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A RAIRE Achievement

Stony Brook Receives \$500,000 NSF Award

By Eric Deeble

Picture the ideal university: it has a pervasive culture promoting collaborative research between professors and students; there are Internet links between research labs, libraries, and students; and there is an emphasis on discovery-based learning techniques throughout science and engineering curricula.

Stony Brook has been working to make that ideal a practical reality. Now, the National Science Foundation (NSF) has recognized the State University of New York at Stony Brook and nine other major research universities for their efforts to integrate research into the academic life of undergraduate students. The recognition comes in the form of the newly created, \$500,000 Recognition Award for the Integration of Research and Education (RAIRE). The awards, which are allotted over three years, are part of the NSF's efforts to promote excellence in education (*Continued on page 2*)

Stony Brook's Lobbyists are Enthusiastically Received in the Corridors of Power

In the early dawn of February 11, a group of more than two dozen

By Anne Mayer

sleepy Stony Brook people climbed aboard an express bus bound for Albany, New York. In what has become an annual event, people from all areas of the campus joined together to participate in the UUP (United University Professionals) Lobby Day. From freshman to President, from Provost to graduate student, from faculty to staff, all were united in a common cause—to lobby for legislative support of public higher education and, more specifically, of Stony Brook.

Camp Sea Wolf: More Than Just Fun in the Sun

Camp Sea Wolf, a week-long, environmental summer camp for boys and girls age 11 to 14, will be held this year at Peconic Dunes in Southold. Co-sponsored by the Center for Excellence and Innovation in Education and the Marine Sciences Research Center, the camp combines swimming, hiking, archery, canoeing and sailing with environmental activities



directed by a staff of full-time naturalists.

Campers learn about the diverse ecosystems of Peconic Dunes, a natural area along Long Island Sound that has dunes, wetlands, woods, and a 32-acre freshwater lake. "Our campers not only learn about the environment, they learn to be stewards of the environment," says camp director Richard Hillary. "That will stay with them for the rest of their lives." Past stewardship projects have included construction of a narrower channel on the Connetquot River to improve trout habitat and helping with a shellfish restocking program at the Suffolk County Marine

"There is something very special about traveling on a bus to lobby legislators with such a diverse University group, all on a mission to urge our legislators to restore the budget cuts to the University and stop the erosion of state support," says Edward O'Connell, University health physicist. "For me, the bus trip always puts a human face on the University and helps me to understand all the work that goes into running this place and all the support it takes to keep working and growing.'

Stony Brook's budget has been cut in seven of the past eight fiscal years. Reductions have totalled more than \$32.6 million, or approximately 20% of the base budget. This year, 1996-1997, state tax revenue supported less than 25% of Stony Brook's all-funds operating budget, including state-supported fringe benefits. "SUNY is vital to the State of New York and we cannot take any more cuts," says **Judy Wishnia**, associate professor, Interdisciplinary Social Science.

The Governor's 1997-1998 **Executive Budget for SUNY** contains a \$124 million reduction in state tax support. Governor Pataki recommends a tuition increase of no more than \$400 per year that, if imposed, would generate \$60 million, leaving a \$64-million gap in the SUNY budget. These proposals could result in a cut of approximately \$7.3 million for Stony Brook, even with the potential tuition increase. The Governor's budget also proposes a \$175 million decrease in TAP (Tuition Assistance Program) support, and it is estimated that this reduction would cost Stony Brook students between \$2.5 and \$3.0 million. These recommendations, alongside other proposals (e.g., elimination of graduate TAP, Pell Grant tuition offsets, and a higher ceiling for the determination of TAP awards),

make Stony Brook's involvement in the legislative process all the more important. "Unless there is a concerted effort by students, parents, faculty, administrators, and other supporters of public education, we will continue to see reductions in state support for higher education," says **Dick Laskowski**, Dean of Physical Education and Athletics.

"This is my third trip to Albany on the UUP bus; each trip has been effective, but this year was the best trip ever," says President Shirley Strum Kenny. "The larger number of students this year was, I believe, a great resource for us. Faculty, staff, administrators, and students working together for restoration of the budget of SUNY was an unbeatable combination-the legislators we visited realized that we are united in our commitment to restore the budget and protect students threatened by the double jugger-

Environmental Learning Center in Peconic.

