



Pictured above in class on campus, Kofi Awoonor was the subject of a demonstration in Washington recently.

MI DE ASI LE KOFI NTI (FREE KOFI AWOONOR)

Kofi Awoonor, Ph.D. '72, Associate Professor of English at Stony Brook and an internationally recognized Ghanaian poet and author was arrested by military police in Ghana on Dec. 31, according to Norman Spencer, a graduate student and protege who accompanied Awoonor on a sabbatical there about eight months ago and is still at the University of Cape Coast in Ghana.

Several of Awoonor's friends and associates have speculated that his arrest could be connected with rumors of an attempted coup in Ghana. Spencer noted in his letters to friends at Stony Brook that, "since November, there have been rumors of unrest and perhaps even of an abortive coup in Ghana. The government has made public mention of such agitation . . . We also know that friends of Kofi's have been arrested, but we do not know for certain whether Kofi's arrest is connected with the other arrests."

Influential literary figures from Columbia University, the University of Austin, Texas, as well as Louis Simpson, Pulitzer prize winning poet here at Stony Brook have met with diplomatic officials to express concern over the arrest and to bring to the attention of the Ghanaian government Professor Awoonor's status as a major world figure. Amnesty International has also "adopted" Awoonor's case. The group pressures the imprisoning government, sponsors letter writing campaigns and urges support within the country of the arrest. PEN (Poets, essayists and novelists) is also interested in freeing the African author. The group plans to pursue various courses to remind the Ghanaian government of Mr. Awoonor's high standing in their community.

Ghana, formerly a British colony called the Gold Coast, won its independence in 1957 and is now run by a

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ALUMNI WEEKEND '76

It will be a weekend to "Let the Good Times Roll!" Alumni Weekend '76 is set for Saturday, May 22 and will feature guided tours of the campus, special interest reunions, cocktail parties, tee-shirts and beer mugs and a little dining and dancing on the side.

The day begins with guided tours of Stony Brook from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Alumni will have the chance to see the new Health Sciences Center, the completed first phase of the Fine Arts Center, the completed Library Mall area and the Lecture Center.

Also from 1 to 5 p.m., the Life Sciences Building will be the location of an open house for all alumni. The newly dedicated building will have special displays to be discussed by graduate students and tours will be scheduled to run through the building and in particular the new H. Bentley Glass Library in the Life Sciences Building.

After the tours, it's off to a special cocktail party/reunion. Several groups and academic departments will be holding reunions from 5 to 7 p.m. specifically for returning alumni. For example, a reunion of *Statesman* staffers will be held in the newspaper's offices in the Stony Brook Union. Old Polity officers will meet in the Polity offices. There will be reunions for Chemistry and Physics majors, Biological Sciences majors, language majors, Urban and Policy Sciences majors and more. At the same time there will be anniversary parties at the Union for classes of 1961, 1966, and 1971.

As the special reunions wind to a close, the good times will be rolling in the Union Ballroom. At 7 p.m., the cash bar opens and at 8 p.m. until 10 the great "Make your own Hero" and "Build your own sundae" event will take place in the cafeteria.

The music during this entire evening will be apropos for letting the good times roll in at a dancing pace and listening level.

The ticket price for Alumni Weekend '76 is \$10. This fee covers free cocktails at the 5 to 7 p.m. reunions, as many heros and sundaes as anyone can handle, and a full evening of friends, music and good times.

An announcement/invitation will be going out to Alumni within the next week. Reservations have to be made by May 14.

LONDON, PARIS & GREECE ARE THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S DESTINATIONS THIS SUMMER

These three scheduled trips are still to come during the Alumni Association travel year, although additional trips are being planned for the fall and early winter. Alumni can now pick up on any of these exciting and low cost vacations.

On June 27, (originally May of this year) a seven-day trip to London departs from New York and is available to Alumni for \$269 plus 15% tax and services. The tour includes sightseeing to places such as Buckingham Palace, 10 Downing Street, Scotland Yard,

Soho and the straw market of Petticoat Lane. Special visits to the pubs of London and discount tickets for West End theatre productions will also be part of the fare.

In July, Alumni can plan for a week-long vacation in Paris for only \$279 + 15% tax and services. This trip includes breakfast each morning at the Brochant La Tour with accommodations only a five minute drive from the Champs Elysees. Tours in Paris include visits to the Rodin Sculpture Museum, the Sorbonne and charming Montmartre. The flight to Paris leaves New York on July 29 and returns on August 4.

