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Gonzalez Honored with Alumni Award

Dr. Dario Gonzalez has been named the recipient of the 2002 Distinguished Alumni award by the School of Medicine at Stony Brook University. Dr. Gonzalez was chosen for his excellence in providing medical care and for his courage, leadership, and outstanding service in times of national crisis.

A 1979 graduate of the School of Medicine, Dr. Gonzalez is Medical Director for the Office of Emergency Management for the City of New York and medical team manager for the city's Urban Search and Rescue Team. He was previously Director of Emergency Medicine at Jacobi Hospital. In 1995, he led the members of New York City's Task Force One to Oklahoma City to assist in the response to the bombing of the Federal Court Building.

Dr. Gonzalez also has played a leadership role in the response to the devastation from the September 11 attacks and the anthrax incidents in New York City, and is responsible for developing medical responses to other potential bioterrorism threats. He resides in New York City.

Honorary Degree Nominations

Deadline: April 24

The Faculty Committee on Honorary Degrees, chaired by Lawrence Martin, Dean of the Graduate School, will begin its work leading to the recommendation of candidates for SUNY honorary degrees to be awarded in 2003. The other ten members of the committee include faculty members representing a variety of departments and a student representative.

The committee is accepting nominations from the entire University community. The purpose of the SUNY honorary degrees is to recognize excellence in the fields of public affairs, the sciences, humanities and the arts, scholarship and education, business and philanthropy, and social services; to honor outstanding service to the University, New York State, the country, or humanity; and to recognize people whose lives serve as examples of the University's aspirations for its students.

The honorary doctorate is the highest form of recognition that the University offers. Nominations should reflect the diversity that exists on the Stony Brook campus, and are due in the Graduate School, 2401 Computer Science, by Wednesday, April 24. A complete set of guidelines on how to submit nominations can be obtained by contacting the committee's Executive Secretary, Jeanne Reiersen, at 632-7035.

Mandel Named as Distinguished Professor



Professor Mandel

The State University of New York Board of Trustees has appointed Gail Mandel, Professor in the Department of Neurobiology and Behavior and a world-renowned neuroscientist, to the position of Distinguished Professor, the University's highest faculty designation. The title is conferred upon individuals who have achieved national or international prominence in a chosen field.

Mandel's work involves the regulation of ion channels—proteins located in the cell membrane—that control the flow of specific ions in and out of the cell. Her specific interest is in sodium channels, which are required for neurons to signal over long distances via traveling

waves known as action potentials. Mandel's work has been instrumental in explaining the development of this channel and how it is regulated by growth factors known to be active in the developing nervous system.

Over the past 20 years, Mandel has received remarkable recognition; each by itself would be regarded lifetime honors. These include a five-year Faculty Award for Women Scientists and Engineers from the National Science Foundation, one of only 32 awarded in a field of 300 competitors; a three-year McKnight Foundation Award from the McKnight Endowment Fund for Neuroscience, one of the most prestigious awards in the field; a seven-year Jacob J. Javits Neuroscience Investigator Award, one of the most prestigious awards bestowed in neuroscience by the National Institutes of Health; and being named a Full Investigator in the Howard Hughes Medical Institution, the pre-eminent award in the biomedical sciences in this country. Mandel is the only SUNY faculty member to be so designated. Last January, SUNY honored her with a Chancellor's Award for research in science, engineering, and medicine.

Grant Will Increase Minority Enrollment

Stony Brook, the lead institution of the State University of New York Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (SUNY LSAMP), was awarded \$2.5 million by the National Science Foundation (NSF) to increase minority bachelor degrees in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). In recognition of the Alliance's accomplishments in the initial phase of the program that started five years ago, NSF is now funding a second phase.

In Phase I, the Alliance increased under-represented minority enrollment in science, technology, engineering and math by 111 percent and degree completion by 46 percent. SUNY LSAMP develops innovative programs that expand on existing STEM courses; provides scholarship and stipend support; and offers cooperative problem-solving groups, tutoring in math and science, mentoring programs, research and internship opportunities, travel to professional conferences, and assistance in applying to graduate programs.

