

Stony Brook People

ALUMNI RETURN FOR SPRING WEEKEND



"Wine, Cheese & Conversation at Sunwood" included talks by Professor Elof Carlson (foreground) and Professor Max Dresden (group in background).



Campus guides Michael Irizarry, Janice Rosenberg and Gayle Taylor assist Michael ('68) and Joy Peretz on a campus tour leaving the Fine Arts Circle.

From as far as Virginia and Vermont, over 300 Stony Brook graduates returned to campus for Alumni Weekend May 12-14 with a spirit and vitality to match the long-awaited Spring season. Activities ranged from serious debate on research in genetics to a beery moonlight cruise on Long Island Sound.

Events got under way with wine, cheese and provocative discussions, at a very well-attended series of informal talks at the Sunwood estate on Friday evening. In the Library, Dr. and Mrs. Hartzell reminisced about "The Way We Were, Stony Brook in the Early Years," while Professor Elof Carlson asked the question "Frankenstein or Cornucopia: Is there anything left to say about recombinant DNA?" Professor Max Dresden was both informative and entertaining on the subject of "Today's Revolutionary Theoretical Physics: A Highly Non technical Look at the Implications for Non-Scientists." The evening was highlighted by the Alumni Association presentation of matching Stony Brook jogging suits to Dr. and Mrs. Toll (see photo inside).

On Saturday, campus tours, featuring trips to the top of the Health Sciences Center, began at 10 a.m. as visitors gathered at the Administration Building, weekend headquarters for coffee, etc. There were open house events at the ESS museum (The Geology and Biology of Long Island) as well as "Selections from the Archives" on display in the Library. Alumni regrouped for a cocktail party in the Senior Common Room of the Graduate Chemistry Building, feting the classes of '68 and '78. Dr. Pond and Dr. and Mrs. Toll were among the visitors enjoying the '60's musical theme and the free-flowing conversation.

A windy moonlight cruise on the Sound capped Saturday night fever as more than 200 people huddled and hustled aboard the Port Jefferson Ferry. Once on board, couples found ample room for dancing under the stars while the below deck areas proved ideal for listening to the band, playing cards or just lounging. Disco music was in demand as the evening wore on and the band, "Night Moves," was more than accommodating. Some older (over 30!) alumni were seen "holding on" through much of the night, but although the food on board ranged from popcorn and soda to hot dogs and beer there were no upsets from what proved to be a rough and exciting night.

Saturday night revelers met the light of Sunday at Brunch in the Senior Common Room with the lyric strains of an elegant 5-piece chamber music group. Alumni helped themselves to coffee, scrambled eggs and pastry. Graduating seniors, our newest alumni, had the opportunity to meet with members of older classes as Alumni Weekend '78 drew to a close.

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TRAVEL NOTES

As we go to press, Stony Brook alumni are enjoying vacations in Venice and Budapest as others are preparing to leave for the Alps and Paris, Rome and Athens, Hong Kong and Scandinavia. Reservations are still being taken for the Hong Kong trip (July 19 - August 1, \$599 + 15%), Paris and the Alps (July 29 - August 12, \$499) and Scandinavia (August 23 - September 5, \$549 + 15%). Prices include air fare, accommodations and, in some instances, breakfasts.

Our group in Hong Kong will be treated to rickshaw and ferry boat rides, handicraft and cooking demonstrations, as well as fashion shows and motor coach tours of gardens, temples, shopping and night life spots. Scandinavian travellers will start in Copenhagen and proceed to Stockholm and Oslo by way of some of the world's most beautiful countryside and coastline.

Fall trip destinations and dates have been determined as follows (all trips are for one week): Ireland - October 10 and December 5; Hawaii - November 12; Sicily - October 11 and December 28; Dakar, Africa - November 21. For further information call the Alumni Office at 516-246-3580. Space is limited.

SUNWOOD: Beach Privileges for Alumni

As Summer begins, Stony Brook alumni will be receiving a pleasant and timely offering from the Association: availability of beach privileges at Sunwood. Located on Long Island Sound, just two miles north of the campus in Old Field, the secluded estate includes an ideal North Shore beachfront with access limited to faculty, staff, alumni and their guests.

Members who live within commuting distance may purchase the same \$15 Sunwood automobile decal available to faculty and staff. It permits parking on the Sunwood grounds and use of the beach. In addition to swimming and sunbathing, the Sunwood grounds feature some of the most beautiful gardens and landscaping on Long Island. The beach will be open all week, from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m., Memorial Day until Labor Day.

