

Stony Brook People

May 1980

"Say a Prayer" For Our Alumni Hostage in Tehran

The Alumni Office has just issued an honorary 1980-81 alumni membership card to an alumnus who, for a very special reason, is unable to pay his own dues.

Navy Lt. Comdr. Robert A. Engelmann, '68, is a hostage in Tehran. On May 16, the Alumni Office received this letter from Comdr. Engelmann's mother, Mrs. Marian Engelmann, in Hurst, Texas:

"Our son, Robert A. Engelmann, Class of '68, is a hostage in Tehran, Iran. He is a Lt. Commander in the United States Navy. We will save the alumni renewal form for him to fill out when he returns to the States. Say a prayer for him."

Last December, *Newsweek* reported that Comdr. Engelmann had been taken hostage less than a week before his tour of duty at the American Embassy was due to end. Just two months earlier, *Newsweek* said, he had visited his parents at their home in Hurst, a suburb of Fort Worth. "He wasn't at all anxious about his final days in Tehran," the *Newsweek* story added. "But mixed in among the snapshots he showed his parents of Iran's mountains and seashore were a few showing bullet holes left in his embassy office window from earlier trouble."

In a letter forwarding Comdr. Engelmann's new alumni card, Dr. Mel Morris, '62, Alumni Association President, wrote to Mrs. Engelmann:

"Thank you for your concern during this most difficult time about renewal of your son's alumni membership. We are hereby designating him, on an honorary basis, a member in good standing and forwarding his membership card with earnest wishes that he will be returning to use it in the very near future. Our prayers and I know those of his 40,000 fellow alumni will be with him."

Comdr. Engelmann, 33, majored in psychology at Stony Brook.

Yang Receives Award

Nobel Laureate C.N. Yang, Albert Einstein Professor of Physics at Stony Brook, is one of ten prominent University of Chicago Alumni who received the University of Chicago Alumni Association's Professional Achievement Awards at the association's annual awards ceremony May 17.



SB's New President

Dr. John Harmen Marburger III, Dean of the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences at the University of Southern California since 1976, will come to Stony Brook July 1 as the University's third president, an appointment which has been greeted with enthusiasm on all sides.

SUNY Chancellor Clifton R. Wharton Jr. describes Dr. Marburger as "the right man at the right time for the right place," and Donald Blinken, Chairman of the SUNY Board of Trustees, says, "We're very impressed and very delighted..."

Closer to home, Statesman described the appointment as "a wise choice," and Dr. R.C. Anderson, Chairman of the Stony Brook Council, calls it "great news, not only for Stony Brook, but for the whole State University system."

As for Dr. Marburger, he says that he is "flattered" to have been asked by Stony Brook, and that Stony Brook's excellence and the protection of this excellence will be "his very first priorities" as president.

A member of the Physics Department at USC from 1966-1975 and chairman of the department from 1972-1975, Dr. Marburger holds a B.A. in physics from Princeton University, a Ph.D. in applied physics from Stanford University, and is the author of more than 50 papers, monographs and reviews in the field of theoretical physics.

An amateur pianist, Dr. Marburger has built and plays his own harpsichord. His personal library numbers 15,000 volumes.

He and his wife, the former Carol Preston Godfrey, were married in 1965. Their children are John, born in 1970, and Alexander, born in 1972.

Alumni Weekend Planned For October 10-12

Virtually all the Stony Brook Union Building's facilities have been booked for this fall's Alumni Weekend program. Planning is under way now, and it's time to mark your calendar to reserve the dates—Columbus Day Weekend, October 10-12. Alumni returning for the festivities will include numerous members of the Class of 1970, which will hold a special 10th anniversary celebration during the weekend.

Events tentatively scheduled include informal Friday night wine and cheese seminars with faculty members. There will be Saturday afternoon campus tours, followed by a potpourri of late afternoon/early evening cocktail or wine-tasting parties and discussion sessions, preceding an evening concert, dance or both. An Alumni marathon run and a car rallye on Sunday morning are expected to top off the weekend's events. The Alumni Weekend committee is headed by the Class of 1970 representatives on the Alumni Board, Jeanne Behrman, Alumni Association Treasurer, and Linda Rawluk.

Board Elections Started: 8 New Members on Ballot

Alumni ranging from a 1962 graduate who is now a Stony Brook dean to this year's Polity president are on the ballot in the annual Alumni Association Board of Directors elections now taking place.

