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Neuroscience Expert to Speak

Dr. Michael M. Merzenich, one of the world's leading experts in integrative neuroscience and mechanisms of brain plasticity, will present a lecture titled "The Neuroscience of Learning Disabilities" on Monday, April 30, at 5:00 p.m. at the Staller Center. Merzenich's talk is the latest in the Mind/Brain Lecture Series, sponsored by the University and the Swartz Foundation. The presentation is for the general audience and admission is free.

The lecture will focus on a growing body of research that provides new understanding of how brain plasticity contributes to variations in perceptual, cognitive, and motor skills in children and adults. Insights obtained from this work are useful in the design of training strategies aimed at re-mediating childhood and adult impairments. The presentation will also include a summary of how targeted, intensive neuroscience-based training can result in the re-normalization of brains of formerly impaired subjects.

Merzenich is the Francis Sooy Professor of Neuroscience and Director of the Coleman Laboratory in the Keck Center for Integrative Learning at the University of California-San Francisco. A member of the National Academy of Sciences, Merzenich is the co-inventor of a variety of training instruments and behavioral methods in the area of learning disabilities. He is co-founder and the Chief Scientific Officer of Scientific Learning Principles Corporation, an Oakland-based company dedicated to the development of training aids for language learning for cognitively and motorically impaired children and adults.

For further information on this series, visit the Swartz Foundation Web site at www.swartzneuro.org or call the Foundation at 632-4179.

In Memoriam

The University is mourning the loss of Professor Mitchell Stern, who died on Monday, April 9, from complications due to surgery for an aneurysm.

He joined the Department of Music in 1996 as Associate Professor of Violin. Working closely with a large studio of violinists and violists, Professor Stern created an environment of learning that was marked by his professionalism and humanism.

As a professional violinist, he had a stellar career. After winning the prestigious Leventritt Award in 1978, he performed with many of the country's major symphony orchestras including the Atlanta, Boston, Cleveland, Philadelphia, and Baltimore symphonies. From 1980-90 he was the first violinist of the American String Quartet and more recently he had been a regular participant with the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra.

Professor Stern donated his time to various humanitarian organizations, including a suicide hotline.

Year of Community Service

Paul Loeb's Message: Push the Boundaries



Paul Loeb

shy people and became dynamic community leaders who made courageous stands on important social issues. He said the reality is that people engaged in activism learn as they go, gain confidence, and find a voice.

As he did in his latest book, *Soul of a Citizen*, Loeb shared anecdotes of both ordinary and famous activists to make his points. He said that most people aren't aware that civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks had a 12-year history of service to the NAACP before her famous decision to remain seated in the front of a public bus. He also cited people such as Texan Virginia Ramirez, a shy homemaker who testified before the Senate when her elderly neighbor died because the building she lived in had no heat.

He criticized education for teaching us the conclusions such as "Lincoln freed the slaves" or "women got the vote," without providing the historical background. "We don't get the sense of the history, so we don't act," Loeb said. "The challenge is to teach what it means to make change happen."

Loeb said that today's students often operate in isolation and don't always get a sense of what other students are doing. He also urged leaders to espouse

Social activist and author Paul Loeb wasted no time making a plea for social change to an audience of 220 when he spoke at the Student Activities Center on April 4. "We may be faculty, students, or staff but we're also citizens," said an impassioned Loeb. He made the point that as citizens we share a common relationship to larger issues, regardless of our individual roles in society.

Loeb refuted the notion that there is an ideal type of student for community service. He gave examples of ordinary citizens he has known who began as

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Carnival to Benefit Habitat for Humanity

Friday, April 27, 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

The Year of Community Service Committee, Campus Residences, and the Residence Hall Association will be co-sponsoring a Carnival on Friday, April 27, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tickets for games and food will be 50 cents each, and all proceeds will benefit the Habitat for Humanity, an international organization that provides affordable housing with help from local community members. The University's goal is to raise money to sponsor the construction of a Habitat for Humanity home in the Stony Brook community next year.

