

# HAPPENINGS

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## Interim Director of Libraries Appointed

Provost Robert McGrath is pleased to announce that Charles Simpson has agreed to serve as Interim Director of Libraries while a national search is conducted to fill the vacancy that will be created when Joe Branin departs in December.

Simpson has been with the libraries at Stony Brook since 1986. He served 10 years as Assistant Director for Technical and Access Services. During this time his various responsibilities included the administration of bibliographic access services, circulation services, serials and acquisitions services, interlibrary loan, photocopy services, systems and automation, and the budget. For the past two years he has been Assistant Director of Libraries for Systems and Administration and has been responsible for the library budget, facilities, and associated support services. He has facilitated the rehabilitation of the main library building, including the reorganization of service departments and incorporation of two science branch libraries. During Simpson's tenure there has been a significant expansion of web-based and other online information systems, as well as the creation of a PC-based instructional facility.

As Interim Director, Simpson will enable the library system to continue to provide a high level of service to the campus community and provide a continuity of leadership that is vital during the period of transition that begins in December.

## Campus Mourns the Loss of Sylvia Geoghegan

We are deeply saddened to announce that our friend and colleague, Sylvia Geoghegan, died Sunday, November 7 of complications resulting from a mishap that took place while she was boarding her van the previous day.



Sylvia Geoghegan.

To all who knew her, Sylvia was an extraordinary woman whose warmth, enthusiasm, and joyful spirit touched countless lives through her companionship, her work, and her art (which was often displayed at the Stony Brook Union Art Gallery).

An advocate and champion for people with disabilities, her efforts were responsible for achieving significant change both on and off campus. Her passing is a personal loss to many at Stony Brook;

particularly to her colleagues in the Office for Diversity and Affirmative Action, where she had worked most recently as Assistant to the Director. Certainly, her spirit will forever be an inspiration to us all.

Sylvia's family is currently planning to carry through with what would have been Sylvia's 50th birthday party. Instead, it will now be held as a memorial 50th birthday celebration of Sylvia's life, on Saturday, November 27, in the Student Activities Center Auditorium, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. All are invited to attend.

The University is planning an additional memorial service on Tuesday December 14, 4:30-5:30 p.m., in the Student Activities Center Auditorium. A fund has been established in Sylvia's memory to assist persons with disabilities. Checks may be made payable to the "Sylvia Fund/Stony Brook Foundation" and sent to the Foundation office.

## Campus Recognizes Undergraduate Research

Student Poster Presentation on Wednesday, November 3, the Student Activities Center lobby was filled with more than 40 posters, slides, demonstrations and videotapes—all prepared by Stony Brook undergraduates and based on research or creative projects they had carried out over the summer. The occasion was the third fall "Celebration of Undergraduate Achievements," sponsored by the campus RAIRE (Recognition Award for the Integration of Research and Education) and URECA programs. At this event, students who spent their summer in the laboratory, library or studio researching a subject or creating a work of art demonstrated their accomplishments to the University community.

The presentations represented a wide range of interests, from laboratory investigations of DNA replication to a study of the trends in cloud cover over the continental United States. Many of the students had been supported in their work through special summer fellowships offered through the campus URECA, RAIRE, Howard Hughes Medical Institute and Beckman programs. Other students were funded through faculty grants. Still others became involved as a result of their own initiatives. While most of the projects were carried out at Stony Brook under the supervision of Stony Brook faculty, a small number took place at other institutions such as Cornell and the Public Health Research Institute.

Paul Armstrong, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, was the principal speaker. In his comments, he noted the diversity and high quality of the presentations and the dedication and sophistication of the students who gave them. He also recognized the contributions of the faculty who mentored the students in their work. He and Associate Provost for Educational Initiatives Wendy Katkin encouraged students who were in the audience to follow the example of those presenting and become involved themselves.

Students who are interested in participating in supervised research or creative activity should contact Christine Bentley at 632-4378. The next event highlighting student accomplishments, 2000 Celebration of Undergraduate Achievements is scheduled for April 12-13, 2000. Mark your calendars now.

