

Stony Brook People

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Spring Trips



A fairytale castle in the Transylvanian countryside.

Japan, at an unusually low trip price, is the next destination in the Alumni Association's continuing highly successful travel program.

By working with several large international tour agencies—instead of the single agencies used by most other alumni associations—the Stony Brook Alumni Travel Program has been able to offer alumni an unusual variety of trips during the last two years, to destinations including London, Rome, Copenhagen, Morocco, Nassau and Rio. But, the Japan trip may top them all!

The trip is scheduled May 21-29 at what the travel brochure describes as an "unbelievable" \$499 per person plus 15% tax and service.

The Japan trip originally had been scheduled March 19-27. However, scheduling problems developed with our travel agency, resulting in the necessity of the new May date—during Japan's renowned springtime weather—just a few days after Stony Brook's May 18 commencement.

The trip includes round-trip DC-8 jet service, New York-Tokyo, via Trans International Airlines, a charter line with over 25 years of flight experience, transfers, eight days and seven nights at Sheraton's new Otani Hotel in Tokyo, breakfast daily, a half day sightseeing tour of Tokyo, theater tickets, and guide service throughout the trip. (The agency promises guides who'll know authentic Japanese restaurants serving dinner for as little as \$3, rather than the very expensive Tokyo restaurants catering to tourists.)

There'll also be a number of other free tour extras (even a Sumo, Judo or Karate Exhibition!). Optional side trips also will be available, including two days in Hong Kong, a day in South Korea, a day in Kyoto, a trip to Mt. Fuji, and a traditional Geisha party!

There's still time to sign up before the next scheduled trip, a week in Romania's capital city of Bucharest and

nearby Transylvania in the Carpathian Mountains of the legendary Count Dracula. This trip, billed by our agency as a journey to "the Paris of Eastern Europe and its fairytale countryside," is scheduled July 4-11 with a May 4 deadline for reservations.

The \$349 plus 15% tax and service price includes round-trip New York-Bucharest jet service via Tarom International Airlines, Romania's national airline. There'll be full-course meals and complementary beverages including Romanian wines in-flight, a welcome party with more national beverages including Romanian plum brandy, breakfast daily, first-class hotel accommodations for three nights in Bucharest and another three nights in Brasov in the Transylvania region, and other extras including transfers, guide services, even a wine tasting party and "a nightclub banquet dinner followed by the Romanian Perinitza Kissing Dance!"

International Weekends, the agency which arranged our Copenhagen, Nassau and Rio trips, reports excellent reactions from groups that have taken the Romania trip to date. (Colby College's Alumnae Secretary, after their trip this fall, reported that the trip was one of the best they'd taken with International Weekends. "There were beautiful mountain views and ski resort areas, extremely well informed guides and food that was delicious and plentiful to say nothing of all the wine and beer we sampled," she said.)

Optional side trips available on this trip include, as you might imagine, one to Dracula's Castle itself, plus day-long excursions to Kiev and Istanbul.

The final trip presently scheduled for this year is to Torremolinos on Spain's Costa Del Sol, July 21-28, at \$289 plus 15% tax and service, including round-trip jet service via Iberia Airlines, six nights at the Aloha Playa Hotel, half-day tours of Mijas and Malaga, breakfast AND dinner daily and other extras.

If you haven't received our brochures with full details on any of these trips, they're available from the Alumni Office.

Valentine's Weekend "Horrorball Special"

Want an off-beat way to spend Valentine's Weekend? Try the Alumni Association's version of the Valentine's Day massacre: 12 hours of horror films followed by a (possibly) horrible alumni team effort to defeat this year's junior varsity basketball team.

That's the menu for the weekend of February 14-15, arranged by the Alumni Association as a special event aimed particularly at this year's largest ever group of active (dues-paid) Association members.