Then in August the travel committee has promised a nine-day holiday to Greece, with very special accommodations in Athens. For only \$399 plus 15% tax and services, the tour includes a fantastic evening of Greek food and entertainment at one of the "Taverna" night-clubs with dancing in Plaka. A four-course banquet and two-hour floor show is included. Sightseeing trips will take Alumni to the Acropolis, the Royal Palace, the Theatre of Herod Attalus, the National Archaeological Museum and more.

Reservations for these three summer trips are now being taken through the Alumni Association. To obtain more information write the Alumni Office, SUNY at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, N.Y. 11794, or call (516) 246-3580.

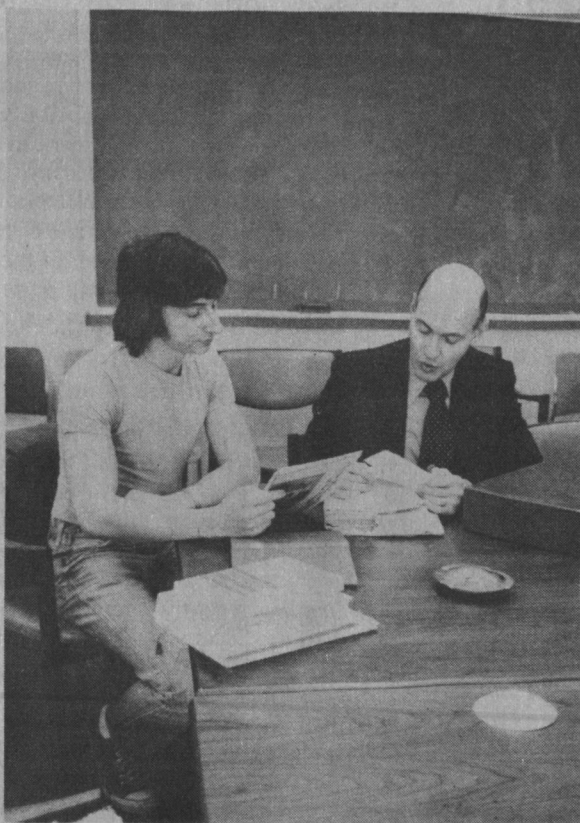
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OPENINGS

It's an election year for the Stony Brook Alumni Association with a number of openings on the Board of Directors. At its March meeting, the board heard the report of a nominating committee, chaired by Joe Buscareno, which presented a slate of candidates to partially fill the total number of vacancies. The Board approved the slate and it is presented below for all active voting members of the Association. (Acting voting members are those persons who have paid required dues for the fiscal year.)

According to the Alumni Association's By-Laws, "additional nominations may be submitted by any active voting member. Self-nomination is not permitted and any nomination from the membership-at-large must be accompanied by a minimum of 12 signatures from other active voting Alumni from the graduating class or category represented by the Board membership for which the nomination is being made." All nominations must be submitted to the Alumni Office no later than April 15. Nominations may be made in writing or by phone.

After all final nominations have been received from voting Alumni, a final ballot of candidates will be drawn up and mailed to the homes of all voting Alumni. The ballots will be accompanied by a business reply. All ballots must then be returned to the Alumni Office, before June 1. The results will be announced at the June 13 Board meeting.

Members of the Board of Directors serve for a basic
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Hanan Selvin, right

SOCIOLOGIST STUDIES SEXUAL BEHAVIOR

Professor of Sociology at Stony Brook Hanan C. Selvin has an unusual academic interest; he studies human courtship and sex.

"I used to primarily study methodology and statistical research. But, when people asked me at cocktail parties what my interests in Sociology were and I told them, all I received was stunned silence. After awhile I decided that to improve my cocktail conversation I would have to choose another area of research," says Selvin.

Unable to "read" without the use of specially recorded tapes since 1972 because of progressing blindness, Selvin is the former Chairman of the Department of Sociology here (1967-1970), the former Professor and Chairman of the Department of Sociology at the University of Rochester (1964-1967) and a former Assistant and Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of California at Berkeley (1956-1964). He received his A.B. degree in economics and mathematics from Columbia University in 1942 and obtained his Ph.D. in Sociology from the same institution in 1956.

