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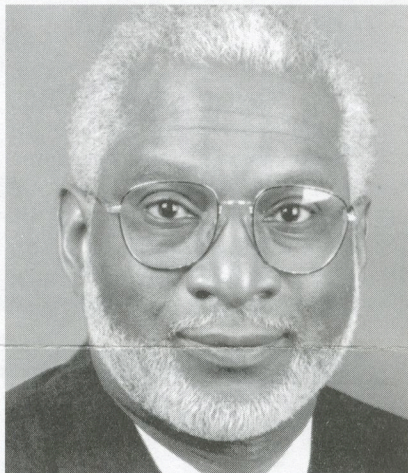
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Surgeon General to Address Campus

Dr. David Satcher, the United States Surgeon General and Assistant Secretary for Health, will be the speaker for the President's Lecture Series Celebrating Diversity during our observance of Black History Month. On Wednesday, February 10, Dr. Satcher will give a talk entitled "Eliminating Racial Disparities in Health: It's Not a Zero-Sum Game." The lecture will be held in the Student Activities Center Auditorium from 12:40 p.m. to 2 p.m. Seating is limited, so please call 2-6320 to RSVP.



Dr. David Satcher.

Dr. Satcher was sworn in as both the Assistant Secretary for Health (ASH) and the Surgeon General for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on February 13, 1998. Dr. Satcher is the 16th Surgeon General and the first African-American male to date to hold the post. (The Surgeon General holds the rank of four-star admiral.) Before this appointment, Dr. Satcher was the director of the HHS' Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and administrator of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry from 1993 to 1997.

About his talk, Dr. Satcher has said, "For all the medical breakthroughs we have seen in the past century, we still see significant disparities in the medical conditions of racial groups in this country. Our efforts to close the gap will not take anything away from anybody. Eliminating disparities is not a zero-sum game. In fact, the entire nation benefits when we protect the health of those most vulnerable and most at risk."

In addition to his dedication to health, Dr. Satcher has been the recipient of many outstanding awards. They include the 1996 American Medical Association's Dr. Nathan B. Davis Award, the John Stearns Award for Lifetime Achievement in Medicine from the New York Academy of Medicine, *Ebony* magazine's American Black Achievement Award in Business and the Professions in 1994, and the Surgeon General's Medallion for significant and noteworthy contributions to the health of the nation, just to name a few.

\$1 Million Grant Funds Bioengineering Program

A three-year Special Opportunity Award from The Whitaker Foundation totaling \$1 million will launch an undergraduate degree program in bioengineering at Stony Brook. By 2001, students will be able to matriculate in the Bachelor of Science in Bioengineering program, and receive training in such cutting-edge areas as biomedical engineering, biotechnology, and environmental engineering. Graduates of the program will be poised to enter a variety of rapidly growing fields such as gene and tissue engineering, development of prosthetic devices, biodegradable materials development, and physiological research.

"The ability to offer a bachelor's degree will meet a growing demand for training in this field," explains the program's curriculum director Kenneth McLeod, associate professor, Departments of Orthopaedics and Materials Science. "Bioengineering undergraduate programs nationwide have increased their enrollments by 10 to 15 percent each year. Young women with an interest in sciences and technology have been especially drawn to such programs." McLeod anticipates the first matriculating class will have 20 to 25 students with an estimated 120 students enrolled in the minor. This new initiative represents the latest expansion in Stony Brook's rapidly growing bioengineering program, an interdisciplinary effort involving the College of Engineering and Applied Science, the School of Medicine, the School of Dentistry, and the College of Arts and Sciences. In 1996, the first \$1 million Whitaker Foundation grant established the Graduate Program in Biomedical Engineering, followed by the introduction of an interdisciplinary undergraduate minor program last year.

The new degree program's interdisciplinary curriculum will incorporate an innovative teaching approach from the bioengineering minor, Contextual Based Learning Modules (CLM). CLM emphasizes the introduction of new material in a context already familiar to students. In addition to developing CLM-based curriculum, funds from the three-year award will be used to hire new full-time faculty, gain departmental status for the Program in Bioengineering, and obtain New York State accreditation to offer the undergraduate Bachelor of Science degree in Bioengineering.

