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## Research Study Seeks People With Family History of Cancer

In the last few years, a great deal of attention has been focused on genetic testing for cancer. Now that there has been some success with tests for genetic "markers" that may indicate an increased chance of developing cancer, people with a history of the disease in their family are wondering if they should take these tests. Many people have expressed uncertainty over what genetic testing means, and what it can offer.

Since so much is still unknown about genetic testing, there is still a great need for more research. Hence, the University Medical Center at Stony Brook is collaborating with Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center on a new program: a "registry" of families with a history of breast or ovarian cancer. This project is part of a larger international project funded by the National Cancer Institute. With the cooperation of thousands of families across the world, the Registry will contain information about breast cancer patients and their families. Qualified researchers will use this information to study genetic and environmental causes of breast cancer.

The project, called the Metropolitan New York Registry of Breast Cancer Families, is looking for people with a family history of breast or ovarian cancer—that is, two or more relatives who have had either disease, one who had breast or ovarian cancer at an early age, or a male family member who has had breast cancer. The Registry also needs to include family members who are free of cancer.

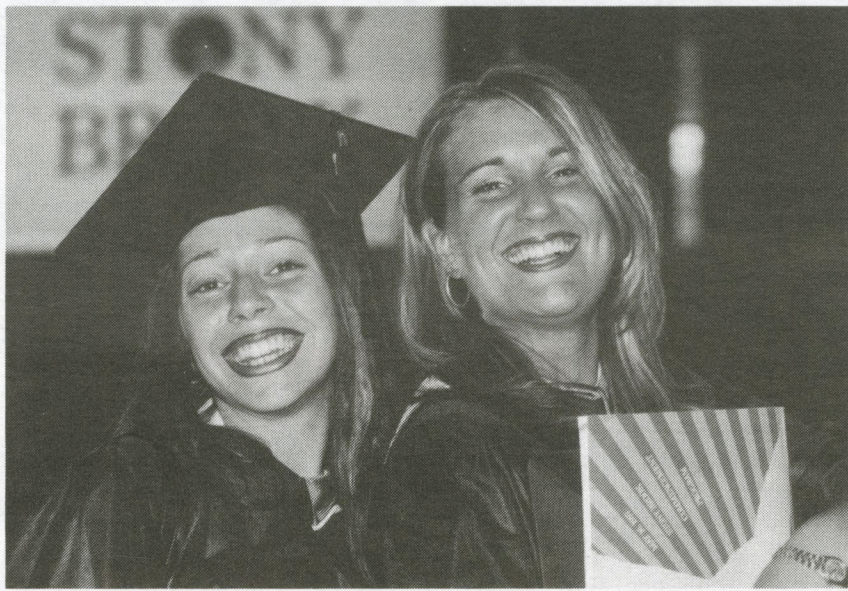
Participants will be asked to: complete questionnaires about demographics, health, diet, and family history; provide a small amount of blood and urine; ask other family members to join the Registry; and complete a brief follow-up questionnaire each year.

Names will be kept strictly confidential. Participants will receive a newsletter and invitations to seminars about the latest information on breast cancer and genetic risk. For more information call Pamela Kurtzman, Registry Coordinator, University Medical Center, 1-800-867-3561.

## Good Fellows



MAXINE DOUGLAS ZANDIEH (left) and Jill MURRAY (right), graduate fellows specializing in student community development. Last month, they made presentations to student affairs administrators at a summit on various ways to improve student/community relationships. Douglas-Zandieh is a multicultural fellow, and Murray, a commuter student fellow.



*The New Graduates: Big smiles were the order of the day as Stony Brook celebrated Commencement 1997 on May 16.*

## A Powerful Advocate For Stony Brook

Richard Nasti, Chair of the Stony Brook Council

Since Governor Pataki appointed Richard Nasti chairperson of the Stony Brook Council last year, he has transformed that body into a highly effective advocate for University affairs in areas ranging from fundraising to enhancing the undergraduate experience.

"Rick has come in with such energy and enthusiasm that it is great to work with him," says President Shirley Strum Kenny. "He has amazing abilities to think issues through in order to affect the University and its future positively."

