

Stony Brook People

CAMPUS COMPLETION CRISIS RESUMES; ALUMNI ASSOCIATION RALLIES SUPPORT



BOYER'S COMMITMENT IN DOUBT AS A RESULT OF APRIL TRUSTEES' ACTION

The continuing crisis over completion of the Stony Brook campus escalated during recent weeks with regional leaders questioning the seriousness of commitments made by State University officials in Albany last winter.

As most *Stony Brook People* readers and Long Island residents probably know by now, the whole debate began late last fall when it appeared that Stony Brook's completion was not a part of the State University's priorities under a long-term "cap" imposed by the State on future State University construction.

The possibility that Stony Brook would be left hanging, despite its unique potential, per long-standing master plan provisions, to become a university center standing "with the finest in the country," drew unprecedented outcries from a broad spectrum of Long Island leaders. This concern was heightened by wide awareness of Long Island's great deficiency in total public and private higher education facilities; a deficiency which even with full future completion of Stony Brook would leave the region with less than half as many higher education seats per population for upper division and advanced graduate students than any other major region of the state.

The Alumni Association and leading alumni such as Assemblyman George Hochbrueckner and Suffolk County Legislature Presiding Officer Floyd Linton were in the fore-

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A SUNY FIRST: ALUMNI DELEGATION PUSHES CAMPUS CAUSE

by Dr. Melvyn Morris, '62, President of the
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In the midst of what probably was our most enjoyable Alumni Weekend, came the bad news. It appeared that all the Association's work and all the efforts by numerous Long Island leaders last winter had accomplished nothing. The commitment that Chancellor Boyer had made late in January that completion of the Stony Brook campus was of highest priority and that funds to begin implementing that commitment would be sought in this June's supplemental budget apparently was not going to be carried out. At a meeting just prior to Alumni Weekend the SUNY Board of Trustees voted not to seek any construction funding in the supplemental budget despite public statements by Drs. Boyer and Kelly that the Board was committed to do so.

This situation became the principal order of business at the Alumni Board meeting on the final morning of Alumni Weekend. It seemed clear that something more forceful than than just the letter-writing campaign we used when the issue first emerged was in order. It was decided that more letters — strong ones — were indeed needed, to all members of the Long Island legislative delegation. But, in addition, the Board named a four-member delegation to travel to Albany and meet with Dr. Kelly and key legislators. I was asked to head the delegation. Accompanying me were Board members Joe Van Denburg, '69, immediate past president of the Association, Garry Hill, '73 (CED) and Jeff Sachs, '74.

Our appointments were set for Tuesday, May 10 and the timing couldn't have been better. We were scheduled for sessions starting at 9:45 a.m. with Arthur Kremer, Assembly Ways and Means Chairman, Melvin Miller, Chairman of the Assembly Higher Education Committee, Owen Johnson, Vice Chairman of the Senate Higher Education Committee, our own local Assemblyman and alumnus George Hochbrueckner, Assembly Minority Leader Perry B. Duryea, Jr., our local Stony Brook Senator Ken LaValle, and Senator John Caemmerer of Nassau County. Then, at 3 p.m., we were set for a meeting with Acting Chancellor Kelly. Meanwhile, as it turned out, for one of the first times in recent history, the entire Long Island Senate and Assembly delegation including most of the legislators we had met, was preparing to crowd into Arthur Kremer's conference room at 5 p.m. that day to ask Dr. Kelly what was happening to SUNY's commitment to Stony Brook.

We were extremely pleased and encouraged by the unanimous expressions of support from the legislators we

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classnotes

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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Roni (Simon) and *Michael Adelman* and their two children have been living in Atlanta for the past five years where Mike and his brother have firmly established Adelman Sales Corp. Roni has her own interior decorating firm.

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Airco Industrial Gases Division of Airco, Inc. has named *Lawrence I. Green* sales-engineer for its wastewater treatment system. In his new post, Larry will promote worldwide sales of the forced free fall oxygenation system for both municipal and industrial users. Larry and his wife, Laura, live in Marlboro, N.J./ *Robert E. Schlieper* has been named an assistant treasurer in Deposit Services, Banking Operations Department at Bankers Trust Company. He lives in Bellerose, NY with his wife and their two children./ *Howie* and *Riva (Ginsburg) Rittberg* are living in Binghamton with their daughters, Toma and Rachel. Howie is an attorney with the law firm of Hinman, Howard and Katell.