Rave Reviews for Commencement

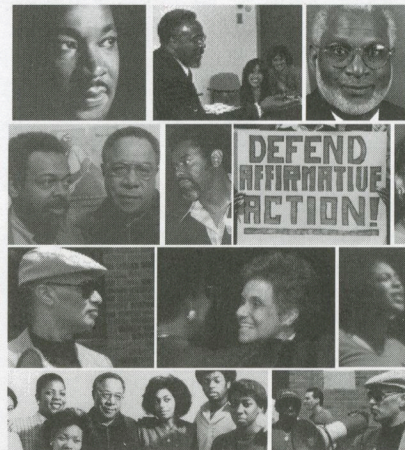
December Commencement, the first held at Stony Brook, was a rousing success. On December 13, 1998, over 2,500 people attended the ceremony in the Sports Complex Main Arena. Nearly 400 undergraduate and graduate students participated in the event. President Shirley Strum Kenny and Provost Rollin Richmond announced the names of each student, who in turn walked to the podium to receive recognition for their years of hard work.

Not one to rest on its laurels, the Office of Conferences and Special Events has already begun preparations for the May 14 Commencement. While that day may seem to be far in the distance, the Conferences staff has already begun making its plans to make sure the ceremonies run smoothly. And, the University can use your help. Volunteers will be needed to assist the over 2,000 graduates and their families as they arrive for their big day. If you or your staff are interested in helping the University stage another great Commencement, please call the Office of Conferences and Special Events at 632-6320.



President Shirley Strum Kenny shares a moment with a student after the ceremony.

Honoring Black History Month



Celebrating 30 Years

February's Black History Month celebration will serve a dual purpose as the campus honors Black history and 30 years of the Africana Studies program with the theme "A Victory for One is A Victory for All...Celebrating 30 Years of Africana Studies."

Last year was an historic one for Africana Studies as it officially became a department. In November, the University Senate voted unanimously to give Africana Studies full department status. The program was formed in 1968 as part of the resolution of a series of student revolts on campus. William McAdoo, chair of Africana Studies, told *The Statesman* that the department plans to use new technologies and computer networks in the study of African history, and that students majoring in the degree must take a research seminar. For students to graduate with the degree, they must now complete 48 credits of work in the major, instead of the 42 needed previously.

The Opening Ceremony for Black History Month will be held on Wednesday, January 27 at 12:40 p.m. in the Student Activities Center Lobby. The history of African studies will be discussed, and the Stony Brook Gospel Choir is scheduled to sing. Other events for Black History Month are still being planned. For up-to-date calendar information, visit the Calendar of Events on the Web at www.sunysb.edu, or check out the February 3 issue of *Happenings* for a complete listing of all events.

★ OPENING CEREMONY

Wednesday, January 27
12:40 p.m.
Student Activities
Center Lobby

"A Victory for One is a
Victory for All . . .
Celebrating 30 Years of
Africana Studies"

Geologist Examines Why Earth Quakes

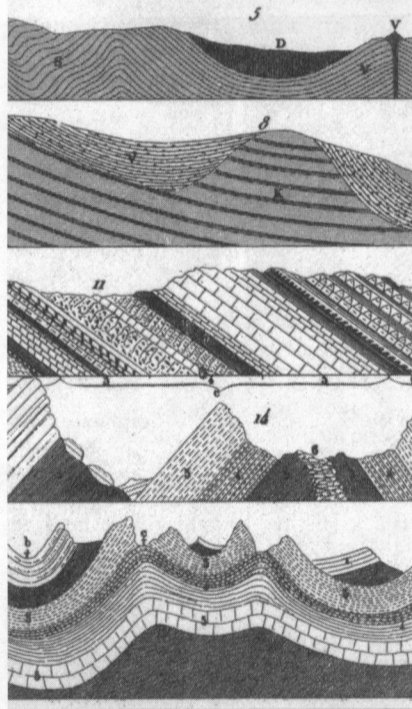
The Department of Geosciences plans to rock the planet with its first Geology Open Night of the season. Professor Donald Weidner will discuss "Whose fault is it? Why the Earth quakes" on Friday, January 29 at 7:30 p.m.

Earthquakes are a constant reminder of the natural forces shaping our planet. They occur mostly in the shallow crust, but many happen at depths of 700 kilometers. Their very existence informs us about the processes occurring within the Earth as well as about the properties of the rocks that catastrophically fail under load. Weidner will explore the history of man's understanding of these violent acts of nature, from the early Japanese model of the giant catfish to our modern view of frictional sliding on a fault. Still, we do not understand the process for deep events. The talk will also look at recent research results that attempt to understand why these deep earthquakes do occur.

A Look Inside Volcanoes

Coming up on February 26, Geology Open Night turns up the heat with "Volcanoes: Windows into the Earth's Crust and Mantle," a talk by Professor Hanna Nekvasil, Department of Geosciences.