"The NSF mandate is to develop a diverse technological workforce for the 21st century," said President Kenny, the principal investigator of the project. "In the next five years, we plan to take the program to a new level and significantly increase minority participation in science, technology, engineering, and math. We will work hard to help today's under-represented students become tomorrow's leaders in technological and scientific disciplines."

Focus areas for Phase II of the project include advancing strategies to help students transfer from community colleges to four-year colleges; developing the Center for Inclusive Education on the Stony Brook campus; building more research experiences for SUNY LSAMP undergraduates; and helping more students advance to graduate study and into the professoriate.

In addition to Stony Brook, other Alliance partners are the University at Binghamton, the University at Buffalo, Buffalo State College, SUNY College at New Paltz, the University at Albany, SUNY College at Old Westbury, SUNY at Farmingdale, and several community colleges within each region.

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



Susan Isaacs

Best-selling Author and Screenwriter

Wednesday, April 17

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

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Oddo Is Chosen as Director of the Year

Lucille Oddo, Director of Stony Brook's Child Care Services, has been chosen as Director of the Year by the National Coalition for Campus Children's Centers (NCCCC). The NCCCC is the premier national organization speaking as the "voice for children on campus" and is composed of administrators of campus child care centers and other campus administrators.

Oddo was chosen from a group of highly competent directors of child development centers across the country. She received overwhelming support from the Stony Brook community for the work she has done. Nomination and support letters were sent to the NCCCC from Child Care Center board members, parents, teachers, faculty members, and former students.

"Ms. Oddo is truly an example of the impact a dedicated, committed, and skilled professional can have on a campus," the NCCCC announced.

"Receiving this award is the pinnacle of my professional career," said Oddo. "NCCCC is composed of the most highly respected early education professionals, many of whom have been my mentors. The organization espouses what is at the core of my belief, that high-quality care and education is critical to the well-being of children and their families, and that campus child care must be a model of quality for the greater community."

Oddo took four diverse programs for young children, which were housed in old converted homes on campus, and forged them into a cohesive whole. The model new child care center on campus brings together those diverse groups physically as well as intellectually.

Students Compete by Giving Blood



President Kenny and Carl Hanes, Chair of the Stony Brook blood drives, honored the winners of the Second Annual Student Blood Drive Competition in a ceremony on March 14 in the H-Quad Atrium. Tabler Quad won this year's competition, which was held in February among the residence halls and apartments. Each year, the championship trophy is passed on to the quad with the most participants. The total amount of blood collected from all the participants was 396 pints, compared with last year's total of 382.

Many people helped to make the residential blood drive a success, however, the following students and staff members deserve special recognition: **Joe Allen**, Residential Assistant in Langmuir College; **Erica Cordazzo**, Residence Hall Director of Dreiser College and co-planner of the blood drive; **Baycan Fideli**, Associate Director of Campus Residences; **Meagan Loehr**, from Gershwin College; **Christopher Neumann**, Residence Hall Director of Gershwin College and co-planner of the blood drive; **Matty Punnett**, Mendelsohn Quad Director; **Adam Schleman**, from Dreiser College; and all the other Residence Hall Directors who hosted drives in their buildings: **Jeff Barnett**, James College; **Nancy DeStefano**, Irving College; **Linda Eastman**, Schomburg Apartments; **Yvette Hubbard**, Chapin Apartments; **Treya Lynch**, Wagner College; and **Lea Tietje**, Hamilton College.

A Letter from the University Association

Dear Friends,

The University Association has had a long-standing relationship with Stony Brook University and the community. It has been a vital source for scholarships for undergraduate students for more than 40 years.

We are sorry to announce the dissolution of the University Association as of July 2002. The board members would like to thank everyone for their support and contributions. Interest groups have made arrangements to continue to operate independently or disband with us. If you are a member of an interest group, please contact the group chairperson for further information.