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Ronny and *Lesley (Weisser) Grant* are living in Binghamton with their two children, Joshua and Rebecca. After graduating from New York University School of Dental Medicine, Ronny is in private dental practice.

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Barry A. Cozier and *Felix V. Baxter* have opened their law offices for the general practice of law under the name Cozier, Backus and Baxter in Brooklyn./ *Kim T. Mortenson* graduated as captain from the Air Force instrument pilot school at Randolph AFB, Tex. He is returning to McGuire AFB where he serves with a unit of the Military Airlift Command./ Dr. *Ned Steinfeld* graduated from the State University of New York School of Optometry and has joined the staff of the Connecticut Visual Health Center in Bridgeport, Ct./ *Bruce Eisenberg* is graduating from Columbia School of Dentistry in May, 1977. He will be a resident at Kings County Hospital. *Isabel (Halpern) '73 Eisenberg* is a discharge coordinator at Downstate Medical Center.

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Steven Peisak graduated from New York University Law School and is now a lawyer in Manhattan.

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John Eugene Schell married Joanne Hayes in March. John is attending the University of Maryland while working for the federal government./ *Bonnie Anne Strey* plans to marry Todd Gordon Sammis. She is working at Huntington Hospital on Long Island./ *Evanne (Abrams)* and *Edward Hudak* are living in Denver and Evie is working as an executive secretary for a hospital that treats and rehabilitates alcoholics. Ed is working in a mineralogical laboratory analyzing ore specimens.

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Godwin W. Fong is a third year graduate student in analytical chemistry at State University of New York at Buffalo. He plans to marry Katherine K. Leung, a second year medical student at Buffalo./ *Robert Lustbader* is attending Georgetown University School of Dentistry and plans to be married in June to Ilana Molnar./ *Helene Gittleman* will receive her M. A. degree in English from Brown University in Providence, R.I. She hopes to either be teaching in a private school or to be singing in a nightclub. Her twin sister *Meryl* has been living on the French Riviera during the past year and studying flute at La Conservatoire de Musique a Nice. This summer she will enter the M. A. T. program at Brown University in Providence, R.I.

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Charles Bianculli plans to marry Mary Fricke in October. Charles is employed by Leathers Best, Inc. of Melville, N.Y./ *Eileen Dugan* is a sales clerk for Sears, Roebuck, Co. in Manhattan./ *Howard Klett* married Barbara Goldberg in February. They are living in Smithtown, N.Y./ *Charles Martin Elkin* plans to marry Robin Katz in June. Charles is in his second year at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University./ *Kathleen Ott* married Robert Nocella this spring. Kathleen is a second grade teacher in the South Bay School, West Babylon. The couple lives in Ronkonkoma./ *Donna Lynn King* is living in San Diego, Cal. where she is teaching high school English and conversational French./ *Paul Munick* is director of amateur athletics at Madison Square Garden Center in New York. He has an M. A. in Sports Administration from Ohio University./ *Ginny Leipzig* has been appointed as counselor for Adelphi University's ABLE program at the Bryant Library and the Shelter Rock Library.

William F. Riesterer of Bayport has been appointed as a clinical instructor for the Health Sciences Center at Stony Brook. He is currently employed in the Department of Family Medicine at the Nassau County Medical Center in East Meadow.

ALUMNI TRAVEL SCHEDULE

Hong Kong August 3 – 17

\$599 plus 15% includes

- round-trip transportation,
- first class hotel accommodations,
- sightseeing tours,
- Chinese cooking lecture and recipe guide,
- Oriental fashion show,
- shopping discounts,
- a rickshaw ride,
- souvenirs and guides.

Optional tours to Bangkok and Thailand, or Japan and Korea available.

Bucharest and Transylvania August 12 – 26

\$399 plus 15% includes

- round-trip transportation,
- first class hotel accommodations,
- continental breakfast each morning,
- motorcoach sightseeing tour,
- a Romanian welcome fest,
- a folklore show,
- walking tour of a Transylvanian farm village.