The Carnival will be held in the inner Roth Quad between the Hendrix, Gershwin, and Whitman Residence Halls. Stony Brook's annual Roth Regatta will also take place the same day, with races beginning at 3:00 p.m. at Roth Pond. All are invited to watch as students, faculty, and staff race to the finish line in cardboard boats held together with duct tape. There will also be live music by Spider Nick and the Maddogs and Jill Gioia.

Three main attractions will be featured at the Carnival: Laser Tag, the Gyro-Orbitron, and the Cliffhanger. Laser Tag allows six people at a time to compete inside a large bubble. One person at a time can strap in to the Gyro-Orbitron and spin around in all different directions including upside down. The Cliffhanger is a rock-climbing wall that allows two people at a time to practice scaling the side of a cliff.

In addition, there will be several booths presented by residence hall staff, students, and other student organizations. There will be face painting, balloon animals, tie dying, temporary tattoos, tarot card reading, palm reading, Polaroid pictures, pie throwing, and a darts and balloons game. The Seawolf will make an appearance, as well as a roving clown, and there will be balloons, popcorn, cotton candy, and snow cones for everyone.

Habitat for Humanity and the Year of Community Service Committee will have a display table where people can find out about volunteering and how to become more active participants in the community.

Fountain Festival Wednesday, May 2

The second annual Fountain Festival will take place on the Academic Mall on Wednesday, May 2, from 12:40 p.m. to 2:10 p.m. Faculty, staff, and students are invited to enjoy the return of spring, eat strawberry treats, and socialize with fellow members of the campus community.

The Strawberry Festival opens at 11:00 a.m. and features strawberry treats such as shortcakes, frappes, nectar coolers, frozen juice bars, and cookies. Tickets cost \$6.45 on the day of the event or can be purchased in advance (through April 30) for \$5.95 at all resident locations.

The Fountain Festival activities begin at 12:40 p.m. and include a Diversity Program, "The Color of Helping Hands," which is a multicultural experience with more than 35 student groups, an ethnic fashion show, and African drummers. There will also be a Wellness Fair with sports and crafts demonstrations, free blood pressure screenings, and a chance to meet the Seawolf.

WBLI will be on campus for a live broadcast—playing music, handing out prizes, and distributing giveaways. The Stony Brook Big Band Jazz Ensemble will be performing, featuring acclaimed saxophonist Dan Faulk and his group of talented musicians.

Representatives from local service organizations such as Long Island Cares, the Ward Melville Heritage Organization, the Hospice Care Network, and many others will be on hand to talk about volunteer opportunities and how you can make a difference in the surrounding community.

Five Distinguished Professors Named

Five faculty members from Stony Brook have been named to the rank of Distinguished Professor, the highest designation in the State University of New York. The title is conferred by the SUNY Board of Trustees on individuals who have achieved national prominence in a chosen field.

M. Cristina Leske and Israel Kleinberg of the Health Sciences Center were honored along with Gilbert Kalish of the Department of Music, Peter van Nieuwenhuizen of the Institute for Theoretical Physics, and Donald H. Lindsley of the Department of Earth and Space Sciences. Overall, seven educators from SUNY were honored, with the five from Stony Brook representing one of the largest contingents from the campus ever to receive the designation in a single year. Since the rank was established in 1992, Stony Brook has had 27 members of its faculty named as Distinguished Professors.

"We are delighted that these five professors have received this well-

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Earth Day Celebration

Wednesday, April 25

12:40 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

Stony Brook Union, Room 249

Featuring Speaker

Dr. Lawrence Slobodkin, FMLS

Join this interfaith spiritual celebration including music by graduate student Jim Brown, readings, and the creation of a banner demonstrating our commitment to the earth. For more information, call Br. Clark Berge at 632-6563.

Co-sponsored by Protestant Campus Ministry and the Department of Ecology

Crime Victims Training Seminar

The School of Social Welfare Alumni Association, National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Suffolk Division, and the Family Violence Education and Research Center are sponsoring a crime victims training seminar titled "Crime Victims: A Social Work Response" on Saturday, May 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., in the Student Activities Center, Room 302.

In the United States, a violent crime occurs every 19 seconds and someone is murdered every 27 minutes according to the FBI. It is estimated that almost 70 percent of American adults have experienced at least one traumatic event, and 20 percent demonstrate Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) symptoms as a result.