University Association funds will be awarded to undergraduate students, who will be nominated by the various departments on campus. Scholarships will be awarded at one last function: The Junior Class Awards Reception. We have set aside funds for payment of miscellaneous expenses, and any funds remaining will be donated to a Stony Brook foundation.

Even though the University Association is no longer accepting contributions for scholarships, there are foundations within Stony Brook that continue to need your support.

The Junior Class Awards Reception will be held on Thursday, May 2, from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. in the Art Gallery Lobby at the Staller Center. If you would like to attend, please contact Treasurer Flo Singler at (631) 751-3061, or I can be reached at (631) 399-7512. Please RSVP by Friday, April 19.

—Priscilla Komara, University Association President

Judging Undergraduate Achievements

They come from all walks of life, ranging from CEOs of large corporations to artists. On May 1 they will dedicate a full day of their time without pay to serve as judges in Stony Brook University's annual Celebration of Undergraduate Achievements. The primary focus of the event is to showcase research, scholarship, and creative activities that undergraduate students have conducted with faculty mentors, and share that learning experience with the community, according to Karen Kernan, Director of Programs for Research and Creative Activity.

Hundreds of people from campus and the surrounding community visit the Student Activities Center to view presentations, watch student musicians perform, or attend art exhibits. Last year the Department of History and the Department of Psychology featured oral presentations by students. This year the Department of English will follow suit.

Prizes are awarded for work that shows exceptional promise. One of this year's first-time judges is pianist and writer Carol Montparker. She was coached by musical artists such as Jerome Lowenthal, Andre Watts, Claude Frank, and Horacio Gutierrez. Montparker made her New York debut at Carnegie Recital Hall in 1976. A diary of the complete experience of this recital evolved into her first book, *The Anatomy of a New York Debut Recital*, first published in 1981 by the Instrumentalist Company. Her latest book, *A Pianist's Landscape*, heading into its second printing, was published by Amadeus Press in 1998.

As an editor of *Clavier* magazine for more than 20 years, Montparker has written more than 200 articles about world-famous concert artists, as well as concert and book reviews. She has won four awards from Edpress America for Excellence in Journalism. She is also an active recitalist in both solo and chamber music and has won lavish critical praise for her CD *Pianogarden*.

In addition to receiving frequent invitations for book talks and lecture recitals at prestigious universities, Montparker also enjoys teaching piano in her private studio in Huntington.

As a judge, she says that she most values expressiveness and a unique voice, provided that they are within the strictures and validity of the composer whose work they are playing. "I am looking for pianists who don't just type," she said. "Technical proficiency is of course a prerequisite but never an end in itself."

The University elects to use external judges because it not only keeps the community informed of the school's academic endeavors, but also offers students an opportunity to hear the opinions of leading experts outside of academia, according to the Associate Provost for Educational Initiatives, Wendy Katkin, who founded the event in 1997, when Stony Brook University received a Recognition Award for its Integration of Research and Education. "It's one thing to have your teacher tell you you're good but quite another to have a CEO or leading scientist tell you that," she said.

Sometimes the students benefit in unforeseen ways. Last year a student was given the opportunity to show original artwork in Setauket's Gallery North for six weeks as a result of the event. Also last year, a judge was so impressed with the work he viewed that he awarded a financial prize, anonymously, to every student from that department who participated.

Survey Research Can Be Done Here on Campus

It is one of the best-kept secrets on campus: a state-of-the-art facility designed to conduct telephone and mail interviews with individuals and organizations throughout the United States.

The Center for Survey Research was the brainchild of current director Leonie Huddy, an associate professor of political science, who had wanted to establish this type of an operation since she arrived here in 1988. "We are a major research university with superior social science departments but we didn't have the kind of research support enjoyed by many top-notch universities across the nation," she said.

The support she sought came when the Office of the Provost, the College of Arts and Sciences, the Office of the Vice President for Research, the Department of Political Science, and a grant from the National Science Foundation helped get the Center off the ground by providing financial subsidies for the first three years of its existence.