## SUNY Names Distinguished Professors

Two Stony Brook professors have been appointed Distinguished Professors by the State University of New York's Board of Trustees: Philip M. Solomon and William G. Van der Kloot.

"We are delighted that Dr. Solomon and Dr. Van der Kloot have achieved this prestigious rank," President Kenny said. "It speaks well of their extraordinary efforts, and it reflects positively on the outstanding faculty that have made the University at Stony Brook one of the leading research institutions in the nation."

Professor Solomon, Department of Earth and Space Sciences, is recognized for his research in astronomy. He is a pioneer of millimeter wavelength astronomy and a leader in U.S. radio astronomy. He has been at Stony Brook since 1974.

Professor Van der Kloot, Department of Physiology and Biophysics, is known as a leader in the field of synaptic physiology. He was also recognized for his contributions as founding chair of the department. He joined the University in 1971.

Philip M. Solomon and William G. Van der Kloot were among nine internationally known scholars who were awarded the highest designation that can be achieved by a SUNY educator. Since the rank was established in 1992, the University has had 22 members of its faculty named as Distinguished Professors.

## Gallery Celebrates Community

In celebration of the Year of Community, the Stony Brook Union Art Gallery will present an exhibit of



Artist Margaret Cusack.

fiber art from November 22 through December 10. The scope of the exhibit will be diverse and will contain numerous styles of fiber art. Hanging pieces, clothing, sculpture, paper works, basketry, quilts, and dolls will be highlighted. These pieces will illustrate some of the numerous materials and techniques that are used today in the creation of fiber art.

Margaret Cusack, an illustrator and folk artist, will be one of the artists displaying her work. Her sewn illustrations have been used as record covers, ads, posters, editorial illustrations, and greeting cards. As part of the exhibit, Cusack will give a slide show detailing her work at the opening reception on November 22.

The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.



The Seawolves football team makes its NCAA Division I national television debut on Fox 5 NY.

Saturday,  
November 26  
11 a.m.

Watch our team battle the St. John's Red Storm!

## Administration Building Lost and Found

A central Lost & Found has been established in the Office of the Vice President for Administration in the Administration Building. If you misplace something in the building, this is where you may be able to find it. If you happen to find a lost item, please bring it to 221 Administration. Should you become aware that an individual lost or misplaced something while they were in this building please be sure to direct them to this office.

221 Administration Building  
Call 632-6340 or  
632-6105 for more information.



## Goodman Symposium Packs Student Center

The First Annual George Goodman Symposium, "Facing the Future: Millennium Musings," drew a crowd of over 500 at the Student Activities Center Auditorium on November 4. The symposium featured noted author E.L. Doctorow, who discussed "The Politics of God," and Professor Michio Kaku, who offered his own technological view of the future. Radio personality Amy Goodman moderated the session, which also included writer David Goodman, who discussed the fate of South Africa.



The Goodman family pose with speakers E.L. Doctorow (third from left) and Michio Kaku (third from right) before the symposium.

Photo by Nancy James.

### Holiday Sales

Do your holiday shopping on campus at the  
**Stony Brook Union Lobby and  
Fireside Lounge Sales!**

**Arts & Crafts/Pottery Sale**  
Monday, December 6 -  
Wednesday, December 8

**Plant Sale**  
Tuesday, December 7 -  
Thursday, December 9

**Flea Market**  
Wednesday, December 8

All sales are held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



**Tanger Outlet Trip**  
Saturday, December 4

Depart Student Activities Center,  
9 a.m.; return 6:30 p.m. Tickets: \$5  
(includes coupon and a raffle ticket).  
Call 632-9392 for more information.

## CALENDAR November 23 - December 8

### ART/MUSIC/THEATRE

**11/22, Monday to 12/10, Friday. A Community of Fiber Artists.** Monday to Friday, noon to 4 p.m. The Art Gallery, Stony Brook Union. Free. For information, call 632-6822.

**11/15, Monday to 12/11, Saturday. Loren Madsen: 6,000,000,000 Monkeys.** The University Art Gallery at the Staller Center presents Loren Madsen's large-scale work, which includes a 20-foot diameter umbrella-shaped silver gilded wood element lying on its side and suspended in space. Tuesday through Friday, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Free.

