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## A Celebration of Undergraduate Achievements

More than 200 Students Showcased Talents and Competed for Prizes

The Stony Brook Chamber Orchestra debut, a photographic exploration of Ground Zero, ying-yang-inspired Asian paintings, a study of horseshoe crab movement in coastal inlets—these are just some of the highlights of Stony Brook's Celebration of Undergraduate Achievements, held on May 1 in the Student Activities Center. More than 200 undergraduates presented research projects, participated in artistic performances, and exhibited works of art as part of the annual event. Winners in eight categories received prizes totaling more than \$7,000.

Distinguished judges viewed and judged the projects and presentations. CEOs, artists, musicians, and faculty served on panels in each of the categories: art, humanities, life sciences, mathematics and engineering, music, physical sciences, psychology, and social sciences.

Among the work displayed was Sarah Doret's photographic exhibit of Ground Zero. Over a course of three and a half months, she visited the site to document how it developed into a tourist attraction. "The Disease Project" by Steven Seghal and Rishi Rakesh Sinha was an exhibit about the Human

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## CATCH OUR RISING STARS



### Celebrating Undergraduate Research and Creativity



Top row: President Kenny kicked off the celebration in the Student Activities Center Lobby. Bottom row: Students explained their research projects, which were judged and awarded prizes in various categories.



### Undergraduate Achievement Award Recipients

#### Atmospheric, Environmental, Geoscience, and Marine Science Research Award

Patricia Tzakas

*Honorable Mention:* Jessica Nienstedt and Glenn Spataro; Norah Warchola

#### Brookhaven Science Associates Awards in the Physical Sciences

*Chemistry:* Patrick Schreiber; Sheila Shokrian

*Physics:* Tan Ahn and Pamela Roberts; Amy Roberts

*Honorable Mention:* Douglas Broege; Chungchi Chen; Evan Guarnaccia and Megumi Kinoshita; Jory Meltzer; Jennifer Nierer; Robert Wlodarczyk; Peter Yaron

#### College of Arts and Sciences Awards

*Art:* Sarah Doret

*Honorable Mention:* Michelle Carollo (painting); Nicole Catsam (photography); Ha Na Lee (painting); Kristen Mihajlovic (painting); Christopher Vivas (ceramic sculpture)

*Performance:* Lin Tung (piano)

#### Humanities and Social Sciences:

Justina Geraci

*Honorable Mention:* Eddis Miller

#### Engineering and Applied Sciences Awards

Stephen Baader, Luis Bonilla, and Sean Reith; David Haarhoff, Robert Hammerquist, and David McIsaac; Kevin McGrogan and Dominic Vasquez

*Honorable Mention:* Shaffie-Al Balgobin and Pradipto Das; Carlos Jose Pena; Diana David and the Robot Team (Zion Adika, Alex Alves, Vladimir Baranov, Mark Berkowitz, and Gilberto Hung)

#### Gallery North Award for Outstanding Project in Art

Heemin Kim

#### History Department Awards

*Best Presentation of a Seminar Paper:*

Michelle Levy

*Best Presentation of an Honor's Thesis:*

Annette Ricciardi

#### Life Science Awards

Anna Awdankiewicz; Georgina Bermudez; Annie Li and Sameer Khanijo

*Honorable Mention:* Kimberly Bell; Grace Ho Yee Chan; Chih-Ying Chen; Ioannis Kariolis; Sophia Khan; Angela Kokkosis; Cindy Lee

#### Psi Chi Awards in Psychology

*Best Oral Presentation:* Robert Schlauch

*Best Poster Presentation:* Albert Hung; Steve Meltzer

*Honorable Mention:* Marcia Gomez; Daniel Thomas

**Long Island Museum of American Art, History, and Carriages** Michelle Carollo; Ha Na Lee

**Ridotto Prize in Performance** Jill Jermyn (violin)

#### Sigma Xi Awards

*Life Sciences:* Vanessa Maybeck;