The Center only began in March 2000 and didn't employ full-time personnel until January 2001. Huddy said that hiring a Director of Operations from within the University made a marked difference. Two other hirings followed—a full-time fiscal manager and a full-time post-doctoral researcher.

The staff also includes roughly 60 interviewers, composed mostly of students and senior citizens who work on a part-time basis, as well as two graduate students involved in programming interviews and managing data. Within the past year, the Center has continued to serve the needs of the campus research community while fortifying its efforts to include off-campus clients such as *Newsday*, which utilized its services to conduct surveys of how Long Islanders had been affected by the tragedy of September 11.

The Center conducts all phases of surveys including sample and study design, providing high-quality research services to University faculty and administration on campus and to federal, state, and local government agencies, the media, and non-profit organizations off campus. The two most important points that the survey takers must impart to their subjects is that participation is voluntary and all information exchanged will be kept confidential.

The Center charges clients an hourly rate. The different types of surveys conducted vary greatly in terms of time requirements. Traditionally, on-campus surveys consume the least amount of time because students and faculty are accessible and more agreeable to being polled.

For additional information, visit www.sunysb.edu/surveys or call 632-1498.

New Alpha Tau Honor Society

On April 14, an inaugural reception will be held for fall, incoming freshmen who have been invited to become members of the recently founded Alpha Tau Freshman Honor Society. Alpha Tau maintains selective requirements, extending invitations for membership exclusively to those who are among the top ten percent of the entering freshman class and whose academic records demonstrate outstanding performance in a rigorous college preparatory program.

These high achievers are rewarded with exceptional leadership, service, and career development opportunities. They are given the opportunity to participate in colloquia and other special events sponsored by Golden Key International Honor Society, and an advisor is available for one-on-one advising throughout the year. They may participate in mentor programs with Student Ambassadors, Golden Key, and other campus honor societies, and take advantage of mentor opportunities with administrators, faculty, alumni, and corporate partners. Dawn Liu and Roni Paschkes are the Alpha Tau advisors on campus.

Springfest Earthstock Festival

Wednesday, April 24
12:40 p.m.-2:00 p.m.
Academic Mall

Many groups on campus have joined together to celebrate Earth Day and the beginning of the spring season. There will be music, food, booths manned by environmental/health conscious groups, and energy-efficient vehicles on display.

For more information, please contact the Department of Recycling and Resource Management at 632-1514.



New Printing and Copying Procedures

Printing Services, located at Room 173 Administration, will discontinue operations on or about June 28, 2002, announced Yvette St. Jacques, Assistant Vice President for Communications. The University is proceeding with steps to provide alternative methods to meet the University's printing needs and to maintain an on-campus copy center for faculty, staff, and students.

During the transition period, stationery (business cards, letterhead, envelopes, etc.) and photocopy materials can still be obtained through Printing Services. For other printing needs—such as brochures, forms, posters, etc.—please call Carl Burgos at 632-6214 or Anita Lago at 632-1594.

Watch future issues of *Happenings* for updates on this transition.

2001-02 Year of Community Leadership

Wisdom: Rules for Living in the Universe

Friday, April 26

Join the Earth Day celebration in Benedict College Atrium on April 26 at 6:00 p.m., featuring an inspiring lecture by theologian and best-selling author Matthew Fox. In his lecture, "Wisdom: Rules for Living in the Universe," Fox will discuss the ethical rules that can be learned from today's science. Generosity, interdependence, justice, and celebration will be explained from both their scientific basis and from their ethical implications.

The Shinnecock Hills Hand Drums Group from the Shinnecock reservation in Southampton will perform a welcome ritual, and Frances Brisbane, Dean of the School of Social Welfare, will present introductory remarks.

There is no admission fee, but an RSVP is requested. Contact Brother Clark Berge at 632-6563.