The weekend begins with a *Mid-Winter Chiller Film Festival*, from 7 p.m. Friday, February 14 to 7 a.m. Saturday the 15th, at the Stony Brook Union Auditorium, with a ghoul packed bill of seven films starring the likes of Boris Karloff, Peter Lorre, Vincent Price, and even Jane Fonda and Brigitte Bardot!

Admission, for alumni holding 1974-75 Association membership only, is a nominal \$1 service charge with tickets available on a first-come advance purchase basis through the Alumni Office.

The seven films to be shown include *Dementia 13*, which marked the directorial debut of *The Godfather's* Francis Ford Coppola; *Spirits of the Dead*, a classic with direction by Federico Fellini, Louis Malle, and Roger Vadim; *Burn Witch Burn*, about a

university professor who uses witchcraft to further his career; *Terror in the Crypt*, in which exorcism overcomes bloodlust; *The Raven*, wherein Jack Nicholson is cast as the son of Peter Lorre; *The Flesh Eaters*, pitting a group of marooned jetsetters against a mad scientist type; and *The Ghost in the Invisible Bikini*, featuring Nancy Sinatra and Deborah Walley.

For those alumni uninclined toward horror cinema—or with enough endurance for both nights of the weekend—the Association's annual Alumni Basketball Night program will be held Saturday, February 15.

This year's Stony Brook Varsity team meets Binghamton at 8 p.m. that night on the home court. But the evening's highlight for our purposes will be the preliminary game, at 6 p.m., when a team of returning Patriot alumni will do their best to outlast this year's jayvees. Following the varsity game, there'll be a wine and cheese party for alumni, the coaches and players, to be held at the new Faculty Club on the second floor of the Graduate Chemistry Building near the gym.

For Alumni Basketball Night, the price for active Association members again will be a \$1 service charge, covering admission to both games and the wine and cheese party afterward.

Alumni Weekend Formal and Informal

A Formal Ball...A Nostalgic Sit-In... In a blending of the formal and the informal for its eighth year of annual Alumni Reunion/Weekends, final plans are being made by the Alumni Association to host members of this year's graduating class at the Association's 1975 ALUMNI WEEKEND.

Although paid members of the Association will shortly receive a letter detailing final arrangements for the April 25-26th Weekend get-together plans now call for an informal dance with hot dawgs and beer on Friday night with a formal dinner-dance scheduled Saturday evening.

Joseph Van Denburg, President of the Alumni Association and Chairperson of the Association's executive committee charged with coordinating the Weekend, explained that it had recently become the usual rather than the unusual at Ivy League colleges for students to want to dress more formally at their dances and dinner engagements:

"That revised attitude apparently is beginning to have some influence at Stony Brook," Mr. Van Denburg said.

"I have to admit," he said, "that some of us on the Alumni Board were 'let's say' a little surprised when undergraduates at Stony Brook urged us—after we had asked them for suggestions—to have a more formal or 'class' affair. You could say that there was some 'spirited' discussion at the board meetings when the whole concept of formal

wear or suiting up arose. However, when the vote came it was decided that it might just be a very nice approach and an idea whose time had come to have a Black Tie optional or formal affair Saturday night. And after all if a guy doesn't want to wear a tux he can wear a suit."

Some of the better proposals and ideas from previous alumni events have been incorporated into plans for this year's activities such as an "Oompah" or "Your Father's Mustache" type band. This, together with an interspersing of sock hop records from campus radio station WUSB, will provide the format for Friday evening's program at either G or H Quad's cafeteria.

During the day Saturday preparations are being made to open the university gym and the swimming pool for the use of the alumni and their families. For those alumni who desire a closer look at the changing campus, guided bus tours will be available every hour from in front of the administration building. With a motor car rallye on the drawing boards and exhibits and other Saturday afternoon events being planned in the new chemistry facilities, alumni should have more than enough to fill the day prior to the Saturday evening dinner-dance.

And...what about that nostalgic sit-in? Yes, even that perhaps! Some alumni have suggested recalling activities of days bygone by staging a mock sit-in in the lobby of the administration building. Right on!

campus news



University President John Toll (second from left) and his wife Debby were among the caroleers who toured the local area singing holiday songs in early December.

