

## Nobel Laureate Sir James Black Lends Generous Support to Undergrad Pharmacology



Sir James Black (left) and Arthur Grollman, Glick professor and chair of the department of pharmacology.

One of the most respected pharmacologists of the century, Sir James Black, was at Stony Brook in December as the Leo and Judy Zickler Visiting Professor. "He was particularly taken by the undergraduate program/major for pharmacology at Stony Brook," says Arthur P. Grollman, Glick professor and chair, department of pharmacology. "Instead of accepting an honorarium and travel expenses—not inconsiderable since he travels by Concorde!—he turned down the funds he was slated to receive from the department. Our faculty agreed that the most appropriate use of the generous gift would be to create an annual award for an outstanding graduate majoring in pharmacology."

The award will be named after Sir James who was sufficiently impressed by the uniqueness of the program that he offered to lend his support to any future applications to foundations. "Our program is the first of its kind on the east coast, and one of only two in the United States," says Jean M. Devlin, assistant professor and director of the undergraduate program, pharmacological sciences. "Historically, pharmacology has been taught at the graduate level, but Stony Brook's program offers an undergraduate major in pharmacology taught by medical faculty."

### A Pioneer in the Field of Pharmacology

Sir James, or "Jim" as he likes to be called, has had a profound influence on the fields of pharmacology, physiology, and drug development. "From his work, he evolved the concept of examining initially the clinical condition...and, applying the knowledge gained to the design of drug substances," says Francis Johnson, chemistry and pharmacological professor. He revolutionized the drug industry, which largely adopted the approach he had pioneered. Two of his most significant contributions include the development of propranolol, the first beta-blocker now used by millions of people, and Tagament, the widely used anti-ulcer drug.

Although he remains an active scientist and director of his own research institute in London, Sir James has a great interest in education and serves as Chancellor of the University of Dundee.

## Stony Brook Gets Top Rating ...and Challenges the Elites

A major study of 203 universities ranked Stony Brook the number two public university in the country. The University of California at Berkeley was first, with Stony Brook and the University of California at Santa Barbara tied for second. Among the private universities, Stanford ranked first, followed by Princeton. Harvard and Yale and the University of Chicago tied for third.

The study was conducted by Hugh Davis Graham, a professor of history at Vanderbilt University. The results of the study are published in a new book, *The Rise of American Research Universities: Elites and Challengers in the Postwar Era* (Johns Hopkins University Press). It was written by Graham and Nancy Diamond, a Ph.D. student at the University of Maryland.

According to Graham, rankings such as those by the National Research Council are based largely on surveys

of faculty members who are asked to evaluate the reputation of a particular program. His study was based on data from 1945 to 1990 and took into account fellowships awarded to professors and the number of articles they had published in top-rated journals. He ranked public and private institutions separately, taking size into consideration. In *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, Graham said the book is "an analysis of change over time and not just a pecking order."

Here's how Stony Brook measured up in a number of categories:

### Leading Public Universities for Top-Science, Social Science, Arts and Humanities

1. UC Berkeley
2. SUNY-Stony Brook
2. UC Santa Barbara
4. UCLA
5. Wisconsin-Madison
5. Michigan
7. Illinois-Urbana
8. UC San Diego
8. Indiana
10. Colorado

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Fourth-graders from New Visions Elementary School, Freeport, in the University's Discover Lab. The students visit the University four times a year as part of a program to experience college first-hand and to learn about science.

**Stony Brook Rating,** continued from front page

**Leading Public Universities:**

**Social Science**

1. UC Santa Cruz
2. SUNY-Stony Brook
3. Michigan
4. Indiana
5. Wisconsin-Madison
6. UC Riverside
7. UC Santa Barbara
8. UC Berkeley
9. SUNY-Albany
10. UNC-Chapel Hill

**Science**

1. UC San Diego
2. UC Berkeley
3. UC Irvine
4. Colorado
5. SUNY-Stony Brook
6. UC Santa Barbara
7. UCLA
8. Illinois-Urbana
9. Wisconsin-Madison
10. Washington (Seattle)

**Arts and Humanities**

1. UC Berkeley
2. UC Santa Barbara
3. Texas-Dallas
4. UCLA
5. William and Mary
6. UC Riverside
7. Indiana
8. UC Santa Cruz
9. Oregon
10. Michigan
11. Missouri-St. Louis
12. SUNY-Stony Brook
13. Maryland-Baltimore County
14. Rutgers-New Brunswick
15. Illinois-Urbana

**Korean Studies Program Receives \$100,000 Grant**

The Korea Foundation of Seoul, Korea, has awarded a \$100,000 grant to Stony Brook's Korean Studies program. The grant will support a professorship in Korean language and culture, and two scholarly endeavors—the Korean Studies Publication Project, which publishes scholarly books on Korea, and a new academic journal, *The Journal of Korean Thought*.