Recently, Selvin employed an array of studies and "real dirty sex books," especially a copy of the longest sexual autobiography in English literature which he owns, entitled *My Secret Life* and written by an anonymous Victorian, and reaffirmed that, "what is sexually attractive is largely culturally determined." "In the nineteenth century," he suggests, "breasts were really unimportant. The real enticing part of the female anatomy were legs, then referred to as 'limbs,' Consequently, in *My Secret Life* when the author

comments 'she was a fine stout women' or 'she had large legs, he is being very complimentary.

During 1972-1973, Selvin was on leave from Stony Brook and studied at the Institute for the Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences located at Stanford University. Since then, he has conducted surveys of "Victimization" at local junior high schools and the dormitories on campus. "What my assistants and I are looking for," says Selvin, "is the answer to the question, who is victimized? We are looking to find who are the victims of violations of laws, regulations and common decency." To date, Selvin has only completely analyzed the data obtained from the local junior high schools. "Indeed, there is a general victimization pattern. We found, for example, that junior high aged boys are more often victimized than girls; they are often teased and annoyed by other boys. We also found that girls in junior high are more likely than boys to have their work copied."

Currently Selvin is teaching two courses, a large lecture, "Courtship and Marriage" and a small freshman seminar on Patriotism. In the latter course, he "explores the concept of patriotism" with seven students in their first year at the University. "It's fun having students who have never been here before," comments Selvin. Selvin had conducted other freshman seminars before. He especially enjoys teaching the courses because, "I, like every other faculty member, don't feel that I am getting my fair share of the really bright students coming to Stony Brook. By teaching these seminars, I get first crack at some of the entering students and can contribute to their education. I may be a professor of Sociology here but, I am also a member of the University community; teaching these small courses is my contribution to helping turn out really educated persons."

Selvin says he would rather now do nothing else than teach and continue his research at Stony Brook. "If I were independently wealthy," he says, "I would pay for what I'm doing now." But, has Selvin's new interests in courtship and sex improved his cocktail conversations? "Not really. But, at least now when people ask what I study and I tell them, they don't respond with silence, they giggle."

Often, Selvin can be seen walking briskly around the campus, striking the walk ahead of him with his fiberglass cane in coordination with his stride, or walking arm in arm with a colleague. Most sharply he misses the expressions on the faces of his wife, Rhoda, an assistant dean, his children and students. Otherwise, he said, life is pretty much the same. "You don't change much, and blindness doesn't make you a better person," he said. "You just lose your sight. The senses of blind people don't improve, that's a layman's idea, no validity. You make better use of the senses you have."

Send any and all news about yourself and your classmates to: *Class Notes, Stony Brook People, Room 328, Administration Building, SUNY, Stony Brook, N.Y. 11794. Or phone the Alumni Office at (516) 246 - 3580.*

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Frances (Duskes) Lowry earned her master of arts in teaching Spanish in 1969 from Johns Hopkins University where she met and married Dana Lowry. Since then she has moved from Detroit to Washington, D.C. and is currently earning credits for a certificate in teaching English as a foreign language. The Lowry's have two daughters./ *Hans J. Kugler* is a specialist in aging research, a subject he published an article about in *Prevention*, called, "The Kugler Experiment: A Model for Longer, More Active Life." He has taught in Chicago at DePaul University, City College and Roosevelt University where he was an associate professor and did experimental research in gerontology. Dr. Kugler is now based in Redondo Beach, Ca., is the author of *Slowing Down the Aging Process*, and has published a number of articles in scientific journals.

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Gary A. Chenowith has been named assistant vice-president of the First National Bank of Glen Head. He will handle corporate and personal credit requirements of depositors in the service areas of the bank's six offices. He is a committeeman for United Way of Nassau-Suffolk and a resident of Terryville./ *Gloria (Gilberti) Dralla* was one of three students at Golden Gate University of San Francisco who took first place in the Western Regional Championship of the National Mock Trial Competition representing law schools from the western states. The western regionals champions now go to the national finals being held in Houston where they will face teams from Harvard, Notre Dame, Villanova, the University of Texas, University of Washington and Emory University.

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Dr. Shoel M. Cohen, a resident of Coram, has been appointed as clinical psychologist at Brookhaven Memorial Hospital in Patchogue. He also has a private practice and is an associate professor of psychology at Nassau Community College.