● **SEASONAL SCENE:** Students and local community residents joined together in early December for a song-filled hay ride through the Three Village area. With stops at the Stony Brook Post Office, the Setauket Village Green, and the campus, the caroleers sang a variety of seasonal songs as they journeyed through local roads on a horse-drawn cart.

● **ROCK RESEARCH REWARDED:** Dr. James Papike, Professor of Crystallography in Stony Brook's Earth and Space Sciences Department, received the Annual Award of the Mineralogical Society of America at their convention last fall. Dr. Papike studies the atomic structure of minerals found in rocks, and has concentrated since 1970 on analysis of the lunar samples brought back from the moon by the Apollo missions.

● **MOTHER AND CHILD SPECIALISTS:** Two Long Island physicians were named co-chairmen of the School of Medicine's new Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. The men are Dr. Leon Mann, Chairman of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Nassau County Medical Center, and Dr. Joseph Rovinsky, Director of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Long Island Jewish-Hillside Medical Center; both men have already completed much of the planning needed for the new department.

● **TOWN/GOWN RELATIONS:** The Stony Brook Council, the University's local governing body under the Education law, has a newly appointed Citizen's Advisory Committee under the chairmanship of Edward J. Gunnigle, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Marine Midland Tinker National Bank. The 18 member committee will meet with the Council several times each year to provide community input to University programs and policies.

● **WET AND WILD:** Some two dozen undergraduates provided a light touch to the realm of student protest with a demonstration against faulty washing machines and dryers late in the fall semester. After stringing a clothesline across the administration building lobby, they proceeded to wash their dirty laundry outside the Student Affairs office.

● **TWIN TOWERS:** After an extended gestation period, construction recently began on the University Hospital. A companion structure to the almost completed Clinical Sciences Tower, the hospital will rise to the same height as the tower, and feature a facade of glass rather than concrete. The twin hexagonal hospital towers will house 540 beds and be connected on all floors to the Clinical Sciences building. Completion of the \$50 million structure is planned for 1978.

● **MARSH MARAUDERS:** Eight Stony Brook undergraduates recently completed a semester long study of two salt marshes in the first student-run research project to be funded by the National Science Foundation on campus. Using both biochemical testing and social sciences research, the students looked intensively at Flax Pond in Old Field and Pelham Bay in the Bronx. Their conclusions, lodged in a 400 page report, were presented to the NSF in December and will probably be published in the future.

● **VIDEO VERBALIZERS:** Anyone who has said education isn't all black and white hasn't seen the videotaped lectures of Prof. Ludwig Braun and others in Stony Brook's College of Engineering. For the third consecutive semester Dr. Braun is offering a graduate course, *Computer Literacy*, via the videotape medium. Lectures are taped before a live class in the Instructional Resources television studios, then shown in over a dozen different locations in Nassau and Suffolk counties. So far two courses are *in the can* with another one on the way. Students enrolled in the courses can take them at convenient local times and places, earning full graduate credits.

● **STARGAZING:** Campus astronomers have set up a series of small telescopes on the top of the Earth and Space Sciences Building, which they are encouraging the public to make use of in monthly stargazing sessions. The Open Nights in Astronomy feature a lecture on a current topic in the field, a brief description of the planets and stars viewable in the visible sky, and, weather permitting, a viewing session with the University's telescopes. Future sessions are scheduled for Feb. 21, Mar. 14, Apr. 18 and May 16.

"It's only a modest beginning in dollars raised, but heavy participation by individual alumni made it quite a successful kick-off effort."

That's the way Marvin Rosenberg, '62, Chairman of the recently completed Alumni Fund Drive, characterized this first ever Stony Brook alumni fund drive.