It is important to increase public awareness of the impact of such crimes and to develop an understanding of the range of victim responses and psychological effects of these crimes. Seminar participants will be introduced to universal screening techniques and ways to reach out to crime victims.

The seminar is free but pre-registration is required. For more information, please e-mail Bill Dethlefs at wdethlefs@notes.cc.sunysb.edu.

The Mentor Program End of Year Celebration

Tuesday, May 8
5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

SAC Auditorium

Please RSVP to 632-7082 by
Tuesday, May 1.

Refreshments will be served.

Two Students Win Journalism Awards

Two students from the *Stony Brook Press* have won first and second place awards in the *Newsday* School Journalism Awards for 2000-01.

First place in the Editorial Cartooning category, College Division, will be awarded to Debbie Sticher. She is a senior majoring in studio art. Second place in the Photography category, College Division, will be awarded to Candice Ferrette. She graduated in May 2000 with a degree in English. Ferrette was a senior and the *Stony Brook Press* Photo Editor at the time the award-winning issue was published.

Both students will be honored at the awards reception on Tuesday, May 1, at 4:00 p.m. at *Newsday* Headquarters in Melville.

Campus Offices to Get Blue Recycling Bins



President Kenny received the first blue recycling bins. From left to right: Terri-Lynn Theisen, Gary Matthews, Michael Youdelman, Russ Cannova, President Kenny, Joseph Martone, Jessica Vito, Cristina McLaughlin, Ho Yin-Yiu, and Kathryn Roe.

With the imminent arrival of blue recycling bins for every office on campus, everyone at Stony Brook will soon be able to implement the message that "Earth Day is every day!" The Recycling and Solid Waste Management Department has made University recycling efforts as easy as just a "drop in the bucket," so to speak.

In a University office setting, approximately 75 percent of the waste is recyclable paper. Typically, an office worker throws away 180 pounds of high-grade recyclable paper annually, taking a significant toll on the earth's dwindling natural resources.

"This reaches across all student groups, disciplines, and departments," said Michael Youdelman, Manager of the Recycling and Solid Waste Management Department. "It's about our inherent ability as a community to take care of our own ecological footprint."

As part of an ongoing recycling outreach campaign, brochures, posters, and light switch stickers will be distributed throughout the University to increase awareness. The brochures will be handed out with the blue bins, specifying which types of paper are acceptable for recycling. Bins will be emptied weekly by the custodial staff on campus. In order for the recycling program to be successful, the Recycling Department asks that everyone help break down corrugated boxes.

In addition, the Recycling Department will provide large bins for office clean-ups and move-outs. For more information about this service, call 632-9297. For general questions about the recycling program, call the Recycling Hotline at 632-1514 or visit www.recycle.sunysb.edu.



Proposed Prescription Drug Legislation: (Left to right) Dr. Norman Edelman, Congressman Felix Grucci, Congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy, and President Kenny at the announcement of a proposed bill for prescription drug legislation that would make certain drugs more affordable for cancer and Medicare patients.

Professors Awarded \$1.25 Million Grant

Two Stony Brook professors have been awarded a five-year, \$1.25 million grant from the U.S. Administration for Children, Youth, and Families to establish a Head Start Quality Research Center. The Center, designed to evaluate the reading skills of pre-school children raised in poverty, will be located in the Department of Psychology and will work with Head Start centers throughout Suffolk County and New York City.

Grover J. Whitehurst, Chair of the Department of Psychology, and Janet E. Fischel, Associate Professor of Pediatrics in the School of Medicine, will examine the effectiveness of reading curricula that focus on reading readiness. "Reading problems are at epidemic levels," Whitehurst said. "Thirty-eight percent of fourth graders in the United States cannot read at the basic level. This figure rises to more than 70 percent in urban school districts. Children with serious reading problems face the virtual certainty of academic failure."

In prior research, Whitehurst and Fischel, as well as other researchers, have discovered that reading success in elementary school is strongly linked to pre-reading skills children possess when exiting Head Start programs just before entry into kindergarten. "This is a wonderful opportunity to take a detailed look at pre-school curricula for language development and reading readiness," Fischel said. "It will focus on helping children from low-income families in particular."