Week-long sessions begin at 8:15 a.m. each day, and run Sunday through Saturday. Sessions begin on July 20, July 27, and August 3. The cost is \$325/overnight and \$245/day. For additional information and registration forms, call the Center for Excellence and Innovation in Education at 632-7696.



Winners of the third annual Howard Hughes Medical Institute Undergraduate Research Fellowship Awards pose with Provost Rollin Richmond (center). From left to right: Anthony Oliver, Belvin Gong, Manmeen Kaur, Marina Kremyanskaya, and Marie-Paul Jacob.

Prominent Educators Speak to New Campus Realities

Once, attending college automatically meant joining a community with its own rules, rituals, and history. The many changes that have swept higher education have made that process much less certain. On Tuesday, February 18, three distinguished educators and administrators spoke about what might be done to ensure healthy campus communities.

The Leadership Symposium on Student Community Wellness, the first in what is to be an annual event, took place in Lecture Hall 2 of the Health Sciences Center. The series is an outgrowth of the University's Master of Social Work course concentration in Student Community Development that was introduced last spring. The MSW program with concentration in student wellness is the only program of its kind in the country.

On the panel were Dr. Charles E. Glassick, interim president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching; Dr. Bob H. Suzuki, president of California State Polytechnic University; and Dr. Isaura Santiago Santiago, president of Hostos Community College, City University of New York. Moderator Angel Campos, associate professor of social welfare, posed the questions that the symposium was to address: What creates the quality known as community on college campuses? What are the tech-

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naut of increased tuition and reduced TAP."

With barely a moment to spare for lunch, individuals from all walks of campus life met with members of the Long Island delegation to the Assembly and Senate. Often taking the stairs

rather than the packed elevators (Tuesday in Albany is traditionally the busiest lobbying day), the Stony Brook contingent made its case for Stony Brook's importance to Long Island and New York.

"SUNY is a great system which allows access to many students," says Ed Quinn, assistant director, Student Union and Activities.

"This is my way of giving back to the system and hopefully, ensuring the system will be in place for many future generations. It is a way to make sure students will not be denied an education because of their social or economic status."

This was freshmen Will Alverarenga and Cathy Gonzales' first lobbying trip to Albany. Both found the legislators "remarkably receptive." "More students should really get involved because their futures are at stake," says Gonzales. French and Italian graduate student Victor Cruz pointed out, "most of the students in our system come from middle and low income families, and public education in our state is becoming more expensive." "The students were especially effective at telling the legislators the negative impact of the tuition increases," says Bill Godfrey, UUP President, West Campus.

The trip home was filled with a sense of accomplishment and hope. Provost Rollin Richmond captured the essence of the day when he remarked, "We have a long way to go before SUNY's budget is finalized, but there is reason for optimism."

Although tired from the hectic day of lobbying, people were nonetheless energized by the day's events. "It's clear that the members we met,

"The legislators we visited realized that we are united in our commitment to restore the budget and protect students threatened by the double juggernaut of increased tuition and reduced TAP."

-Shirley Strum Kenny, President

from both sides of the aisle, in both houses, are aware of the importance of public higher education in New York State," says Janice Coughlin, director of legislavtive affairs, Governmental Relations. "We were reassured that they understand our needs and will help us in our efforts." Leonard graduate Finn, student advocate, said, "I think it's

only natural that we were received so positively by the Long Island delegation, given Stony Brook's record of continued achievement."

The outcome for SUNY in the legislative process remains to be seen. "It's much too early to know how the legislative session will turn out, but I was pleasantly surprised at how positive the legislators were with whom I spoke," says Paul Armstrong, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "Almost everyone seems to realize that SUNY can't afford to take any more cuts." Further lobbying trips to Albany, such as "SUNY Day" on March 4, are planned.

Paul Edelson, Dean of the School of Professional Development, summed up the best strategy for Stony Brook to use when lobbying. "Clearly, students are the 'secret weapon' when it comes to persuading legislators to be more supportive of SUNY. Our students are fantastic-informed, committed, eloquent. I was so proud to be with them making the case for SUNY and Stony Brook. Next year, two busses!"

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that will help tomorrow's scientists and engineers develop the skills they will need.