Side trips to Count Dracula's castle, the Black Sea Riviera, a Day in Kiev all available at additional cost.

Sicily September 7 – 14, December 28 – January 4

\$299 plus 15% includes

- round-trip transportation,
- first class hotel accommodations,
- continental breakfast each morning,
- sightseeing opportunities

West Africa September 13 – 20, November 22 – 29

\$299 plus 15% includes

- round-trip trip transportation,
- first class hotel accommodations,
- continental breakfast each morning,
- sightseeing tours and special optional tour packages to be announced.*

Brochures for the Sicily and West African vacations are currently being prepared and should be in the mail to all alumni by the end of June.

WAIT TILL NEXT YEAR

On the one hand, it was a pretty good year for the fund-raising/development activities of the Association. Through our recently computerized records, we reached people who said they hadn't heard from us in years.

And also on the good side of the story, we officially dropped the "dues" structure of our former fundraising and instead asked alumni to contribute to the Annual Fund. No minimal limit was established. Consequently the average individual contribution was \$10, which is considerably higher than previous years.

But on the other hand, it was a disappointing year because although the amount of contributions was up, the number of contributors declined. Only 1600 alumni contributed in 1976 – 77 as compared to 2300 active contributors last year.

Traditionally, the Annual Fund drive ends at March 31. This year, however, a special development effort was launched in April to bring in support for an alumni fund for library excellence, specifically to aid the University's Frank Melville, Jr. Memorial Library, which has been severely affected by budget cuts during the past year. At press time, contributions were beginning to come in with very early tallies showing the fund already reaching the \$400 mark. Impetus for the library fund has been provided through an incentive grant from the Stony Brook Foundation, which has agreed to match \$1 for every \$5 contributed to the Library Fund.

This was a year that saw us raise over \$12,000 through member contributions. The library fund will increase the total monies raised for the University to close to \$13,000. That is significantly more than had been raised in previous fund years and provides an excellent basis for setting expectations for next year. And next year is off to a pretty good start already – more than 100 persons have already contributed close to \$1000. Wait till next year indeed.

If you'd like to be part of a spectacular alumni softball challenge on Saturday, September 3, drop a line to Jack Guarneri, '68 (11 Paumanake Road, Blue Point, NY 11715) or Joe Van Denburg, '69 (203 Oak Street, Patchogue, NY 11771). The Alumni All Stars will play the administration on the Stony Brook athletic field. Alumnae are particularly invited to participate!

SERVING THE STATE.

At last count (May 1977), an overwhelming majority of Stony Brook graduates live and work in New York State. Of the total 22,000 alumni on file, 73% live in New York State and more than half of all graduates continue to live in Nassau and Suffolk counties. Latest figures show 31% of Stony Brook graduates residents of Nassau while 22% live in Suffolk.

Alumni Weekend '77



Scenes from the Cocktail Party.



Dr. Toll meets with Alumni at the Wine and cheese party (top photo). Acting CED Dean Les Paldy discusses Informal Studies with Alumni (center, left). Association President Mel Morris presents Alumni Association Award for continuous support to President Toll (lower left). And as it seemed to have just begun, the Weekend came to a mellow end with a very special concert by Joan Baez (lower right).

BOYER'S COMMITMENT IN DOUBT (Continued)

front as Long Island rallied to change this apparent anti-Stony Brook decision.

Their concerns were eased considerably in January when SUNY Chancellor Ernest L. Boyer appeared at a press conference at Stony Brook to reaffirm State University commitment was that about \$25 million would be sought for long delayed housing and other projects at Stony Brook in the State University request for the State supplemental budget traditionally passed in June.

But then the uproar began again, when the SUNY Trustees announced late in April that, in fact, they would seek no construction funds in the supplemental budget. Long Island legislators interpreted this as an abrogation of the Boyer commitment. Twenty-seven members of the Long Island Senate and Assembly delegation scheduled a meeting with Acting Chancellor James Kelly on May 10. Meanwhile, the Alumni Association's Board of Directors, at an Alumni Weekend meeting a few days after the Trustee action, also moved into the thick of things, voting to send new letters to all Long Island legislators. Moreover, a delegation from the Board was authorized to visit Albany to press home alumni concerns directly. Their visit, described in the adjacent article by Association President Mel Morris, also was on May 10. And, it included a meeting with Acting Chancellor Kelly just two hours before his session with the Long Island legislative delegation.