Head Start is a comprehensive child development program that serves children from birth to age 5, pregnant women, and their families. It has an annual enrollment of nearly one million children throughout more than 47,000 classrooms and nearly 16,000 centers nationwide.

"Media in Western Society" Conference

Thursday, May 31

Smithtown High School and Stony Brook's Center for Excellence and Innovation in Education are co-sponsoring an academic conference titled "The Media in Western Society." The conference, involving advanced placement and honors-level history students from Smithtown High School and schools across Long Island, will be held on Thursday, May 31, at Smithtown High School.

This will be the 12th conference in a series that began in 1990. These conferences draw audiences of approximately 1,000 students, faculty, and community members. They feature major presentations by authorities from public service, the academic community, and the media during the general sessions. During several concurrent panel sessions, students present papers based on their year-long research, with commentary by invited guests. Stony Brook faculty members will be participating as moderators and commentators.

This conference offers students and the general public an opportunity to examine the impact of the media on the United States and Europe from an historical perspective. The featured speakers will be Marvin Kitman, media critic for *Newsday* since 1969; Soledad O'Brien, co-anchor of *Weekend Today* on NBC since July 1999 and graduate of Smithtown High School East; Paul Vitello, *Newsday* columnist since 1981; and David Bushman, curator of television and advertising at New York City's Museum of Television and Radio.

The conference is free and open to the public. For more information and to register, call conference co-director Rosalind Antoniazzi, Smithtown High School, at 361-2431, or visit the Web site at www.smithtown.k12.ny.us/highschll/ap/index.htm.

School of Nursing Sets New Standards

The School of Nursing is setting new standards for students and faculty with its computer-mediated distance education programs. It never allows the medium—whether it be lectures, case studies, journal clubs, distance learning, discussion databases, or CD-ROMs—to distort its mission of providing accessible, high-quality education to students.

The School provides a learning environment both on site and online that is rich in expert nursing resources, reflects current trends, and promotes professional growth. World-class faculty along with an extensive range of clinical sites throughout the United States, Canada, and abroad provide opportunities for career development and advancement.

The School's worldwide community includes students from 14 countries, yet it has a strong impact locally. The American Association of University Women has offered scholarships to "East End" nursing students to encourage them to remain on Long Island's East End to provide better health care to the general population.

Due to the School's worldwide network of faculty, colleagues, and students, it became apparent that American nursing education is in demand in Canada, Taiwan, and Eritrea, among other places. As a result, the International Studies Program has recently attracted students from Taiwan. There is also a linkage program taking place with the University of Asmara in Eritrea. The School's impact on nursing education is dramatic, and Stony Brook is contributing to the improvement of global health care.

Celebration of Undergraduates

Stony Brook's Celebration of Undergraduate Achievements will be held on Wednesday, May 2 and Thursday, May 3. More than 200 undergraduates will present research projects and participate in artistic performances as part of the annual event, and more than \$7,000 in prizes will be awarded to winners in eight categories.

Panels of judges in each of the categories—art, engineering, humanities, life sciences, music, physical sciences and mathematics, psychology, and social sciences—will view the projects and presentations. Prizes include a \$2,500 summer research fellowship donated by Batelle, Inc., an exhibit of a winning student's work of art at Gallery North in East Setauket, and cash awards of \$250.

The event begins with a keynote address by President Kenny on Wednesday in the Student Activities Center followed by the showcasing of presentations and an awards ceremony beginning. The presentations will also be displayed on Thursday.

There will be dance and musical performances, artistic works, exhibits, and poster presentations as well. Performances will all take place on Wednesday, May 2. In conjunction with the Celebration, both the Psi Chi Honor Society of the Psychology Department and the History Department will host conferences in which students will present their research. Also included in this year's Celebration is a Web site of original writings by students in the English Department.

Many of the students who are presenting their research were supported by fellowships from the Recognition Award for Integration of Research and Education, the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, the Undergraduate Research Experiences and Creative Activities Program, and the Alliance for Minority Participation, which is sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

For more information, contact Linda Pfeiffer at 632-4378 or via e-mail at Linda.Pfeiffer@sunysb.edu. Information is also available on the Web at www.stonybrook.edu/ureca.