The recipients of RAIRE were selected on the basis of three criteria; the educational vision championed by the institution's leadership and faculty; a significant record of accomplishments that support an integrative model; and leadership in disseminating both the vision and successful activities. In selecting Stony Brook, the NSF cited the Office of Undergraduate Research (URECA), which has helped 40% of Stony Brook's 10,000 undergraduates participate in research; special programs (like Project WISE and PRIME), which have led to increased retention in traditionally under-represented groups; discovery-based teaching techniques used by faculty and graduate teaching assistants; a tenure and promotion process that considers a faculty member's ability to integrate research and teaching; and the personal dedication of Stony Brook's president to research in education. President Shirley Strum Kenny has articulated a vision for Stony Brook "based on the premise that undergraduate and graduate education are part of the whole in a major research university, that, properly conceived, both should be interdependent and strengthen each other, that the symbiosis between the two should improve both graduate and undergraduate education."

Among plans are a colloquium featuring distinguished researchers, educators, and science writers to engage and assist faculty and graduate assistants in applying integrative approaches to research and teaching. A first semester course for prospective math, science, and engineering students will introduce them to the variety of opportunities available at a research university. Several new "Research Methods" classes will be added to increase undergraduate exposure to research-based educational experiences. A series of mini-grants will be awarded to those science, engineering, and math units that have made the greatest progress toward integration in the past year. A series of outreach programs for high school students and community college students and teachers is also planned.

"The NSF grant demonstrates that Stony Brook is ahead of the curve in integrating research and education," noted President Kenny. "It's really wonderful that the NSF has recognized this and that Stony Brook is right up at the top.'

WUSB Radiothon **March 2-29**

WUSB 90.1, the voice of USB, will broadcast a varied selection of special programs from Sunday, March 2 through Saturday, March 29, as part of Radiothon '97, the Spring Fundraising event for the 24-hour-a-day non-commercial station.

Blending entertainment and information programs ranging from rock, classical, jazz, hip-hop, folk, and world music to news, talk, and public affairs shows, WUSB will offer premiums at a variety of pledge support levels. The premiums, which include gift certificates, tickets, books, compact discs, and more, have been donated by businesses across Long Island

Funds raised during Radiothon '97 support WUSB operations and programming. Pledges for Dr. Glassick pointed Radiothon '97 can be made by check or money order, payable to WUSB/SBF, and mailed to the station at the Stony Brook Union, Room 260, Zip-3263. For an up-to-date schedule of Radiothon '97 programs, or to volunteer for the fundraising event, leave a message on WUSB's Listener Line, 632-6498.

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niques for creating campus wellness? and How do you apply these techniques to campuses across the country?

Dr. Glassick spoke and addressed the first issue. "Campus community can play a central role in student life," he said. "Recent studies have shown that the only people in America lonelier than college students are

divorcees. A strong sense of community has been found to reduce the dropout rate, increase student enjoyment and promote learning." **Building community** is an ongoing process, out, not an end result. "You have achieved

urban community and help turn blighted landscapes into public parks and playgrounds.

The last speaker of the evening was Dr. Isaura Santiago, who addressed the question of applying all these techniques in the real world. She told the audience the history of her school, Eugenio Maria Hostos



Community College, which was created during the turmoil and social upheavals of the 1960's. The college is located in one of the poorest neighborhoods in New York City, the South Bronx, and 93 percent of its students live below the poverty line; 83 percent are not proficient speakers of English. Santiago stressed the importance of keeping open the lines of communication and having a faculty that understands the needs of its students, especially those with non-traditional back-

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community when everyone is striving for community."

Dr. Bob Suzuki of California Polytechnic spoke next, outlining techniques for creating community and campus wellness. He suggested the creation of multicultural centers, to house student organi-

Dr. Bob Suzuki, President of California State Polytechnic University, addresses students in Stony Brook's School of Social Welfare before the symposium begins.

> grounds. She related how a potentially damaging situation, students taking over a building to protest budget cuts, actually strengthened the relationship between administrators and students through open and honest dialogue.

All in all, the symposium was a promising debut for the new series.

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zations, seeking out highly qualified minority staff and administrators, and hiring a special advisor to the president to examine diversity issues. Holding regular meetings between upper-level administrators and students helped his university forge community. One innovative way he formed links between the campus and the world outside was to have architectural students go into an

NEWSMAKERS

Anthony Knapp, professor of mathematics

"Just as research into mathematics serves to advance the subject, so does the rewriting, reorganizing, and reworking of areas of mathematics into more accessible texts for advanced students and researchers."