Jennifer Skirkanich

*Physical Sciences:* Sheila Shokrian

*Honorable Mention:* Tan Ahn and Pamela Roberts; Patricia Tzakas

### PROVOST'S LECTURE SERIES

#### "How Class Works"

##### Julianne Malveaux

MIT-trained Economist, Writer and Syndicated Columnist, Commentator on the *PBS New Hour*

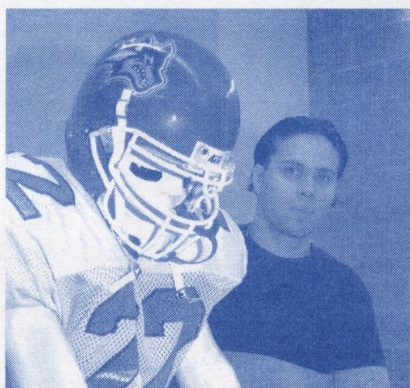
##### Leo Panitch

Distinguished Professor, York University, Toronto Political Economist, Marxist Theorist, and Editor of the *Socialist Register*

**Wednesday, June 5**  
4:30 p.m.

**Student Activities Center Auditorium**

Co-sponsored by the Stony Brook University Group for the Study of Working Class Life



Left: Saul Cruz Jr. with his statue, "Stony Brook University Football Player #22." Center: Heemin Kim posing in front of her artwork, "Journey." Right: The Society of Automotive Engineers with their Mini Baja project. (All photos on this page by Medical Photography)



## SBU/Southampton Form Dual Program

Stony Brook University and Southampton College of Long Island University have formed a partnership for a dual-degree program designed to ensure that the area's best young marine scientists continue to work in local waters. Both universities are widely recognized as leading institutions in the field of marine science.

"I can think of no field that is more appropriate for such an agreement. We, on Long Island, are surrounded by the marine environment," said Marvin Geller, Dean of Stony Brook's Marine Sciences Research Center. "Setting up this type of cooperative agreement will serve to train more bright students to explore these environments, to better understand them, and hopefully to find paths to having a better Long Island."

"This unusual partnership between a major public university and a major private university will offer students the best of both institutions and make Long Island a focal point for the education and training of future marine scientists," said Long Island University President David J. Steinberg.

The new dual program is designed as a fast-track option to provide students with a combination of coursework and research experience that will lead to a Bachelor of Science in Marine Science from Southampton College and a Master of Science in Marine Environmental Science from Stony Brook. Students will benefit from the strong undergraduate marine science program at Southampton and the renowned research facilities and expertise offered by the graduate program of the Marine Sciences Research Center at Stony Brook.

The dual program is also expected to further develop relationships in other areas of research, including more co-sponsored studies between professors and students at the two institutions—especially studies that focus on preserving the fragile ecosystems of Long Island waters. While students in the dual program also will participate in research that is national and international in scope, about half of the marine science research at the two institutions is locally based. The partnership could expand that.

## Computer Corner Moves to SAC

To accommodate campus space needs associated with the closing of the Humanities Building, Computer Corner is temporarily relocating to the lower level of the Student Activities Center, Room 017 (formerly the Polity Print Shop).

Preparation for the temporary location began on May 6. Eventually, Computer Corner will be located on the main floor of the Student Activities Center. The temporary site will keep interruption of service to a minimum and allow the store to continue to serve the campus community until the new area is ready.

During this transition time, customers may experience slower than normal response times to inquiries. The store will be open for business in Room 017 on Monday, May 20. For more information, please call 632-7630.

Also taking place this month, the Office of Campus Housing will be relocating to the Stony Brook Union lobby.

## Earthstock II Is an Exercise in Unity

In a gesture symbolic of the Year of Community Leadership, the Commuter Student Association (CSA) and the Department of Recycling and Resource Management joined forces and decided to dub this year's event the "Springfest/Earthstock Festival." Jessica Vito, Senior Student Outreach Coordinator in the Department of Recycling, and Godfrey Palaia of the CSA, agreed that it made sense to combine last year's separate events into one event.