The ten-person council, appointed by the governor, has broad-based responsibility. "The mandate includes recommending university presidents to the SUNY Board, naming buildings, reviewing budgets, and the like," says Nasti. "However, in my view the council can and should do more and become involved in the campus."

Nasti has lived up to this belief. "I have attempted to make the council a strong advocate for the University with various constituencies, including the governor's office, the state legislature, and the surrounding community. I have also tried to expose the council to the diverse aspects of the University by holding council meetings in places such as the High-Technology Incubator, residence halls, and the hospital."

Nasti graduated *summa cum laude* from Stony Brook in 1978 with a double major (political science and economics), after which he went on to earn a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He has held numerous prestigious appointments, including chief staff council to United States Senator Alfonse D'Amato and regional administrator of the Urban Mass Transportation Administration. He was formerly Vice President in the Municipal Finance Department of Paine Webber and General Manager of the *New York Post*. He is currently Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of H.J. Kalikow and Co., a real estate firm in New York City.

In his role as chairperson, Nasti has encouraged the council to support many of the goals established by President Kenny. "We must pursue excellence at the undergraduate level as we maintain and enhance our graduate level reputation. We must enhance the instruction offered to students and the overall undergrad experience. President Kenny has made an excellent start in this regard by accelerating the rehabilitation of residence halls and opening the new Student Activities Center."

Nasti is intent on making Stony Brook the model of future campus governance. "In late 1995, the SUNY Board adopted 'Rethinking SUNY,'" says Nasti, adding that a "part of the philosophy articulated in that document is that local colleges and universities should have more flexibility and ability to do



Richard Nasti

## SRO at *Newsday* Journalism Seminar

The *Newsday*/Stony Brook seminar that took place April 8 at the Student Activities Center was inspired by Martin Buskin, a journalist and teacher who died in 1975. In the fall of 1969, Buskin, then education editor of *Newsday*, began teaching a journalism course at Stony Brook. At first a few *Statesman* reporters and editors took Buskin's course; then other young journalists began flocking to the classes of the portly man with sideburns and a pipe.

Alan J. Wax—now a business reporter at *Newsday*, then a Stony Brook student and *Statesman* editor—writes about the Buskin days in the workbook created and distributed by Paul Schreiber at the seminar.

Schreiber, business columnist at *Newsday* and journalism coordinator at Stony Brook, who conceived the workshop and solicited *Newsday*'s sponsorship, led the seminar—part of the Martin Buskin Award program endowed by Buskin's widow, Sandra Buskin.

Speaking informally, reporters, editors, designers, and photographers covered reporting, writing, editing, layout, graphics, and other topics. Several Stony Brook graduates currently working at *Newsday* spoke to the group, including reporter Errol A. Cockfield, Jr., ('94), assistant editors Catherine Duffy ('93) and Kim Kropa ('94), and database editor Bob Tiernan ('74).

Norm Prusslin, Stony Brook administrator, assistant professor of Theatre Arts and general manager of WUSB-FM, Paul J. Dolan, interim chair of the English Department, and Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Robert F. Keeler, who teaches Advanced News Reporting and Writing, also participated in the seminar. David Joachim ('93), an editor of *Communications Week*, helped plan the program.

Schreiber exhorted the students to "network." At seminar break, they did—with other *Newsday* journalists. Many students left the seminar with full notebooks, vowing to try their hand at writing for newspapers.

## Honoring Healers

The Induction Ceremony for the International Honor Society for Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau, was held on April 6 at the Health Sciences Center. This honor society is dedicated to improving the health of people worldwide through increasing the scientific base of nursing practice. Stony Brook's chapter, Kappa Gamma, added 60 members, making its membership more than 600 nursing scholars.

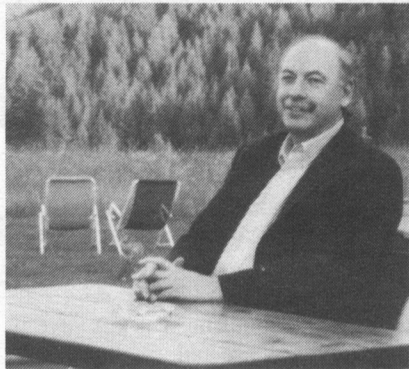


Keynote Speaker Steven McDonald, a disabled police officer, spoke to Sigma Theta Tau about the importance of nursing.