Mr. Rosenberg, General Counsel for the Cambridge Research and Development Group in Westport, Ct., noted that a total of 357 gifts were received. They ranged from \$5, \$10, \$20 and a few \$50 gifts from individual alumni to a \$430 challenge gift provided by the Bank of Suffolk County to match the 75 gifts received during the fund

drive's final two months, in November and December.

"We were aware from the first that the typical Stony Brook alumnus is just not well enough established yet to be making the kind of \$100 plus gifts that give other alumni associations more impressive dollar totals in their fund-raising efforts," Mr. Rosenberg said. "However, I think our Stony Brook people more than made up for this by their willingness to give something."

Mr. Rosenberg said the 357 Alumni Fund gifts were in addition to the annual dues payments of about 1700 individual alumni this year.

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faculty focus

Dr. Ruth Miller Paces University's Growth



Petite, energetic, and full of contagious enthusiasm, Dr. Ruth Miller has an impressive list of titles. Full Professor in the English Department in the field of American Literature, formerly Chairman of the Program in Comparative Literature, and presently Assistant Academic Vice-President of the University with special responsibilities in program development, Ms. Miller was educated at the University of Chicago and New York University and came to SUNY when the University moved from the Coe Estate in Oyster Bay to this campus where the entire University was housed in three buildings surrounded by cabbage fields.

When asked how she felt about the enormous growth of the University, she said, "I like it. I am endlessly excited at the potential here, and I believe the University is doing well. I see a parallel between the development of the library and the development of the campus. In 1961, when we first moved to this campus, the entire library was housed in what is now the English Department Graduate Student Lounge. It contained fewer books than I had in my own library. In 1966-67 I took a leave of absence on a Fulbright grant to teach American Literature for a year at Delhi University in India. On my return, I found seven buildings completed on campus, including a beautiful new little library whose holdings had increased so dramatically that I was able to do much of my research there for my book on Emily Dickinson.

Known to students in the English Department as one of the professors who "is there" when a student needs advice, intellectual dialogue, or simply a sympathetic ear to listen to personal or academic problems, her combination of high expectations and down-to-earth "Plain Style" have made her invaluable to students who need straight answers to complicated problems.

She is respected, too, for her achievements as a scholar, having received the Poetry Society of America's prestigious Melville Crane Award in 1969 for her critical volume, *The Poetry of Emily Dickinson*. She has published many scholarly articles and two short stories. At present she is working on two books, one a study of the analysis of poetry from an interdisciplinary point of view and the other a source book for the study of early Blackamerican fiction.

Ms. Miller describes herself as "a plumber's daughter from Chicago, and the only one of us who was educated." An accomplished indoor gardener and interior decorator, she loves TV, travel, antiques and writing poetry. When asked how she relaxes after a hectic day on campus, she says she comes home, pours some Wild Turkey into a Heineken, turns on Verdi's *Requiem* or Georgia Peach and effuses poetry.

Ms. Miller has been involved in several innovative courses within the English Department. Before the Black Studies Program was instituted, she introduced the only course in Black-american Literature within the department, insisting that it become a *bona fide* component of English Department course offerings.

She has also introduced courses in early American Drama and has taught the Introduction to Graduate Studies as an elective in which practicing literary critics in the English Department came into the class to discuss their own works and their critical methods.

When asked about the strengths and weaknesses of the University today, especially in reference to the University Self-Study Program, Ms. Miller said that she thought that the undergraduate Comparative Literature Program and the new proposed graduate Comparative Studies Program have particular relevance to the findings of the Self-Study Committee. Redesigned by Ms. Miller with the help of a large committee and building on ideas worked out by Kofi Awoonor and Betty Bennet, Comparative Literature allows students to create their own individualized programs using courses from many different departments that cooperate fully. Characterizing "umbrella structures" as designs that may reach into many different areas without interfering with departmental integrity, Ms. Miller said that she feels this interdisciplinary approach may provide an appropriate construct for many different agencies on campus to meet and work together. What may become known as the *Stony Brook Plan*, this "Umbrella design" may become a model for public education.