The idea to unify the two events and make it an annual celebration was a hit with Michael Youdelman, Manager of the Department of Recycling and Resource Management. Youdelman said, "To help create a new culture of environmental stewardship truly requires the participation of the entire community. We look forward to seeing the Springfest/Earthstock Festival grow in the years to come."

On April 24, the co-sponsored event took place across the west end of the Academic Mall, featuring informational booths and student entertainment. Planet Groove, a rhythm-and-blues band, performed in front of the Student Activities Center. Students took turns on a dizzying ride called the Gyroscope; glimpsed alternative energy vehicles on display courtesy of the New York State Clean Fueled Vehicles Program; and visited displays by the New York Public Interest Research Group, Protestant Campus Ministry, and Student Organization Creating Indigenous Awareness (SOCIA), among others.

President Kenny took an electric energy vehicle for a spin around campus accompanied by Michael Klein, Director for Transportation and Parking Services, and Joe Darling, Director of Equipment Management in the Department of Transportation in Albany. The compressed natural gas used to fuel such vehicles is an alternative to gasoline and produces only one-tenth of the pollution produced by gasoline while providing performance comparable to that of a gas-fueled vehicle. It would also reduce American dependence on foreign oil.

Graduate art student and art instructor Jeffrey Allen Price transfixed passersby with his student trash art, including spectrum towers made out of multi-colored lighters, a tree composed of lighter tops, discarded magic markers taped together into a geometric shape, and a city building made from circuitry. The projects were given to students who demonstrated the best ability and greatest interest in recycling. Price said, "the [student trash] art makes a statement about our mass consumption, our consumerism, and our wastefulness."



Left: Planet Groove performed for the festival crowd. Right: President Kenny took a spin in the electric energy vehicle. (Photos by Glenn Jochum)

## Campus Enjoys Pride Patrol and Regatta



Top row: Volunteers were cleaning flower beds and planting all across campus on April 26 as part of the 15th Annual Spring Pride Patrol. Bottom: Teams of students took part in the Roth Pond Regatta on April 26 in festive ships made of cardboard, duct tape, rope, cloth, and glue. (Photos by Medical Photography)

## Seventh Annual Film Festival

July 17 to 27

The Staller Center will host the 2002 Stony Brook Film Festival from July 17 to 27 with screenings of dozens of the most powerful and entertaining independent feature and short films, many of which will be making their U.S., East Coast, or New York premiere at the festival. There will be studio premiere screenings of new features prior to their fall theatrical releases, as well as some of the most highly acclaimed international films of 2002.

The opening night film will be the East Coast premiere of Tim Blake Nelson's powerful Holocaust drama, *The Grey Zone*, starring Harvey Keitel, Steve Buscemi, David Arquette, Daniel Benzali, and Mira Sorvino. The closing night feature will be the New York premiere of *Pursuit of Happiness*, John Putsch's romantic comedy starring Frank Whaley and Annabeth Gish.

Festival Director Alan Inkle and his staff combed through more than 250 eligible films to create the competition portion of the festival, which will include 30 features and short films vying for both juried and audience awards, presented at the closing night ceremony. More than 40 films from the United States and abroad will be presented during the 11-day festival in Staller's 1,000-seat theatre, equipped with state-of-the-art projection and the region's largest screen. Many of the directors will introduce their films, with members of the cast and crew on hand to discuss the film and answer questions after the screenings.

The \$40 festival pass includes all screenings and the exclusive Pass-Holder Reception and Discussion on July 20, where filmmakers will discuss their work. For a nominal charge of \$10, pass-holders can add the Closing Night Awards Reception on July 27, where audience members will mingle with some of the stars of this year's film celebration. Passes and award reception tickets are available now by calling 632-ARTS or online at [www.stonybrookfilmfestival.com](http://www.stonybrookfilmfestival.com).