Volcanic eruptions provide awe-inspiring demonstrations of the power of the processes at work within the Earth. They also provide invaluable information about the thermal and compositional structure of the Earth's crust and upper mantle. Through ongoing theoretical, experimental, and field observa-



A drawing of plates showing volcanic formations.

tions, petrologists are determining the characteristics of silicate melts and the critical variables that lead to the diversity in eruptive styles and eruption products that characterize volcanoes world-wide. Such information, when combined with data on the tectonic histories of volcanic provinces, provides invaluable insights into the dynamic state of the Earth.

All Geology Open Nights are held in Room 001 Earth and Space Science Building. There will be refreshments and demonstrations after the presentations. Admission is free.

More information on the lectures is available on the Web at www.geo.sunysb.edu/openight/.

The Faces of Stony Brook

The Stony Brook Union Art Gallery is pleased to announce the opening of "The Faces of Stony Brook" show. This photographic exhibition will be showing from January 21, 1999 through February 2, 1999.

The exhibition is an engaging collection of color and black and white photographic prints. Some were created by students in the photography courses available through the art program. Others are images composed by the many affiliates of the State University of New York at Stony Brook. The compilation of works includes the faces of faculty, students, employees, and others that are part of campus life. Nina Salvatore, a Master of Fine Arts student, has curated the show.

Many creators of the images will be available to talk about their work at the show's opening on Thursday, January 21 at 7 p.m. The Department of Student Union and Activities is sponsoring the exhibit.

The Stony Brook Union Art Gallery is located on the second floor of the Student Union Building. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m. For additional information, please call 632-6822.



The Faces of Stony Brook, a photo by Nina Salvatore, curator of the show.

Service Awards on Feb 2

On Tuesday, February 2, 1999, the annual Service Awards Ceremony will be held at 4 p.m. in the Student Activities Center. The Ceremony honors faculty and staff who have contributed to the University for over 20 years or more. Please join the University in celebrating the accomplishments of the following individuals:

For 35 years of service: John Alexander, Jacques Guilmain, Oscar Harris, Warren Randall, and Howard Scarrow.

For 30 years: Frank Anshen, David Bolotina, Gerald Brown, Elof Carlson, T. Owen Carroll, Thomas Celentano, Benjamin Chu, Stephen Cole, Bernard Dudock, Paul Dudzick, Charlotte Duff, Stephen Fallica, Kenneth Feldman, Susan Fijalkowski, Diane Fortuna, Frank Fowler, John Gagnon, Santiago Garcia, Herbert Herman, David Hicks, Philip Johnson, Woo Kim, Janos Kirz, Lee Koppleman, Irwin Kra, Richard Kramer, Thomas Kranidas, Thomas Kuo, George Lukemire, Harvard Lyman, Thomas Maresca, Robert McGrath, Harold Metcalf, John Milazzo, Robert Nathans, Anthony Phillips, Stephen Rappaport, Anthony Rizzuto, F. James Rohlf, Dominic Seraphin, Lawrence Slobodkin, Marshall Spector, George Stell, Jochanan Stier, William Strockbine, Sheldon Weintraub, and John Williams.

For 25 years: William Bauer, Maureen Burns, George Carroll, Francis Celentano, Patricia Crowley, Eileen Dellaposta, Marina Diaz, Milton Drone, Edward Drummond, Lorne Golub, C. Hill, Michael Hogarty, Patricia Holmes, Jeanette Hotmer, Phyllis Ironside, Francis Johnson, Hershall Kaufman, Esperanza Kesler, Israel Kleinberg, Dorothy Lane, Robert Lobou, Paul Lombardo, Ruth Marcolina, Juan Marmol, Lenora McClean, Thomas McNamara, Daniel Melucci, William Meyers, Clyde Miller, Dennis Orban, Nancy Peress, Jerry Pollock, Norman Prusslin, Ira Rezak, Louis Ripa, Arthur Rosen, James Rule, Donna Sammis, Jakob Schmidt, Richard Scott, Diane Siegel, Philip Solomon, Harry Soroff, John Stanley, Jack Stern, Patrick Treschl, Louise Vasvari, Wanda Vega, Joan Vogelle, Harry Weiner, Donn Welton, Silas Williams, and Robert Wilson.

