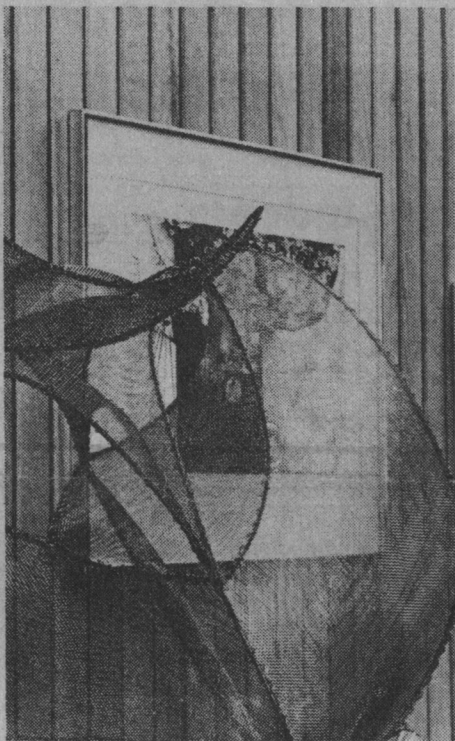


Photo by Jook Leung

Virgilje's "Soulevement" (color etching), Marc Chagall's "Bronze Still Life" (color lithograph)

Acquisition Committee to select works by local talent to augment the works by more established artists already purchased. It is also a means of honoring community artists.

The show will run for five days in the second-floor Union Art Gallery from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. All alumni are invited to this exhibit and to see works already purchased with the 1969 class gift.

Come to Reunion Weekend-- Dinner, Party, Carnival Set

A cocktail party, dinner, movies, free beer, a live band, swimming, a Roberta Flack concert and carnival rides are among the features scheduled for the Alumni Reunion Weekend May 7-8.

On Friday, May 7 from 9-11:30 p.m. the Alumni Association is giving a cocktail party at Sunwood. The first drink is free, others will be nominally priced. Also, on campus Friday night the movie "2001" will be shown in the gym at 7:30 and midnight. The carnival midway with rides and games will open at 6 p.m.

On Saturday from 12-4 p.m. an alumni carnival table will be set up on the midway behind the Union. Free beer will be available for all Alumni Association members, and directories, information and Alumni Association membership cards will be available.

Other midway features will include about 20 game booths, food concessions, a raffle and a sports car show. The midway will be open from noon to 10 p.m.

Alumni are invited to swim in the gym pool from 10 a.m. to noon and from 2-4 p.m. The bowling alley, billiard and ping pong rooms in the Union will also be open. At 4 p.m. a membership meeting to vote for members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors will be held in the Lecture Center. Mail ballots will be counted and alumni who have not voted by mail may vote in person.

A "Spring Celebration" will also be held on Saturday afternoon. Sponsored by the A.I.M. Program, the ENACT student ecological group and two of the residential colleges, the festival will offer an open microphone for speakers, music and other entertainment.

Three children's movies - "Balloonatics" with Buster Keaton and "Big Business" and "Two Tars" with Laurel and Hardy - will be shown in the Union Theater at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. In the evening the Student Activities Board will sponsor two concerts by Roberta Flack, blues singer.

The reunion dinner will begin at 7 p.m. in the Stony Brook Union, with a cash bar opening at 6 p.m. A much-praised local band, "The Five Fold Way" with Elliott Treadwell and Isham Latimer, will play from 7 p.m. to midnight. No speaker is scheduled for the dinner, but some faculty and administration members will be invited to join alumni for the evening. The cost for the smorgasbord dinner and dancing is only \$5.50 per person.

The alumni office can provide hotel and motel information, campus maps and names and phone numbers of on-campus babysitters. Tickets to "2001" and the Roberta Flack concerts should be purchased before carnival at the Union Ticket Office.

To receive reunion dinner tickets, send a check payable to the Stony Brook Alumni Association with the coupon below. Dinner reservations must be made by May 4.