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East Carolina University sociologist *David Knox* co-authored the article, "Two Careers in One Marriage?" which appeared in the March issue of *Modern Bride*. With her husband's help and cooperation a career-minded bride should follow her ambitions, according to the authors. Dr. Knox is a specialist in marriage and family life. An associate professor of sociology at ECU and a practicing marriage counselor, he is the author of *Marriage: Who? When? Why?* published last year by Prentice-Hall./ *Steven P. Wetcher* of Brooklyn received his M.S. from Pennsylvania State University

in educational psychology in March./ *Richard Fitzpatrick* of Manhattan has been named a banking officer of National Bank of North America. He joined the bank in 1973 as a credit analyst and became a senior credit analyst in the National Division last June. He is a member of the American Economic Association./ *Stanley Schwartz* married Martha Steinberg in the Fair Lawn Jewish Center in New Jersey in January. He is a graduate of Hofstra University Law School and is a member of the New York and New Jersey bar association. He is associated with the law firm of Gerald L. Dorf of Rahway.

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Gene Bernstein is serving as the west coast public relations representative for Summit International, a worldwide non-profit organization presenting the teachings of the ascended masters./ *Loretta (Barbetti) Hook* received her M.A. from Adelphi University in February. She is a teacher at Copaque Junior High School./ *John Bauer* was recently awarded membership as an associate in the Society of Actuaries. He is working for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co./ *Paul A. Kirschner* was married to Katrien Brockhuizen in Amsterdam on Nov. 4. He is attending the University of Amsterdam for his doctorate in psychology.

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William Kennard Graham is working toward a master of environmental engineering at the New Jersey Institute of Technology. He works as an engineer in the Saddle Brook office of Havens and Emerson, Ltd., consulting environmental engineers./ *Judith Moss* and *Warren Richard Levine* were married in January. She is studying to be a psychiatric therapist at Adelphi University's School of Social Work. He received his masters degree from the University of Connecticut. He is presently working toward his doctorate in clinical psychology at the New School for Social Research in Manhattan./

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Peter Wharton works in the Bucksport Regional Health Center, Sandypoint, Me. as a physician's assistant./ *Charles Douglas Brown* is a free-lance sports reporter for a national boxing publication, *Ring Magazine*. He covers Long Island and Queens boxing events on a regular basis.

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Vinnie Montalbano, former Polity president, is running for the State Assembly from Staten Island./ *Karen Bernstein* married *William Hammesfahr* in February. She is presently working in the Department of Medicine at New York University Medical Center and is continuing for her masters degree there.

KOFI AWOONOR *(continued)*

junta that took power in 1972 after a bloodless coup. Awoonor's cultural study of Africa, "The Breast of the Earth," is dedicated to Ghana's first prime minister, the late Kwame Nkrumah, who established a one party rule and opened diplomatic relations with several Communist nations. Nkrumah was deposed in 1966 by a military coup when he was visiting Peking.

Professor Awoonor brought textbooks and seeds for his brother's farm when he went to Ghana in the fall. "It was not the luggage of a man going home to cause trouble," Steve Becker, a friend and former student said. The protests of his detainment continue, but his colleagues are frustrated by how little they can do for a friend imprisoned in his homeland. "Kofi is not a political man," Mr. Becker says, "I never heard him make remarks about going home for political causes, or show feelings against his government. They invited him back to teach."

Professor Awoonor teaches creative writing in the Africana Studies Program at Stony Brook, has published about 10 works of poetry, prose, anthology, and essays on the culture of Africa. His works have been published in French, German, Russian and Chinese as well as English.

DENTAL PLAN ADDED TO ALUMNI SERVICES

A new dental plan has been added to the list of services available to current members of the Stony Brook Alumni Association. By donating to the Annual Fund, Alumni become active members eligible to receive purchasing discounts through the Brands Mart buying service, to participate in low-cost international travel programs. Members also get ticket discounts to campus theatre events, as well as the use of campus facilities such as the pool, tennis courts, Union game room and the Library. This latest service will enable members to achieve increased savings on dental bills.

The plan allows members to utilize the services of a group of dentists who are located in Coram, Huntington, Valley Stream, Queens, Brooklyn, Manhattan and Westchester. Participating dentists provide treatment in all phases of dentistry including surgery, orthodontia and root canal treatment.