The Korean Studies Publication Project, the first of its kind, produces textbooks, academic manuscripts and articles for English-speaking college students. The book series will translate into

English selected Korean texts on Korean philosophy religion, history, culture, literature and art, as well as selected English manu-

scripts in these areas. Stony Brook is working with Seoul National University to develop the series, and SUNY Press will coordinate the editing and production.

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Director of Stony Brook's Korean Studies Program and coordinator of the publications project. “With its generous support, the Korea Foundation has recognized the unique value of this approach.”

“Korean Studies is a vigorous, visible and highly valued part of the intellectual enterprise at Stony Brook,” says University President Shirley Strum Kenny. “With the support of the Korea Foundation, I am certain that it will continue to thrive for many years to come.”

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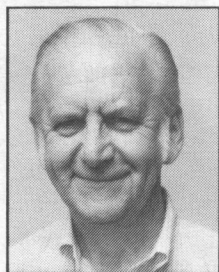
**Pollock-Krasner House to Exhibit Work by Legendary 20th Century Women Artists**

The Pollock-Krasner House and Study Center has been awarded a grant of \$23,000 from the Gladys Krieble Delmas Foundation for an exhibition of work by female artists who showed at Peggy Guggenheim's legendary New York City gallery in the 1940s. The exhibition, entitled *Art of This Century: The Women*, commemorates the centenary of Guggenheim's birth, and is organized by guest curator Siobhan M. Conaty, an art historian and archivist at the Ossorio Foundation in Southampton. Conaty received her Master's in Art History from Stony Brook and is a former Pollock-Krasner House intern. The exhibit will open at the Pollock-Krasner

House in August 1997 and travel to the Peggy Guggenheim Collection in Venice and the Museum of Women's Art in London.

From October 1942 to May 1947, Guggenheim's gallery, which was called *Art of This Century*, was one of New York's most important venues for avant-garde European and American artists. Legendary painters such as Jackson Pollock, Robert Motherwell, and Clyfford Still had their first solo exhibitions at the gallery. *Art of This Century: The Women*, will highlight work by vanguard female artists such as Louise Bourgeois, Frida Kahlo, Lee Krasner, Louise Nevelson, and Hedda Sterne.

**Memorial:**



**Professor Aaron Lipton**

Aaron Lipton, longtime Stony Brook English and Education Professor, who died last May, was memorialized at a ceremony in December. The many faculty, staff, students, and alumni who attended the ceremony paid tribute to Professor Lipton.

“Aaron Lipton was a teacher first, who viewed the teacher/student relationship as a mentoring/nurturing one, very much related to parenting, with responsibilities for both intellectual and moral growth,” said Dean Paul J. Edelson of the School of Professional Development, “He dedicated his career to helping [students] see their own lives as being important. In speaking about his approach to the classroom, he encouraged students to observe themselves and to explore their own inner world.”

“He was never too busy to be interested...to extend his friendship,” said Jo Fusco, a student of Lipton's in 1969, now retired from the School of Professional Development. “He created a good place to work for his colleagues and students, surrounded by shelves of books with a desk tucked in between, door open and phone readily answered whenever he could be there. He could be reached night and day.”

In a letter to acting chair of the English Department, Paul Dolan, professor emeritus Aaron S. Carton wrote: “We may sometimes be deflected from our courses or only seem to be off-course while we tack across a wind. We may need to call on ports that were not on our itineraries. In truth, our seamanship cannot be fully appraised until well after our journeys have ended. Aaron sailed with integrity. But it is with his passing that we begin to perceive the coherence and consistency of his course. He had chosen a well-established life philosophy...and...he remained faithful to it.”