Return to: Alumni Office, Reunion Weekend, Room 325 Administration Building, SUNY at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, N.Y. 11790

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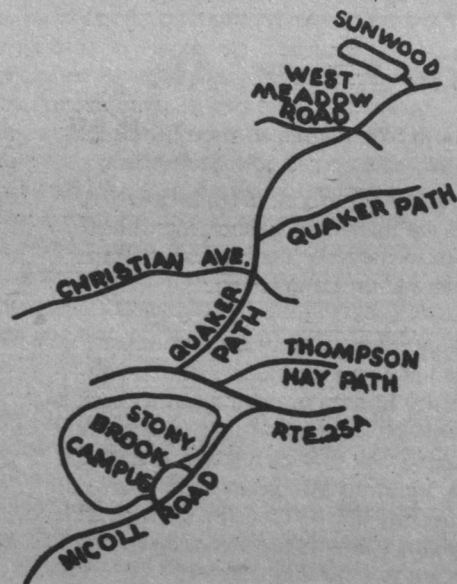
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I also plan to attend the Sunwood cocktail party.

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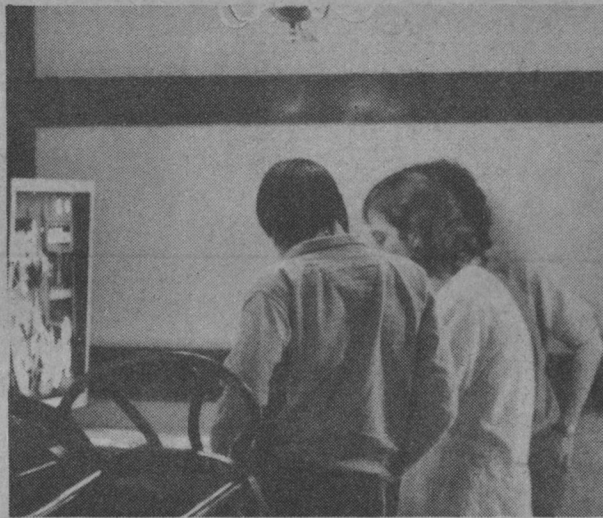
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DIRECTIONS: STONY BROOK CAMPUS TO SUNWOOD

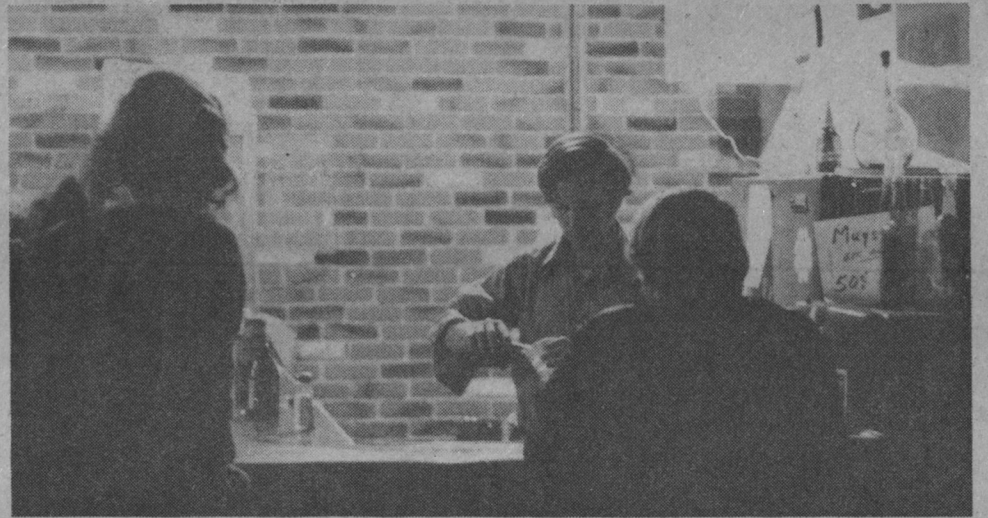
1. Leave campus, left on Nicoll Road
2. Left on Route 25-A
3. Right on Quaker Path, just before railroad station
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5. Turn left into Sunwood Estate

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Pub

The Henry James Pub in the basement of Henry James College provides students with an on-campus place to gather for a pinball game, a snack, a beer or just a chat.