Gender Conference Draws a Crowd

Two hundred attendees—including teachers, guidance counselors, community advocates, and 130 middle- and high-school student leaders—turned out on March 20 for Stony Brook University's third annual conference on promoting equity in education for girls. Called "Blueprint for Gender Equity in Education: Building a Future for Girls that Includes Non-Traditional Paths (Science, Math, Engineering, Technology, and the Trades)," the all-day conference included a wide variety of interactive workshops and a keynote panel that featured women on Stony Brook's faculty and other accomplished women in business and the trades who have found fulfillment in nontraditional fields.

Students selected by their school districts to participate were encouraged by President Kenny, in her opening remarks, to go back to their classrooms and create change. "We cannot afford to waste half the brainpower of our nation," she told them.

Members of the panel included Claire Cunniffe, Regional Vice President, Computer Associates; Judy Murrah, Vice President, Symbol Technologies; Phyllis Hill Slater, Founder, and Gina Parker Slater, President, Hill Slater, Inc., an engineering and architectural support firm; Martha Baker, Executive Director of Nontraditional Employment for Women, a training program for women entering the building and construction trades; Hanna Nekvasil, Professor, Department of Geosciences; and Wendy Tang, Associate Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering.

Presenters included universities, organizations, and primary and secondary schools from New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Texas, and Massachusetts. The conference was organized by Dr. Janice Grackin of CELT and sponsored in part by CELT, the Office for Diversity and Affirmative Action, and the Long Island Fund for Women and Girls.

Two-Day Women's Leadership Events

April 25 and 27

The Women's Leadership Symposium will kick off with a Keynote Lecture, "Leadership: Personal, Professional, and Global Perspectives," given by Marcia Ann Gillespie, former Editor-in-chief of *Ms.* magazine, on Thursday, April 25, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Student Activities Center Auditorium. The lecture is open to the entire campus community and will be followed by an informal reception from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Room 221 of the Student Activities Center.

On Saturday, April 27, the Women's Leadership Conference will be held on the third floor of the Student Activities Center from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This event represents the collaborative efforts of students, faculty, and staff to host an interactive conference for current and future women leaders. The conference will feature a series of workshops—led by various female leaders in the campus and local communities—on aspects of personal and professional development and community and global leadership.

It is an opportunity for women of diverse backgrounds to celebrate their strengths, build community, network, identify leadership challenges, and discuss potential solutions. Some of the workshop topics include "Women and Gender," "Women in Academia," and "Women and Politics."

Attendance at the conference is limited, and advance registration is required. Contact Tanya Smith at tasmith@ic.sunysb.edu.

Ray of Light Award Winners Announced

Ceremony Will Be Held Monday, April 29

Seven of Long Island's volunteer leaders will be honored at the inaugural Year of Community Leadership 2002 Ray of Light Awards Ceremony on Monday, April 29, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Student Activities Center Lobby. The "Dialogues Across Differences" grant winners and the winner of the Habitat for Humanity campus fundraiser—the group with the highest percentage of funds raised that exceeded its goal amount—will also be acknowledged as part of the ceremony.

The winners of the Ray of Light Awards were selected from six different categories: Leadership in—Establishing and Maintaining Social Injustice, Laura Ahearn; Advancing Appreciation of the Arts, Muriel Weyl; Improving and Promoting Our Community's Health, Lorraine Pace; Promoting Protection and Stewardship of the Environment, Louise Harrison; Providing and Improving Human Services, Mary Ann Bell—and Emerging Undergraduate Leader, Sam Quiah and Emerging Graduate Leader, Chad Kautzer.

The event is co-chaired by Lawrence Martin, Dean of the Graduate School, and graduate student Harlisha Kalmanson. Frances Brisbane, Dean of the School of Social Welfare, will be the keynote speaker. A buffet dinner will be served. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Harlisha Kalmanson at 632-4559 by Monday, April 22.

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.

4/15, Monday: Undergraduate Recognition Awards

Student Activities Center, 7:00 p.m.