INSURANCE PROGRAMS: New Alumni Benefits

Availability of a Group Health Insurance Program is the newest part of the Alumni Association's package. Brochures for the program, mailed recently to all alumni, describe benefits: including direct cash payments of up to \$40 per day for hospitalization of an alumnus or a family member. The program has been very well received by other associations and has particular appeal because payments are in addition to any benefits received from any other insurance plan. The costs for coverage start as low as \$24.24 per year per person under 40 years of age.

Current members of the Association are also covered by a Group Dental Program which offers simple, unique benefits. With the issuance of an identification card, alumni may receive reasonably priced dental treatment from dentists participating in the program. The I.D. card lists phone numbers throughout the metropolitan area for referral to the most convenient office. For details, call 246-3580.



"Graduating" President and Mrs. John S. Toll were spotted on campus during Alumni Weekend in jogging gear, a gift of the Stony Brook Alumni Association.

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NEW ALUMNI

More than 4,000 students received degrees at 25 separate commencement ceremonies at the University's 18th annual graduation on May 28. Two other ceremonies will be held later—the School of Nursing on June 18 and Allied Health Professions on June 25. Among the distinguished visitors who addressed the graduates were former Mayor Lindsay of New York City, Ms. Arabella Martinez, Assistant Secretary for Human Development, Department of Health, Education and Welfare and Dr. John Slaughter of the National Science Foundation.

A NEW BASKETBALL POWER?

The Stony Brook Patriots basketball team fought their way into the national championship tournament of the N.C.A.A. Division III where they lost to Widener College in the semi-final round. This was the best year ever for the Patriots, who were nationally ranked through most of the season.

GERALD BROWN HONORED

Dr. Gerald Brown, Professor of Physics, has been elected a member of the National Academy of Sciences, one of the highest honors that can be accorded an American scientist or engineer. Dr. Brown was one of 60 new members chosen at the Academy's 115th annual meeting. He was honored in recognition of distinguished and continuing achievement in original research.

IN PRAISE OF THE TERMITE

Homeowners who have to defend their houses against the insidious appetite of the terrible termite may not believe this, but in some places, notably Africa, the termite is a very useful creature. Dr. Glenn Prestwich, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, spent more than two years in Kenya studying the African termite and he insists that if it weren't for the termite, the arid parts of Africa would be neck-deep in dead wood. Dr. Prestwich wrote an article about the fascinating and hard-working insects in the April issue of "National Geographic" magazine where he described the termites' use of chemical warfare and the marvelously engineered clay castles they build.

LOOK MA, NO CAVITIES

Two dental educators from the School of Dental Medicine have reported significant tooth decay reductions in a fluoride rinsing dental program they have been conducting in the local Three Village School District as part of a national study of the cost and effectiveness of weekly fluoride mouth rinsing. The initial findings show decay reductions averaging 21%. Dr. Louis Ripa, Chairman of Children's Dentistry and Dr. Gary Leske,

Associate Professor of Dental Medicine, are conducting the program with a \$150,000 grant from the National Institute of Dental Research, a division of the National Institutes of Health.

A CHANGE AT THE HELM

After 13 years as President of the University, Dr. John S. Toll is leaving to become President of the University of Maryland on July 1. Citing Dr. Toll's achievements while at Stony Brook, Dr. John McGuire, president of the State University College at Old Westbury said: "His gospel of excellence as the chief objective of a university attracted scholars from far and wide. Stony Brook has developed sterling departments, especially in the natural sciences, that deserve their growing national reputation."

A "Newsday" editorial, lauding Dr. Toll, described his resignation as "a tremendous loss for Long Island," but concluded, "He leaves a thriving, highly respected university and a host of Long Islanders who have learned to respect and admire him."

Dr. T.A. Pond has been appointed Acting President by a unanimous vote of the State University Board of Trustees. Dr. Pond has been Executive Vice President of the University since 1967 and has served previously as Stony Brook's Acting President while Dr. Toll was on leave.

A HOME AT LAST

Construction of permanent facilities for the School of Dental Medicine moved one step closer when Governor Hugh Carey announced that he was releasing funds for planning purposes. The announcement came after the Governor paid a visit to the Health Sciences Center which will be the site of the new facilities, replacing the temporary quarters on the South Campus.

DEVELOPING LONG ISLAND'S ECONOMY

Two hundred key Long Island business, labor and government leaders met recently at the University to find ways to develop Long Island's nascent economy. Dr. Clifton Wharton, Chancellor of the State University of New York, presided at the opening of the two-day conference which ended with a unanimous manifesto, which called for increased cooperation in developing regional economic prospects.