Alumni Association Membership, Scholarship, Fund Drives Continue

In the first few weeks of the membership campaign more than 100 alumni have joined the Alumni Association. At last count an average of ten requests for membership a day were arriving in the mail. If the trend continues, the chances are good that last year's extraordinary record — when almost 20% of all alumni joined the Association — will be reached again or exceeded.

The membership fee is \$2, as it has been for three consecutive years. The fee has been kept low to encourage a large number of alumni to join and because the present economy is tight.

The fee supports Alumni Association activities such as the reunion and the directory. It entitles an Association member to the benefits of library borrowing privileges, reduced-rate tickets to concerts and theater productions and use of Stony Brook Union facilities.

New Alumni Association activities are being considered, such as an alumni-sponsored art show or flea market. The Association would also like to begin a career counseling service next fall, with alumni advising Stony Brook undergraduates about jobs, graduate schools and other post-graduation options. There has been a great demand for this type of service, and many alumni are well qualified to participate in such a program.

Along with the membership funds received, more than \$100 has been raised so far for the Ashley Schiff Memorial Scholarship and "Stony Brook People." These fund drives also continue. All money collected for "Stony Brook People" will be matched by the Stony Brook Foundation.

The coupon below may be used for Alumni Association membership, scholarship contributions or "Stony Brook People" support.

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Enclosed is my check, payable to "Stony Brook Alumni Association" for:

- Alumni Association membership card (\$2) _____
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 "Stony Brook People" _____

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Name _____ Class _____

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Summer Job Hunt Needs Alumni Aid

Alumni presently employed in businesses which hire summer help can offer a real service to present Stony Brook undergraduates—just let the Alumni Office know about these jobs. They will be listed with the Summer Employment Office now being set up by the Office of the Vice President for Finance and Management.

Even if you know of only one or two jobs, please write the Alumni Office,

Room 328, Administration Building, SUNY at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, N.Y. 11790 or call (516) 246-7010. We are interested in knowing of any jobs in the New York metropolitan area and on Long Island.

Many present Stony Brook undergraduates are having tremendous difficulty finding summer employment, and would be most grateful for any leads or suggestions. As for alumni, aside from having Stony Brook undergraduates for company during the summer, you'll be helping students make money to return to school in the fall.

FACULTY FOCUS

Dr. Wheeler Wakes Up Her Students

"Women's liberation killing the family? It was dead already. The movement is just saying out loud what has been wrong with the traditional family structure for some time."

Dr. Margaret C. Wheeler, assistant professor of anthropology, is eating lunch at one of her favorite restaurants, surrounded by tables of students. A lively, outspoken nature seems to account for at least part of her popularity on campus.

"It's one of the greatest things," one of her students has commented, "to sit in a dimly lit lecture hall with 100 other sleepy students at ten o'clock in the morning and watch Mrs. Wheeler bounce around. She likes the course and she makes me like it."

Student-conducted teacher evaluation surveys consistently rank her as a top lecturer who encourages outside-of-class discussion and, as one survey expressed it, a teacher whose "abounding enthusiasm for the material and manner of presentation carry the joy of the subject over to her students." For three years now, graduating seniors have honored her for her "exceptional contribution to our education and personal development."