**Obituary:**



**Professor Laurence Alan Baxter**

Last fall Stony Brook lost one of its finest faculty, Laurence Alan Baxter of Applied Mathematics and Statistics. On Friday, November 8, 1996, at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, Baxter died at the age of 43 following a long struggle with illness sustained with great courage and grace. “Laurence's salient characteristics were his prodigious energy, warmth, kindness, keen intelligence, and his delightful sense of humor,” says his wife, Deborah Miller. “I continue to receive a steady outpouring of the most touching letters from students and colleagues, a great many of them citing his kindness to them, and his generosity on their behalf. He will be most deeply missed by all of us.”

A citizen of Great Britain, he earned his B.Sc. degree in 1975 and the Ph.D. degree in 1980 from the University College of London, and joined the Stony Brook faculty in 1981 as an assistant professor, becoming an associate professor in 1985. Baxter was renowned for his work in applied probability and reliability theory

consulting. The results of his work have been incorporated in a widely used AT&T Bell Laboratories software package. Baxter conceived and served as editor-in-chief of *Stochastic Modeling*, a series of textbooks published by Chapman and Hall of London. He also served as both editor and as a member of the editorial boards for scholarly publications including *Applied Probability Newsletter* and *The Journal of Mathematical Analysis and Applications*.

“Laurence was still engaged in doing original research—in a whole new area, chaos theory—as well as writing his book on renewal theory, until just a few weeks before he died, despite the fact that he was having severe difficulty simply breathing!” says his wife. “It was truly an inspiring and awesome display of courage, determination and hope.” Baxter is survived by his wife, Deborah, his parents, Herbert and Beatrice, his brother and sister, Michael and Gillian, and three nephews who reside in England.

A memorial fund has been established to accept contributions for the endowment of a lecture series in Baxter's honor. Donations may be sent to Dr. Nancy Mendell, Applied Mathematics and Statistics, payable to the Stony Brook Foundation; Laurence Baxter Memorial Fund.

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**Donors Wanted.** University Medical Center at Stony Brook needs volunteers to donate blood or a component of blood called "platelets." The Center is one of the largest users of platelets on Long Island. If you would like to become a Platelet Donor or make a regular donation, call 444-2634, Monday through Friday 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 donation.

Union Art Gallery needs volunteers to help with Gallery programs and settings, Noon to 4 p.m. Contact Marcia Weiner at 2-6822 or stop by the Student Union & Activities Office, Room 266, Stony Brook Union.

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Full SCUBA Package For more information please call 689-6876.

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We work with most dental insurance policies and offer a 10% discount to University employees and family members. The Dental Care Center is located on the South Campus with ample parking and access via campus buses from the Main campus and the Health Sciences Center. For information or a screening appointment, call 632-8974.

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#### HELP WANTED

**Student Bus Drivers Needed.** Want a part-time job that not only gives you money for school but also give you a valuable resource that will last a lifetime? A job with hours that are tailored to your schedule with a starting salary of \$8 per hour? Qualifying students can take advantage of free training to obtain a class B Commercial Driver's License with a passenger endorsement and become a professional USB bus driver. The license you receive could cost thousands of dollars at a private commercial driving school, but here the training is free with on-campus convenience. Interested applicants can contact Eileen Saylor at (516) 632-6491 or pick-up an application at the bus trailer located in South-P-Lot.

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.

#### VOLUNTEERS/DONATIONS

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.

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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Are you between the ages of 30-60 and in good health? Researchers in the Department of Neurology need healthy adults to participate in tests of memory, attention, and motor skills. Some of these tests will involve paper and pencil, some will be on a computer and some will just require that you listen and respond verbally. These tests will take approximately 3 hours. For information please call: 444-1706 Participants will be paid \$25.

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# CALENDAR

## FEBRUARY EVENTS



The brilliant South African music troupe, Ladysmith Black Mombazo, whose melodies and harmonies come to the Staller Center February 22.

## Embracing Diversity: A Conference for Business and Higher Education

You are invited to a frank and open conference on the strategies that the corporate community and higher educational institutions use to meet the challenge of a diverse work force. The program includes the following activities: welcoming remarks by Robert J. Gaffney, Suffolk County Executive, and Stony Brook President Shirley Strum Kenny. Keynote speaker, Rene A. Redwood, Special Assistant to the

Secretary, U.S. Department of Labor and former Executive Director of the Glass Ceiling Commission; networking luncheon and recognition ceremony, a workshop on exploring the diverse resources on the Internet (limited seating for this). Conference fee: \$20 per person (includes continental breakfast, lunch, and parking). For more information and registration forms, call 632-6280.