Active Association members received election ballots in mid-May, returnable by May 26. The ballot lists eight alumni nominated for new Board positions: Prof. Lester G. Paldy, '62, Stony Brook's Dean for Continuing and Developing Education; Robert Cohen, '72, a former Statesman editor-in-chief, now anchorman for the new Wall Street Journal Radio Network; Prof. Hugh Cassidy, '74 (Grad., CED) Professor of Criminal Justice, Adelphi University; Carl Carlucci, '75 (Grad.), Staff Director of the New York State Legislative Commission on Reappointment; Louis Manna, '78, Photographic Consultant, WNBC-TV; Ronald Cohen, '78, Assistant Public Relations Director, New York Jets; Lynn Zoller, '80, former Assistant Treasurer, Polity, football cheerleader, Theatre Arts major; and (continued on back)



Susan Liers, left, and Brett Notine

Alumni Job Survey Reports Salaries from \$2000-50,000

How have Stony Brook graduates fared in the tight job market? For 451 alumni from the classes of 1973-76, the answer is, reasonably well—with 83% employed full or part time, 11% in graduate or professional school and 6% unemployed and looking for work.

This was part of the information that came from a survey of alumni from that three-year period, done by the Stony Brook Research Group for Human Development and Educational Policy, headed by Dr. Joseph Katz, with assistance from graduate student Roberta Leslie. From a sample of 1200 graduates from '73-'76, 451 responded. The researchers came up with these findings for this group of alumni:

- Those employed (373) reported 100 different occupations.
- Approximately one third said the jobs were very closely related to their undergraduate majors.
- Only ten per cent reported job dissatisfaction.
- Salaries ranged from \$2000 a year for part time work to more than \$50,000 in a few cases; the average annual income was \$15,000.
- Graduates with the highest incomes (over \$18,000) are found in managerial or administrative business positions, law, computer programming, sales, factory work, medicine and engineering; included in this income bracket were one secretary, one psychologist, one social services administrator and one small business owner.
- Substantial differences existed between salaries of men and women; few men make less than \$5000 per year even for part time work, while few women earn salaries over \$18,000. "The disparities in income appears to be a direct result of the different occupations held by men and women," Dr. Katz commented.
- Many graduates sought positions through employment agencies and other for-fee-placement services, newspaper and journal ads, and civil service, but only in a few instances did these efforts lead to their present positions.
- Almost three fourths of the graduates reported that they have undertaken further schooling or technical training since graduating from Stony Brook.
- Graduates associated many maturational experiences with their college years; several thought Stony Brook made them more cynical; a few thought Stony Brook prepared them for the future by subjecting them to various patience-trying bureau-

cratic procedures, similar to those they now face.

"Regardless of their occupational or educational attainment, most alumni expressed positive feelings and seemed to look back on their college days as a worthwhile experience," Dr. Katz and Ms. Leslie concluded.

Alumnus Named NY Regent

A Stony Brook alumnus made history in April when he was elected to the New York State Board of Regents.

Floyd Linton, recipient of a Master of Arts degree in Liberal Studies in 1975, is the first year-round Suffolk resident to be named a regent since the time of the Revolutionary War. At age 34, he is also the youngest member on the Board.

Mr. Linton is also a member of the Stony Brook Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Mr. Linton, former presiding officer of the Suffolk County Legislature, was elected to fill the Long Island seat on the Board left vacant by the retirement of Theodore Black of Roslyn. The Regents, who are unpaid and serve part time, set standards for educational institutions, regulate credentials for professionals in education, and recommend public school financing proposals to the Legislature. The Board of Regents was created in 1784 to provide an independent voice for education by New Yorkers angry about a colonial governor's policy of hiring only teachers who belonged to the Church of England.

Before his term on the County Legislature, Mr. Linton was an English teacher at Comsewogue High School in Port Jefferson. Earlier, he had served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Antigua, West Indies. Currently, Mr. Linton is vice president of Patriot Security Service, a protective-service company in Ridge.

World Class Racewalker And Tennis Star Win Alumni Athlete Awards

Susan Liers, '80, a world record holder in two women's racewalking events and a senior at Stony Brook, is one of two winners of the Stony Brook Alumni Association Senior Athlete Award for 1979-80.

The world record holder in track for the 20 kilometers race and for the 40 kilometers race, Liers performed for the Patriots' women's track team last fall. She shares this year's alumni award with tennis and squash star Brett Notine, '80, who has enjoyed one of the finest athletic careers in Stony Brook history, having played four years of varsity tennis and squash.

A native of Smithtown, Susan is described by women's track coach Paul Dudzick as, "a super athlete who is internationally recognized for her accomplishments." A two-time double gold medal winner in the New York State Empire Games, she was one of 53 athletes selected to carry the Olympic torch into Lake Placid to officially open the 1980 Winter Olympic Games.

The captain of the Patriots' tennis team, Notine captured the Metropolitan Doubles Championship with teammate Alan Maites in 1979, and became the metro area's top squash player by winning the 1980 Metropolitan Squash Singles Title.

"He is one of the most remarkable athletes I've ever coached, and I've been coaching for 25 years," says tennis coach Les Thompson. "Brett is a marvelous squash player and his 44-13 intercollegiate won-lost record is the best in Patriot history," says squash coach Bob Snider.