Five Professors

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deserved honor," said President Kenny. "It speaks well of their extraordinary efforts, and it reflects positively on the quality of a faculty that has made Stony Brook one of the leading research institutions in the nation."

Leske, Chair of the Department of Preventive Medicine in the School of Medicine, has achieved international recognition for her contributions to ophthalmic epidemiology and breast cancer epidemiology. Kleinberg, Chair of the Department of Oral Biology in the School of Dental Medicine, has conducted research for 26 years that has made important contributions to understanding dental decay, saliva, dental plaque, and periodontal disease.

Kalish is one of the foremost concert pianists and composers of his generation, acclaimed for his work as a soloist, chamber player, and accompanist. He was nominated for a Grammy Award last year for his performance with the Boston Symphony Chamber Players. Van Nieuwenhuizen has received world acclaim for his theory of supergravity, which is considered one of the most important developments in theoretical physics in the last quarter century. Lindsley is internationally known for his work in mineralogy and experimental petrology, the branch of geology dealing with the composition of rocks.

"Thunder Days" Comes to Campus May 1-3

Tom Hall, Director of Corporate Relations/Athletic Licensing for the Stony Brook Seawolves, said, "With our move to Division I and the America East Conference, our goals and needs have grown considerably." With those changing needs comes a change in the way the University Athletics Department views its relationship to the community.

"We don't seek sponsors, we look for corporate partners that are committed to community and collective responsibility. We truly have a partnership with the Ramp family," explained Rick Cole, Associate Athletic Director for External Affairs.

For the past three years, Ramp Chevrolet, based in Port Jefferson Station, has held a mega car show on campus to benefit the general public. This May 1-3, Ramp will host a new show at the Sports Complex focusing on the Stony Brook University community.

This smaller, more intimate show will feature 20 to 25 of Chevy's most coveted models, offering exclusive deals to Stony Brook students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends. In addition, Ramp will conduct informational seminars to educate the community about the benefits of leasing and what to look for when shopping for a vehicle.

The Ramp Mobile Service Van will also be on display at the show. The Van, complete with a factory-trained technician, is able to perform maintenance tasks, such as oil changes, minor repairs, and diagnostic services anywhere your vehicle is.

To further benefit the University community, Ramp will hold a raffle for one semester's free tuition, as well as a \$500 certificate valid toward any Ramp product or service. Music, food, and giveaways will provide added attractions at the show.

Ramp Chevrolet is also a partner for the 2002 Olympic Torch Relay, which will begin on December 4 in Atlanta, Georgia, and culminate in Salt Lake City, Utah, at the opening ceremonies for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games. Nominations for torchbearers will be accepted through April 30; you can nominate an individual by visiting www.rampchevy.com. Approximately 2,000 individuals—possibly someone from Stony Brook—will be selected to carry the torch.

Ramp Chevrolet is an ideal partner for Stony Brook in other ways. As the University seeks to expand its volunteer efforts in 2001 with the celebration of the Year of Community Service, Ramp has joined the ranks of a growing number of companies that require their employees to perform community service.

Come to the Sports Complex on May 1-3 to take advantage of Ramp Chevy Thunder Days at the Seawolves/Ramp Car Show.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Alexander Abanov, Assistant Professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy, Zurab Kakushadze, of the Yang Institute of Theoretical Physics and Assistant Professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy, and Peter Tonge, Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemistry, have been awarded prestigious fellowships by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation . . . Donna Di Donato, Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Academic Affairs, and Alvin Silverstein, Director of Laboratories in the Department of Chemistry, have been selected to receive the President's Award for Excellence in Professional Service for 2001. . . S.N. Sridhar, Professor of Linguistics and Director of the Center for India Studies, has received an Excelsior Award recognizing South Asians who have achieved outstanding success in their professions . . . Thomas Kuo, Professor of Physics and Astronomy, has been selected to receive the President's Award for Excellence in Teaching for 2001 . . . Kathleen Wilson, Associate Professor of History, has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society of the United Kingdom and has won a grant from the William Clark Library to conduct research there this summer.