Dr. Kelly offered the legislators specific reassurances that parking facilities for the University Hospital and the main campus which desperately needs the structure as it plans the opening of the new Fine Arts Center as well as graduate and professional student apartment complexes for both the main campus and East Campus (Health Sciences Center) would be sought after all in the supplemental budget. Similarly, he said supplemental budget planning funds would be sought for at least two other critical campus projects, a central academic building, mainly to provide graduate facilities for the humanities, and an addition to the

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visited. They appreciated and endorsed the Association's concern.

After a mad dash from the Legislative Office Building, we arrived on time for our meeting with Dr. Kelly. We were prepared for a rather difficult session. Dr. Kelly sought to ease our concerns. He expressed support for increased public higher education opportunities on Long Island and for Stony Brook in particular. He described Stony Brook as "a jewel in the crown of SUNY." He also assured us that he would work for completion of the listing of construction priorities required by the Governor's Budget people in time for the May meeting of the Trustees with the expectation that a request for supplemental budget funds still could be implemented by the end of the Legislature's current session in June.

After an hour of intense discussion, we left Dr. Kelly's office somewhat reassured, but with the feeling that some serious questions still remained to be answered. Would the priority listing be finished by the May meeting? More importantly, would it include the facilities required to

gym, including a field house. And, of greatest significance, he indicated that a long-range listing of SUNY construction priorities, including Stony Brook's needs, would be presented soon to the Trustees.

By our press time, the mood was distinctly more encouraging. But, Alumni officers tended to support the viewpoint in a May 13 *Newsday* editorial which warned against "playing games with the future of one of the potentially great university centers in the Nation" and cautioned that "it will take extraordinary alertness to make sure Stony Brook gets the construction funds it needs."

"ALUMNI SUPPORT MATURING"

Joseph Buscareno, '66, Alumni Board representative on the Stony Brook Council, entered this statement into the minutes of a Council meeting discussion of the campus construction situation on May 18:

Once again I'd like to express the solidarity of the Alumni Association in its opposition to the proposals being made by the Chancellor's Office and the Division of the Budget, and to reaffirm our *complete* support for the Council and President Toll in their attempt to reverse this totally unacceptable situation.

I'd like to add that in the four years that I have served on the Alumni Board, I'm pleased to report that I have witnessed a transition in thinking, on the part of Board members, from an attitude of "What can the University do for us?" to an attitude of "How can *we* participate in furthering the growth of the University?" I believe that this thinking has reached a maturation during the recent budget crises and it's my hope that it will continue in the future. Certainly, we hope to encourage nurturing of this new alliance between the Alumni Association and the campus in our mutual concern for achieving both the immediate and long-term goals of the University.

complete Stony Brook as specified by Dr. Boyer in his January commitment?

That evening, back in the Legislative Office Building, we heard the results of the 5 p.m. legislators meeting with Dr. Kelly and then headed back to the airport feeling more optimistic. There still was no hard, full commitment to Stony Brook. Yet, with our legislators appearing ready to continue pressing the issue, completion of Stony Brook seemed much closer at hand.

This was our first foray into the political arena. And, continuing the Stony Brook Alumni tradition of firsts, we found that we also were the first alumni delegation from any SUNY campus ever to press such a concern by visiting the Chancellor!

Incidentally, our cause certainly wasn't hurt by the fact that over 50% of the Alumni Association's members live on Long Island; about 7000 in Suffolk and 4800 in Nassau.

At press time the matter still hadn't reached final resolution. We're including elsewhere in this issue a listing of Long Island's legislative delegation. We'd like to encourage you to contact the representatives from your local district. Your help, as an individual, concerned alumnus, could be most valuable.

LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY AS PART OF CAMPUS PUSH FOR COMPLETION

For your information, we have reprinted below the text of the letter that was sent to all Long Island legislators. Their names and addresses appear on the right for your convenience, should you wish to join your fellow alumni in expressing your support for campus completion.

