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Sir Run Run Shaw Lecture, April 2

A Sir Run Run Shaw Distinguished Lecture will be given on Tuesday, April 2, by Willis E. Lamb Jr., from the Optical Sciences Center at the University of Arizona. "Interpretation of non-Relativistic Quantum Mechanics" will be given in Room P-137, Harriman Hall at 4:15 p.m.

Dr. Lamb's numerous awards include the Nobel Prize, the Rumford Premium of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Einstein Medal of the Society for Optical and Quantum Electronics, and the National Medal of Science.

Sir Run Run Shaw is a well-known philanthropist with a long record of social service. To date, his donations to educational institutions throughout the world have exceeded \$200 million.

For more information, call Betty Gasparino, C.N. Yang Institute for Theoretical Physics, at 632-7979.

Stony Brook's New Manhattan Site Opens



President Kenny (top), Nat Hentoff (bottom left), and James Kallstrom (bottom right) addressed the audience at the Stony Brook Manhattan opening.

Stony Brook officially opened its new Manhattan center at the end of February with a panel discussion titled "Homeland Security and Civil Liberties." The event featured keynote speaker James Kallstrom, Director of the New York State Office of Public Security and former FBI director in New York City. The discussion followed with panelists Stephen Hammerman, New York City's Deputy Police Commissioner for Legal Matters; Mike Taibbi, NBC investigative reporter and war correspondent; Nat Hentoff, nationally syndicated columnist and First Amendment authority; and Steve Kuhr, Senior Director for Emergency Management at the global security firm Kroll Inc. and former Deputy Director of the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management.

"At heart Stony Brook is a quintessential New York institution. In fact, 45 percent of our freshmen come from the City, and they bring with them the diversity and the determination of immigrants and first- and second-generation Americans," said President Kenny in her welcoming remarks. "Through this facility we will be able to reunite with our alumni here, plan lecture series and forums, offer courses to New Yorkers without the need for them to travel to Stony Brook, supervise internships for our students here in the City, and interact with our colleagues at other New York City universities and social and cultural institutions."

Twenty-seven percent of Stony Brook's students come from the five boroughs. Approximately 15,000 alumni live and/or work in the city.

Classes at Stony Brook Manhattan during the spring semester include "Parameters of Social and Health Policy II" and "Special Topics and Social Work: The Ethics of Social Policy" in the School of Social Welfare Master of Social Work Program, "Heidegger" in the Philosophy Department, and "Women and Medicine" in Women's Studies.

Educational opportunities will continue during the summer, with such offerings as "Calculus," "19th-Century American Literature," "Race, Sexuality, and Gender in Literature and Film," and "Introduction to Latin American and Caribbean Studies."

A sampling of some of the upcoming special events and conferences includes a lecture series on Information Technology, meetings of the new Stony Brook Forum on Global Security, and a special seminar by philosopher Jacques Derrida, presented by the Humanities Institute of Stony Brook.

In addition, Stony Brook Manhattan hosts frequent meetings of alumni groups, such as the Attorney's Group and the Wall Street Group, the New York Sea Grant Board of Governors meeting, and the Center for Excellence and Innovation in Education's three-day Chautauqua gatherings.

Salute to Stony Brook Call for Participants April 9 and 10

Help Make September's "Salute to Stony Brook" Sensational

Can you teach ballroom dancing? Demonstrate how to bake the perfect lemon meringue pie? Lead a barbershop quartet? Whatever your special talent, skill, or expertise is—share it with the entire campus community during next September's "Salute to Stony Brook." That's when we kick off the new academic year with a celebration of all that's great about our University. We want to fill the Academic Mall and surrounding areas with performances, exhibitions, and demonstrations by our super-talented students, faculty, and staff.

All faculty, staff, and students are invited to audition. To register and receive a time slot for your performance, call the Student Activities Office at 632-9392 or stop by the Student Activities Center, Room 219. Audition time should be under 10 minutes so that everyone has a chance to be judged. One selection will be sufficient for judging, along with a short written explanation of what you propose to do for the Salute in the fall.