In January Anthony W. Knapp was awarded the American Mathematical Society Leroy P. Steele Prize for Mathematical Exposition. Knapp received the prize for his book *Representation Theory of Semisimple Groups, an Overview Based on Examples,* (Princeton University Press, 1986). The prize committee said that the "beautifully written book starts from scratch but takes the reader far into a highly developed subject." The committee also noted that Knapp has written other major textbooks that are "all outstanding expositions of important and difficult material." Knapp is "thrilled and honored" to win the Steele Prize, the only prize from the American Mathematical Society for expository writing at the advanced level.

Patricia R. Ondrick, associate vice-president for development

"To continue to provide excellent facilities and quality teaching and research in tight budget times, private fundraising becomes especially important. I'm energized by the challenges."

"Success is measured not by

judges, but by projects."



Patricia R. Ondrick has recently been named Associate Vice-President for Development at Stony Brook. Ondrick comes to Stony Brook from the New Jersey Institute of Technology, where she served as Vice-President for University Advancement. In her 13-year tenure at NJIT, she raised and led the team that brought in close to \$100 million for the institute with involvement and leadership in three campaigns. During her stay, the endowment at NJIT grew from less than \$1 million to \$20 million, with another \$8 million in bequest expectancies. Ondrick is a graduate of Wells College, Aurora, New York, and holds a Masters in Education from Cleveland State University.

Harold J. Metcalf, professor of physics



Harold J. Metcalf was selected as a recipient of a Humboldt Research Award for Senior U.S. Scientists. Nominated by Dr. Jurgen Mlynek of the University of Konstanz, Metcalf now has the opportunity for an extended stay of 4-12 months in Germany. Currently Metcalf works on controlling the motion of atoms using light. With the advent of laser cooling, which was partially pioneered at Stony Brook, he has been able to achieve the coldest temperatures in the universe. He has also worked on other projects such as quantum effects in atomic motion and atom optics. His work in France and the Netherlands has allowed him to "work with some of the smartest young people alive." These contacts provide his own Ph.D. students with international contacts for future collaboration as well as lasting friendships.

William Holt, associate professor of Earth and Space Sciences

"The award allows me to investigate the active deformation of continental crust and relate this to the motions of the Earth's tectonic plates."



William Holt has received a prestigious Career award from the National Science Foundation's Geophysics Program for his 1996 proposal "The Kinematics and Dynamics of Continental Deformation." The award totals \$286,000 over four years and is for outstanding young faculty who are developing careers involving both research and teaching. "The novel approach in our work is that we combine observations obtained from earthquakes, geologic fault patterns, and space-based geodetic measurements of Earth deformation to develop a complete mapping of crustal deformation. This allows us to better quantify the earthquake hazards in such regions as the Western United States, Asia, New Zealand, Japan and the Mediterranean. Our research also enables us to understand how the continents evolve over time."

Baosheng Li, graduate of Earth and Space Sciences

"Li is destined to become one of the leaders in Earth Sciences. Not only is he endowed with scientific



Baosheng Li, a recent Ph.D. graduate of Stony Brook, was named the "Outstanding Student for 1996" by the Committee on Mineral and Rock Physics of the American Geophysical Union. Li completed his Ph.D. last August, working with Professor Robert C. Liebermann in the High Pressure Laboratory of the Mineral Physics Institute in the NSF Center for High Pressure Research (Chipr) at Stony Brook. Li was honored for his pioneering work in developing new and innovative ultrasonic techniques to measure the sound velocities of mantle minerals at high pressures. Li is currently a postdoctoral research associate in the Mineral Physics Institute.

prowess, but he also has the leadership qualities that enable him to stimulate his colleagues in collaborative research efforts," said the committee.

Felix T. Rapaport, distinguished professor of surgery

Dr. Felix T. Rapaport has long been recognized as a leader in the field of organ transplantation.



Felix T. Rapaport has become the first honorary president of the newly formed Ibero-American Transplant Federation, which will act as an umbrella organization for organ transplantation efforts throughout the Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking nations of Europe and America. Rapaport collaborated closely with Jean Dausset of the University of Paris in a 17-year-long series of experiments that culminated in the discovery of the human leukocyte antigen (HLA). This discovery laid the foundation for organ transplantation in humans. The Federation has a close relationship with the Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) in Barcelona. The OPO has dramatically increased the number of organs retrieved throughout Spain, relieving a desperate shortage. This accomplishment has been called the "Spanish Miracle."