For 20 years: Stanley Alexander, David Allen, Delores Allen, Said Arjomand, Michael Bell, Lucille Betti-Nash, Aija Birzgalis, Shirley Bonaparte, F. Tony Brady, Barbara Brand, Claire Briones-Kumpel, Robert Broderick, Frank Burger, Elaine Cannella, Ivan Chase, Marie Ciavarelli, Saundra Cohen, John DeMarie, Kathleen Desposito, Lou Deutsch, Pablo Diaz, Charles Eiserman, Ranaldo Eleazer, Ursula Fernandez, Barbara Fjellman, Ann Forkin, Carole Friedman, Jack Froom, Carol Furman, George Gabriel, Ramona Garcia, Lorraine Geiger, Edilia Genao, Marino Genao, Paulette Gerber, Eileen Goldsmith, Irene Grasso, Karol Kain Gray, Mara Green, Maureen Greslin, Kathy Herring, Eric Hochstadt, Grace Hunt, Michael Hurd, Julitta Jo, Alex Johnson, Patricia Jones, William Jungers, George Kaloyanides, Cynthia Kaplan, Karen Klein, Stephen Koch, John Kubik, Donald Kuspit, Dorothy Kutzin, Ronald LaValle, H. Blaine Lawson, Alan Leiken, Nina Leonhardt, Jonathan Levy, Joann Lobianco, Mareike Ludkewycz, Timothy Lynch, Mary MacDowell, Craig Malbon, Kenneth Marcu, Colin Martindale, William McAdoo, Charles McAteer, Dusa McDuff, Marie-Louise Michelsohn, Joanne Mone, Leon Moore, Theodore Moorman, Gene Mundie, William Murray, Lorraine Neilson, Lawrence Noonan, Barbara Oliva, Ralph Oliveto, Vivian P. Ortiz, Gail Owens, Leslie Owens, Nirmala Parashurama, Ronnie Paschkes, Anna Pashinsky, Robert Pashinsky, Harold Pass, Harriet Plotkin, Edith Polistina, Mary Ann Provost, Betty Puntarich, Aline Radu, Janet Rienzo-Stack, Audrey Riggs, Susan Rose, Jo Ann Rosen, Alvin Rowland, Patricia Russo, Judy Samarel, Ingeborg Schulz, Dorothy Scofield, Mary Scott, Frances Scrocco, Paul Seale, Megs Shea, Barbara Siemsen, Michael Silverberg, Albert Skorubski, Steven Streicher, Nancy Tomes, Charles Ullo, Gail Urban, Stephen Varga, Carlos Vidal, Helene Volat, Everett Waters, Harriet Waters, Larry Wilson, and Salvatore Zambuto.

Cover Attends C-SPAN Seminar

Associate Professor Albert Cover from the Department of Political Science recently joined over 30 other college and university professors from across the country for C-SPAN's January Seminar for Professors. Professors from disciplines as diverse as political science, journalism, speech, communications, and public policy attended the event, which was held on January 7 and January 9 at C-SPAN's Washington, D.C. office. The seminar focused on creative ways to use C-SPAN's public affairs programming in the college classroom and in research.

Professor Cover was selected through a competitive application process open to all of the 4,500 college faculty members of C-SPAN in the Classroom, the cable network's free national membership services for educators. C-SPAN, the political network of record, was created by cable and is offered as a public service. It is currently available in 74.6 million households.

Craft Center Spring Offerings

The Spring Workshops at the Stony Brook Union Crafts Center can help you keep your resolution to get fit, stay healthy, and challenge your mind with dozens of courses in basic arts and crafts, leisure, and wellness.

Excellent low-cost courses in Basic Photography, Pottery Making, Plastic Mold Making, Form and



Shape in Clay, and Floor Loom Weaving will begin in February. Leisure classes in Kayaking Fundamentals and Bartending are offered through the center as well. In addition, wellness classes in Yoga, T'ai-Chi Ch'uan, Step Aerobics, Kick Boxing, Shotokan Karate, Dance Du Ventre (Belly Dance), and Body Sculpture will also be offered. A new Defensive Driving Program will be presented on two Monday evenings in early March. Special Saturday and Sunday programs in Pit Firing, Kayaking Fundamentals, and Children's Classes in Clay (ages 6 to 10) will be offered this spring.

Pre-registration is necessary so if you haven't received a brochure, visit the Wellness Center in the Student Activities Center or the Crafts Center in the Student Union for a copy. Or call 2-6822 or 2-6828 to request a copy if you can't stop by in person.

The Crafts Center also offers membership to people who'd like to work on their own in the center's ceramics, weaving, or photography facilities.

