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Students, Faculty, and Staff Leave Titles at Home















The 1996 Student Faculty Staff Retreat: 1. Paul Armstrong, Dean of College of Arts and Sciences; Leonard Finn, Graduate Student Advocate. 2. Panelists for "Academic Changes," Barbara Fletcher, Director, Student Orientation Program; Gil Bowen, Associate University Registrar; Leonard Finn; Ernest McNealey, Dean of Undergradate Academic Affairs; Jim Mackin, Associate Professor. 3. Sally Sternglanz, Women's Studies Program, and Kathleen Vernon, Hispanic Languages. 4. Monique Maylor, Polity Class Rep. 5. Mia C. White, student. 6. Students Laurence Maikarfi, Susan Pidel, Marjorie Eyma; (in back) Gary Mar, Associate Professor, Philosophy. 7. A group of riveted listeners.

The mood at the 1996 Student-Faculty-Staff retreat was noticeably upbeat. "In the past, it wasn't unusual to hear a lot of grumbling, but that didn't happen this time. Everyone was very positive," says Norman Prusslin, retreat co-chair and assistant director, student union and activities.

The 12th annual Student-Faculty-Staff Retreat, held November 8-9 at the Harriman Conference Center in Glen Cove, was attended by 50 Stony Brook people representing a cross-section of professions, interests, and backgrounds.

"The retreat was both enlightening and invigorating," says Gary Matthews, assistant vice president for facilities and services. "It provided tremendous opportunities for faculty, staff and students to interact, and leave titles at home. The students saw us in our jeans and said, "Wow, you really are human beings."

"I had no idea anything like this existed, where students, faculty and staff just talk over dinner," says cochair and undergraduate Mia C. White. "It was so cool to meet President Kenny. She's so laid back and nice. It's important for students to meet these people. I walked away so happy. It's like when you go away to camp and make new friends. It makes you feel more connected to the campus."

Every year the retreat's planning committee gets together prior to the event to brainstorm themes. "This year the one word that kept coming up over and over again was change," says Marcia Weiner, retreat co-chair and Stony Brook Union leisure program coordinator. "Everywhere you look change is occurring—the physical look of the university, the role of undergraduates, the academic area. So much is going on; how can we make this a better place?" This year's theme: "The New Stony Brook: Leading the Change," addressed these issues.

"The theme acknowledges change, which can bring fear and frustration and how to cope with change," says Prusslin. "We always try to develop a theme that is relevant and timely, so we can go back to work and feel like we weren't just discussing pie-in-the-sky ideas, but something real we can act on now.

"What's good about the mix of people is that many of them are in a position to make things happen. The retreat empowers people to get involved." Gerry Brandenstein, treasurer of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, attended the retreat in 1987, 1988 and this year. "It's great to see how things we discussed back in the '80s are now part of the campus climate, such as Campus Lifetime, a larger student union and a stadium," he says. "Anyone who questions the value of these retreats should look at those incredible improvements for proof of the retreat's effectiveness."

Throughout the retreat weekend, panelists spoke on change in academic areas, the physical environment, the campus community and outreach. Panel discussions were followed by ten-person workshops, where participants were encouraged to discuss the pros and cons of a given issue openly. One person from each workshop reported back to the entire group on what was discussed. This format makes it possible for a variety of ideas and viewpoints to be expressed.

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-Mia C. White, undergraduate student co chair

The topics generate a great deal of discussion, interaction and opinion. "In the past some people came with an agenda. They didn't want to share the spotlight, and went off on their own tangent," says Prusslin. "But this year people worked together in a very constructive way."

"The first day there's always a little apprehension, but people get over that," says Jim Mackin, associate professor at the Marine Sciences Research Center. "There's a lot of social interaction after panel discussions and people get more comfortable and positive. There was

a real distinct difference this year between the mood of the first and second days."

Issues under discussion included new faculty senate policies, orientation, the new dean structure for the colleges, the role of graduate students, residence hall changes, the physical environment, unavailability of SINC sites, the fairness of technology fees, deferred maintenance costs, and more.

"One thing we talked about was how important internships are," says White. "We decided we ought to have an intern fair where businesses are invited so they can connect with students. We'd also like the fair to include services on writing a good resume, interviewing skills—all that. I plan to meet with Ernest McNealy [associate provost and dean of undergraduate academic affairs], and start organizing this fair. I'm very excited."

"The students bring a sense of realism to everything," says Mackin. "The faculty tend to be idealistic. The students say, 'here I am, a real person and here's what you're doing to me.' It's fantastic.