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## Silverman Awarded Helsinki Medal

Hugh Silverman, professor of Philosophy and Comparative Literature, received the Medal of the University of Helsinki during his visit to Finland last winter. He was invited by the Rector of the University of Helsinki to give a series of lectures for the department of Aesthetics and Comparative Literature entitled "Postmodern Textuality" and was awarded the medal by the Rector after his major public address, "Postmodernism as Interruption." During his visit, Professor Silverman also gave invited public lectures to the department of Art Education at the University of Jyväskylä and the departments of Philosophy and of Comparative Literature at the University of Turku.



Hugh Silverman

## Aspiring Linguists Surf the Web

Two dozen Ward Melville high school students studying German visited Stony Brook's Language Learning and Research Center (LLRC) this past winter. Their teacher, Michele Aweh, brought her two advanced German classes to Stony Brook to learn about Internet resources available for the study of languages.

The connection between Stony Brook and Long Island high schools is kept alive through outreach programs such as this one. (Ms. Aweh already had a Stony Brook connection; she is one of many Long Island German teachers who got both her undergraduate and graduate degrees here.)

Zoran Cerar, graduate student in German, held a workshop with the students on the Internet and its resources. He showed them how to use various Web browsers, and also took them to a number of sites based in Germany, including German magazines, newspapers, and educational pages helping the students to explore the World Wide Web and learn about its multitude of offerings.

The Ward Melville students enjoyed their cyberspace experience at Stony Brook. Michael Herr, a junior, remarked that this was his first experience with the Web, and he will continue to use it for help in his German classes as well as for other studies. "I like the fast communication and the information available," said senior Maike Johnson. And Stony Brook's island-wide language-teaching influence will continue with Aaron Fishbaum, a junior, who will be taking literature and culture courses here at Stony Brook. "I am looking forward to working with the LLRC," said Aaron.

"It was a pleasure to introduce the new, state-of-the-art Language Learning and Research Center to this group of outstanding Ward Melville students," said Mike Ledgerwood, director of the Center and assistant professor of French. "The experience was a good one for all involved, and is the first in a series of visits the LLRC will be sponsoring for high school students. We are delighted to help show the best of Stony Brook to some of Long Island's best students."



Left to right: Charles Backfish, '66, President of the Alumni Association, President Shirley Strum Kenny, and Jovanna Little, '93, Acting Director, Alumni Affairs.

## Alumni Highlights

The Stony Brook Alumni Association has been very active this past year, working both with its current alumni and with future alumni—current Stony Brook students. Highlights include:

On February 3, 1997, a dinner was held at the Three Village Inn to honor Hugh J. B. Cassidy, former Alumni Association President, and James Hayward. Both men were inducted into the State University of New York Alumni Honor Roll for 1996. The SUNY Honor Roll honors individuals who actively support their campuses and the State University.

President Kenny spoke at the February Alumni Association Board of Directors meeting about the proposed SUNY budget, the Campus Village concept, the Wang Center, and other topics. After the meeting, the Board had lunch at her home.

Athletic alumni were honored at the Football Banquet at the Port Jefferson Country Club on March 14.

On April 9, Homecoming King Jamel Thomas and Homecoming Queen Alicia Leonard lunched with President Kenny at the Country House Restaurant. They spoke with the President about campus issues and their career plans.

On April 9, the Alumni Association presented cash awards and certificates to seven students at the Undergraduate Recognition Awards for Excellence and Outstanding Achievement Ceremony. The recipients and their awards are: Hester Suh, The Class of 1970 Award; Sayed Ali, The Sophomore Student Award; Heather Lynn Schaub, The Elizabeth Couey Award; Tracy Giacummo, The Ashley Schiff Award; Oscar G. Tanko, The Returning Student Award; Hashibl Hannan, The Student Employee Award; and Charles Poliacof, The Larry Roher Undergraduate Entrepreneurial Achievement Award.