Gallery Showcases Vincent Smith

In celebration of Black History Month, the Stony Brook Union Art Gallery presents "Vincent D. Smith/A Selection of Artworks." The exhibition of paintings, monoprints, and collages will be on display from February 5 through February 24, 1999. A reception with the artist will be held on Tuesday, February 9 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

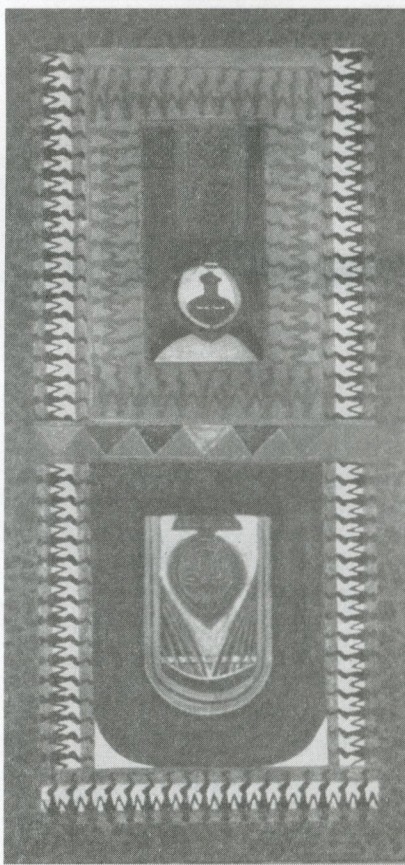
Vincent D. Smith has been creating art for over 50 years. Current events, his trips to Africa and the Caribbean, as well as his love of jazz music influenced him in creating *Benin Shrine* and *Elmira (Slave) Castle*. Smith mixed sand, rope, and dry pigments into his paint to create the powerful colors and textures of these two works. A new portrait by Smith of Reginald F. Lewis (the late chairman and CEO of TLC Beatrice International) was unveiled at Harvard Law School in October to mark the 30th reunion of Lewis's law school class. Smith's "Milton Playhouse," a bold, mosaic mural depicting the famous Harlem jazz spot was recently unveiled in the newly renovated IRT 116th Street/Lenox Avenue Station.

Smith taught at the Whitney Museum's Art Resources Center in New York City from 1967 to 1976. His work is in the collections of many museums across the country, including the Museum of Modern Art in New York, and is included in President and Mrs. Clinton's private collection in Washington.

Stony Brook is honored to show the work of this exceptional African American artist. He is a socially conscious and technically superb artist who has not only contributed to the African-American tradition but also made a positive difference for all people.

The exhibition is sponsored by the Department of Africana Studies, Student Union and Activities, a Presidential Mini Grant for diversity, the Black Faculty and Staff Association of Stony Brook, and the School of Medicine and Social Welfare.

The gallery is located on the second floor of the Student Union Building. Gallery hours are from noon until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For additional information please call 632-6822.



Benin Shrine is on display at the gallery.

Cody Family Funds Resource Center



Matthew and Debra Cody officially open the Resource Center as President Shirley Strum Kenny observes.

Imagine that you're a parent whose child has just been diagnosed as autistic. What do you do next? How can you find the services your family needs? Stony Brook's Resource Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities can help. Under the auspices of the Department of Psychiatry's Division of Developmental Disabilities, the Resource Center provides clinical care for people with Pervasive Developmental Disorders (an umbrella term for autism and other developmental disabilities, such as Down's syndrome and cerebral palsy). The center's staff also offers support and information to parents and families, and advises local agencies and school districts on how to help children with developmental disorders.

The not-for-profit center was established with a generous gift from Matthew and Debra Cody, whose three young children have autism spectrum disorders. Clinical staff, under the direction of Dr. John Pomeroy, M.D., provides diagnostic testing and evaluations, medication management, inpatient psychiatric treatment, individual psychotherapy, and social skills programs. (These programs benefit children with compromised language development, or those who need help with their play skills.)

Center coordinator Sue Lesco is often the first person families speak with when they call the center. "Many have just received a diagnosis," she says, "and they have no idea what to do next. We can steer them to a support group, help them find the clinical care they need, or talk to them about how to work with their school district." Lesco also advises parents on laws protecting the rights of disabled children.

Autism is defined as a pervasive, developmental disability that affects children from birth, in the areas of language development, social and communication skills, and behavior. Some of the Resource Center's patients have Asperger's syndrome, a related disorder that is similar to autism but does not include delayed language development.

In addition to Pomeroy and Lesco, the following people provide care at Stony Brook for those with developmental disorders: Lynda Geller, program director; Laurie Stephens, director of child services; and Juliet Williams, coordinator of the special skills program.