But back to women's lib, a subject she has recently been called upon to discuss at several gatherings on and off campus. "The traditional family structure," she says, "has been an extended one — a nucleus of related adults who shared family duties and the responsibilities of care of the aged, raising children and providing shelter and food. During this century we have shifted to a nuclear family—father, mother and children—which has the advantage of greater social flexibility but which has placed an intolerable burden on the shoulders of one man. He may find himself supporting his own family, aged parents, in-laws, etc. The new patterns of group living such as communes seem to me to combine some of the advantages of both systems and to be more realistic for this age."



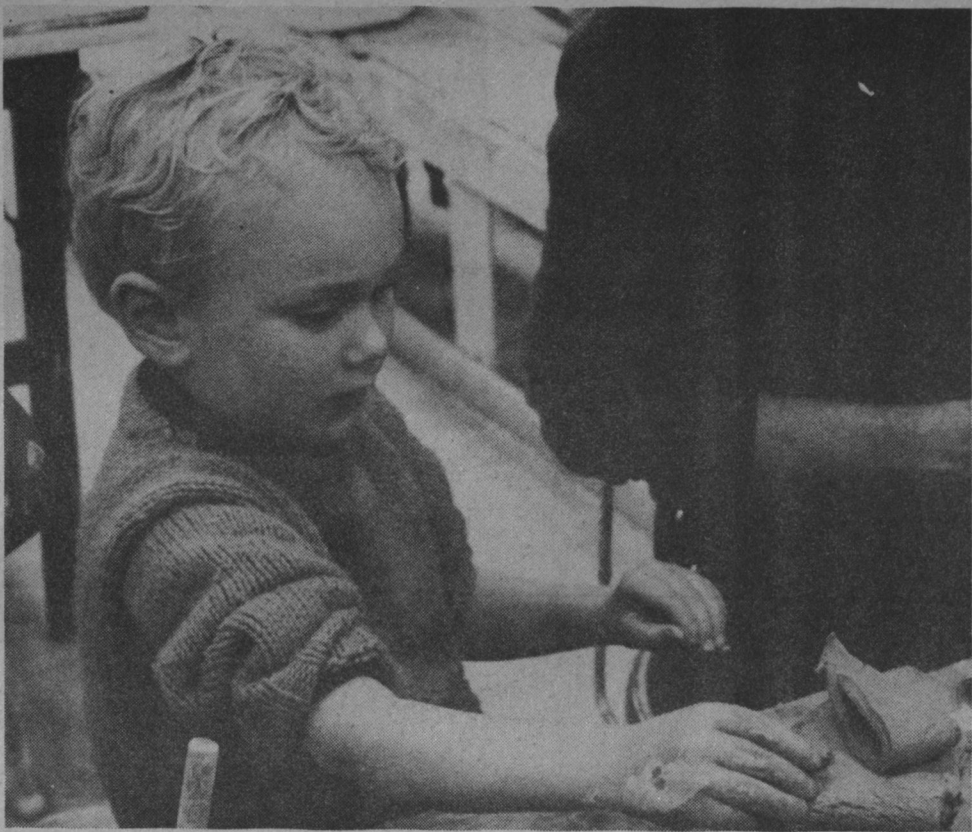
Asked whether families will have to limit their offspring to two as the population continues exploding, she says without hesitation, "Damn right. And it had better come in the next five years."

"Marriage for the girl in America," she says, "had come to be the socially approved cop-out. She didn't really have to amount to anything, or try to do something significant with her life. When the going got tough, she could always get married and be a passenger on her husband's back for the rest of her life. Stony Brook undergraduate women are rejecting this pattern in increasing numbers and more power to them. This is what women's lib is all about!"

Personally, Mrs. Wheeler, a member of the Board of Directors of the National Council of Women, claims she has felt little or no discrimination as a woman. At times, though, she admits to having felt stereotyped, along with a few other women, as "the professional woman on campus." But she has accepted the role and is glad to see the faculty become more appreciative of women during the six years she has been at Stony Brook.

Mrs. Wheeler, who has taught at two other universities, believes that Dr. Toll and Dr. Glass have encouraged an atmosphere at Stony Brook conducive to the acceptance and involvement of women.