CONTRIBUTING TO THE ISLAND'S ECONOMY

The University's annual economic impact on Long Island business volume is \$237 million, says a study prepared by the University's Long-Range Planning Office in cooperation with the W. Averell Harriman College for Urban and Policy Sciences. The study also reported an additional impact of \$156 million on individual income. The University is one of Long Island's top employers, supporting more than 13,000 jobs, said the report.

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PROFILE

Louise Gikaw landed a job that most English majors who attended college in the 1960's would envy. Ms. Gikaw, '71, a former English major, is a senior copy editor at National Lampoon. Lampoon, familiar to most people as a satirical publication that spoofs contemporary issues and personalities, gained a large following of readers on the nation's campuses during the 1960's. Since then, its circulation has grown considerably.

Ms. Gikaw, employed at Lampoon six years, first heard about the position through an ad she saw in the New York Times for an editorial assistant. "A position opened up as copy editor after a year on the job as an editorial assistant," Ms. Gikaw said.

She describes her career at National Lampoon as, "A wonderful, but crazy place to work where the people are phenomenal and the atmosphere casual," adding "My co-workers tend to be somewhat less zany than the reputation the magazine has with the public, but not by much." Ms. Gikaw lives in New York City.

PROFILE

Dr. Hugh J. Cassidy, '74, was honored recently by the Long Island chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews for his work in improving police-community relations in some of New York City's most crime-ridden areas.

Dr. Cassidy received the award for "Operation Reachout," a program he instituted from 1972-74 when he was commanding officer of the 106th Precinct in Queens. "Operation Reachout" consisted of monthly visits by Cassidy and his staff to churches and synagogues in his jurisdiction. "The message would always be one of brotherhood and sisterhood, and what we, the police, can do for you," Dr. Cassidy said. In addition to weekly visits to churches and synagogues, Cassidy also opened his official "Home" — the police station — to the community, demonstrating his direct involvement and concern for residents in his precinct.

The Cassidy family members, no strangers to the University and community, have been residents of Strathmore in Stony Brook for the last 12 years.

1968

Judith A. Lent has joined the General Electric Research and Development Center's Whitney Library as a reference and copyright librarian. Ms. Lent previously worked six years as an assistant librarian for the Milne Library at the State University College at Oneonta, N.Y. She is also a member of the New York Library Association and the Special Libraries Association. *Joe Rosenthal* and *Michelle (Blum) Rosenthal* are living in Princeton, New Jersey and have two children, Deborah — 6 and Eric 1½. Joe is Director of Computer Hardware Development for Educational Testing Service.

1969

Leo Jed is financial Manager for the City and County of San Francisco's \$1.5 Billion wastewater program.

1970

I. Berenhaus is completing a Ph.D. in Neuropsychology at CUNY and has just received a dual appointment as Research Assistant, Univ. of Pittsburgh School of Psychology and

Research Psychologist at a V.A. Hospital. He is doing research in schizophrenia. *Julian Eule* is currently an Assistant Professor of Law at Temple University. His specialty is criminal law. As an undergraduate at Stony Brook, Mr. Eule was a history major and served as a Secretary of Polity.

1972

D. Galland has received an M.D. degree from the University of Rochester and starts an internship/residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at UCLA. *Louis Rothberg* (J.D. William & Mary '75) has opened a law firm in Alexandria, Va.

1973

Larry Blum is touring in a production of "A Chorus Line" Boston, Kansas, San Francisco, Hawaii, etc. *Ralph Fresolone* (J.D. New York Law, '77) is now employed by CBS, Inc. *Miles Rosenthal* is graduating from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and starts an internship in Internal Medicine at Beth Israel Medical Center, New York. *Bill Sirotty* graduates from Georgetown Medical School and is starting a general practice residence at St. Charles Hospital, Port Jefferson.

1974

Gary and Eileen (Winston) Rosenberg are living in Massachusetts; he has graduated from Boston College Law '77 and is serving as a Law Clerk in State Superior Court, while Eileen graduated from Boston University School of Medicine and is an intern in Internal Medicine, Boston City Hospital.

1976

Jonathan Salant has graduated from Columbia School of Journalism with a Master's Degree.

1977

Linda Priolo is currently the first and only woman member of the Setauket Fire Department. *Bruce Tenebaum* was named national college promotional manager for Atlantic Records. Tenebaum comes to Atlantic from WRCN-FM (Long Island) where he was music director and D.J. *Robert J. Gearty* will marry Lynette Susan Broecker on February 18, 1978, after which the couple will live in Washington, D.C. Gearty is employed by the New York Daily News, Washington, D.C. Bureau. *Suzanne* and *Mary Saramak* have returned from a one year study program in Poland as exchange students. Suzanne completed credits towards her M.A. in Liberal Studies in Education and Mary completed her B.A. in Philosophy.

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