## Undergraduate Celebration

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Genome Project. An interactive video, audio, and computer structure in the form of an operating table allowed visitors to access a dynamic visual database and find out about their bodies.

Claudia Cebada Mora's presentation focused on the movement of juvenile horseshoe crabs along the shores of coastal inlands. Phillip Lenburg conducted the debut concert of the Stony Brook Chamber Orchestra—comprised of 13 graduates and 3 undergraduates—performing Stravinsky's *Dumbarton Oaks Concerto*.

Lamya Touma spoke about human rights; Pauline Biniakewitz reported on her research on the "Lack of Sexual Knowledge and Risky Sexual Behavior in Adolescents;" Ruth Chung and Helga Dittmar's exhibit focused on "What Psychological Factors Influence Whether Advertising Is Effective;" and John Antonakakis and Fu-Pen Chang's project demonstrated the feasibility of a laser-guided Smart Retrieval System for Unmanned Underwater Vehicles.



# 2001-02 Year of Community Leadership

## Spring Festivities 2002

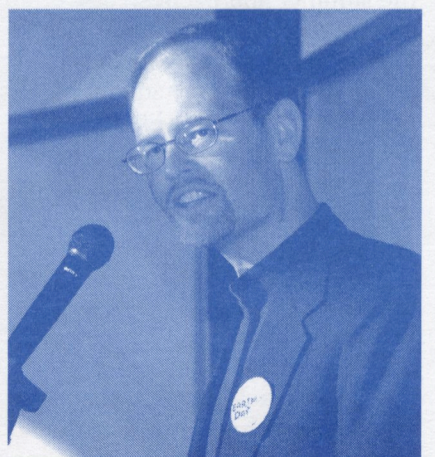
The Year of Community Leadership (YOCL) events culminated with the Third Annual Stony Brook Fountain Festival on the Academic Mall on May 1. A variety of student groups gave multicultural presentations, and representatives from local service organizations provided information about volunteering opportunities. Also part of the spring YOCL events was the inaugural Year of Community Leadership Ray of Light Awards Ceremony on April 29, which honored seven of Long Island's volunteer leaders. "Wisdom: Rules for Living in the Universe," a lecture by theologian and best-selling author Matthew Fox, was held on April 26 as part of the campus Earth Day celebration.



**Fountain Fest** Top row (left to right): Campus groups and community organizations lined the Academic Mall. President Kenny enjoyed some strawberry shortcake. One of the student dance groups that gave performances along the Academic Mall as part of the Diversity Day Program. Delicious strawberries were in abundance at this year's Strawberry Festival. Bottom row (left to right): Students demonstrated Boston-style Tae Kwon Do. Buddy Merriam and Backroads Blue Grass Band played for the crowd. Students, faculty, and staff feasted on a variety of strawberry treats. (All photos by Matthew Klein except top left by Medical Photography)



**Ray of Light** Left to right: Winners of the awards are Mary Ann Bell, Louise Harrison, Lorraine Pace, Muriel Weyl, Laura Ahearn, Chad Kautzer, and Sam Quiah pictured with graduate student Harlisha Kalmanson and Dean of the Graduate School Lawrence Martin, who co-chaired the event. Frederick Preston, Vice President for Student Affairs, gave welcoming remarks. Frances Brisbane, Dean of the School of Social Welfare, was the keynote speaker. (All photos by Medical Photography)



**Wisdom: Rules for Living in the Universe** Left to right: Matthew Fox gave a lecture that explored the scientific and ethical basis for living in harmony with the environment. The Shinnecock Hills Hand Drums Corp performed a welcome ritual for the audience. Brother Clark Berge from Protestant Campus Ministry invited Fox to come speak on campus as part of the Earth Day celebration. (All photos by Medical Photography)



## STONY BROOK VILLAGE

### Summer Events

For more information about these events, call the Ward Melville Heritage Organization at (631) 751-2244.