## Just for Kids...

A special one-hour concert for young audiences will be given by the University Orchestra on February 25, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Recital Center of the Staller Center. Young, local artists will join the Symphony in performances of brief and very dynamic works; perfect for those kids who think classical music is "boring."

Tom Peterson, a local high school cellist, will perform the first movement of Haydn's *Cello Concerto in D Major*. Eleven year old Kevin Lee will perform the first movement of Mozart's *G Major Violin Concerto*. Music by Grieg and Bach will also be featured.

Introduce a child you know to the world of classical (and exciting) music. For tickets and more information, contact the Staller Center box office at 632-7230.

## Chaos and Solitude

Work by Mel Pekarsky, Professor of Art

"The figures that used to be my subjects walked off the picture plane decades ago, leaving the landscape behind. A trip to the Mojave precipitated my involvement with the idea of the desert as a place of vastness coupled with fragility, sometimes drawing me into the counterpoint of its clear yet uncanny topography, sometimes providing an ongoing fugue of objects isolated by arid space, each in solitude, sometimes so clearly lit as to seem unreal, unspatial. Since then I've been examining this from a precarious platform, balanced between the representative, the abstract and the conceptual...."

"The present Project Room exhibition offers me an opportunity to show a few of these pieces, mostly small works, different in media and approach, but all examining these currents of relationship between chaos, discipline, isolation and solitude."

Works by Mel Pekarsky, Stony Brook Professor of Art, are on display in the Project Room, G.W. Einstein Co., Inc., 591 Broadway, New York City, until March 1.

### FILM

2/28. "The Doom Generation" Three alienated teenagers careen through a nocturnal wasteland of mini-marts and motels in Gregg Araki's outrageous, graphic film. Rated R. Staller Center for the Arts. 9:00 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for general admission and \$3 for students, seniors, and children under 12. For tickets and additional information, contact the Staller Center Box Office at 632-7230.

### MUSIC

2/20. 25th Anniversary - Electronic Music Concert Come celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Electronic Music Studio at Stony Brook. Works will include electronic music with live performances, film with dance and animation, and the American premiere of *Voilements*, by Jean-Claude Risset. Recital Hall of the Staller Center for The Arts. 8:00 p.m. Admission to the concert is free. For more information, contact the Music Department at 632-7330.

2/22. Ladysmith Black Mombazo First brought to international attention on Paul Simon's *Graceland* album, the popular South African ensemble blends smooth, distinctive sound with lively choreography. Main Stage of the Staller Center for the Arts. 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$24/\$22 for the general public and \$12/\$11 for USB students and children under 12. For tickets, contact the Staller Center Box Office at 632-7230.

2/28. Quartetto Gelato Breath-taking virtuosity, irrepressible energy, and playful wit form the signature of this eclectic quartet. This program will range from classical, to jazz, to gypsy. Main Stage of the Staller Center for the Arts. 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$22 for general admission and \$11 for USB students and children 12 and under. For tickets and additional information, contact the Staller Center Box Office at 632-7230.

3/1. The Roches This wonderful group is known for its warm humor and sincerity, communicated through a rare blend of folk and pop vocals. Main Stage of the Staller Center for the Arts. Tickets are \$27 to \$22 for the general public with special discounts for USB students, seniors, children, and groups. For tickets, contact the Staller Center Box Office at 632-7230.

3/6. Concert of Music by Women Composers This years' concert features the music of Daria Semegen, Sheila Silver, and Ludmilla Ulehela. The world premiere of works by Susan McDonald and Lori Dobbins will be highlights. Recital Hall of the Staller Center for the Arts. 8:00 p.m. The concert is free but donations are accepted at the door. For more information, contact the Music Department at 632-7330.

### DANCE

2/21. Tennessee Dance Theatre with Mark O'Connor A celebration of the best of Southern music, art, and literature will feature Grammy-winning fiddler Mark O'Connor. Main Stage of the Staller Center for The Arts. 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$24/\$22 for the general public and \$12/\$11 for USB students and children 12 and under. For tickets, contact the Staller Center Box Office at 632-7230.