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CALENDAR

ART

3/5 Text and Identity: 12

Women Artists. This installa-

tion, in honor of Women's

History Month, will run until

April 12. Works by Beverly

Buchanan, Wei-In Chen, Leslie

Dill, Sally Edelstein, Janet

Goldner, Marina Gutierrez,

Kim,

Molenaar, Jaune Quick-to-See

Smith, Elena del Rivero, Donna

Rosenthal, and Lizzie Zucker

Saltz will be featured. Staller

Center Art Gallery. The art

gallery is open from 12:00 p.m.-

4:00 p.m., Tuesday through

Friday, and 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

on Saturday. For more informa-

tion, contact the University Art

3/7 'Unfolding' to evolve, to

become opened/ expand. This

is the first exhibit of alumnae

artists at the Student Union Art

Gallery and is presented in cele-

bration of Women's History

Month. An opening reception

will be held on Friday, March 7,

from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. A

gallery talk by curator-in-resi-

dence, Mary C. Leto will be

given on Wednesday, March

12, from 12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Stony Brook Union Art Gallery.

The Union Art Gallery is open

Monday to Friday, 12:00 p.m.

to 4:00 p.m., and Saturday, 1:00

p.m.-4:00 p.m. For more infor-

FILM

3/11 "Love Meetings." This

film is sponsored by the Center

for Italian Studies. Melville

Library, Room N5004. 10:00

a.m. For more information, con-

tact the Center for Italian

3/14 "Space Jam." Michael

Jordan makes his starring debut

in this live-action and animation

feature which also stars Bugs

Bunny. Rated G. 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, con-

tact the Staller Center Box

3/18 "Seduced and Aban-

doned." This film is sponsored

by the Center for Italian

Studies. Melville Library,

Room N5004. 10:00 a.m. For

more information, contact the

Center for Italian Studies at

3/20 "Strawberry and Cho-

colate." Cuban director Thomas

Gutierrez Alea's stinging come-

dy of sex and politics. In

Spanish with English subtitles.

Rated R. Staller Center for the

Arts. 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$4

for general admission and \$3

for students, seniors, and chil-

dren under 12. For tickets and

additional information, contact

the Staller Center Box Office,

MUSIC

3/6 Concert of Music by

Office, 632-7230.

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mation, call 632-6822.

Studies at 632-7444.

Gallery at 632-7240.

Heejung

Angela



See, feel, and hear the classic rock musical, The Who's "Tommy." Created under the guidance of The Who's Peter Townsend, this Broadway hit has five Tony Awards and six Drama Desk Awards to its credit. Coming to the Staller Center March 19 at 8:00 p.m.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH EVENTS

DAILY EVENTS

3/5 The Waters of Eden: Visit to and discussion of Mikvah. Leaving Humanities 165 promptly at 12:40. Sponsored by the Hillel Foundation. Reservations are required, call 632-6565.

3/6 Concert of Music by Women: Featuring music by Dobbins, Susan Lori McDonald, Daria Semagen, Sheila Silver, and Ludmilla Ulehela. Recital Hall of the Staller Center, 8:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Music Department.

3/6 Something Extra Concert: Yale University Female Singers. Langmuir, Fireside Lounge, 9:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Langmuir Living Learning Center.

3/8 Women's Soccer Tournament. Pritchard Gym, Sports Complex, 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Please call 632-7200 for more information.

3/11 Presentations on the History of Women in Science. Math Tower, Commons Room 4-125, Dinner: 6:30 p.m., Program: 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by Project WISE.

3/11 The Joy of Lesbian Relationships: Speaker Roberta Karant. Langmuir, Fireside Lounge, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

3/11 Self Defense Clinic: Adar

3/12 Tribute to Women: Seminar on Women's Issues. Fireside Lounge, 8:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Continued at the End of the Bridge with dinner and music, 9:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. Sponsored by Malik Sigma Psi.

3/13 Your Rights in Marriage: Speaker Lynn Boland, Esq. Stony Brook Union, Ballroom, 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Career Women's Network. Reservations are required, so please call 632-6040.