#### Stony Brook Grist Mill Tours

Explore Long Island's most completely equipped, working grist mill. The Country Store offers pancake mix, syrups, jams, colonial toys, and more. Hours: June-August, Wednesday-Sunday, 12:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Harbor Road off Main Street, Stony Brook. Adults: \$2, children under 12: \$1.

#### Horse-Drawn Carriage Rides in Stony Brook Village

Take a carriage ride through colonial Stony Brook. May-August, Sundays, 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. During July and August, also Thursdays, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Board near Robinson's Tea Room in Stony Brook Center's Inner Court. \$2 per person.

#### Wetlands Discovery Cruises

Experience the wetlands aboard the 35-passenger boat *Discovery* on a cruise from Stony Brook Harbor into the wetlands guided by a naturalist from the Marine Sciences Research Center. May-October, including early morning cruises for birdwatchers, midday, and sunset cruises. Depart from Boatworks, Shore Road off Main Street, Stony Brook. Adults: \$15, children under 12: \$9, seniors: \$10.

### Stadium Is Set to Open Sept. 14

A new era will begin at Stony Brook University on September 14 with the opening of the 8,000-seat Seawolves Stadium—the largest and most up-to-date outdoor facility in Suffolk County.

The stadium construction continues to progress. The installation of the all-weather field turf surface has begun and should be completed during the first week of June. Already in place are the six light towers that will allow the Seawolves to play night games and the University and community to hold events at night. Construction on the south end of the building, which contains various meeting rooms and locker rooms, is nearing completion. Installation of bleachers, VIP seats, luxury boxes, and media facilities will continue as the summer approaches.

In 2002-03, the Stony Brook football team will play its five-game schedule inside the stadium, men's and women's soccer will play selected games there, and the men's and women's lacrosse teams will play their entire home schedules there.

The stadium will open Saturday, September 14, when the football team battles Long Island rival St. John's at 6:00 p.m.

Season tickets for the upcoming football season start at \$25 and can be purchased now by calling 632-4516. For more information, visit the Seawolves Web site at [www.goseawolves.org](http://www.goseawolves.org).

## Two Generations Receive Welcome

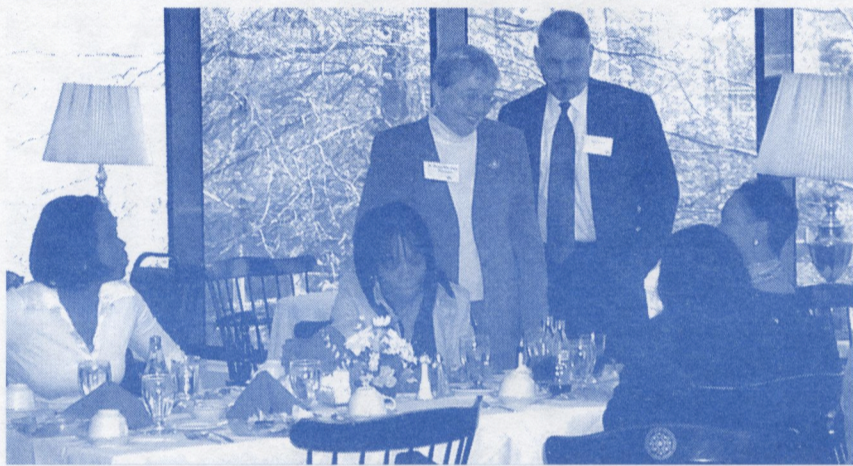
Stony Brook is a young university that has come of age with the recent Legacy Reception for Stony Brook alumni and their newly admitted children. President Kenny and Provost McGrath spoke to a capacity gathering on April 27 at the University Club, welcoming two generations of 20 Stony Brook families.

Gigi Lamens, Dean of Undergraduate Admissions, expressed the luncheon theme when she told alumni, "We want you to come back to Stony Brook and take advantage of our libraries, attend lectures and cultural and athletic events. Alumni can volunteer for a number of rewarding activities that will enhance current student life and increase the value of Stony Brook degrees."