She says the University's hiring practices seem fair and proudly points out that four of the eleven members, approximately 37%, of her department are



Crafty

The Stony Brook Union offers craft shop classes in pottery, macrame, tie-dying, silversmithing, leatherwork and silk screen techniques. They even give ceramic instruction for children.



women. "Anthropology for a long time has been one field in which women could gain eminence. Look at Ruth Benedict and Margaret Mead. After all, without women, anthropologists would only obtain half the data!"

Quick to illustrate the problems of the working woman, she explains that when she first started working at Stony Brook, "I figured I was clearing \$12.50 per week after I considered my increased expenditures—for a housekeeper, cleaning woman and income tax. My husband actually picked up the tab for many things—a professional wardrobe, memberships in professional societies, books, trips, car, gasoline, etc. I think I am almost 'self-supporting' now."

The answer? "For one thing, the government should make child care costs of the working mother deductible for income tax purposes."

Mrs. Wheeler came to Stony Brook in 1965 when her husband, a former Yale professor, came to Brookhaven National Laboratory as a nuclear physicist. They live with their two children in Belle Terre.

"There are no stuffy academic traditions to buck," she said of Stony Brook in an interview two years ago. "You can do new things with half the trouble than it would take at an older university." Today she backs up her original statement: "Academically, there is considerable freedom to do what you want creatively."

An illustration of this kind of freedom, she says, is a project in which she is currently involved. Working with a county organization of public and private charity groups, she hopes to make it possible for students to do original independent research, for credit, with social agencies in the area. "The organizations will gain much-needed research assistance free of charge and the students will gain valuable knowledge in the field and an opportunity to use their social science skills, in addition to independent study credits.

Mrs. Wheeler finds it a healthy trend that at Stony Brook "students have become more interested in the subject matter of their courses than in their career value."

A university, she contends, "is a place where a student should find an abiding intellectual interest which will fascinate him for the rest of his life, whether it be for a hobby or a profession. If a student leaves without finding this spark, he is cheating himself. He may find himself bored and frustrated in later life."

News from the Campus

■ A STRIKE by cafeteria workers protesting layoffs of 280 out of 420 cafeteria workers developed into a sit-in at the Administration Building March 10. At one point 250 workers and student supporters filled the President's Office and adjoining rooms and halls demanding rehiring of workers by Prophet Foods, the company contracted to provide food service to resident students at five campus cafeterias. Local 1199, Drug and Hospital Workers Union, claimed Prophet Foods had served inadequate food, thus failing to adhere to its contract, in an effort to create student dissatisfaction with the food plan so the company could set up a more profitable cash-and-carry dining service, requiring fewer workers. The company denied the charges. The union also claimed the University was wrong in amending the contract so students could drop the food plan, which precipitated the layoffs and the strike. Before the strike, hundreds of students had obtained doctor's notes asking their release from the mandatory plan and a winter survey indicated students favored dropping the plan. The contract was amended by Albany so students who wished could drop the plan. The union also demanded formation of a student-worker food-checking committee to insure company adherence to its contract. During the sit-in, Executive Vice President T. Alexander Pond and John Burness, assistant to the President, were detained in the reception area of the President's Office for seven hours. Desks were rifled, long distance telephone calls were made, and office business machines were used to run off leaflets supporting the strike. Union and company negotiators were ordered into arbitration March 12 after legal moves by both sides. The arbitrator ruled the union had not proved its case, and had no contractual grounds for the strike. A preliminary injunction was issued March 24 to restrain "all persons in active concert or participation" with the union from interfering with the operation of Prophet Foods. Kelly cafeteria was opened Friday, April 2, for lunch and supper, but few students ate there, as classes ended that day for spring vacation.