Child Care's Cash Bonanza 2002

Monday, April 22

Stony Brook Child Care Services is holding its ninth annual Cash Bonanza fundraiser, with a guaranteed top door prize of \$15,000 and 29 other cash door prizes. The raffle and dessert tasting will take place on Monday, April 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the Student Activities Center lobby. A limited number of tickets will be sold at \$50 each; ticket holders don't need to be present to win.

A ticket admits the buyer and one guest to attend the tasting, catered by the Three Village Inn, which includes chocolate-dipped strawberries, truffles, mousse, tarts, brownies, and cheesecake accompanied by a variety of flavored coffees. Champagne will also be served.

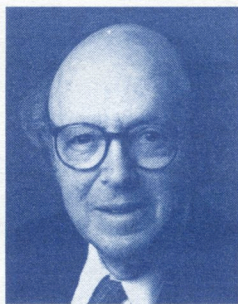
Businesses in the community have donated an assortment of products and services for the silent auction. Proceeds from this annual event benefit the day care centers.

"Stony Brook Child Care Services is unique," said Executive Director Lucille Oddo. "Many of our teachers are at the master's level. We're used as a model to train others in early childhood education."

Tickets are available at Stony Brook Child Care Services on South Drive, by calling 632-KIDS, or at www.stonybrook.edu/childcare.

PROVOST'S LECTURE SERIES

America Struggles with Freedom



Anthony Lewis

New York Times Columnist
Two-Time Winner of the
Pulitzer Prize

Thursday, April 4
4:30 p.m.

Alliance Room, Melville Library

Issues in Multilateralism: The Collective Global Agenda



**Ambassador Kamallesh
Sharma**

Permanent Representative of
India to the U.N.

Wednesday, April 3
12:40 p.m.
Humanities 101

Cancer Center's Seminar at Sea

Thursday, April 11

The Long Island Cancer Center at Stony Brook University and the Times Beacon Newspapers will present "Conquering Cancer in the 21st Century," on Thursday, April 11, at 6:30 p.m. The seminar is open to the general public and will be held on board the *P.T. Barnum* located at the ferry dock in Port Jefferson.

Speakers include W. Richard McCombie, Ph.D., from Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, discussing "The Genomic Revolution;" Helene Benveniste, M.D., from Stony Brook and Brookhaven National Laboratory, speaking on "Advances in Medical Imaging Technologies;" and John S. Kovach, M.D., Director of the Long Island Cancer Center, speaking on "Breast Cancer: A Model for Modern Medicine."

The seminar is free but reservations are required. Call Meredith at 444-9342 to register.

SPD Open House

Tuesday, April 9

The School of Professional Development (SPD) is hosting an Open House on Tuesday, April 9, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the second floor of the Social and Behavioral Sciences Building.

Find out how to earn your graduate degree part-time. Classes are offered in the evening, on Saturday, and online.

For more information, please call 632-4SPD.

SBU Art on Display At Gallery North

Now to April 21

"The Objective Landscape" is on display at Gallery North on North Country Road in Setauket from now through April 21. Gallery hours are Tuesday to Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Curated by Stony Brook M.F.A. graduate Keith Miller (2001), the show features a wide variety of media and styles, including work by Stony Brook M.F.A.'s Jeffrey Price (2003) and Ji-Hyun Seo (2002), and Stony Brook Studio Art faculty members Christa Erickson, Mel Pekarsky, and Chris Semergieff. There will be a panel discussion with the curator and artists on Sunday, April 7, at 3:00 p.m.

For more information, call Gallery North at 751-2676.

EAP Invites You to Lunch and Learn

Friday, April 12

"Caring for Caregivers" will be held on Friday, April 12, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Peace Center in the Old Chemistry lobby. Lunch will be provided.