**12/1, Wednesday. Kandinsky Trio.** Now celebrating its 11th anniversary season, The Kandinsky Trio has established itself as one of America's foremost chamber ensembles. The program will include the Chopin Piano Trio to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the composer's death. 8 p.m. Recital Hall, Staller Center. Admission is \$23. For information, call 632-ARTS.

**12/3, Friday. Porgy and Bess.** Based on the renowned novel by Dubose Heyward about the residents of Charleston's famed Catfish Row, the production of the Gershwin classic, Porgy and Bess, includes a cast of 25 performers drawn from some of the nation's leading opera companies and will feature a 20-piece orchestra. 8 p.m. Main Stage, Staller Center. Admission is \$29. For information, call 632-ARTS.

**12/5, Sunday. Stony Brook Symphony Orchestra and Stony Brook Chorale.** Conductor Timothy Mount will lead a choral/orchestral concert, performing Haydn's *The Creation*. Join the Stony Brook Chorale and Symphony Orchestra in a celebration of the 200th anniversary of the first public performance of Haydn's greatest choral work. 3 p.m. Main Stage, Staller Center. Pre-concert lecture at 2 p.m. in the Recital Hall. General admission is \$12, students and senior citizens, \$6. For tickets, call the Staller Center at 632-ARTS.

**12/9, Thursday. Jazz. Directed by Dan Faulk.** Faulk is a rising young star in the tenor saxophone world; he has appeared with J.J. Johnson, Wynton Marsalis, Rufus Reid, and many others, and has released



Dan Faulk.

two CDs under his own leadership. Dan also apprenticed with jazz legends Barry Harris and Benny Golson. Recital Hall, Staller Center. 8 p.m. Main Stage, Staller Center. Tickets: \$6/ Students and seniors \$4. For information, call 632-ARTS.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**11/22, Monday to 11/23, Tuesday. Plant Sale.** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Stony Brook Union Lobby, Stony Brook Union. Free. For information, call 632-6823.



**11/28, Sunday. 12th Annual Doll, Toy, and Teddy Bear Show.** This annual show benefits the Burn Center at University Hospital and Medical Center. There will be more than 200 tables of merchandise. This event has raised over \$80,000 for the Burn Center. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sports Complex. Donation: \$3 for adults, \$1 for children under 12. Free Parking. For more information call Sophie Mahoney at 261-6242.

**12/8, Wednesday. 2nd Annual Holiday Song Festival-Celebrating Campus Cultural Diversity.** 12:45 p.m. to 2 p.m. University Bookstore, Melville Library. Free. For information, call 632-9747.

**12/12, Sunday. December Graduation.** 1 p.m. Main Arena, Sports Complex. Call 632-6320 if you would like to volunteer.

### SEMINARS/LECTURES

**11/29, Monday "Intergration of Oncogenic Signals and the ARF/p53mdm2 Tumor Suppressor Pathway",** Martine F. Roussel, Ph.D University Tennessee. Health Sciences Center Level 2, Lecture Hall 1, noon to 1 p.m. Hosted by Dr. Dafna Bar-Sagi. Presented by Department of Molecular Genetics and Microbiology and Center For Infectious Diseases.

**11/30, Tuesday. The Isabelle Story: Science and Politics In The Making and Unmaking of an Accelerator.** This is the fifth lecture of the Science Studies Forum series. The speaker is Robert Crease, Department of Philosophy. 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Harriman Hall 249. For information, please call Professor Crease at 632-7584.

**11/30, Tuesday. Department of Pharmacological Sciences Seminar Series.** Dr. Leslie Wilson, Department of Biological Sciences, University of California at Santa Barbara, will discuss "Microtubule Assembly Dynamics: Taking Aim at a Moving Target." 4 p.m., Basic Science Tower, T-8, Room 140. Call 444-3050 for more information.

**11/30, Tuesday. Emigrazione and Letteratura.** Professor Joseph Tusiani, writer and poet, will present a commentary and readings in English and Italian on the topic, Emigrazione and Letteratura. 5:30 p.m. N4065 Melville Library. Free. For information, call 632-7444.