Hospital Highlights

Dr. Wajdy Hailoo and all faculty and staff of the Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, Department of Preventive Medicine, have achieved the highest score on the Medical Center's latest Patient Satisfactory Survey. The Division was presented with a special plaque and commemorative pins on April 12.

Dr. Robin McFee, Assistant Professor of Preventive Medicine, has been selected to receive the School of Medicine's Aesculapius Award for Excellence in Teaching. This prestigious award carries with it a monetary allocation for educational or scientific activities.

Dr. Wayne Waltzer, Chair of the Department of Urology and Director of Transplantation Services at University Hospital, has been selected to receive the 2001 National Medical Award in Urology by the National Kidney Foundation of New York/New Jersey. This prestigious award is for his outstanding contributions in the field of oncology/urology and kidney transplantation. A banquet in his honor is being held on May 17 at Carlton on the Park in Eisenhower Park, East Meadow, Long Island.

Pushing Boundaries

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ethics of accountability, adding that they must not just mouth nice words, but live up to them.

When someone from the audience asked Loeb what he thought about the University's role in effecting change, he said, "It should do everything in its power to engage students as citizens. No student should graduate without this."

He commended Stony Brook Anthropology Professor and conservationist Dr. Patricia Wright for acting outside of her disciplinary boundaries. "She was studying lemurs but she got involved in saving rain forests, which was an important, courageous act."

Loeb, who urged University personnel to push the boundaries if they see situations that are unjust and to use the resources that are available, received rousing applause when in closing, he challenged students to tell the faculty, "This is what we want to learn. Help us to be engaged citizens."



Stony Brook Helps Habitat for Humanity: On Saturday, March 31, a group of about 25 people from Stony Brook—including undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, and staff—volunteered to help build Habitat for Humanity houses in North Bellport, where there are five new Habitat homes under construction. In just five hours, they installed siding on the exterior of one house, insulated the interior, put roofs on two houses, painted the interior of a second house, and put up a garden shed. Another group of volunteers will return to the North Bellport area on Saturday, April 21, to continue work.

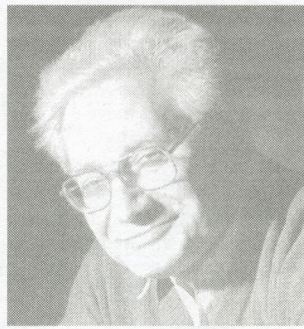
"Laugh Well" at Staller to Benefit Autism

Laugh Well 2001, an evening of comedy entertainment that will benefit the Cody Center for Autism at Stony Brook, will be held Wednesday, May 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the Staller Center. Presented by the Toyota Comedy Festival, the performance features Joey Kola, Tom Cotter, Gregg Rogell, and William Stephenson.

The event, part of the University's effort to support National Autism Month, is designed to help highlight the launch of the Cody Center for Autism as a regional resource for clinical care, education, and training. The Cody Center is being developed into a comprehensive facility to expand research and treatment of the disorder following a \$2.5 million gift by Matthew and Debra Cody of Belle Terre.

Tickets for the event are \$20 each. Tickets for the Funny Bone reception from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., which will be attended by the comedians, are \$100 each. The cost of the reception includes a buffet dinner and reserved seating for the show. For tickets and further information, please call 444-2899.

PROVOST'S LECTURE SERIES



Igor Kon

Professor and Chief Researcher
Institute of Ethnology
and Anthropology
Moscow Academy of Science

"Sexual Culture and Politics in Russia"

Wednesday, May 2
4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Javits Lecture Hall
Room 102



Student Employees of the Year were honored at the Fourth Annual Student Staff Appreciation Celebration on April 4 at the Student Activities Center Auditorium. (From to left to right) First Place: Chateen Carbonara, Faculty Student Association; Second Place: Raquel Rivera, Office of Student Services (HSC); and Third Place: Jennifer Ewen, Division of Campus Residences.

Seawolf MarketPlace Spring Clearance Sale

30% to 70% off select styles and sizes

Great Graduation Gifts!

Located in the Student Activities Center
Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m., Friday: 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Shop online at www.stonybrook.edu/marketplace.

EAP Workshops Lunchtime Learning

The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is running a series of programs open to all campus employees. For more information or to register, contact Denise Gross, Training and Organizational Development, at 632-4501, or access the EAP Web site www.stonybrook.edu/eap.