This workshop addresses the integral physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of caregivers. It acknowledges some painful emotions that often surface while taking care of an ill or aging loved one. There will also be a chance for participants to connect with others for support and encouragement. Special resource material will be distributed.

To register, call Denise Gross, Training and Organizational Development, at 632-4501.

Student Artist Finds Muse in Whales

A childhood experience with a killer whale at Sea World framed the artistic vision of Stony Brook University undergraduate Saul Cruz Jr.

At age nine, Cruz was chosen out of the crowd to interact with one of the sea creatures, and the experience stayed with him. Cruz has developed a mystic connection with all cetaceans, and is entering one of his works, "Motherly Guidance," in the May 1 Celebration of Undergraduate Achievements competition at the Student Activities Center.

The ceramic piece shows a mother killer whale guiding her calf upward to the ocean surface atop a coral base, held in place by a detachable Plexiglas rod. The sculpture is also a metaphor for the bond he has fashioned with his own mother, who he said has been the most supportive person in his life. "She started taking me to art museums when I was four years old," he said.

Cruz has sculpted, in ceramic, a series of thematically related works, each growing in scale and complexity over their predecessors. He sculpts his face somewhere into each creation. "I have a style I can call my own," said Cruz. "That's difficult in the art world with so many artists."

The other person Cruz credits with nurturing his artistic progress is his professor, Toby Buonagurio, a 25-year veteran at Stony Brook, who runs the undergraduate and graduate ceramic sculpture program and teaches drawing on both levels. After taking just the beginners and advanced class in ceramics, Cruz approached his professor and said he would like to participate in independent study. They meet once a week to confer about his work in progress. Cruz is also one of the undergraduate teaching assistants in the advanced ceramics class. He credits Buonagurio with being a "catalyst who doesn't impose her point of view."

Buonagurio said that ceramic sculpture is a medium that resonates with Cruz. "I think it makes sense to Saul," she said. "He understands how to control it and he responds to it."

Cruz estimated that he has put in hundreds of hours constructing "Motherly Guidance," sometimes working well past midnight for as many as ten hours at a stretch.

Buonagurio was commissioned by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to provide a major work in ceramic for the new Times Square Subway. The work, which will be permanently installed in October 2002, will have taken her more than four years to complete.

Buonagurio, who describes her work as figurative and highly colorful, uses clichéd pop culture images ironically. "By taking familiar images out of their original context, and by putting them into a new context, I try to create work that is surprising and hopefully humorous," she said.

"We have a very active, diverse art department," said Buonagurio. "Students can come here and work with leading authorities in their fields, with people operating on the cutting edge of their abilities."



"Motherly Guidance" by Saul Cruz Jr.

Admissions Offers Early Action

Stony Brook has an advantage in the competitive admissions market. Admissions offers a program that allows freshman applicants to apply earlier and receive notification earlier. Interested students aren't forced to commit immediately, and Admissions has the time to respond to their interest, cultivate solid relationships, and create a win-win situation for all.

The Early Action program is non-binding, which sets it apart from the Early Decision programs offered by many universities. If Stony Brook Admissions receives an application by November 15, a decision will be returned by January 1. The student does not have to withdraw applications from other institutions until May 1, whereas with Early Decision, students must withdraw by January 15.

This past year, Admissions received 1,500 Early Action applications and more than 50 percent were admitted. These students have a higher combined grade point average, higher SAT scores, and the yield (number who actually enroll) is 10 percent higher than the rest of the entering class. Of the Early Action admitted students, 175 received partial or full scholarships.

Alum Robert Pertusati, Associate Dean of Admissions and Coordinator of Early Action, said, "This is an especially exciting year for Stony Brook. We have received a record number of Early Action applications. Not only do they represent some of the most talented students, but they further demonstrate a strong interest and commitment in joining our campus community. We are an extremely selective institution and students clearly recognize that."

For more information, please call 632-6868.