"I really believe in the de-ghettoization of the University," said Ms. Miller. "As many programs as we can get going which bring students and faculty together from all over the campus are all to the better, and as a public university we have an obligation to develop new curriculum designs which do not imitate the designs of private institutions."

"Most especially in relation to my new job," says Ms. Miller, "I believe in grass-roots programming. Ideas coming from people who are in a program should be used to develop new curricula. I welcome the ideas of students and faculty involved in the programs themselves. We have an enormous resource of creativity right on this campus, and I am hoping that members of the University who have ideas about improving things will bring those ideas to me."

Alumni Win Teaching Jobs, Awards

Although declining enrollments and tight money have substantially reduced the number of teaching jobs available to college graduates, including Stony Brook alumni, several have won coveted positions, and one alumnus who is an established teacher has been honored as teacher of the year in New York State.

Robert Kross, '74, of Centereach High School has been named Distributive Education Teacher of the year in New York.

Since joining the Centereach High School of the Middle Country School District in 1970, he has established a cooperative work program, and worked with the State Education Department to write curriculum test questions for a career education program. He is currently working on a new module in hotel-motel management for the State Education Department.

Amy Shapiro, '72, has been appointed librarian-English teacher at Southold High School. She has her B.A. in music-English and her M.S. in library science. She taught previously at Southampton College.



Jeffrey Wasserman

Jeffrey Wasserman, '73, has been appointed to the faculty of the West Babylon Senior High where he will teach math. Prior to his new job, he taught for two years at Sayville High and one year at Deer Park Junior High. He holds B.S. and M.A. degrees from Stony Brook.

Recording Breaks Bad Habits

A technique called "self-recording" is currently helping students in the Department of Psychology at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro stop smoking, lose weight, exercise more and study longer.

The method has been perfected at Greensboro by Dr. Rosemary Nelson, Ph.D. '72, who credits the Stony Brook department of psychology's behavior assessment research with giving her the idea.

The technique differs from self-discipline. "In self recording a person need not think about his or her behavior," she explains. "The process of recording the act, either by putting it on paper or using a pocket calculator results in the change in behavior. It is not an act of will."

Results are not magic, but rather are tied to self motivation and the value placed on the behavior by the individual. "When the person starts counting, the behavior changes. We call the changes reactive behavior," she explains. "Invariably if the behavior is considered good, it increases; if bad it decreases." In one experiment a group of smokers who did not wish to break the habit were asked to self-record and then were compared with a group that did wish to stop smoking. The motivated group's smoking decreased, while the other group's level increased before rounding off to the original level.

"Self recording makes the individual rely on him or herself for the changed behavior and that seems to be the means of assuring success," Dr. Nelson commented.

Alumnus Heads Development Co.

Howard Wright, a 1973 graduate of Stony Brook's School of Social Welfare, has been appointed president of the National Commerce Corp., a non-profit economic development corporation that aids minority businessmen in Little Rock, Ark.

NCC is a program of the Arkansas Office of Minority Enterprises, a division of the federal Commerce Department. One of six minority business development organizations operating in Arkansas, NCC was founded in 1970 by the late Gov. Winthrop Rockefeller and Walter Cunningham, its chief executive officer.

Before joining NCC in July, Wright served as minister of the Church of Christ in Huntington for six years. He has also been center director of the Huntington Community Development for Youth and has taught English on the Island.

Wright is listed in *Outstanding Young Men of America*, *Community Leaders of America* and *International Who's Who in Community Service*.



Ann Hussey

Alumni Honor Ann Hussey

Warm Wishes for a Sunny Retirement was the inscription on this pewter plate presented by the Alumni Association to Mrs. Ann L. Hussey upon her retirement recently. Many alumni knew and worked with Mrs. Hussey in the many years she coordinated student activities in her position as Polity's Executive Secretary. She and her husband Frank, who retired simultaneously, are now living in sunny Florida.