■ TWO PRISON AUDIENCES in Massachusetts will see Samuel Beckett's "Waiting for Godot" when the Theatre Department takes its spring production on tour. The play will be presented at the Bridgewater State Correctional Institution and the Concord State Prison, two Boston-area prisons. It also will play at Wheelock College. The play's set, which resembles an old vaudeville stage, has been specially designed with portable lighting and folding walls so that it can be moved easily, in hopes that other tours, particularly for area high schools, can be arranged. "Waiting for Godot" will play at Stony Brook from April 22-25 in the Gym Theater. Professor Thomas Neumiller, Assistant Professor of Theatre Arts, is also offering mime demonstrations to Long Island schools and recently spent two days at a Huntington elementary school demonstrating mime to over 600 youngsters. The Theater Department plans to schedule other touring demonstrations and productions throughout the Stony Brook area.

■ GENERAL ELECTRIC RECRUITERS faced a demonstration by about 50 students on March 4. It was one of the few recruitment protests to take place this year—in marked contrast to the many such occurrences of recent years. After a brief rally at the Administration Building, they marched to the Stony Brook Union interviewing room the recruiters were using, protesting what they said was GE's policy in its Puerto Rican operation. Campus security officers were called to the scene and the demonstration dispersed. No arrests were made.

■ ENACT, a campus ecological action group, cleaned up a littered wooded area between the Administration Building and G Quad recently in the first phase of a "spring cleaning" campaign. About 25 students worked on the project, separating piles of paper and aluminum soft drink cans for recycling. The group scheduled further clean-ups for several areas of the campus, and plans to develop four park areas around the University grounds. Charles Wagner, Director of Facilities Planning, helped students locate areas which would not later be disturbed by construction work. ENACT solicits donations, sells lapel buttons and raffles choice rock concert seats donated by the Student Activities Board to raise money for clean-up campaigns.

■ A GYNECOLOGIST has recently been added to the staff of the University Infirmary. Dr. Anita Borg, a graduate of Downstate Medical School who received her training at Long Island Jewish Hospital, began one-day-per-week office

hours recently. The Infirmary operates a birth control and abortion referral clinic which is partially staffed by student volunteers who provide information and referrals but do no medical procedures.

■ A STUDENT PROBLEM CENTER, which serves as a clearinghouse to provide information and refer students to the proper University officials, opened recently. Based in the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, the center has an "action phone" in operation from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The problem center is a joint student-administration effort to call student complaints and questions to the attention of responsible campus agencies. A recent action taken by the center helped improve campus bus schedules. Other actions involved decreasing noise in dormitories and purchase of furniture for living area lounges.

■ THE BASKETBALL TEAM finished its season with a 15-10 record, losing the Knickerbocker Conference crown to arch-rival Hunter. Hopes for a title next year remain high, however, since the varsity is losing only two players through graduation. Juniors Bill Myrick and Roger Howard, both returning next year, were elected to the Long Island Basketball Coaches Association All Star Team. The freshman quintet under Coach Don Coveleski had an outstanding 16-2 season which included wins over Navy and local junior college power Farmingdale. With the addition of some of this year's frosh to the returning veteran team, varsity coach Roland Massimino should have the nucleus of another winner next year.

■ SLOAN FELLOWSHIPS, among the most prestigious awards for basic research, were awarded to two Stony Brook faculty members recently. Dr. Andrew D. Jackson, Jr., associate professor of physics, was selected for his work in theoretical nuclear physics. Dr. Michael Fried, assistant professor of mathematics, received his fellowship for work in algebraic geometry. The awards were among only eight received by faculty members at colleges and universities in New York State.

Hypnotism Useful To Psychology, Says Alumnus



"People often feel when they're under hypnosis," says Marvin Goldstein '65 "that they have a freedom to say things they ordinarily wouldn't, and often they are able to say things that are very important. This is the value of hypnotherapy."