The Resource Center is planning to hold workshops, for parents and professionals, on how to set up social skills training programs in school districts. For information on this or other Resource Center services, call 632-3139. To make an appointment for a diagnostic evaluation, call 632-8850.

Donations Help Fuel Scholarships

The University recently received two gifts that will help to create more scholarships, one from longtime contributors, the other from a Stony Brook neighbor.

William E. and Maude S. Pritchard made many contributions to the University during their lives. Following their deaths in the early 1980s, the Pritchard Charitable Trust continued long established patterns of contributions. The trust has supported athletics, the Marine Sciences Research Center, and the Burn Center, among others.

Through the William and Maude Pritchard Charitable Trust, these benefactors have been funding several Stony Brook endeavors for many years. In recognizing the Pritchards long record of giving, the University named the Pritchard Gymnasium in their honor.

Recently, the Charitable Trust has made a \$221,000 donation to Stony Brook. The amount will be split between the General Scholarship Endowment and the Athletic Scholarship Endowment. This is the largest gift the trust has made.

North Fork Bank is also helping to make more scholarships available through a \$50,000 donation. The money will be used to support the General Scholarship fund, the Hardwood Golf Classic (which raises funds for basketball scholarships), the Staller Center, and the Research Classic fund-raising golf outing for the Health Sciences Center. Olga Belleau, manager of the North Fork Bank of Stony Brook, stopped by the campus to give the donation to President Shirley Strum Kenny.

For more information on the University's scholarship programs, please contact Lois Mazer, director of scholarships and special programs, at 632-8625.

Program Dedicated to Diagnosis & Care

The Neurobehavior and Memory Disorders program at Stony Brook is dedicated to the diagnosis and treatment of patients with cognitive and behavioral disturbances related to Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia, head injury, stroke, developmental disorders, and other illnesses. Symptoms of these disorders may include problems with memory, attention and concentration, language, perception, mood, sleep, personality changes, and other areas of behavior.

The Neurobehavior and Memory Disorders Program offers a multidisciplinary approach to assessment and treatment. The program's comprehensive diagnostic check-up may include a complete physical exam, detailed neurological exam, neurobehavioral evaluation, neuropsychological testing, metabolic and endocrine screening, neuroimaging studies (MRI/CAT scan), and neurophysiological studies.

Each patient receives an individualized treatment plan that includes appropriate pharmacological, behavioral, and social interventions. The plan may include traditional or novel medication approaches, cognitive and behavioral therapy, referrals to community services, or caregiver counseling.

Research is an important component of the program. Eligible patients may be invited to participate in clinical drug trials currently available for: Alzheimer's disease, vascular dementia, sleep disturbance in Alzheimer's disease, minimal cognitive impairment, and enhancement of rehabilitation of language and motor function after stroke.

Ongoing academic research projects include studies on neuropsychological and neuropsychiatric correlates of cerebral perfusion in Alzheimer's disease and semantic processing in primary progressive aphasia.

Rachel J. Schindler, M.D., has been the program director since 1992. She is board certified in neurology and neurorehabilitation, with specialty training in neuropsychiatry and behavioral neurology. Schindler is also an assistant professor of neurology, director of behavioral neurology, and chief, section of neurorehabilitation. She leads a highly motivated team including a neuropsychologist, clinical nurse specialist, social worker, and research support staff.

For more information about the program, call 444-8121.

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New Scholarship Fund Endowed

The sons of Yetta Brandwine Parker, an alumna and a former devoted employee of the University at Stony Brook, have donated \$100,000 to create the Yetta Brandwine Parker Endowed Scholarship Fund. The scholarship will support undergraduate students with an interest in science including but not exclusive to medicine, biology, engineering, or the physical sciences.

Parker, who received her Master of Liberal Studies degree from Stony Brook in 1974, worked at the University from 1971 until 1976, when she retired and moved to Florida. During her retirement years, she worked as a substitute teacher. An avid supporter of education with an interest in the sciences, Parker was listed in the 12th edition of *Who's Who of American Women*. She died in May 1997. Her sons, Robert and Steven Parker, remembering her love of education and of Stony Brook, established the scholarship in her memory.

The fund will endow two \$2,500 scholarships every year. The first scholarships will be awarded in September 1999. For more information on scholarships, please contact Lois Mazer, director of scholarships and special programs at 632-8625.

Graduate/Faculty Fellowships

Dean Paul Armstrong of the College of Arts and Sciences is funding one fellowship each for two summer school opportunities. The two programs are: The International School of Theory in the Humanities, Sanitago, Spain, from July 1 to July 31, 1999; and The School of Criticism and Theory, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, from June 14 to July 23, 1999.