The alumni award is presented annually to a senior who has made outstanding athletic and academic contributions to the University. Steve Aronowitz and Janet Travis shared last year's award.

Alumni Dentists Treat Allman Bros. Singer

A sellout Allman Brothers concert on campus May 6 resulted in a special emergency patient for two alumni of the University's School of Dental Medicine.

Allman's singer Bonnie Bramlett had developed a dental problem compounded by a frenetic tour schedule that prevented treatment until a crisis came, the day of the group's Stony Brook concert.

An urgent call put the group's manager in touch with Drs. Daniel Cunningham and Francis Olsen, 1978 graduates of the Dental School who established a practice in the Three Village area last year. Thursday morning Ms. Bramlett arrived at their office for treatment. The aftermath: Drs. Cunningham and Olsen were special backstage guests of the Allmans at a concert the following evening.

Campus News

Kazin Returns to Campus

Alfred Kazin, former Distinguished Professor of English at Stony Brook (1963-1973), was back on campus April 27 as a speaker in a symposium on "Literature and the Jews." The noted author and critic is now Distinguished Professor of English Literature at Hunter College. The symposium, part of the annual Jewish Arts Festival, was sponsored by the Department of English, the Programs in Judaic Studies and Comparative Literature, and the Center for Contemporary Arts and Letters.

Returning Student Network

Stony Brook's Office of Undergraduate Studies has set up a Returning Student Network to serve the more than 12 percent of the University population that is 25 years of age and older. Returning Student Advisors have been designated in 18 key academic and administrative offices and returning student academic advising hours—from 5-7 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays—established at the CED Evening Center. Nancy Rothman is Network Coordinator.

Vandalism Study

With the support of an \$11,841 National Science Foundation grant, six students at the W. Averell Harriman College for Urban and Policy Sciences will study what more than 70 Suffolk County school districts are doing to combat vandalism. Prof. Richard Silkman is the faculty adviser; Ruth Cohen, a graduate student, is project director.

Summer Program for Minorities

Through a \$70,000 grant from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, Stony Brook's W. Averell Harriman College for Urban and Policy Sciences is offering minority students an eight-week summer workshop in Public Policy Analysis and Management directed specifically toward preparing them for graduate level study.

Cosmos Soccer Trip June 22

The annual Stony Brook Soccer Alumni trip, with the Cosmos vs. Fort Lauderdale, is set for Sunday, June 22. This year's trip, in response to many requests, is to a game with an afternoon (2:30 p.m.) kickoff to make it easier for alumni to bring their children. Ticket reservations, through checks payable to SBF/Alumni/Cosmos, are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children, and should reach the Alumni Association, Box 654, Stony Brook NY 11790 by June 1 to

assure good seats. For more information, call Stony Brook's own soccer maven, Jack Guarneri, '68, (516) 363-2845.

Energy Research Awards

The Stony Brook Foundation, in cooperation with the Institute for Energy Research at Stony Brook, is introducing in the 1980-81 academic year a Senior Energy Policy Award to encourage interested and talented undergraduates to involve themselves in independent energy policy research. As many as 12 awards of \$1,000 each will be made to outstanding seniors throughout the campus. The committee is inviting applications from students majoring in the humanities and social sciences as well as engineering and the sciences.

Laser Studies

Oliver Schaeffer, Professor of Earth and Space Sciences, and Henri Maluski of Montpellier, France, at Stony Brook as the 1979-1980 Visiting Scientist in the French-American Exchange, will present a paper at the 1980 Spring meeting of the American Geophysics Union. The paper describes their experiments in applying the laser method to the study of terrestrial rocks. The AGU meeting, May 22-27 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, is being held in conjunction with six Canadian scientific societies.

MSRC Fund Drive

The Marine Sciences Research Center (MSRC) at Stony Brook has embarked on a ten-month fund drive to raise \$500,000 for the endowment of a permanent Long Island Marine Scholar research position. MSRC Director Jerry Schubel says that the scholar will devote him or herself entirely to the study of Long Island's coastal problems; the position will be a permanent one, and holders will be limited to three-year appointments. For starters, he says, the subject requiring the attention of such a scholar include the recently formed Moriches Bay inlet and its effects on Moriches Bay, erosion, and the disposal of contaminated waste products.

Teachers' Career Change Conference

Dr. Alan Entine's Mid-Life Assessment Program at Stony Brook is offering a three-session workshop on Career Alternatives for Teachers. Meeting from 7-9 p.m. on Wednesdays June 4, 11 and 18, the workshop will cover such topics as personal assessment, resume building, job search strategies and job interview techniques.