Members are given a basic fee schedule for services performed by the dentists and an identification card for use specifically for dental work. Alumni are then billed for the rates listed on the fee schedule, which, in most cases, offers significant savings.

Additional information, along with the dental fee schedule and an identification card, will be mailed to all members shortly.

ALUMNI HELPING ESTABLISH BUSKIN SCHOLARSHIP/LECTURE PROGRAM

Newsday's Education Editor Martin Buskin, 45, a highly popular mainstay in journalism at Stony Brook, died of a heart attack Feb. 8. Shortly afterward, a group of alumni, former Statesman editors who had been Mr. Buskin's students, joined forces with the Stony Brook Foundation to establish a Martin Buskin Scholarship Fund and Lectureship Program at the campus.

Helping with the new program are alumni including Statesman Editors in Chief Jay Barris, '75, and Jon Salant, '76 and Statesman Contributing Editor Bill Stoller, '74.

The Buskin Scholarship will be presented annually to a Stony Brook student who has demonstrated the qualities of integrity, scholarship and concern for educational values exemplified by Mr. Buskin. The Lectureship program is designed to bring working professionals from the communications field to the University for a series of lectures open to both the campus community and the general public.

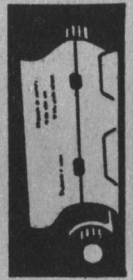
The Stony Brook Foundation, the University's private non-profit fund-raising/development arm, is accepting contributions to the Scholarship Fund/Lectureship Program, payable to the Stony Brook Foundation and sent to the Buskin Fund, Stony Brook Foundation, Box 666, Stony Brook, N.Y. 11790.

INSURANCE PROGRAM COMPLETES FIRST ENROLLMENT

The first enrollment for term life insurance offered by the Stony Brook Alumni Association has ended with a total of \$1,388,000 in life insurance for our alumni and their families. Our membership in The New England Alumni Trust along with the alumni associations of such colleges and universities as University of Maine, Holy Cross, Franklin & Marshall College and 44 others enabled us to sponsor this low-cost group insurance plan, which now has a total of more than 58 million dollars of life insurance benefits in force.

Over 98% of the applications processed from Stony Brook members were judged acceptable by the insuring company, Mutual Benefit Life. Of the available plans of coverage ranging from \$10,000 to \$50,000, or participants elected an average life insurance coverage of \$18,250. More than half also included the optional Accidental Death & Dismemberment coverage, while a quarter insured their spouses and children under the family coverage option.

With the successful completion of the first insurance offering, the Stony Brook Alumni Association is planning its next enrollment for 1977.



VIEWING NATURE FROM INSIDE

By improving on an old scientific tool called nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy, Dr. Paul Lauterbur, Professor of Chemistry, has developed a way to study the inner structures of objects and to monitor the motions of these structures. Dr. Lauterbur calls his technique zeugmatography. It allows scientists for the first time to visualize the soft macroscopic structures and the dynamical changes which occur inside an intact object of study. The technique involves three factors: surrounding an object or animal with a uniform magnetic field produced by a large circular magnet; irradiating the animal with certain radio frequencies; and then, detecting the radio signals that are re-emitted by the atomic nuclei with an animal's soft tissues or within an inanimate hard object.

FREE ORAL CANCER SCREENING

A two day clinic which will combine hypertension and oral cancer screening has been set for Tuesday and Wednesday, May 4 and 5, to be held in the Dental Care Center, Building K, at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. The clinic, will run from 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on both days. The screenings are free and open to the public. People who would like to receive this service are invited to make an appointment by calling either of the following people weekdays between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.: Mrs. Laurie Rosenthal, 751-2507 or Mrs. Sandy DeRose, 751-6203.

A \$765,000 GRANT FOR A NATIONAL CENTER

for curriculum development has been awarded to Stony Brook by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. The Program on Technology and Society of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences will use the funds for pre-engineering curricula for minority students. Unique in the country, the Center will be the focus for developing-curricula materials and implementing strategies that will encourage and prepare more minority students to pursue engineering programs and careers. The project will be conducted in conjunction with twelve high schools, from the cities of Atlanta, Chicago, El Paso, Nashville, New York, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., which will utilize the developed materials in their English, science and mathematics courses taught during the 1976-77 school year.

CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR PHYSICIAN'S

Assistants got a boost when the School of Allied Health Professions received one-half of a three-year \$500,000 grant from the Bruner Foundation. Stony Brook and Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia which received the second half, will establish and operate two collaborative Demonstration Region Continuing Education Centers for Physician's Assistants.

THE SYMBOLIST MOVEMENT IN LITERATURE

will be studied under a \$43,813 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Stony Brook's Comparative Literature program is offering the eight-week summer seminar for college teachers. The grant to Stony Brook is one of 77 awarded to colleges and universities throughout the nation from a field of 296 applicant schools.

AN ORIGINAL WORK IN ELECTRONIC MUSIC

will be composed by Daria Semegen, an instructor in the Department of Music, under a National Endowment for the Arts commission. The new work for live instruments and electronic music is to be realized at Stony Brook's Electronic Music Laboratory. Ms. Semegen is the recent recipient of an International Electronic Music Composition prize awarded by the International Society for Contemporary Music. Her Prize-winning work, *Electronic Composition No. 1*, will be released by Columbia Masterworks records in June 1976.

PRESIDENT JOHN S. TOLL HAS BEEN ELECTED

Chairman of the Council of Presidents of the Universities Research Association, Inc. for 1976. A non-profit, nation-wide corporation comprised of 53 universities throughout the country, The Association operates facilities in the physical and biological sciences for the federal government and other appropriate agencies as needed. The Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory is one of the facilities operated by the Association. President Toll succeeds President Jerome Wiesner of MIT as Chairman of URA.

A DRIVER REHABILITATION PROGRAM

designed for certain eligible Suffolk County motorists convicted of driving while under the influence of alcohol is being offered by Stony Brook. Similar to such programs being developed, Stony Brook's Center for Continuing and Developing Education is sponsoring the 16-hour program which is the only such program for the County. It is expected to annually receive about 2,000 county residents. The program is an outgrowth of the Caemmerer Bill, signed in June of 1975, whereby certain convicted drivers are eligible for conditional licenses if they participate in the DRP.

SOPHOMORE CONTENDER IN SWIMMING

and diving championship, Denise Logan, has qualified for the National Intercollegiate Swimming and Diving Championships to be held in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. With her teammates, Ms. Logan contributed to the Patriots swimming team win of the Division II Metropolitan Championships.

COMMUNITY RESIDENT DONATES SCHOLAR'S

papers— A private collection of physics journals, books and professional papers, valued at more than \$2,000, has been donated to the Stony Brook Foundation by Mrs. Louis G. Bellport in the name of her late husband, Charles E. Porter, a Brookhaven National Laboratory physicist.

BOARD OPENINGS (continued)

term of two years from July 1 to June 30 of each year. The composition of the Board consists of two members from the undergraduate classes of 1961-63 inclusive, two members from each successive graduating undergraduate class, eight members of non-Health Sciences graduate classes (three of which must be CED, three non-CED) and six members representing the six different schools within the Health Sciences Center.

The slate of candidates and the areas they represent are:

1961-63	George May Mel Morris
1964	Leonard Spivak James Kusko
1965	Richard Gambrell Nancy Pav
1966	Joe Buscareno Bob Melchior
1967	Ellen Schlesier additional candidate needed
1968	John Bockino Jack Guarneri
1969	Audrey Mandel Joe Van Denburg
1970	Jeanne Behrman Linda Rawluk
1971	Alan Wax Carol Dahir
1972	Sarah Inglima additional candidate needed
1973	two candidates needed
1974	Larry Starr Jeff Sachs
1975	no positions open
1976	Jonathan Salant Richard Gelfond

Please note:

Additional candidates are needed for the following areas:

5 from the area of Graduate, non-CED.

7 from the Health Sciences areas

Active voting members are asked to make additional nominations for Board positions before April 25. When making nominations, please include the candidates name, address, phone number and class representation.

HOOPSTERS FINISH SUCCESSFUL SEASON

Stony Brook's basketball team led the nation in field goal percentage for the NCAA Division III. The team surprised the metropolitan area with a Knickerbocker

Conference finale of 7-1 and an overall record of 15-11. Coach Ron Bash is now predicting a championship for the 1976-77 season.

"We will be a championship team next year if everyone stays healthy," Mr. Bash said. "This could be the team that will top the Patriots' seasonal win record of 18 victories. Nobody is graduating. Freshmen will return with a season's experience to their advantage, and, with the addition of 6'11" Bill Anderson from Bentley College, we should become the team to beat."