**12/2, Thursday. Department of Neurology and Behavior Seminar Series.** Dr. David J. Julius, University of California at San Francisco, will present a talk on "From Peppers to Pain: The Molecular Biology of Nociception." 12 p.m., Room 038, Life Sciences Building. Call 632-8616 for more information.

**12/2, Thursday. Geosciences Fall 1999 Colloquia.** Curtis Marean, SUSB Anthropology, "Zooarchaeological Perspectives on the Origins of Modern Humans." Host Troy Rasbury. 4 p.m., Room 123, Earth and Space Sciences Building. For more information, contact Donald Lindsley (dlindsley@cmail.sunysb.edu).

**12/3, Friday. Gills, Bivalves and Ecosystems: Investigating the Pallial Cavity Processes in Lamellibranchs.** Speaker: Evan Ward, Department of Marine Sciences, University of Connecticut. Host: Glenn Lopez. 12:30 p.m. Endeavour Hall 120, Marine Sciences Research Center. Free. For information, call 632-8678.

**12/3, Friday. Input, Distribution and Transformation of Organic Radiocarbon in the Coastal Ocean.** Speaker: Jim Bauer, Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences. Host: Cindy Lee. 12:30 p.m. Endeavour Hall 120, Marine Sciences Research Center. Free.

**12/3, Friday. Astronomy Open Night.** Professor Ralph Wijers will give a lecture entitled "Tick-tick-tick in the Sky." Weather permitting, there will be an observing session using the University's telescopes after each lecture. 7:30 p.m. Lecture Room (001), Earth and Space Sciences Building. Free. For information, call 632-8100 or visit the Web site: [www.ess.sunysb.edu/astro/home.html](http://www.ess.sunysb.edu/astro/home.html).

**12/8, Wednesday. Women's Health Series: Dealing with Obesity.** This lecture is part of an ongoing public lecture series sponsored by Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Medicine, University Hospital and Medical Center. Dr. Stephen Salmieri will review the cause of obesity and realistic approaches to weight loss. The wide dimension of the approaches will include medical, behavioral, physical and complementary medicine. 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Middle Country Public Library Cultural Center, 575 Middle Country Road, Selden, NY 11784. Call 583-9393 extension 4 to register.

**12/2, Thursday. Pain Series Seminar.** Dr. Ronald Dubner, University of Maryland, will discuss "Activity-dependent plasticity and phenotypic changes in descending pain-modulatory circuits after inflammation." Room 038, Life Sciences Building. Call the Department of Neurobiology and Behavior at 632-8616 for more information.

**12/9, Thursday. Geosciences Fall 1999 Colloquia.** Peter Schulz, Brown University, "Late Cenozoic Impacts in Argentina: Evidence and Implications." Host Dan Davis. 4 p.m., Room 123, Earth and Space Sciences Building. For more information, contact Donald Lindsley (dlindsley@cmail.sunysb.edu).

**12/9, Thursday. Department of Biochemistry and Cell Biology Seminar Series.** Dr. Mary Ann Osley, Sloan Ketter-

ing Cancer Center, will discuss "Chromatin Remodeling and the Regulation of Gene." 4 p.m., Room 038, Life Sciences Building.

**12/9, Thursday. Nutrition and Wellness Seminar.** A talk on the "Prevention of Cardiovascular Diseases" will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Long Island High Tech Incubator. Information will be discussed on how to use lifestyle and nutrition to reduce the risk of heart attack, diabetes, and all other chronic diseases. Admission is \$7 if pre-registered, \$10 at the door. Call 751-4267 or 698-8831 for more information.

### Many Voices, Many Visions, One University

*"There are many ways in which I feel connected to the Stony Brook community. Living on campus, I feel as if I am a member of a family.*

*There are so many great events that I can participate in. For example, at Homecoming I represented my building by carrying a banner." — Ankur Patel, USB 101 student.*

We would like to hear your voice. If you would like to share one of your experiences, please send your vignette to *Happenings*.

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