On April 30, the Alumni Association Student Reception was held. Students who participated in the Alumni Association programs were honored. Student Ambassadors, student employees, Homecoming King and Queen candidates, Alumni Association Award applicants, faculty, administrators, staff, and Alumni Association Board members were all in attendance.

The Alumni Association, as always, ended the academic year with Stony Breaks, providing complimentary coffee, tea, and doughnuts for students studying for final exams.

At the Baccalaureate Ceremony, held May 15, the Alumni Association presented cash awards and certificates to graduating seniors. Gregory Lubichich received The Commuter Student Award and Keren Zolotov received The Babak Movahedi Senior Leadership Award. At the School of Professional Development's Commencement ceremony, Jacqueline Dwyer was given The Hugh J.B. Cassidy Memorial Award.

## Westinghouse Science Talent Search Recognition



This spring, Stony Brook and the Office of Suffolk County Executive Robert Gaffney came together to recognize the efforts of the faculty and the local high school students they helped to mentor. These students collaborated with Stony Brook faculty and a number were honored nationally as Westinghouse Finalists. Pictured above are the students with their mentors. (Top Row, Left to Right:) Kyle Beuke, Kathryn Potenza (Westinghouse Finalist), and Dominique Treboux. (Middle Row: Left to Right:) Peter Park, Jordan Alder, Frederick Walter, Fred Vencl, Frank Roethal, and Jonathan Plau (Westinghouse Finalist). (Bottom Row:) Eugene Katz, Michael Jablon, Amanda Tiffany, Bernadette Holdener, Jonathan Sokolov, and David Anjelly.

## Adapted Aquatics Teacher Training Video

Dr. Peter Angelo, coordinator of the Adapted Aquatics program at Stony Brook, recently produced an instructor training video that is being distributed throughout the country. The video presents Stony Brook's program in Adapted Aquatics as a model of an in-depth clinical training experience for university students to teach aquatic skills to people with severe physical or multiple disabilities.

Instructors and aides are exposed to disabilities such as cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, osteogenesis imperfecta, spina bifida, and various injuries. The video serves as a teaching tool for developing instructional programs on a local or national level.

Currently Stony Brook's program takes place on Thursday evenings at the University pool. Community members with disabilities participate free of charge and receive aquatic therapy instruction and recreation. At the end of each semester students receive certification as aides and instructors in Adapted Aquatics, and community members receive recognition for their participation. "In any given semester we have over 60 university trainees and 40 community members who receive recognition," says Angelo.

For more information on the video or the program, call 632-9225.

## A Powerful Advocate

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those things which they can do more efficiently and effectively than SUNY central. It is my hope that more resources remain at the campus level, and that we be more entrepreneurial in attracting resources to the campus."

The council has also focused on the University's role in the community. "The University must play a critical role in the economic development of Long Island and the region. Governor Pataki is committed to supporting this role. The forty million dollars the Governor brought last year for the new biotech building, for example, has significant economic ramifications for our region and state. President Kenny has done a wonderful job of this too, attracting the Wang gift and embarking on a campus village concept to keep students on campus."

Health care is an important aspect of the services the University provides to the community, and Nasti is well aware of this. "The hospital is at a crossroads," he points out. "Health care throughout the country is undergoing significant change, and it is our job to manage that change rather than have it manage us. Drs. Edelman and Maffetone are tremendously skilled professionals who are leading us into the new era of managed care."

Stony Brook will celebrate its 40th anniversary next year, and Nasti strongly believes we should use this milestone to enhance alumni support. "Alumni got a great bargain—a terrific education for a very reasonable price. They must share a sense of identity with Stony Brook, both in the sense of giving something back to future students and enhancing the perceived value of their degree."

Stony Brook has changed since Nasti was a student. "The Bridge to Nowhere now goes somewhere," he says. "The University now has national and international acclaim. Just as important as the academic achievements is the social experience. I look back fondly on my days at James and Douglas Colleges where I lived, and the friends I made, several of whom I remain close with. This great University continues to offer that tremendous experience to future generations of students."

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**The Department of Environmental Health & Safety** has 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 experience necessary. 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 perform radio plays in the studio on WUSB-FM and elsewhere and before live audiences... 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.