Faculty Art Show

Howardena Pindell, former associate curator at the Museum of Modern Art who joined the Stony Brook faculty last fall as Associate Professor of Art, exhibited some of her large-scale paintings and small-

scale constructions in a recent show at the Lerner/Heller Gallery on Madison Avenue. A review in the April 28 Village Voice found "enchantment" in the "intimate-size constructions" and a "stunning, glittery formality" in the larger works.

Guggenheim Awards

Three members of the Stony Brook faculty are among the nation's 276 scholars, scientists, and artists selected for John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation 1980 Fellowship awards. They are: Dr. William Bauer, Professor of Microbiology, "Studies in Human Tumor Cell Biology"; Dr. Ronald Douglas, Professor of Mathematics, "Index Theorems and Operator Theory,"; and Dr. Michael Schwartz, Associate Professor of Sociology, "The Power Structure of American Business."

Chancellor's Award Winners

Two faculty members and three non-teaching professionals at Stony Brook have received the State University of New York Chancellor's Award for Excellence in the 1979-80 academic year. Excellence in Teaching awards have been presented to Ora James Bouey, Assistant Professor of Medical/Surgical Nursing in the School of Nursing and to Dr. Clyde Lee Miller, Assistant Professor of Philosophy. Stony Brook winners of Excellence in Professional Service awards are Deborah Buchanan, Associate for University Systems Analysis, Management Systems; Jules Elias, Supervising Histologist, Pathology, Health Sciences Center; and Raymond Maniuszko, Director of Institutional Services, Planning Studies.

MSRC Tests Seaweed

Dr. Boudewijn Brinkhuis, Assistant Professor, and Dr. Orville Terry, Project Director, at Stony Brook's Marine Sciences Research Center, are testing nine species of seaweed common to East Coast waters as part of a federally funded "biomass" study. Their ultimate goal is to create sea-farms where seaweeds can be grown and harvested for transport to shore facilities which will convert the seaweed "biomass" to methane as an alternate source of natural gas. Their first problem is to determine which seaweed best meets their criteria: very rapid growth, chemical composition and ease of conversion to methane.

A Bright Tradition

It was heralded as "the biggest thing to hit this campus in a long time," and it came off as a four-day event that attracted more than 10,000 people to join in, sample and enjoy a wide variety of activities. It was SUN-FEST, a spring festival, organized mainly by students with the help of the Student Activities Office. They designed it to become an annual tradition

Order Your Summer Alumni Tee Shirt

Stony Brook alumni t-shirts are now in stock and available through the Alumni Office. The t-shirts are white with red trim, SUNY logo and Alumni Association insignia. Just fill out and send in the form below with your check. Be proud, order now!

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Stony Brook, LI, NY 11790

Board Elections

(continued from front)

David Herzog, '80, Polity President, 1979-80, and biology major.

Twenty current Board members have been nominated for re-election. They are: Dr. Melvyn Morris, '62, Association President; Leonard Spivak, Esq., '64; Joseph Buscareno, '66 and Robert Melchior, '66; Patrick Gavin, '68, and Jack Guarneri, '68; Jeanne Behrman, '70, Association Treasurer, Linda Rawluk, '70 and Lynn King Morris, '70 (Grad.); Sarah Inglima, '72, Margaret Macauley, '72 (Affiliate Member) and John Finnerty, also '72 (Grad., CED); Larry Bozman, '74, Michael Kape, '74, Dr. Jeffrey Sachs, '74 (Grad., HSC, Dental) and Lawrence Starr, '74; Richard Gelfond, '76 and Jonathan Salant, '76; Grace Lee, '78 and David Woods, (Faculty/Administration).

All those nominated for election or re-election are running for two-year terms. The Board also includes 22 other, continuing members, all currently halfway through two-year terms.

A final member occupies a unique position by one-time Board action. Marvin Rosenberg, '62, the Association's founding President, sits as the Board's first and only lifetime member.

This spring's elections, if completed as anticipated, will bring voting (non-affiliate) Board membership to 48 persons, just two below the maximum membership level permitted by Association by-laws. The Board of Directors consequently must take action during the coming year to reduce Board size. This may be done through an existing bylaw provision that earlier, smaller classes have one instead of the present two Board seats representing each graduating class. The Board also has indicated interest in a bylaw revision process which probably would eliminate the present system of closely tying Board representation to class years.

Your thoughts about this process are welcome. Write the Bylaws Revision Committee, c/o the Alumni Office.

Stony Brook Alumni Association Membership Coupon

Membership in the Alumni Association can help make your memories of Stony Brook realities once again by keeping you in close contact with campus happenings and offering you benefits such as use of the library and gymnasium (swimming pool) as well as life and health insurance and travel opportunities. Membership is effective for one year from receipt of dues. Dues are tax deductible. Check with your employer about the alumni matching gift programs offered by many businesses, which can double your dues contribution.

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