Monday Musicals



The Humanities Institute at Stony Brook (HISB) is screening a series of Hollywood musicals from the Tony Walton collection. Screenings take place every other Monday at 1:00 p.m. at the HISB in Room E-4341 at the Melville Library. Stony Brook professors and graduate students introduce the films and lead a short discussion afterwards.

On April 1, David Anshen presents *42nd Street* directed by Lloyd Bacon; on April 15, Lidija Milic presents *Cabaret* directed by Bob Fosse; and on April 29, Andrea Fabry presents *Follow the Fleet* directed by Mark Sandrich. For more information, call the HISB at 632-7765.

Fred Sganga Meets with VA Secretary

Fred S. Sganga, Director of the Long Island State Veterans Home at Stony Brook, attended the National Association of State Veterans Homes meeting in Washington D.C. on March 5. Discussions centered on various issues that will affect the funding and operation of State Veterans Homes during the coming year. The meeting included a presentation by the Honorable Anthony J. Principi, U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA).

As Secretary, Principi directs the federal government's second largest department, which is responsible for a nationwide system of health care services, benefits programs, and national cemeteries for America's veterans and dependents. With a budget of more than \$51 billion, VA employs approximately 219,000 people at hundreds of medical centers, clinics, benefits offices, and national cemeteries throughout the country. Principi was nominated Secretary of Veterans Affairs by President George W. Bush.



Fred S. Sganga (left) with the Honorable Anthony J. Principi

2001-02 Year of Community Leadership

Probing the Mind's Many Mysteries

Monday, April 8

V.S. Ramachandran, M.D., Ph.D., will present "Consciousness, Synesthesia, and the Meaning of Art: Lessons from Neuroscience" on Monday, April 8, at 4:30 p.m. on the Main Stage at the Staller Center, as part of the Sixth Annual Swartz Foundation Mind/Brain Lecture.



Dr. Ramachandran

Dr. Ramachandran is known as the "Sherlock Holmes of Neuroscience" for his originality and skill in investigating the hidden properties of the human mind. He is Professor of Neuroscience and Psychology and Director of the Center for Brain and Cognition at the University of California at San Diego, and Adjunct Professor of Biology at the Salk Institute in La Jolla, California. Dr. Ramachandran is a Trustee of the San Diego Museum of Art and has lectured widely on art, visual perception, and the brain. In 2000, *Newsweek* magazine named him a member of its "Century Club" as one of "the one hundred most prominent people to watch in the next century."

With the success of his critically acclaimed book about human neural plasticity, *Phantoms in the Brain*, Dr. Ramachandran's abilities in explaining mysteries of the mind became known worldwide. He hosted "Secrets of the Mind," an October 2001 episode of the PBS science series *NOVA*.

The lecture is intended for a general audience. For more information, visit the Swartz Foundation Web site at www.swartzneuro.org.

Laugh Well 2002

Wednesday, May 8

The Seventh Annual Toyota Comedy Festival's Laugh Well 2002 kicks off on Wednesday, May 8, with a Funny Bone Reception from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Student Activities Center Auditorium, followed by the comedy show at 7:30 p.m. in the Staller Center. Proceeds from the event will help support the Cody Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities at Stony Brook.

David Weiss from WALK radio station will be the master of ceremonies. Headlining the show is New York comedian Jeffrey Ross, who has appeared on Letterman, Leno, Conan, *Politically Incorrect*, *The View*, MTV, and *The Daily Show*, and can be seen in the film *The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle*. There will be at least two other comedians joining Ross.

Tickets for the Laugh Well comedy show are \$20; tickets for the special warm-up Funny Bone Reception and buffet plus entrance to the show are \$100. For more information, please call the Development Office at 444-2899.

Dr. Preston Named Pillar of His Profession

Many people imagine what it would be like to be at the top of their profession. Dr. Fred Preston, Vice President for Student Affairs, doesn't have to. He received the Pillar of the Profession Award from the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) on March 4 at a ceremony in Boston.