Presently head of the department of psychology, sociology and education at Clayton Junior College in Morrow, Ga., Mr. Goldstein claims his initial interest in psychology developed while attending Dr. Harry Kalish's introductory psychology course at Stony Brook. His interest in hypnosis began while doing graduate work at the University of Georgia. He is doing his doctoral dissertation on hypnosis and has published articles on the subject in *Hypnosis Quarterly* and the *International Journal of Clinical and Experimental Hypnosis*.

A hypnotist himself, he holds a diploma from the American Institute of Hypnosis. He regrets that hypnosis is rarely used by psychologists today. This, he says, is because Freud stopped using it and "all those people who followed Freud stopped using it too." Also, he explains, psychologists have shied away from hypnosis because "for so many years it was used on the stage as a trick. The less people are allowed to use it on the stage, the more professional people are willing to take it up."

Hypnotic suggestion, properly used, he says can be a therapeutic force. At the University of Alabama, he reports, students who were not performing well were able to raise their grades a full point after hypnotic suggestion.

In addition to hypnotism, Mr. Goldstein is interested in veterinarian work. He spent a year in veterinary classes and claims that his experience with animals helps him in his psychology studies. One outcome of his combined interests: "The Psychotherapeutic Value of Pets," an article he published in a veterinary magazine.

Mr. Goldstein was married last summer and lives with his wife in Decatur, Ga.

Edward Bell (right), former assistant professor of theater arts at Stony Brook, makes his movie debut as an actor in the lead of the new Warner Brothers' film, "Stop," filmed in Puerto Rico. He is now working on an MGM picture to be called "Earth II."



Stars



Jonathan Ames (above), former Stony Brook student, was selected from over 500 rivals to perform in the Boston cast of the rock musical, "Hair."

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Hank Ostman is a graduate assistant at the Urban Transportation Institute of Syracuse University's Maxwell School while working on a Ph.D. in social science. / Jean (Duffield) Riddell received her M.A. in Liberal Studies from Stony Brook's CED program in January and is presently taking care of her two-and-one-half-year-old son, Ian, in West Sayville, N.Y. / Mathilda (Haefele) Stuck lives in West Hempstead, N.Y. with her husband and two sons, ages one and four. / David Tanke and Bunny (Weisinger) '67 are the parents of a daughter, Erika Karen, born in October. David is currently in the Air Force stationed in Seoul, Korea and will be leaving the service in May.

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James Ackerman graduated from Air Force Officer Training School and is a second lieutenant at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. / Barbara Berglund is working at the Stony Brook Computing Center. / Bob Mancini is living in Lake Grove and teaching at a local high school. / Wayne Miller is in insurance, married, the father of twins and living in Lake Ronkonkoma. / David Sundberg and his wife Sue (Tuttle) '67 are doing graduate work at the University of Missouri.

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John Danner is a graduate student at SUNY at Plattsburgh. / Judy (Lieberman) Davis works for NBC and is studying for a masters degree in business administration. / Patricia (Goral) Di Nigri is expecting her first child and will soon be moving from Staten Island to Westchester, N.Y. / Lance Stewart Gad has been admitted to practice law in New York and federal courts and is finishing work for an M.B.A. degree at Cornell University under a fellowship. / Richard Koebele lives with his wife and daughter in Flushing, N.Y. and is teaching sixth grade at Shelter Rock School in Manhasset. / George Kraslovsky received a masters degree in biology from the University of Oregon and is now teaching high school in Rockland County. / Barbara (Von Phelps) O'Brien is working towards becoming a master potter by giving instruction in the Stony Brook Union craft shop. She also teaches English at Ward Melville High School. / Ellen Romano received a masters degree from New York University and is now an art instructor at SUNY at Albany. /

Norman Rapino is attending the University of Toledo in Ohio working on his doctorate in chemistry.