**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. 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 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.

**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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**Depression:** The State University of New York at Stony Brook Depression Treatment Program is seeking individuals to participate in treatment studies of depression. Men and women, ages 18-75, are needed for studies with medication and/or psychotherapy. Treatment is provided by licensed staff psychiatrists and psychologists, and is free of charge. All information remains confidential. Please contact the Depression Clinic at the Department of Psychology z-2500, 632-6381.

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**Weight or Binge Eating Problems:** Are you a female between the ages of 18-25? Researchers in the Department of Psychiatry seek females for participation in a study which investigates factors that may contribute to these difficulties. For more information call: 632-8832.

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## Appealing Ways Bring in Support

The United Way and the State Employees Federated Appeal want to congratulate all of the employees at Stony Brook who participated in this year's appeal. The campaign raised an outstanding \$116,000 to support health and human service agencies, locally, statewide, and abroad. Dr. Rollin Richmond, Provost, served as Chair for the University and Dr. Fred Preston, Vice President for Student Affairs, coordinated the Cornerstone Club program. Dr. Michael Maffetone, Director and CEO of University Hospital and Medical Center, and Dr. Norman Edelman, Vice President and Dean, School of Medicine, coordinated the hospital's efforts.

## Empire State's New Digs

The new Empire State College office is located in the Humanities Building, Rooms 108 and 109. The new phone numbers are 2-9387 and 2-9322. The office is open for walk-in information on Tuesday mornings from 9 a.m. until noon. If you would like information mailed to you, please call the Hauppauge office of the college at 360-1215. Or visit their Web site: [www.esc.edu](http://www.esc.edu). Information sessions in the Hauppauge office will take place on: Wednesday, May 28 at 6 p.m., Wednesday, June 4 at 12:15 p.m., Wednesday, June 18 at 6 p.m., and Wednesday, July 2 at 12:15 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

## Carol M. Baldwin: Fighting Breast Cancer



Carol M. Baldwin (right), a breast cancer survivor and advocate, was a guest speaker at a Disabilities Awareness Week event held last month in the Student Union Ballroom. The mother of six children, including actors Alec and William, Baldwin says she is "bound and determined" to help find a cure for breast cancer because "a cure will not only help Long Island, but it will help the world."

## A Summer Writing Project for Teachers

Once again, Stony Brook's English Department is offering the Long Island Suffolk Writing Project, an invitational writing project for teachers K through University, July 7-31. The program is an affiliate of the National Writing Project, University of California, Berkeley. Any teacher interested in earning six graduate English credits, a stipend, and an opportunity to write and share ideas with other local teachers may call Dr. Elsa Emenheiser at 632-7303 and leave your name and address.

The purpose of the writing project is to improve student writing by improving teaching and learning in Suffolk County schools. A secondary goal is to expand teachers' roles by offering them professional development programs in collaboration with a university.

# Living/Learning Centers Go Beyond the Classroom



Living where they learn, students in class at the International Studies Living/Learning Center.

The Living/Learning Centers (LLCs) provide students with a unique opportunity to integrate their educational and living experiences. Through a partnership between Undergraduate Academic Affairs and Campus Residence, residents live in close proximity with other students who share their academic interests.

Participation in the LLCs fosters interaction with faculty members on a personal level, one that goes beyond the traditional classroom setting. The program's goals are achieved by providing credit and extracurricular learning experiences in the residence hall environment. The LLC programs include Environmental Studies, Science and Engineering, Wellness, International Studies, Human Sexual and Gender Development, Interdisciplinary Arts, and the Honors College. Approximately 1,400 students live in LLC buildings, and for the 1995-96 academic year, 748 students were enrolled in LLC courses.