The recognition is the result of more than 20 years of community and campus service at Stony Brook and previous positions held at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

His certificate of recognition is so chock-full of regional, national, and local service and honors that much of it had to be left off the certificate he received. A few highlights, however, include a stint on the NASPA Foundation Board of Directors, services on the NASPA Journal and Monograph boards, membership on the NASULGC Task Force on Human Rights and Campus Diversity, service on the New York State United Way Board of Directors, and the Suffolk Community Council Volunteer of the Year Award.

To be considered for the award, a professional must be nominated and meet basic criteria for being a "pillar." Peer approval is considered and money must be raised.

"In one way it's a recognition of me, but in another way, it's a recognition of our Student Affairs community on campus," he said.

The Student Affairs professional team has just 162 members, which Dr. Preston calls a small staff for a 20,000-student university. "I wouldn't trade my staff for any other in the country," he said. "We match up with the best."

Dr. Preston listed a number of accomplishments Student Affairs has helped bring about while he has worked at the University. "First and foremost was getting that initial commitment from the campus, probably 11 or 12 years ago, to rehabilitate all the residence halls," he said. Another milestone was getting the master plan committee to select the construction of the Student Activities Center as one of its top priorities. Still another example was the creation of the Commuter Affairs Office six years ago.

"I think the Student Affairs people are among the most fortunate professionals in the world to be able to work with young people at the most exciting time of their lives," he said.

Dr. Preston said that Stony Brook's relative youth as a university is what initially attracted him here. "There was so much to do. You didn't have a lot of traditions standing in the way. I was able to help establish the traditions. It's a nice cap on what's been a long career," he said.



Dr. Fred Preston has received many honors in his 20 years at Stony Brook.

Socrates Café Serves Up Thought

Wednesday, April 10

Christopher Phillips always loved questioning and sharing ideas with other people. He wanted to be a philosopher like Socrates so others could experience his enthusiasm. Phillips left a life he considered limited and meaningless to go on the road and introduce the love of asking questions to anyone who was interested. He began holding Socrates Cafés in schools, nursing homes, prisons, and coffeehouses.

A Socrates Café is any place where everyday people can meet, examine, and discuss great philosophical questions concerning friendship, knowledge, and truth. Phillips has traveled throughout the country during the past ten years hosting Socratic discussions with ordinary people and encouraging them to hold Socrates Cafés of their own.

In his book, *Socrates Café: A Fresh Taste of Philosophy*, Phillips shares numerous encounters along his journey and shows that everyone has something to contribute about what life is and how it should be lived. Reading his book is almost like attending a live Café.

During his visit to campus on Wednesday, April 10, at 12:40 p.m., Phillips will explain the goals and ideals of his movement and conduct an actual Café in the Student Activities Center Auditorium. All are invited to join him and ask questions such as Why are we here? Who are we? What is truth?

YOCL Calendar of Events

More details on these events are available on the Year of Community Leadership Web site at www.stonybrook.edu/events/yocl.

4/8, Monday: Probing the Mysteries of the Mind—Consciousness, Synesthesia, and the Meaning of Art: Lessons from Neuroscience Sixth Annual Swartz Foundation Mind/Brain Lecture, Staller Center Main Stage, 4:30 p.m. See details in article at top left

4/10, Wednesday: Discussion with Author Christopher Phillips on Socrates Café: A Fresh Taste of Philosophy See article and box at right

4/15, Monday: Undergraduate Recognition Awards Student Activities Center, 7:00 p.m.