For the second year in a row, sophomore Earl Keith from Long Island City led the Patriots in scoring, with a 21.7 average. He also was among the nation's leading percentage shooters, scoring on 65% of his shots. Mr. Keith led the team in rebounds with almost nine per game and was selected to the ECAC weekly All Star team four times during the course of the season. At the recent basketball awards dinner, he was voted the Most Valuable Player on the Patriots' squad.

Also for the second year in a row, junior Ron Schmeltzer from Bayside led the team in assists. He also was selected to the ECAC All-Star team twice during the season. He will serve as team captain for the 1976-77 Stony Brook team.

At the awards dinner, freshman Larry Tillery from Long Island City received Stony Brook's Most Improved Player Award. During the season he displayed the skills of an upper-classman and was selected to the ECAC All-Star team three times during the season.

"With a front-line of Earl Keith, Bill Anderson, and Jon Adderly next year," said Coach Bash "and a back-court of Larry Tillery and Ron Schmeltzer, Stony Brook can look forward to a very exciting season."

FRESHMAN KEY TO VARSITY BASEBALL

After losing six starting players due to graduation, the talent and enthusiasm of the many freshmen on the squad may prove to be the key for success for the varsity baseball team at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. The Patriots, who finished last season with a Knickerbocker Conference record of 6-4 and an overall record of 12-13, opened the 1976 season at home on April 1 against New Paltz.

"This year, I plan on using a 'platoon' system and it should be very interesting," said Coach Rick Smoliak, who will be returning to lead the Patriots for the sixth year. "We have a lot of good talent on this team with all the young players combining with the returning lettermen."

Some of the outstanding returning players are senior Mike Garafola of North Bellmore (.306 Conference average); senior Gary McArdle from Lindenhurst (.368 Conference average); and All-Conference third baseman Ralph Rossini of Jackson Heights.

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To demonstrate the Alumni Association's support for the University during its fiscal crisis, the following letter was sent to all State senators and assemblymen. It is reprinted here for your information.

March 26, 1976

To New York State Senators and Assemblymen:

As President of the 18,500 member Alumni Association of the State University of New York at Stony Brook, I am writing to express our organization's concern over the obviously inequitable distribution of cuts directed at State University and especially at Stony Brook by the Governor in the recently passed Executive Budget. As tax payers, we understand the necessity for sharp budget reductions as a consequence of fiscal uncertainties in the State. However, we are distressed to learn that the budgetary cuts submitted by the Governor and approved by the Legislature last week single out Stony Brook in a way unmatched by other campuses in State University. For instance, the request by the State University Trustees after reviewing all budget requests from the individual campuses was cut close to 10% by the Governor as compared with reductions of slightly over 5% at the other University Centers and Health Sciences Centers and close to 2% at the established four-year Arts and Sciences Colleges, respectively. Stony Brook's general campus had more faculty lines eliminated than any other campus and, as a result, was forced to eliminate several programs and to dismiss faculty — some tenured. The campus' library budget suffered a 10% net cut in personnel; Stony Brook's library acquisitions budget remains the lowest among the University Centers. What is even more remarkable to us is that, given the cuts already directed to Stony Brook by the Governor, the additional cuts added by the Legislature allocated to Stony Brook, the largest cut of any campus and some 88% of net reductions for all of the University Centers.

We have seen the recent study by a group of Long Island's leading citizens on the effects of cutbacks on the budget at Stony Brook relative to the Long Island economy. We sincerely believe that the University Center holds the greatest hope for economic development of the entire Long Island region as its graduate and professional programs are unique to Long Island in their relationship to potential industrial development. And yet, it is these exact programs which now are being most severely cut. To us, this is a "penny wise and pound foolish" act and represents a long standing push by upstate interest groups at the expense of downstate's citizens.

As President of an organization which represents 18,500 people who have benefited from the solid academic programs at Stony Brook, I urge you, on behalf of the countless thousands who are being denied opportunity now and in the future, to correct in the supplemental budget and in future budgets the inequities which so clearly have been directed at Long Island through cuts at the Stony Brook campus. We hope we can rely on your support in this effort.

Sincerely,

Mel Morris, Ed.D.
President, Alumni Association
SUNY at Stony Brook