3/13 Border Lives: Prostitution in Tijuana: Speaker Debra Castillo (Cornell professor). Humanities Institute, Main Library E4340, 4:30 p.m. Sponsored by Women's Studies/ Humanities Institute.

3/15 Women's Volleyball Spring Tournament. Pritchard Gym, Sports Complex, 10:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. For more information, call 632-7200.

3/15 Rescue Me: A Self Defense Workshop. Langmuir, Fireside Lounge, 7:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Langmuir Living Learning Center.

3/18 Sexuality Outside of Marriage in Jewish Law: Speaker Carol Kessner. Physics Building, Room 113, 12:50 p.m. 3/18 "The Odd Couple." A female version of Neil Simon's comedy. Directed by Alicia Martinez. Dancers will perform during intermission. Refreshments will be served. Stimpson College Living Learning Center, Main Lounge, 9:00 p.m. 3/19 "Portrait of Teresa." A film about a Cuban housewife who encounters hostility from her husband when she becomes involved in politics in her workplace. Social and Behavioral Sciences, Room N320, 12:40 p.m. Sponsored by Latin American and Caribbean

3/19 The Retelling, Imagine the Voices: Sarah and Hagar. Peace Center, Old Chemistry, 12:40 p.m. Sponsored by the Interfaith Center.

3/19 Take Back The Night March. Meet under the Bridge at the entrance to the Student Union, 9:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Center for Womyn's Concerns.

3/20 Women and Music: Folk Singer/Speaker Judy Gorman. Langmuir, Fireside Lounge 8:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Center for Womyn's Concerns/Science Fiction Forum.

3/20 Acoustic Alternative: Singer/Songwriter Marci Geller. The Spot, Roosevelt Quad, Opening 8:00 p.m., Performance 10:00 p.m. Sponsored by the G.S.O.

3/20 A Historiography of Technocriticism: Speaker Catherine Sousloff. Staller Center, Art Gallery, 5:00 p.m.

OFF CAMPUS

March 1-April 20, Exhibit and Film: The Anne Frank Story. Museums at Stony Brook, 1208 Route 25A, Stony Brook, For more information, call 751-0066. March 2-April 6, Women Paint: New Artists. Gallery North, 90 N. Country Road, Setauket. For more information, call 751-2676.

3/5 The Life and Times of Sojourner Truth. Central Islip Library, Hawthorne Ave., Central Islip, 7:00 p.m. Sponsored by Mid-Suffolk NOW. For more information, call 632-6235

MARCH EVENTS

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.

3/15 Symphony Orchestra Season Finale. Maestro Gustav Meier closes the spring season with a concert featuring Lutoslawski's Chain 2 for Violin and Orchestra, Mozart's Overture to the Magic Flute, and Shumann's Symphony No. 4. Main Stage of the Staller Center for the Arts. 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for general admission and \$10 for students and seniors. For tickets, contact the Staller Center Box Office at 632-7230. For more information. contact the Music Department at 632-7330.

3/20 Concert by Marci Geller. Singer, songwriter, and instrumentalist Marci Geller performs her provocative music and raw-edged verse. The Spot, Second Floor, Fannie Brice Theater, Roosevelt Quad. 8:00 p.m. For admission fees and reservations, call 632-6027.

THEATRE

3/7 MOMIX in "Baseball." The marvelous acrobatic dance theatre returns with Baseball, an all-new program conceived and directed by Moses Pendelton as a tribute to the great American pastime. Main Stage of the Staller Center for the Arts. 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$24 and \$22 with discounts available for seniors, students, children, and groups. For tickets, contact the Staller Center Box Office at 632-7230.

3/16 "The Wind in the Willows" with the American Family Theatre. Kenneth Grahame's beloved tale about a curious girl named Mole who leaves her underground hole and embarks on a journey to see the world with her new friend, Water Rat. The eccentric Mr. Toad and the old boxing champ, Mr Badger, must defeat the belligerent Weasels! Main Stage of the Staller Center for the Arts. 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$9. For tickets, contact the Staller Center Box Office at 632-7230.

3/19 The Who's "Tommy." This is the critically acclaimed Broadway touring production of the classic rock opera. See, feel, and hear the musical that tells the story of the blind, deaf, and mute boy who grows up to be a pinball wizard. Main Stage of the Staller Center for the Arts. 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$27/\$25 for general admission and \$13.50/\$12.50 for USB stu-

632-7230.