May 6, 1977

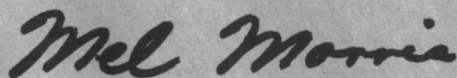
On behalf of the 20,000 alumni of the State University of New York at Stony Brook, I write to express our dismay at the decision of the Board of Trustees of State University to pull back from the commitment to complete Stony Brook announced by Chancellor Boyer last January. In that statement, the Chancellor committed the Trustees to provide the essential facilities necessary to complete the Stony Brook campus to its Master Plan target of 21,000 full time equivalent students and to request in SUNY's Supplemental Budget Request, funds for the housing and parking facilities which are vital to the operation of the campus and planning funds for the key academic facilities.

If permitted to stand, the decision announced last week by the Trustees will deepen Long Island's unique deficit in higher education places relative to the rest of the State, further exacerbating the economic and social dislocation which emerges from it. Given this deficit and the nearly 40 per cent increase in population which is projected for Suffolk County during the next fifteen to twenty years, it is clear that any incremental increases in capacity in State University clearly should be placed in the Long Island region.

The quality of Stony Brook's programs is as irrefutable as is the need for increased educational opportunity on Long Island. At exactly the time New York State needs the kind of University Center which Stony Brook is becoming, the State should do everything possible to protect and support the University so it can help our State address its economic, social and environmental crises. The present fiscal malaise of the State is only all the more reason to support Stony Brook as a resource which can play a major role in resolving State problems.

We urge you now to do everything you can to impress upon the Board of Trustees and to act within the Legislature to gain once and for all the firm commitment we thought we had from State University — that the University commits itself to the completion of the Stony Brook main campus to its enrollment target of 21,000 full time equivalent students as articulated in the campus Master Plan and by the SUNY Chancellor. We hope you will give your support within this year's Supplemental Budget to the initial construction projects vital to achieve the first steps toward this goal.

Sincerely,



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Raccoons like the one pictured above are being trapped at the Health Sciences Center and released at an East End nature preserve.

UNWELCOME HOUSE GUESTS

The Health Sciences Center has been the reluctant host to neighborhood raccoons. Though uninvited, they have been treated royally, since after all, they were here first. They have taken up residence in the by-ways of the walls and ceilings, surviving nicely by nibbling away at such delicacies as insulated wires and ceiling tiles.

HSC staffers felt the woodland creatures would be happier in their native habitat, so the raccoons have been offered free transportation to a nature preserve in Eastern Suffolk. In spite of the generous offer, (see photo), response has been a bit slow.

On the plus side, it's nice to have the company of the pitter-patter of little feet overhead when working late. However, if lunches should start disappearing mysteriously all over the campus, we will have to begin to suspect their friendly intentions.

1977 ATHLETIC AWARD WINNERS

Janet Travis, a sophomore, has been selected Stony Brook's female athlete of the year by *Statesman* in its annual awards poll. Janet, a resident of Hicksville, competed on the Stony Brook women's field hockey, basketball and softball teams.

Wayne Wright, also a sophomore, has been named male athlete of the year in the same poll. A graduate of Long Island City High School, Wright is a 6' 6" forward on Stony Brook's varsity basketball team. During the past season, Wright was named to the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) weekly All-Star team five times. He was named most valuable player at the Knickerbocker Championship Tournament, and selected most valuable player by his team mates on the Patriot squad.

Ron Bash, coach of the varsity basketball team has been named coach of the year. Bash, a resident of Coram, is credited with developing a winning basketball team which went from a 2-22 seasonal record in 1975-76 to a 21-6 record and a third place win in the N.C.A.A. Eastern Regional Tournament in the 1976-77 season.

SQUASH TEAM FINISHED 10TH NATIONALLY

The Squash team under Coach *Bob Snider* finished its season ranked number 10 in the nation. The Patriots finished the season with an outstanding 14-3 record — its best season ever.

The team was led by MVP Stewart Grodman who was the Metropolitan Champion as well as an All American. Bruce Horowitz was the number 2 player and the Metropolitan Runner Up.

In the National Intercollegiate Championship Tournament, the Patriots finished 7th out of 30 teams. With a tradition of winning, fine returning players, and the outstanding coaching of Mr. Snider, Patriot Squash followers should look forward to many more years of nationally ranked teams.