The retreat, of course, isn't all work. Everyone quickly learned that Fred Preston, vice president for student affairs, is an ace ping-pong player, and that Lawrence Martin, dean of the graduate school, is a foozball whiz. "A lot of us stayed up late talking about everything from work to family," says Mackin.

The retreat–sponsored by the following organizations: Student Polity Association, Department of Student Union and Activities, Student Affairs Executive Area, Faculty Student Association, Graduate Student Organization, Division of Campus Residence, Alumni Association, University Affairs–is by invitation and open application. The retreat committee tries to invite a balanced cross-section of students, staff, and faculty, including people new to Stony Brook. To some extent, the theme dictates who is invited. "If someone wants to come, he or she should request an application to attend," says Prusslin. "Nearly all past applications have been reviewed positively by the retreat committees."

"The last three words of the last panel were 'community, commitment and cooperation'," says Ceil Cleveland, vice president for university affairs. "I think that says what the group is all about."

BEST-SELLING AUTHOR SUSAN ISAACS: WHERE ARE THE JANE EYRES OF TODAY?

Susan Isaacs, screenwriter and best-selling author of seven novels including *Compromising Positions*, *Shining Through*, and most recently *Lily White*, spoke at the University Club on Thursday, November 21. President Kenny introduced Isaacs as "everybody's favorite novelist." Isaacs talked about "women depicted in the arts," films in particular.

One of Isaacs' favorite heroines is Jane Eyre, a woman who displayed "moral and physical courage. Serious heroines who are looking to go beyond themselves, are hard to find in contemporary film and fiction," she says. "In 'Steel Magnolias', the women never got out of their chairs."

Isaac's talk was organized by Adrienne Munich, director of Women's Studies The audience consisted of women in business and the arts, faculty, staff and students. "We're trying to form a network of women who can help our students be the kind of women in Isaacs' novels," says Munich. "Women who are smart, and out there in the world doing things."



Harold Friedman Wins Hildebrand Award

Professor Harold L. Friedman of the Department of Chemistry is the 1996 recipient of the Joel Henry Hildebrand Award in Theoretical and Experimental Chemistry of Liquids. The award is sponsored by Exxon Research and Engineering Company, and Exxon Chemical Research Company. Friedman was recognized for his distinguished contributions to the understanding of chemistry and physics of liquids. He will receive \$5000, a certificate, and travel allowance to a conference for conferral of the award. The award was established in 1980 in recognition of the contributions of the American Chemical Society.

His Cheating Heart

If your husband is cheating on you, and you'd like to talk about it in a caring and confidential environment, consider taking part in a study being conducted by the Psychology Department. The aim of the study is to examine the impact of a husband's extramarital affair on a spouse.

If a participant qualifies to be in the study, she will be sent a packet of questionnaires and be interviewed at the University Marital Clinic. One and two months later, participants will be contacted for short, follow-up interviews. Participants will be compensated.

Participation is strictly confidential. Only the primary investigators, Annmarie Cano, M.A. and K. Daniel O'Leary, Ph.D., will have access to the study information. Call Cano, 632-7850.

December Library Hours

The Melville Library's Commuter Lounge and Scholars Study Center (1st floor, south side of Melville Library) will stay open until 3 a.m. December 8 to 19. Dependent upon availability of staff, the science branch libraries will be open until midnight, December 9 to 19. On Saturday, December 14, closing will be at 10 p.m., and on Friday, December 20, closing will be at 5 p.m.

For more information, contact Joseph Branin, Dean of Libraries, 2-7100 or jbranin@ccmail.sunysb.edu.





Top photo: President Kenny introduces author Susan Issacs, who spoke to a full house at the University Club on Novembre 21. In the photo below, Isaacs and Adrienne Munich, Director of Women's Studies, talk about women in the arts.

Do You Know An Undergraduate Who's a Good Writer?

Encourage him or her to participate in the following contests.

Stony Brook \$1000 Short Fiction Prize

Only undergradutes enrolled full-time in American and Canadian universitites and colleges for the academic year 1996-97 are eligible. Students with an Asian background are particularly encouraged to apply. Submissions of no more than 5000 words should be typed or printed on paper that is 8 1/2" by 11" accompanied by a permanent address/telephone number, and proof of the participant's current undergraduate enrollment. The deadline for submissions is February 28, 1997. The prize will be awarded in June, 1997.

Send submissions to Carolyn McGrath, Department of English, Humanities Building, State University of New York at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY 11794-5350. The judges are members of the faculty of the Department of English and Creative Writing Program.

Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics Essay Contest

Suggested themes: discuss ethics based on a personal experience, why are we here? how are we to meet our ethical obligations? reflect on an ethical aspect of a literary text. Essays may be developed from any point of view and can be in the form of a case study, or an analysis that is literary, historical, philosophical, biographical, sociological, psychological or theological. Length, 3000 to 4000 words; entrants, full-time juniors and seniors; deadline, postmarked by January 17, 1997. First prize, \$5000; second prize, \$2500; third prize, \$1500. Sponsored by the Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity. For information and applications, contact Nancy Franklin, Department of Psychology, at 2-7840

Campus Calendar

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 11

Keith Sonnier: Oriental and Occidental University Art Gallery, Staller Center for the Arts. 12:00-4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; 5:00-8:00 p.m. Saturday For more information, call 516-632-7240. The Gallery will be open for one hour prior to Main Stage Performances. This exhibit will be on display until 12/14/96.

Service Awards Ceremony. Main Stage, Atrium Lobby, Staller Center for the Arts 4:00-6:30 p.m. For information, contact Ann Brody at 516-632-6320. This award ceremony is held in honor of those who have served the University and community for 20, 25, 30, and 35 years.

Perspectives on the Seismic Hazard of the Northeastern United States. Earth and Space Sciences Building, Room 123. 4:00 p.m. For more information, contact the Department of

Earth and Space Sciences, 632-8200. John Ebel of Boston College will speak as part of the ongoing Geosciences Colloquia series.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 16

Introduction to Nurse-Midwifery. Emma S. Clark Memorial Library, Community Room - Lower Level. 7:00 p.m. Jane Arnold, C.N.M. will speak as part of the Women's Health Lecture Series. Sponsored by the Stony Brook Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Medicine. To pre-register, call 516-941-4080, Ext. 1.

MONDAY FEBUARY 10

The Psychoanalytic Construction of Art University Art Gallery, Staller Center for the Arts. 3:00 p.m. For more information, contact Professor Ann Gibson at 516-632-7264. Donald B. Kuspit, a member of the Stony Brook faculty, will speak as part of the Art Department's Art History and Criticism Lecture Series.

THURSDAY MARCH 20

A Historiography of Technocriticism. University Art Gallery, Staller Center for the Arts. 5:00 p.m. For more information, contact Professor Ann Gibson at 516-632-7264. Catherine Souloff of the University of California, Santa Cruz, will speak as part of the Art Department's Art History and Criticism Lecture Series.

SUNDAY APRIL 13

Debbie Whittemore Memorial 5K Run Race begins at the Stony Brook Athletic Facilities. For more information about registration and entries, contact the Intramural Program at 516-632-7168. Come join faculty, staff, students, and community in one of the best local road races. Have fun and support a great cause.

THURSDAY APRIL 17

Delacroix's Massacre at Chios and the Risk of Heterosexual Conquest. University Art Gallery, Staller Center for the Arts. 5:00 p.m. For more information, contact Professor Ann Gibson at 516-632-7264. Darcy Grigsby of the University of California, will speak as part of Department of Art's Art History and Criticism Lecture Series.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention Faculty and Staff. Is there someone you would like to see receive information about applying to Stony Brook as an undergraduate? The admissions staff is available to assist your family and friends through the college selection and admissions process. If we can be of assistance to you, please call the admissions office at 2-0505 or stop by our office on the first floor of the Administration Building

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Attention Faculty and Student Affairs Personnel: Disabled Student Services would like to remind you to complete and return the Americans with Disabilities Survey to our office by December 3, 1996. If you have any questions or need more information, call Sylvia Geoghegan at 632-6748. Again, thanks for your valued participation in this important project.

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Psychology, Sociology and/or Health Related students interested in professional experience working with autistic child in a one-to-one behavioral home program (Lovaas), call 751-3810. Must be highly motivated and dependable. Pay commensurate with experience. Will train. Internships also available for Stony Brook credit. Two references.

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The Department of Environmental Health & Safety has a group of positions open for qualified work-study students including fire safety assistant, safety services assistant, data management assistant, occupational health services assistant and health physics lab assistant. No prior experience is necessary. For information, call Renee Nelson at 632-9671.

Actors (dialects & impressions), writers, directors, musicians, and engineers wanted for The Montage Radio Theatre Troupe which will be performing radio plays in the studio on WUSB-FM and elsewhere and before live audiences. On tap is a remake of "War of the Worlds" and a live performance for the I-CON science fiction convention in April, 1997. For information, call Bradley Arrington at 632-6800.

Donations of new and used clothing and decorative household items are needed for the University Medical Center thrift shop, the Nearly New Boutique, 116 East Main Street in Port Jefferson. For information, call the Auxiliary office at 444-2699.