For the International School, the Dean will provide the \$2950 tuition, food, and lodging, while \$2,000 will be given for the School of Criticism and Theory fellowship.

Interested graduate students and junior faculty members may obtain an application form from the Humanities Institute in the Melville Library. Completed applications should be returned to the Humanities Institute by February 1, 1999. Notification will be given by February 22.

Summer Fellowships

ATTENTION FACULTY!

Help your students get ahead with their research by letting them know about two summer programs. The Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities (URECA) Program and the RAIRE Program are offering summer fellowships for qualified students.

RAIRE Summer Fellowships

Summer 1999, June 7 - August 13

Program: This 10-week program offers students the opportunity to engage in full-time research in science, engineering or math. At the end of the 10-week period, the fellows will prepare abstracts of their work, to appear on the RAIRE Web page. They will also be required to give a presentation on their work at the fall Celebration of Undergraduate Achievements.

Eligibility: This program is open to all Stony Brook undergraduates who are engaged in research in a physical science, life science, social science, mathematics, or engineering under the supervision of a Stony Brook faculty member. The only exceptions are students who will be graduating in May 1999. Fellows may not take classes or work at another job during the fellowship period. Women and students from underrepresented groups are strongly encouraged to apply.

Award: The RAIRE Undergraduate Research Fellows will receive \$1,500 plus on-campus room and board. Fellowships will be awarded on a competitive basis.

Contact: Interested students must submit four copies of the completed application packet by March 1, 1999 to Christine Bentley, RAIRE Summer Fellowship, 407 Administration, SUNY at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY 11794-1401.

The fellowships are funded by a National Science Foundation Recognition Award.

1999 URECA Summer Fellowships

June 7 to August 13

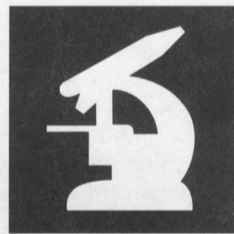
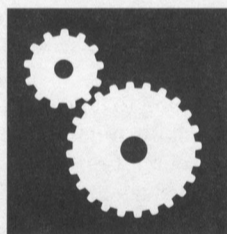
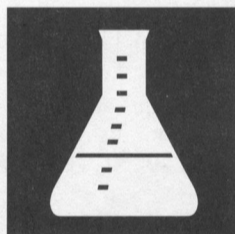
Program: The URECA Program offers summer fellowships to enable students to engage in intensive full-time, 10-week research experiences or creative projects, under the supervision of Stony Brook faculty. At the end of the 10-week period, the fellows will prepare abstracts of their work to appear on the URECA Web page. They will also be required to give presentations of their work at the fall Celebration of Undergraduate Achievements.

Eligibility: All undergraduates (except those who are graduating in May 1999) are eligible to apply. In order to qualify, students must submit a research or creative plan endorsed by a faculty member who agrees to supervise them.

Award: Fellows will receive stipends of \$2000. Fellowships will be awarded on a competitive basis.

Contact: Interested students must submit four copies of the completed application packet by March 15, 1999 to Christine Bentley, URECA Summer Fellowship, 407 Administration Building, SUNY at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY 11794-1401.

For more information on either fellowship, contact Christine Bentley via e-mail at Christine.Bentley@sunysb.edu or at 632-7114.



Stamp of Approval

The Pollock-Krasner House and Study Center will be hosting a special unveiling ceremony of the Jackson Pollock stamp on January 28, 1999. The U.S. Postal Service will be issuing a stamp commemorating Abstract Expressionism as part of its 15-stamp series depicting the 1940s in its Celebrate the Century stamp program. The stamp will feature an image of Jackson Pollock painting based on a composite of photographs taken by Martha Holmes in 1949.

The U.S. Postal Service has invited the Pollock-Krasner House, which falls under the auspices of the State University of New York at Stony Brook, to host the official unveiling of the Pollock stamp on what would have been Pollock's 87th birthday. Following the 1 p.m. ceremony for invited guests, the site will open its doors to the general public and community at large for a celebration complete with birthday cake and a lively chorus of "Happy Birthday" sung by young Pollock fans from The Springs School of East Hampton.

If you would like more information about the Pollock-Krasner House and Study Center, please call Chris McNamara at 324-4929

Success Spotlights

Happenings is seeking faculty/staff members successfully managing a disability interested in sharing their story for consideration in future publications. If you would like to be interviewed, please contact the *Happenings* Office at 632-6334 or e-mail: gale.clancy@sunysb.edu.