LECTURES

3/7 "Coffee and Conversation" with Sally Wendkos Olds. This installment of the popular Coffee and Conversation series will let the campus and community get to know critically acclaimed writer Sally Wendkos Olds. She will be discussing, "The Romance of Writing Non-Fiction." Coffee and cookies will be served. Room S-102, Social and Behavioral Sciences Building. 7:15 p.m. For information, contact Deborah Hecht at 632-7056.

3/12 "Shellfish-Toxin Interaction." The Long Island Chapter of the Women's Aquatic Network will host Dr. Sandra Shumay, Professor, Southampton Campus of Long Island University, as part of their ongoing lecture series. Endeavor Hall, Room 120. 5:30 p.m. For more information, contact Su Sponaugle at 632-8693.

3/20 "A Historiography of Technocriticism." Catherine Souloff of the University of California, Santa Cruz, will speak as part of Department of Art's Art History and Criticism Lecture Series. University Art Gallery, Staller Center for the Arts. 5:00 p.m. For more information, contact Professor Ann Gibson at 632-7264.

SPECIAL EVENTS

3/8 American Museum of Natural History Trip. Come explore the treasures and exhibits including Amber: Windows to the Past and the Fossils-Halls Renovation Project. See the new IMAX film entitled "Cosmic Voyage." This trip is sponsored by the Employee Activities Council. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Ticket prices are \$25 for adults and \$20 for children. For tickets and information, contact Mary Woodward at 632-6050 or Mary.Woodward@sunysb.edu.

3/9 Commentary and Book Signing: Italian Americans on Long Island: Presence and Impact. Senator Kenneth P. LaValle, editor of Italian Americans on Long Island: Presence and Impact, will be on hand to speak and sign this new release. Additional remarks by Mario B. Mignone, Stanley Klein, and Louise Napolitano-Carman. Borders Books, 2120 Nesconset Highway, Stony Brook 5:00 p.m. For more information, contact the Center for Italian Studies at 632-7444.

3/14 Annual AATI - Long Island Chapter Student Poetry Contest. This program, sponsored jointly by the Center for Italian Studies and the Center for Excellence and Innovation in Education, will feature recitations, original poems, and an awards ceremony for this year's finalists. Student Union Auditorium.

Figueroa. Sports Complex, Exercise Room, 8:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Self Defense Club and the Center for Womyn's Concerns. 3/12 Feminism: The F-Word of the '90's: Panel discussion moderated by Marci Lobel. Peace Center, Old Chemistry, 12:40 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by Campus NOW.

3/12 Fighting the Feminization of Poverty: Speaker Teresa Gutierrez. Stony Brook Union, 7:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Center for Womyn's Concerns.

3/12 Bedtime Stories: A panel discussion of female sexuality and masturbation. Langmuir, Fireside Lounge, 9:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Langmuir Living Learning Center.

3/19 Violence Awareness Workshop. Self Defense Seminar: Jiu Jitsu Sensei; Domestic Violence Speaker: Gail Rawlings, Long Island Women's Coalition; Sexual Assault Speaker: Susan Koenig, Victims Information Bureau, Suffolk. Student Activities Center, Lobby, 12:00 p.m.-2:15 p.m.

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March 9-April 18, Mirror Mirror, Women In Self Portraiture. Smithtown Arts Council: Mills Pond House, 660 Route 25A, St. James. For more information, call 862-6575.

3/9 Jean Linzee in "The Belle of Amherst" (the life and poetry of Emily Dickinson). Museums at Stony Brook, 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Reservations are required, so please call 751-0066.

3/19 Women In Long Island History: Speaker Natalie Naylor (Hofstra professor). Brush Barn, 211 Middle Country Road, Smithtown, 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Smithtown Historical Society/League of Women Voters/American Association of University Women. For more information, call 265-6768.

Women Composers. This years' concert features the music of Daria Semegen,



Marci Geller, stark singer/songwriter, mixes provocative music with raw-edged verse in her performance at The Spot, March 20 at 8:00 p.m.

11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. For more dents. For tickets, contact the Staller Center Box Office at information, contact the Center for Italian Studies at 632-7444.

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