4/17, Wednesday: Best-selling Author Susan Isaacs See details in box at right

4/23, Tuesday: Annual Campus Life Awards Ceremony and Reception Student Activities Center auditorium, 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

4/25, Thursday: Women's Leadership Symposium Student Activities Center auditorium, 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

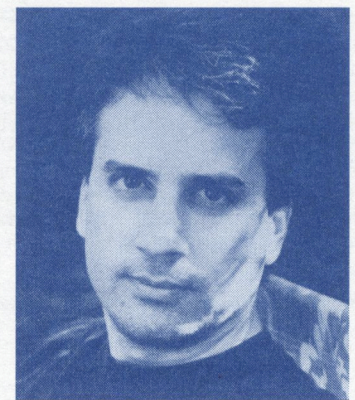
4/26, Friday: Wisdom: Rules for Living in the Universe Benedict Atrium, 6:00 p.m.

4/29, Monday: Ray of Light—YOCL Leadership Recognition Event Student Activities Center auditorium, 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

5/1, Wednesday: Catch Our Rising Stars—Celebrating Undergraduate Creativity and Research Student Activities Center, 10:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

5/1, Wednesday: Fountain Festival and Strawberry Festival Academic Mall, 11:00 a.m.

PRESIDENT'S LECTURE SERIES



Christopher Phillips

Author of *Socrates Café: A Fresh Taste of Philosophy*

Wednesday, April 10

**Student Activities Center
12:40 p.m. to 2:10 p.m.**

Best-selling Author
and Screenwriter

Susan Isaacs

"Poof! You're a Hero: How the Novelist Creates Women and Men"

Wednesday, April 17

**Student Activities Center
12:40 p.m. to 2:10 p.m.**

Isaacs' first novel was *Compromising Positions*, which she also wrote the screenplay for in 1985. Her latest book, *Long Time No See*, is a sequel.

Asian-American Art Exhibit

April 2 to 16

"Lyrical Brush: East Asian Calligraphy" will be at the Stony Brook Union Art Gallery from Tuesday, April 2, through Tuesday, April 16. This Asian-American exhibit features artists Steven Addiss, Bang-Young Park, Lampo Leong, and Cecil H. Uyehara. A reception will be held on Tuesday, April 9, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

East Asian calligraphy is the central theme of the exhibit, although each artist has a different style varying from traditional to modern. There will also be a display of Chinese inkstones, an essential tool used in ancient times for grinding ink for East Asian calligraphy and painting.

Addiss is a professor of art history at the University of Richmond who has had several international exhibitions. Park, a more modern calligraphy painter, has had his works shown in Japan and Korea. He has studied in New York. Leong, an assistant professor of art at the University of Missouri, is an internationally renowned artist. Uyehara attended British, Chinese, and Japanese schools before coming to the United States to study. He has had extensive publications of his work and numerous exhibitions around the world.

The gallery is located in the upper level of the Stony Brook Union. Hours are Monday to Friday, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information, call 632-6820.

Shirley Strum Kenny Arts Festival 2002

April 15-21

Below are some of the events planned as part of the Shirley Strum Kenny Student Arts Festival. Visit www.sunysb.edu/artsfest for more information. For Staller Center events, call 632-ARTS. Students, faculty, staff, and the community are all invited. Events are free except where noted.

4/15, Monday: Coffee House Student poetry readings, vocal and instrumental performances, refreshments, Greeley College, Roosevelt Quad, 9:30 p.m.

4/16, Tuesday: Let's Get Reel Faculty and student short films, Student Activities Center (SAC) Auditorium, 8:00 p.m.

4/17, Wednesday, Street Fair Karaoke, caricaturist, tarot card readings, henna tattoos, student crafts sale, music by WBLL, free balloons, cotton candy, popcorn, SAC Atrium and Plaza, 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

4/18, Thursday, April 18: Selected Images 2000-2002 Undergraduate photography, Stony Brook Union Gallery, Reception 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Exhibit on view April 18-May 6, Monday-Friday, 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

4/18, Thursday: Mother Courage Opening night of the Theatre Department's production of Bertolt Brecht's play, Staller Center, April 18-21 and April 25-28, Thursday-Saturday at 8:00 p.m., and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. \$10 general public, \$8 faculty and staff, \$6 students and seniors

4/18, Thursday: Student Creative Expressions Individual and group performers include singers, dancers, instrumentalists, and actors, SAC Auditorium, 8:00 p.m.