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from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. or Saturday and Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free refreshments are provided after the

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University Medical Center Hospital Auxiliary needs volunteers to staff its thrift shop, the Nearly New Boutique, at 116 East Main Street in Port Jefferson. For information, please call the Auxiliary office at 444-2699.

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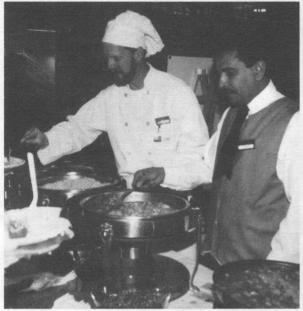
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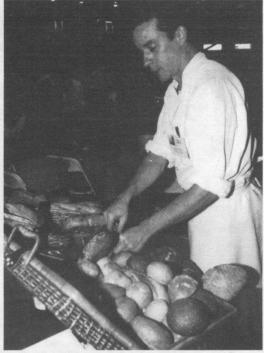
SAMPLING LONG ISLAND'S WINE AND CUISINE













Celebrants at Stony Brook's Wine and Food Tasting on November 21. Special thanks to the following corporate sponsors who helped make this event a success: North Fork Bank (corporate benefactor), American Express (corporate patron), Chemical Bank, IBM, Marriott Wind Watch Hotel and Golf Club, the Maxon Company, NYNEX, Siemens Business Communication Systems, and Fleet Bank (corporate donors).

It Takes a Vision to Raise a Village

The administration is taking steps to create a more village-like atmosphere on campus for the enjoyment and convenience of students and staff. "The University wants the campus to have more of the things used in everyday life such as a bank, convenience store, upscale coffee house, additional food services, and more bookstore services," says Gary Matthews, Assistant Vice President for Facilities and Services. The University's long-term goal is to provide practical services in a pleasing visual environment to stimulate thought, conversation and recreation.

"We are in the process of developing and planning a village concept where the campus community can address most of its daily needs," says Matthews. "A transition is underway to make the area known as the Academic Mall the center of campus life. We will consult FSA,



The recently renovated fountain in front of the Earth and Space Sciences Center.

Polity, and a wide range of other campus interests on this issue. Meetings will be held to receive input from the campus so we make decisions as a community.

Small changes are in effect already. New tables and benches have been installed in many locations around campus. Additional bicycle racks are in the



New tables, benches, and umbrellas in front of the Humanities Building; a hint of what's to come.

plans. Many new refuse cans, recycling containers and ash urns have been placed in high volume areas. A street sweeper is now used to remove sand from campus roads. "We want our village to be a place where people can enjoy themselves. All these services help develop a sense of identity," says Matthews.

The new Student Activities Center will open in stages starting January 1997. After it is fully operational, "we plan to remove a lot of the gravel and concrete around the center and add grass," says Matthews. Students need grassy areas were they can sit on a warm, sunny day or throw a Frisbee. The "greening" of Stony Brook is a major part of the plan to create a more village -like environment.

Recently, the fountain in front of the Earth and Space Science Building was repaired. "We may consider another fountain. Or do we need to find the 'Brook' in Stony Brook?" Matthews comments referring to the brook believed

to run under the campus.

These changes can help strengthen the University's identity, and make it a better place to study, live and work.

-Robert Anderson



President Kenny hosts an Autumn Tea to thank community members who worked so diligently on the Reggae Jamboree last summer. This beach-front fund-raiser raised approximately \$70,000 for scholarships. From left to right: President Kenny, Cary Staller, Jane Knapp, Star Swartz (rear), Madeline Cherney, Elizabeth Frei, Marisella Staller, Anne Preston, John Folnan.

Small Business Development Center Wins Prestigious Awards

George Telmany is one of 15 winners of the National Association of Small Business Development Center's "Star Performer" Award. He has also won the New York State Small Business Advisor of the Year Award.

"George has been one of our star performers, helping hundreds of small businesses get started and become successful," says Judith McEvoy, director of the Small Business Development Center at Stony Brook's Harriman School, College of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

The Center provides expert assistance to small businesses and companies that would like to expand on Long Island. The Center has a main office at Stony Brook and outreach offices at Long Island University's Southampton

College and Suffolk Community College in Riverhead.

"George is an asset and energetic resource to the small business community on Long Island," says McEvoy. Telmany has served as a business advisor at Long Island University's outreach center in Southampton for the past two and a half years. This past year alone he has been responsible for helping small businesses obtain more than \$5 million

Telmany's awards were the result of evaluations from his clients. One business owner said, "With Telmany's assistance we were able to expand personnel and the building site, with a minimum amount of fees, time and aggravation." Another client said, "thanks to George we own our building today."