May 1
How to Know If Your Teen Is in Trouble
HSC, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

May 3
Let's Talk About Healthy Relationships
HSC, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

May 8
Getting Unstuck from Pain
HSC, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

May 9
How to Know If Your Teen Is in Trouble
SAC, 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m.



Athletes of the Week

April 2

Lacrosse player **Steve Armsworthy**, a junior from Leonardtown, MD, was the difference in SBU's two wins this week, making his first start in goal. Against Lafayette, he made 13 saves as the Seawolves earned a 14-8 victory. Against Butler, he made several key saves to help the Seawolves win 6-5.

April 9

Softball player **Stephanie Poetzsch**, a junior from East Islip, NY, threw her first no-hitter in Stony Brook history with her near-perfect game against Rider. In the 2-0 win, she walked one batter and earned 15 strikeouts, her career-high and another Stony Brook record.

Catch Seawolves Lacrosse Live on MSG

Saturday, April 28
1:00 p.m.

Stony Brook versus the University of Maryland Baltimore County

Volunteers Needed for Research Study

The Department of Preventive Medicine is seeking volunteers to participate in a study funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to learn more about how melatonin levels may be related to breast cancer in women.

Participants will be asked to provide urine samples over a 24-hour period and complete questionnaires. They will receive \$50 for completing the study. Eligible participants must be postmenopausal and between the ages of 50 and 75 with no personal history of cancer, and may not be taking melatonin supplements, sleep aides, or certain medications.

For more information, please call Ms. Sheila Camacho at 444-7789 or Dr. Geoffrey Kabat at 444-2191.

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CALENDAR April 25 - May 11

ART/MUSIC/THEATRE

4/26, Thursday. Rufus Reid and the SB Big Band Jazz Ensemble. Features big band arrangements from the 1920s to the present by small band combos and student vocalists. For tickets, call 632-ARTS. 8:00 p.m. Recital Hall, Staller Center. Tickets: \$6 adults, \$3 students and seniors.

4/26, Thursday to 4/29, Sunday. A Macbeth. Directed by John Lutterbie, Chair of the Theatre Arts Department, this collaboration involves faculty, staff, and students and includes video projections and computer-generated images. Performances also May 3-6. For tickets, call 632-ARTS. 8:00 p.m. (Sunday shows at 2:00 p.m.) Theatre II, Staller Center. Tickets: faculty/staff, \$8; students/seniors, \$6; others \$10.

4/28, Saturday. Stony Brook Chorale. Join the Chorale for its performance of Vivaldi's *Magnificat* and other works. For tickets, call 632-ARTS. 8:00 p.m. Recital Hall, Staller Center. Tickets: \$6 adults, \$3 students and seniors.

4/29, Sunday. Ackerman Concert. Performances by Stony Brook graduate students in memory of Dr. Lauren Ackerman, a generous donor to the Music Department. For more information, call 632-7330. 4:00 p.m. Recital Hall, Staller Center.

4/30, Monday. Chamber Music Festival. The Spring Festival features performances by Music Department students playing chamber music from the Baroque to the present. Performances also on May 1, 7, and 8. 8:00 p.m. Recital Hall, Staller Center.

5/2, Wednesday through 5/16, Wednesday. Senior Art Show. Annual exhibition by senior art majors features paintings, sculptures, ceramics, and photographs. For more information, call 632-7240. Tuesday-Friday, 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.;

Saturday, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. University Art Gallery, Staller Center. Admission is free.

5/2, Wednesday and 5/6, Sunday. Undergraduate Recital. Performances of a variety of solo and chamber works. For more information, call 632-7330. May 2: noon, May 6: 8:00 p.m. Recital Hall, Staller Center. Admission is free.

5/5, Saturday. Dianne Reeves and Her Jazz Quartet. Her singing draws on influences from Africa, Brazil, and the Caribbean; gospel and R&B; classic and contemporary pop. For tickets, call 632-ARTS. 8:00 p.m. Recital Hall, Staller Center. Tickets: \$29.