4/19, Friday: Battle of the Bands SAC Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

4/19, Friday and 4/21, Sunday: L'incoronazione di Poppea Staller Center, Main Stage, Friday at 8:00 p.m., Sunday at 1:00 p.m. \$20 general public, \$10 students



LASIK "Lunch and Learn" Seminar

Friday, April 12

Stony Brook Ophthalmology is hosting its first LASIK "Lunch and Learn" seminar on Friday, April 12. For those considering laser eye surgery, you will be able to meet the laser vision team, including Dr. Marc Dinowitz and his refractive coordinator Renee Jones. They will answer your questions in an informal setting.

In order to accommodate as many people as possible, please RSVP to Renee Jones at 444-4996. She will let you know the time and location of this informative lunch.

Correction

In the March 13 issue, Assemblyman Steven Englebright's name and Senator Kenneth LaValle's name appeared incorrectly and Senator James Lack's title was incorrect.

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Summer Camp at Stony Brook Registration

Indoor Sports Complex Lobby

Saturday, April 6

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

For more information, call 632-4550.

WUSB Celebrates 25 Years

June 27 to 30

WUSB 90.1 FM will be celebrating 25 years of FM broadcasting with four days of celebratory anniversary activities. The highlight event is the 25th Anniversary Luncheon, which will take place on Sunday, June 30, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Old Field Club in Stony Brook.

Tickets to the luncheon cost \$40 per person and can be purchased by contacting Norm Prusslin at Norm.Prusslin@stonybrook.edu or 632-6820. For a complete listing of WUSB events, visit www.wusb.org. You can also listen to WUSB-FM online by accessing the Web site. Look for more details on the four-day celebration in future issues of *Happenings*.

CALENDAR March 27 to April 30

ART/MUSIC/THEATRE

Now to 4/13, Saturday. Mary Beth Edelson: Re-scripting the Story. This exhibition features the work of the New York artist at the University Art Gallery, Staller Center. 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. Admission is free.

4/6, Saturday. Death of a Salesman. The Montana Rep Theatre, the nation's leading touring professional theatre troupe, presents Arthur Miller's American classic. For tickets, call 632-ARTS. 8:00 p.m. Main Stage, Staller Center. Tickets: \$26.

4/10, Wednesday. Percussion Plus. The Stony Brook Contemporary Chamber Players specializes in 20th-century music. 8:00 p.m. Recital Hall, Staller Center. Admission is free.

4/11, Thursday. Spring Serenades Concert. The University Wind Ensemble will perform an array of music with Director Bruce Engel. For tickets, call 632-ARTS. 8:00 p.m. Main Stage, Staller Center. \$8 general admission, \$4 students and seniors.

4/18, Thursday. Jazz Ensemble. The concert features small band combos and student vocalists. For tickets, call 632-ARTS. 8:00 p.m. Recital Hall, Staller Center. \$8 general admission, \$4 students and seniors.

4/19, Friday and 4/21, Sunday. Spring Opera. The Stony Brook Opera will perform *L'incoronazione di Poppea*. For tickets, call 632-ARTS. Friday, 8:00 p.m. Sunday, 2:00 p.m. Main Stage, Staller Center. \$20, general public; \$10 students and seniors.

4/23, Tuesday. University Orchestra. The final concert of the season features the winner of the 2002 Undergraduate Concerto Competition. For tickets, call 632-ARTS. 8:00 p.m. Main Stage, Staller Center. \$8 general public; \$4 students and seniors.

4/24, Wednesday. Camerata Singers. The group will give a choral concert at Queen of the Rosary Chapel, 555 Albany Avenue, Amityville. For more information, call 632-7444. 7:30 p.m.