CALENDAR January 20-February 3

ART/MUSIC/THEATRE

1/21, Thursday-2/2, Tuesday. "The Faces of Stony Brook." A photography exhibition curated by Nina Salvatore. Stony Brook Union Art Gallery. 1/21: Opening Reception, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

1/25, Monday. Stony Brook Choral Auditions Bring a prepared song, including an extra copy for the accompanist. The choir is open to all members of the community. Music Building, 7:30 p.m., Room 0113. Call 632-7330 for more information.

1/29, Friday. Stony Brook Opera Chorus Auditions Bring a prepared opera aria or Italian song, along with an extra copy for the accompanist. Music Building, 7:30 p.m., Room 0113. For more information, call Li-Fen Chen at 216-2229, or 632-7330.

1/31, Sunday. "Music for the Sun King" The third installment of this year's Baroque Sundays series. Martha McGaughy and Carlene Stober, violas da gamba, will be joined by harpsichordist Arthur Haas to celebrate the glories of the French Baroque and the music of Francois Couperin. 3 p.m., Staller Center Recital Hall. A free-will offering is requested.

FILMS

1/29, Friday. *Antz*. 7 p.m. Animated film

featuring the voices of Woody Allen, Sharon Stone, and Gene Hackman. *The Thief*. 9 p.m. Nominated for the Academy Award for Best Foreign Film. In Russian with English subtitles. Call the Box Office at 632-ARTS for ticket information.

SPECIAL EVENTS

1/20, Wednesday-1/22, Friday. *Art Poster Sale*. Student Activities Center, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

1/20, Wednesday-1/22, Friday. *Plant Sale*. Stony Brook Union Lobby, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

1/21, Thursday-1/22, Friday. *Pottery Sale*. Stony Brook Union, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

1/21, Thursday. *Free Prostate Cancer Screenings*. University Hospital's Department of Urology offers free screenings that consist of a simple blood test and a physical examination. Recommended for all men over 50, and for African American men over 40 who have a family history of prostate cancer. Stony Brook Urology, 2500 Nesconset Highway, Stony Brook. (Additional screenings will be held at the First Baptist Church of Wyandanch on 1/30, and every Monday morning and Thursday afternoon at the Hampton Bays Life Care Center.) To schedule an appointment, please call 723-5000.

2/1, Monday-2/5, Friday. *Step Aerobics*. Wellness Center. Call 6322-6822 for schedules, fees, and pre-registration.

SEMINARS/LECTURES

1/25, Monday. "Gynecologic Cancer Screening." Michael Pearl, M.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Medicine. Dr. Pearl will discuss the current methods and recommendations for screening for gynecologic cancer: cervical, endometrial, ovarian, vulvar, and vaginal. 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Community Room, Lower Level, Emma S. Clark Memorial Library, 120 Main Street, Setauket. Part of the Women's Health Lecture Series. Pre-registration is required due to limited seating. Please call: 941-4080.

1/29, Friday. *Geology Open Night. "Whose Fault is it? Why the Earth Quakes."* Professor Donald Weidner, Department of Geosciences. 7:30 p.m., Earth and Space Sciences Lecture Hall, Room 001. Refreshments will be served. Free admission.

2/10, Wednesday. *President's Lecture Series Celebrating Diversity. "Eliminating Racial Disparities in Health: It's Not a Zero-Sum Game."* Dr. David Satcher, the United States Surgeon General and Assistant Secretary for Health. 12:40 p.m. to

2:00 p.m., Student Activities Center Auditorium. Seating is limited, so please RSVP 632-6320.

SPORTS

For info call the Seawolves Hotline at 632-WOLF.

1/23, Saturday. *Seawolves Basketball vs. Sacred Heart Women*. 2 p.m., home. Men. 4 p.m., home.

1/30, Saturday. *Seawolves Basketball vs. Bridgeport Women*. 2 p.m., home. Men. 4 p.m., home.

1/30, Saturday. *Seawolves Men's and Women's Swimming vs. Monclair State*. 1 p.m., home.

UPCOMING

2/9, Tuesday. *Stony Brook Day*. Faculty, students, and staff will be heading up to Albany to let legislators know all about the great things we are doing at Stony Brook. If you are interested in coming along, please call Kathy Yunger at 632-6129.

2/26, Friday. *Geology Open Night. "Volcanoes: Windows into the Earth's Crust and Mantle."* Professor Hanna Nekvasil, Department of Geosciences. 7:30 p.m., Earth and Space Sciences Lecture Hall, Room 001. Refreshments will be served. Free admission.