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Allan and Nancy Patterson are living in Kingston, N.Y., where he is working for I.B.M. He received his M.S. in Computer Science in May. Marie (Heery) and Debaprasad Majumdar Ph.D., '69, have moved from Michigan to Brookhaven where he has accepted a research position at Brookhaven National Laboratory.

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Neil Jon Berger received the D. O. degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in June. Sheryl Wagman is teaching a third and fourth grade open classroom in the Bronx. Jean E. Lieberman married Arthur James Gallancy last September. The couple, who are both lawyers, have settled in New York City.

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Richard Alexander is studying for his Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Wayne State University and working at Lafayette Clinic, both in Detroit, Mich. Mary Wellman is living with her husband in rural Charlton, Mass., where she practices remedial reading out of her home in addition to serving as reading specialist for the Thomson, Ct. school district. Bruce Elliott Kirschner married Gwenn Klein in October. He is studying at Pace College and working full-time for the U.S. Customs Service in New York. Laurence T. Mainville has joined the business administration faculty at the State College at Cobleskill. In addition to his B.S., he earned his M.B.A. from State University of New York at Buffalo.

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Monte Almer married Nisa (Kleitman) '72). He is an actuary with Insurance Services Office. She is a paralegal assistant for a Fifth Avenue law firm. They have an apartment in Flushing, Queens. Alan J. Wax is managing editor of the New York City-based *Commercial and Financial Chronicle*, the nation's oldest weekly financial newspaper. David P. Wilens is an actuary with Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. and teaches a course in actuarial science in Stony Brook's mathematics department. Richard Vierling has received a masters degree in urban planning from Columbia University. Neil Spencer Welles was awarded the Juris Doctor from American University last spring. He is currently employed as Assistant Executive Director, Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of the University of Maryland, in Baltimore. Carol Feingold was among 21 students from law schools throughout the U.S. who served as interns in Manhattan D.A. Richard H. Kuh's office. Her

responsibilities included the drafting of complaints and the writing of motions. Terry P. Smith married Bruce Hatkoff this fall. She has her M.A. degree in sociology and statistical methodology and research from Northeastern University, Boston. She is a research director for National Telefilm Associates, Los Angeles where the couple will make their home. Robert J. VanCleaf has joined Pratt Whitney Aircraft in Middletown, Ct., as a research and development engineer. He lives in nearby Rocky Hill. Raymond Romanczyk has been named assistant professor of psychology at State University of New York at Binghamton. He was awarded masters and doctoral degrees at Rutgers University, where he specialized in clinical child psychology. He is currently living in Solway, N.Y.

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Nisa (Kleitman) and Monte Almer '71, are living in Flushing. He is an actuary with Insurance Services Office and she is a paralegal assistant for a Fifth Avenue law firm. Marvin Burt Lew has been named a part-time instructor at SUNY Buffalo in the department of psychology. F. Ronald and Gale (Freedman) Dutcher are living in Lake Grove. He is working in the biology department at Stony Brook. Ronald and Anne (Singer) '73 Hartman are living in Columbia, Md. She is working on a fellowship in biology at Johns Hopkins University. He is on the staff of the National Association of Social Workers in Washington, D.C., and working on a masters in urban planning at night. Sandra Cuttler has been named a research associate at the Princeton-based Response Analysis Co. She received her masters degree in communications from the University of Pennsylvania. Felix and Jacqueline (Brown) von Baxter are living in Boston where he is in his final year of law school at B.U. and she is an assistant director of one of the University's dorms. Hirschel Simon and Danita Price were married this past summer. They travelled cross country en route to Vancouver, British Columbia, where he has a teaching fellowship at the University of Vancouver. She will continue her studies in psychology. William Thomas Bellard married Eloise Kathleen Mirable. He is completing studies this year for a Juris Doctorate at the Brooklyn Law School. Joel Gilbert has been appointed director of consultation and education for the Jersey Shore Medical Center's Community Mental Health Center in Neptune, N.J. He will be the center's liaison with community groups interested in mental health training and educational programs.

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