4/17, Wednesday: Best-selling Author Susan Isaacs See details at top 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. See details above

4/26, Friday: Wisdom: Rules for Living in the Universe Benedict College Atrium, 6:00 p.m. See details at top left

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

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.

A Best-Selling Author Reveals Her Methods

Wednesday, April 17

Novelist, essayist, and screenwriter Susan Isaacs will present "Poof! You're a Hero: How the Novelist Creates Women and Men" on Wednesday, April 17, as part of the President's Lecture Series. Her ten novels have been *New York Times* best sellers, and her fiction has been translated into 30 languages.

Isaacs will answer a question writers are frequently asked: Where do you get your ideas? She will discuss how she makes her characters come alive, specifically, how a protagonist grows from a vague idea into a fully formed character and also how the hero of a novel transforms into the star of a film.

Isaacs' most recent novel, *Long Time No See*, is a sequel to her first book, *Compromising Positions*, a whodunit set in suburban Long Island where Isaacs herself lives. She later wrote the screenplay for *Compromising Positions*, which starred Susan Sarandon and Raul Julia. Isaacs also wrote and co-produced Touchstone Picture's *Hello Again*, a comedy starring Shelley Long.

Isaacs serves as Chairman of the Board of Poets and Writers and is a former president of Mystery Writers of America. She is also a member of the National Book Critics Circle, the Creative Coalition, PEN, the American Society of Journalists and Authors, and the International Association of Crime Writers. Isaacs has worked to gather support for the National Endowment of the Arts' Literature Program and has been involved in several anti-censorship campaigns. In addition to writing books, essays, and screenplays, she has reviewed books for the *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Washington Post*, and *Newsday*, and has written about politics, film, and First Amendment issues.

Faculty, staff, and students are invited to the Student Activities Center Auditorium from 12:40 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on April 17 for Isaacs' special presentation. For more information, call the Office of Conferences and Special Events at 632-6320.

PROVOST'S LECTURE SERIES

U.S. Grand Strategy After September 11



James M. Klurfeld

Vice President and Editor of the Editorial Pages of *Newsday*

Thursday, April 18, 4:30 p.m.
Alliance Room, Melville Library

Car Show Returns to Benefit SBU

April 23 to 25

The Seawolves/Ramp Car Show will return to campus April 23 to 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. This event will mark the fourth year the Port Jefferson Station car dealer will bring this event to Stony Brook.

"This year's show will once again offer special savings available only to Stony Brook students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends," said Tom Hall, Director of Corporate Relations/Athletic Licensing for the Stony Brook Athletics Department.

The show will take place outside on the Pritchard Gym patio at the Sports Complex and will feature 20 to 25 of Chevy's most coveted models. New to the show will be Hummer models and Indian motorcycles.

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.

To further benefit the University community, Ramp will hold a raffle for one semester's free tuition, as well as a \$500 gift certificate good toward any goods or services at Ramp Chevrolet. Furthermore, a portion of the proceeds from each vehicle sold or leased will be donated to the Sunrise Fund for pediatric cancer at Stony Brook.

To pre-register for the Seawolves/Ramp Chevy Car Show and receive special extra benefits, visit www.rampchevy.com.

Shirley Strum Kenny Arts Festival 2002

April 15-21

Listed 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 WBLI, 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



Undergraduate Photography Exhibit

April 18 to May 6

"Selected Images 2000-2002" will be on display at the Stony Brook Union Art Gallery from Thursday, April 18, through Monday, May 6. A reception for the artists will be held at the Gallery on April 18 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

This exhibit features the work of undergraduate photography students and is also part of the Shirley Strum Kenny Student Arts Festival. The photos will be selected by Carl Pope, Professor of Photography, and will include 75 to 100 of the best photos by his students since he began teaching at Stony Brook in 2000. Pope tries to teach his students the technical aspect of photography without hindering their personal creative processes.

The Gallery is located in the upper level of the Stony Brook Union building. It is open Monday to Friday from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information, call 632-6820.

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Save the Date!