### JUST FOR KIDS

2/25. Young Artists' Concert for Young Audiences The University Orchestra will feature young, local artists in a concert of works by Bach, Grieg, Haydn, and Mozart. Recital Hall of the Staller Center for The Arts. 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for general admission and \$5 for seniors and children. Tickets are available at the Staller Center box office at 632-7230. For more information, contact the Music Department at 632-7330.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

2/22. Reception Honoring the 1997 MFA Graduates The campus community is invited to attend. Come and introduce yourself to the best Stony Brook has to offer. Gallery of the Staller Center for the Arts. 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. For more information, contact the University Art Gallery at 632-7240.

2/27. Third Annual Workforce Diversity Conference This conference is sponsored by the Suffolk County Human Rights Commission, Allstate, the Long Island Association, Stony Brook, and Lucent Technologies. Staller Center for the Arts. 8:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The conference fee is \$20. Please register by February 19. To register call 632-6280. See "Embracing Diversity" at left for more information.

### SEMINAR

2/28. Creating Digital Library Services The public is invited to attend this open and free seminar on Creating Digital Library Services. Joseph Branin, Dean of Libraries at Stony Brook, will provide the opening remarks. Speakers will address how libraries are adapting to the electronic age. Alliance Room of the Melville Library. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. For more information, call 632-7100.

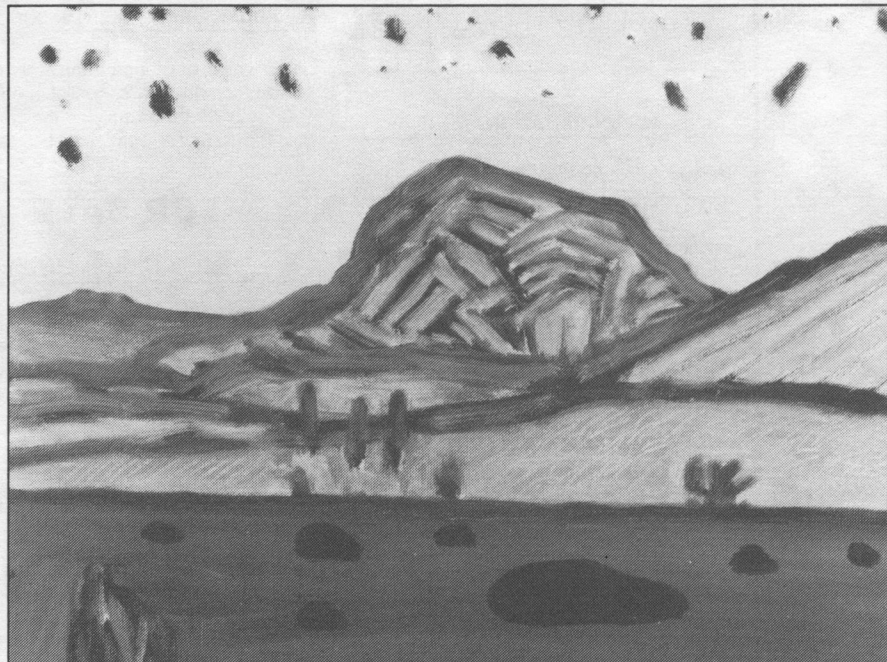
### LECTURE

2/24. "Preconception Care" Bruce Meyer, M.D., will speak as part of an ongoing lecture series sponsored by the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Medicine. Community Room, Lower Level, Emma S. Clark Memorial Library, 120 Main Street, Setauket. 7:00 p.m. Please pre-register by calling 941-4080, Ext. 1.

### ART

2/19. MFA Show 1997 Works by four Master of Fine Arts candidates will be on display. This exhibit includes paintings, sculptures, and mixed-media installations. The show will end Saturday, February 22. Staller Center for the Arts. The art gallery is open from 12:00 p.m. - 4 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact the University Art Gallery at 632-7240.

2/19. "Reflections" In celebration of Black History Month, prints by Robin Holder, acclaimed New York artist, will be exhibited. The installation will run until Wednesday, February 26. Stony Brook Union Art Gallery. Monday through Friday, 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. For more information, contact the Union Art Gallery at 632-6822.



MEAN SPIRITS, oil and canvas, 9"x12", by Stony Brook Professor of Art Mel Pekarsky.