5/6, Sunday. Famous People Players: Leave the Porch Light On. An enchanting musical show that uses fluorescent puppets illuminated under ultraviolet light to produce a surreal effect. This troop is composed of developmentally challenged adults and has played all over the world. For tickets, call 632-ARTS. 4:00 p.m. Main Stage, Staller Center. Tickets: \$9.

5/4, Friday. Camerata Singers and Women's Chorus. A performance of works in honor of St. Cecilia, the patron saint of music. For tickets, call 632-ARTS. 8:00 p.m. Recital Hall, Staller Center. \$6 adults, \$3 students and seniors.

5/6, Sunday. Baroque Spring Extravaganza. The Baroque Sunday program closes with a tribute to spring. 3:00 p.m. Recital Hall, Staller Center. Admission is free.

SEMINARS/LECTURES

4/26, Thursday. Geosciences Colloquium. Paul Silver from the Carnegie Institution of Washington will discuss "Mantle Flow, Crustal Strain, and the Dynamics of Tectonic North America." 4:00 p.m. Gil Hanson Seminar Room, ESS Building.

4/27, Friday. Geology Open Night. Professor Jeffrey S. Levinton discusses "The Mystery of the Explosion of Animal Life." See www.geo.sunysb.edu/openight for more information. 7:30 p.m. Room 001, ESS Building.

4/30, Monday. Poetry Reading. The Center for Italian Studies sponsors this reading by author Maria Gillan. For more information, call 632-7444. 5:30 p.m. N-5044, Melville Library.

5/1, Tuesday. Marine Biology Explorations. Sam Gruber, acclaimed shark researcher from the University of Miami, lectures on "Sharks!" 7:00 p.m. Room 001, ESS Building.

5/3, Thursday. Zickler Lecture. Distinguished scientist Martin C. Raff, Co-director of the Medical Research Council Developmental Neurobiology Program at University College London, will deliver the 11th Annual Zickler Lecture on "Timing and Cell Number Control in Neural Development." The Lecture is hosted by the Department of Pharmacological Sciences. 4:00 p.m. Lecture Hall 1, Level 2, HSC.

5/3, Thursday. Geosciences Colloquium. Geoff Abers from Boston University discusses "Imaging Metamorphism of Subducted Slabs Beneath Volcanic Arcs." 4:00 p.m. (Refreshments at 3:45 p.m.) Gil Hanson Seminar Room, ESS Building.

5/4, Friday. Astronomy Open Night. Professor Aaron Evans, Department of Physics and Astronomy, discusses "Quasars and Their Environments." 7:30 p.m. Room 001, ESS Building.

5/11, Friday. The Worlds of Physics. Professor Peter Koch, Department of Physics and Astronomy, discusses "Chaos." 7:30 p.m. Room 001, ESS Building.

FILMS

5/3, Thursday. Smell of Camphor, Fragrance of Jasmine. Comedy about a veteran filmmaker who decides to make a film about his own funeral. In Farsi with English subtitles. For tickets, call 632-ARTS. 7:00 p.m. Main Stage, Staller Center. Tickets: \$4 adults; \$3 students, seniors, children.

5/3, Thursday. Castaway. Tom Hanks stars as a workaholic Fed Ex troubleshooter whose charter flight crashes into the South Pacific and he must struggle to survive. For tickets, call 632-ARTS. 9:00 p.m. Main Stage, Staller Center. Tickets: \$4 adults; \$3 students, seniors, children.

SPECIAL EVENTS

4/27, Friday. Secretary's Week Buffet. Enjoy a complimentary champagne punch, salad, fruit and cheese platters, chicken, seafood, vegetables, rice, and desserts at the University Club with guest pianist Kenny McKenzie. For reservations, call 632-7069. 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. \$10.95 plus tax and gratuity.

4/28, Saturday. Center for Italian Studies Conference. Celebrating the Centennial Anniversary of the Nobel Prize Poet Salvatore Quasimodo, there will be presentations by renowned scholars with a keynote commentary by the poet's son. For more information, call 632-7444. 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Alliance Room, Melville Library.

5/5, Saturday. Summer Camp Open House. Find out about the camp that combines educational activities and athletics for children ages 5-12. Faculty and staff receive a 10% discount. For more information, call 632-4550. Sunday: 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m., Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Sports Complex.