Undergraduate Admissions is actively involved in bringing alumni back to campus. The alumni parents were encouraged to return to their alma mater for events such as Parents Day, Open House, and Parent Orientation.

Ted Klubinski, Assistant Director in Admissions, is responsible for alumni recruitment. He said that alumni who encourage their children to join the Stony Brook family are a testament to the quality of education that continues to impact their lives today.

Many alumni are sharing their time and expertise with students through mentoring programs, career counseling, and internships. Others are joining a program to assist Admissions with recruitment of new students by representing Stony Brook at local high schools and college fairs nationwide.



President Kenny and Ted Klubinski talk with incoming freshmen and their alumni parents at the Legacy Reception.

## Dr. Dorothy Lane Recognized by SUNY

Dorothy Lane MD, MPH, has been named Distinguished Service Professor by the State University of New York Board of Trustees. She was among only 22 faculty recognized statewide.

Dr. Lane is Professor and Vice Chair of the Department of Preventive Medicine, Director of the Stony Brook Residency in General Preventive Medicine and Public Health, and Associate Dean for Continuing Medical Education at the School of Medicine. She has been the Director of the Stony Brook Residency in General Preventive Medicine and Public Health since its inception in 1982. Dr. Lane has been the Principal Investigator on research, demonstration, and training projects; the recipient of federal, state, and foundation funds for these endeavors; and published and presented papers about their outcome.

Her scholarly activities have focused on the testing of community-based public and physician interventions to increase the use of preventive services and on the development of competency-based education in preventive medicine. Dr. Lane is currently the Principal Investigator of an NCI project to reduce barriers to colorectal cancer screening through public and physician education and the Principal Investigator of the NHLBI Women's Health Initiative Clinical Center at Stony Brook.

## Crafts Center

### Summer Schedule

The Stony Brook Union Crafts Center, located in the lower level of the Student Union, offers programs in leisure, recreation, and basic arts and crafts skills. For more information, call 632-6829.

**Pottery Making: Beginner** Get a solid foundation on the methods of throwing on the potter's wheel. Five Mondays beginning 6/17, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Students, \$80; others, \$95.

**Bartending** Learn how to mix drinks and manage a bar. Five Mondays beginning 6/17, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Students, \$75; others, \$90.

**Basic Photography** Learn camera and dark room fundamentals, developing and printing techniques. Section A: Five Tuesdays beginning 6/18; Section B: Five Wednesdays beginning 6/19. 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Students, \$80; others, \$95.

**Defensive Driving** Learn to be a defensive driver and save 10 percent on your auto insurance. Section A: Two Thursdays, 6/20 and 6/27. Section B: Two Mondays, 7/15 and 7/22. 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Students, \$18; others, \$22.

## Ted Lai Wins Warner Prize

Theodore Lai, a sophomore in the Honors College, is this year's winner of the Patrick W. Warner Prize.

Patrick W. Warner graduated from Stony Brook in 1974 with a master's degree in economics and is currently a vice president of the Ford Motor Company. He established the prize fund to acknowledge outstanding academic achievement by an Honors College student, as manifested in "a written paper of significant originality and insight." Warner has a particular interest in encouraging students to write well, which is why the prize of \$500 is awarded for a paper on a particular topic. This year's topic was "Automobiles."

Ted Lai is from Hawthorne, New York. He is a biology major and a member of the Scholars for Medicine (BA/MD) Program. He is a member of the Cardozo College Legislature, the Undergraduate Chemistry Society, and a writer for *The Statesman*. His winning essay deals with the social impact of automobiles.

## Sexual Harassment Prevention Training

June 5 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Student Activities Center

June 25 12:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.  
Health Sciences Center

For information or to register, call Denise Gross, Training and Organizational Development, at 632-4501.

## WUSB Celebrates 25 Years

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 632-6820 or at [Norman.Prusslin@stonybrook.edu](mailto:Norman.Prusslin@stonybrook.edu).

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