Friday, April 26

Spring Pride Patrol and Roth Pond Regatta

Laugh Well: May 8

The seventh annual Laugh Well comedy show to benefit the Matt and Debra Cody Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities at Stony Brook University Hospital will be held Wednesday, May 8, at the Staller Center at 7:30 p.m. The evening will feature the talents of New York comedians Jeffrey Ross, Lynne Koplitz, and Tom Papa.

Order your tickets now before the show sells out! All tickets to the comedy show are \$20. Tickets to the Funny Bone reception and comedy warm-up, which includes preferred seating at the comedy show, are \$100. To purchase tickets or for more information about the event, visit www.stonybrook.edu/sb/laughwell.shtml, call 444-2899, or e-mail ytansel@notes.cc.sunysb.edu.

CALENDAR April 11 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. Tuesday-Friday, 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.; Saturday, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Admission is free.

Now to 4/16, Tuesday. Asian-American Art Exhibit. "Lyrical Brush: East Asian Calligraphy" features the work of four artists. For more information, call 632-6820. Stony Brook Union Art Gallery. Hours: Monday-Friday, 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

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. Undergraduate Recital. The performances include a variety of solo and chamber works. Recital Hall, Staller Center. Admission is free. 4:00 p.m.

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.

4/27, Saturday. Stony Brook Chorale. Conducted by Timothy Mount and Joan Lee, this concert features Robert Ray's Gospel Mass with some of the stars of last year's Duke Ellington performance. For tickets, call 632-ARTS. 8:00 p.m. Recital Hall, Staller Center. \$8 general public; \$4 students and seniors.

4/28, Sunday. Ackerman Concert. Graduate students will give performances in memory of Dr. Lauren Ackerman, a generous donor to the Department of Music. 4:00 p.m. Recital Hall, Staller Center. Admission is free.

4/29, Monday and 4/30, Tuesday. Chamber Music Festival. Enjoy performances by music department graduates featuring music from the Baroque to the present. 8:00 p.m. Recital Hall, Staller Center. Admission is free.

SEMINARS/LECTURES

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.

4/12, Friday. Neurobiology and Behavior Seminar. Michele A. Basso from the University of Wisconsin will discuss

"Seeing and Deciding: Visual Target Selection for Eye Movements." 1:30 p.m. Room 038, Life Sciences.

4/12, Friday. The Worlds of Physics. Luis Orozco from the Department of Physics and Astronomy will discuss "Waves and Particles in Light." 7:30 p.m. Room 001, ESS Building.

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.

4/19, Friday. The Living World. Charles Janson from the Department of Ecology and Evolution will discuss "Unraveling the Web of Life: Implications for Tropical Conservation." 7:30 p.m. Room 001, ESS Building.

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.

4/26, Friday. Geology Open Night. Troy Rasbury from the Department of Geosciences will discuss "Directly Dating the Rock Record." 7:30 p.m. Room 001, ESS Building.

4/29, Monday. LACS Lecture. Allen Wells from Bowdoin College will discuss

"Altruism's Cost: FDR, Trujillo, and the Dominican Republic Settlement Association." For more information, call 632-7517. 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. N-320, Social and Behavioral 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.

4/16, Tuesday. Sexual Harassment Prevention Training. For information or to register, call Denise Gross, Training and Organizational Development, at 632-4501. 12:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Health Sciences Center.

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 632-6563. 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Room 249, SB Union.

4/20, Saturday. The Alumni Classic. The Alumni Association's first annual golf tournament begins with breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Tee times begin at 9:00 a.m., followed by an awards luncheon. Proceeds benefit scholarships and programs. For more information, call 632-6330. Mill Pond Golf Course, Medford.

4/22, Monday. Cash Bonanza Fundraiser. Child Care Services is holding its ninth annual fundraiser featuring a dessert tasting and chance to win cash prizes and raffles. For more information or to buy tickets, call 632-KIDS. 7:00 p.m. Student Activities Center Lobby. Tickets: \$50.