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Ronald Braun and Carol Hallihan '69 were married in August and live in West Babylon, N.Y. / Howie Brietstein is doing graduate work in psychology after serving two years in VISTA. / Carl and Joyce (Grunberger) Bromberg are the parents of twins, Jonathan and Lynn, born in July 1970. / Peggy (Popper) Chinsky spent a year in Japan after graduating from Stony Brook and now lives in Oceanside, N.Y. and teaches kindergarten in Brentwood. / Barbara Csajko has received her permanent teaching certification in secondary education and an M.S.Ed. from Hofstra University. / Joel Eichenholtz is married to Susan (Roistacher) '71; they live in Dayton, Ohio where Joel is manager of N.C.R.'s Computer Center. / Mark Lewis is married to Rochelle (Nemiroff) '69; they live in Brunswick, Ga., where Mark is in the Navy and Rochelle teaches at a school for exceptional children. / Claire Lindegren is working on a doctorate in ancient art at Columbia University and is a part-time art history instructor at Stony Brook. / Satish K. Manocha is studying for his engineering science degree at Columbia University where he is also editor of "Bharat Darsham", the newsletter published by Columbia's India Club. / Alan Patterson was drafted after receiving his M.A. in physics at Columbia University in June. He is a physical sciences assistant at the U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine in Natick, Mass. and he and his wife, Nancy (Reisner) live in Framingham, Mass. / Maria Rivera is teaching in Brentwood and will be married in May. / Bonnie Sandhaus married Jeffrey Weinberg '69; they live in Bladensburg, Md. / Laura Schlessinger is working towards a Ph.D. in physiology at Columbia University.

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Barbara Book is a therapist at the George Washington University Clinic while working on her masters degree in psychology. / Bob Cohen is a residence counselor at Stony Brook. / Richard Costanzo is working towards his Ph.D. in neurophysiology at the Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse. / Clifford Drubin is an Air Force second lieutenant assigned to Mather Air Force Base in California for navigator training. /

Phyllis Duchin received her M.A. in French from Ohio State University, is engaged to be married in July and will teach French at a high school in New Jersey. / Neil Goldman received his master of science degree from Harvard University in March. / Margie Hellman is living in the Bronx and doing research for the Rockefeller Foundation. / Howard Kline is a chef in a health food restaurant in Amsterdam, Netherlands. / Barbara (Bergsman) Pine lives in Florida with her husband and ten-month-old daughter. / Maxine Weiner recently returned from ten months in Europe and North Africa where she lived in a VW camper; she's now about to open a health food business in Monticello, N.Y. / Melissa (Herman) Thur lives in Nesconset, N.Y. with her husband and two-year-old daughter, Rachel, and is expecting a second child in August. / Sheila (Piniles) Ebbin lives in Brooklynn with her husband and son Steven, born in October 1970, and substitute teaches occasionally.

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Jill Alper is a case worker in New York City and lives in Brooklyn. / Bob Altman returned from a trip to India and is resting in California. / Phillip Axelroth is an Air Force second lieutenant assigned to Laredo Air Force Base in Texas for pilot training. / Hans Bates is a chemist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Entomology Research Division in Beltsville, Md. / Judy Leiderman (M.M.) is a teaching assistant in the Music Department at Stony Brook. / Lorraine (Enners) McElroy is living in Port Jefferson and teaching art in Smithtown. / Hope Nigro is a graduate student in elementary education at New York University. / Mary Beth Olbrych is working for the rock group "Mountain". / Harry Orenstein is a graduate student in Russian at Ohio State University. / Deborah Rothgard was recently married and is an English teacher at Wantagh Junior High School on Long Island. / Lennie Rubinstein is working towards a masters degree in student counseling at Columbia University. / Peter Smith was recently married and will begin graduate work at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. / Jennette Spokas is a teacher in the Huntington school district and is engaged. / Jeffrey Tashman is a full-time mailman in Rocky Point, N.Y. / John Tedesco recently bought a 10-year-old pick-up truck which he intends to drive to Chile this summer on funds earned doing carpentry work and odd jobs. / Bernie Walter is a case worker in New York City and lives in Queens. / Tina Walter is a teacher in the Bronx public school system.