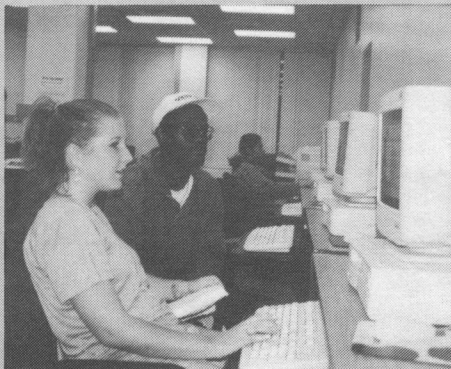
The LLCs for Environmental Studies, Human Sexual and Gender Development, Interdisciplinary Arts, and International Studies offer minors in their respective fields. These minors are made up of 21 to 24 credits in related disciplines. The minors may be complemented with independent projects and internships with departmental faculty. Some courses are taught in academic buildings, but others are held within the LLCs. Each building has classrooms and study lounges for convenient study sessions. There is also a faculty director and a residence hall director to answer questions and offer suggestions. Each Residence Hall Director for an LLC has a master's degree in a related field, and resident advisors within the buildings do thematic programming to complement the students' interests.

Jerry Stein, director of Residential Programs, points out, "We're leading the way in the country with our LLCs. We have received national and international attention for our programs. The LLCs are education as education was designed in Europe: study with faculty in intimate sections." With faculty maintaining office hours in the buildings, students can personally avail themselves of their expertise, which, in turn, contributes to the development of the whole person, intellectually, socially and emotionally. "By students studying where they live," remarked John Cameron, department of Theatre Arts and faculty director for the Interdisciplinary Arts LLC, "education is brought closer to home."

## Residence Halls: All Your Needs Right Outside Your Doors

Several computing centers are conveniently located in the residence halls. The facilities in Baruch College, Benedict College, Cardozo College, O'Neill College, and Stimson College are open to all residents and are equipped with state-of-the-art Pentium computers and laser printers. Each workstation is linked to the Internet and the University's Computing Resources, and has a multitude of software programs. Each center is maintained by a staff of resident students who provide technical assistance and support as well as training in the various programs. The Residential Computing Centers offer extended late-night hours to better accommodate busy student schedules.

Fitness Centers are located in each quad, offering either Cybex or Nautilus circuits, stationary bicycles, step machines, and free weights. Some centers offer specialized aerobic training classes led by certified instructors. The fitness centers are staffed and run by students. Each center provides a wide range of services, including supervision on the various equipment; instruction on the proper techniques to maximize your workout; personal tracking of workout levels; and personal support and encouragement. The facilities are open at convenient hours seven days a week.



Students surfing away at Benedict College.

## One of the Best Universities for Hispanics

Stony Brook was recently named one of the top 100 colleges nationwide in graduating Hispanics at the bachelor's and master's degree level. This finding was based on data compiled by the National Center for Education Statistics, a division of the U.S. Department of Education. The April 18 issue of *The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education* contains a list of the top 100 institutions.

## Ticked Off

Stony Brook's Neurology department recently received the largest NIH grant ever awarded to an academic institution for the study of Lyme disease. The five year research study, entitled "Neurological



Aspects of Lyme Disease in North America," will recruit several hundred Lyme disease patients, adults as well as children. The multidisciplinary research study, spearheaded by Dr. Patricia Coyle, will include the infectious disease researchers, dermatology, medicine, and pediatrics. The west campus Ecology and Evolution department will investigate the spread of deer ticks.

During the first year of the study, direct costs (the money available to investigators) will be \$670,000; and indirect costs (money for the research foundation) will be \$320,000. Direct and indirect costs for the succeeding years will be in excess of a million dollars each year.

The study will examine Lyme disease not only as an illness, but from a cognitive standpoint as well, looking at short- and long-term memory loss. A major portion of the study will be devoted to neuropsychological testing that may be related to Lyme disease. A pediatric portion will involve neuropsychological testing run by Dr. Anita Belman. The entire project will be broken up into the following sections: laboratory analysis, examining and treating the patient, neuropsychological aspects, and pediatric aspects. All of the statistics compiled from the study will be put in a database.

## The Winners are....



ON (AND IN) ROTH POND: Out of the mass of confusion, Alicia Connelly (at center) and Jolie Ward of the Sinn Fein pull away and win first place in the Yacht category at the Roth Pond Regatta. "We used 18 rolls of duct tape to make the boat," says Connelly. Over 30 vessels made with cardboard and duct tape competed in this annual event. The winners received a trophy and a \$100 gift certificate to the SmithHaven Mall.