SEMINARS/LECTURES

3/28, Thursday. Seminar. Dr. Richard N. Kolesnick from Sloan-Kettering Institute will discuss "Acid Sphingomyelinase-Mediated Reorganization of Membrane Rafts into Signaling Platforms upon FAS Stimulation." 4:00 p.m. Room 038, Life Sciences.

3/29, Friday. Geology Open Night. Professor Donald J. Weidner from the Department of Geosciences will discuss "Indoor Geology: Lessons About the Earth from Relativistic Electrons." 7:30 p.m. Room 001, ESS Building.

4/3, Wednesday. Humanities Institute Lecture. Lydia Goehr from Columbia University will discuss "The Double Take: On Music, Dissonance, and Humor in Wittgenstein and Adorno." For more information, call 632-7765. 4:30 p.m. E-4341, Melville Library.

4/4, Thursday. Neurobiology and Behavior Seminar. Robert Desimone from the National Institute of Mental Health will discuss "Neuronal Mechanisms for Visual Attention." For more information, call 632-8616. 12:00 p.m. Room 038, Life Sciences.

4/8, Monday. LACS Lecture. Alan Knight from Oxford University will discuss "The Cultural Turn in Latin American and Mexican History: Reflections from Abroad." For more information, call 632-7517. 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. N-320, Social and Behavioral Sciences.

4/11, Thursday. Neurobiology and Behavior Seminar. Jerome Siegel from UCLA will discuss "Hypocretin/Orexin Role in Behavior, Sleep, and Narcolepsy." For more information, call 632-8616. 12:00 p.m. Room 038, Life Sciences.

4/18, Thursday. Neurobiology and Behavior Seminar. Gary Pickard from Colorado State University will discuss "Photic Regulation of Circadian Rhythms." For information, call 632-8616. 12:00 p.m. Room 038, Life Sciences.

4/19, Friday. LACS Conference. The first annual LACS Graduate Conference, "Refiguring the Americas: Disciplines, Genres, Histories," will be facilitated by Enrique Mayer from Yale and Rhoonda Cobham-Sander from Amherst. For information, call 632-7517. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. N-320, Social and Behavioral Sciences.

4/25, Thursday. Neurobiology and Behavior Seminar. Matthew Wilson from MIT will discuss "Neuronal Ensemble of Plasticity, Memory, and Sleep in the Rodent." For information, call 632-8616. 12:00 p.m. Room 038, Life Sciences.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Now to 4/12, Friday. WUSB-FM Spring Radiothon. WUSB 90.1 FM is broadcasting a diverse mix of special programs as part of its annual fundraiser. The station is offering premiums at various pledge support levels. For more information, call 632-6498.

4/2, Tuesday. Drumming Circle. Bring your drum and experience the healing power of the drumming circle. For more information, call Protestant Campus Ministry at 632-6563. 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Room 249, SB Union.

4/3, Wednesday. Sexual Harassment Prevention Training. For information or to register, call Denise Gross, Training and Organizational Development, at 632-4501. 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Student Activities Center.

4/10, Wednesday. Postdoctoral Associates Reception. Take advantage of this networking opportunity that will help your future career. There will be informal discussions about applying for research funding, making invention disclosures, advice on grant writing, and more. For more information, call Kris Duryea at 632-9347. 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Alliance Room, Melville Library.

4/10, Wednesday. Making a Cause for a Diverse Community. Share ideas about making a mural that reflects the diversity of our campus. 12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Room 3220, Staller Center.

4/11, Thursday. Truth and Reconciliation. This celebration of Asian-American Month features guest speakers, a food festival, and performances by the Stony Brook Youth Orchestra. 6:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Student Activities Center Auditorium.

4/16, 4/23, and 4/30 Tuesdays. Meditation Time. Gather in a simple 45-minute ritual followed by an optional time to learn about meditation. For more information, call Protestant Campus Ministry at 632-6563. 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Room 249, SB Union.