

HAPPENINGS

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A GOLDEN YEAR

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Grand Opening of SAC Phase II Wednesday, September 4



Take a tour of the new wing of the Student Activities Center between 1:15 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on September 4.

On September 4 at 12:30 p.m., the festivities will kick off with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and tours of the new wing in the Student Activities Center. SAC Phase II is home to a spacious student lounge with a café, game tables, couches, and chairs; two multipurpose rooms, one accommodating 750 people and the other 350; an enhanced Eugene Weidman Wellness Center with locker rooms and showers; and an art gallery. Take a tour of the new wing and enjoy free giveaways and a variety of events including concerts, a hypnotist, a movie, student dance parties, a step show, and more. Everyone is welcome—join the fun!

Ice Cream Social

Faculty and staff are invited to participate in "Scooping Out Success 3," an ice cream social for students on Wednesday, September 4, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the SAC Lobby.

Volunteers are needed to serve the ice cream and toppings. There will also be information tables available if you would like to bring materials about your department, program, and/or unit that you feel may be of interest to students.

If you'd like to participate, contact Tania Ortiz at 632-9392 or Tania.Ortiz@stonybrook.edu.

September 19

State of the University Address

3:30 p.m.

Staller Center

Join President Kenny for the University Convocation and introduction of Stony Brook's new faculty members.

Salute to Stony Brook

4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Rain or Shine

Academic Mall, SAC, Library Galleria, and Administration 2nd Floor Lobby

Shuttle buses from East Campus

Win two round-trip airline tickets to any Southwest destination plus other prizes

Music, dancing, karaoke, and more

Fireworks grand finale!

Watch for more details.

All students, faculty, and staff are welcome!

Turn to the back page for your Golden Year Keepsake Calendar.

THE STONY BROOK COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER TO REMEMBER
THOSE WHO WERE LOST ON SEPTEMBER 11.
THEIR DEATHS STRENGTHEN OUR RESOLVE AS A UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY
TO FOSTER THE MOST BASIC AMERICAN IDEALS OF FREEDOM AND EQUALITY.

We Will Never Forget

September 10

Dedication of Memorial Grove to honor alumni and other members of the Stony Brook family who were lost
Student Activities Center (SAC) Plaza 5:00 p.m.
Reception immediately following in the SAC Lobby
Rain or Shine

September 11

Memorial Commemoration
Student Activities Center (SAC) Plaza
1:00 p.m./Campus Life Time
Rain Location—SAC Auditorium
Buses will be available at the University Hospital main entrance.
Access to Administration garage available to East Campus cardholders.

On September 11 please observe a moment of silence during all campus activities at 8:46 a.m. The nationally televised Memorial Service can be viewed from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the SAC Auditorium, Sports Complex, and Atkins Learning Center (HSC, Level 4, Room 135). A video of both Stony Brook ceremonies can be viewed at 3:00 p.m. in the Atkins Learning Center. The Interfaith Center Chapel and the Hospital Chapel will be open all day for those seeking a quiet place for prayer, meditation, and reflection.

These events are sponsored by the Office of the President and the Interfaith Center. For a disability-related accommodation, please call 632-6271.

Dr. Pessin Joins School of Medicine

Expert in Diabetes Research

Dr. Jeffrey Pessin, an internationally known expert and researcher in diabetes, has been named Chair of the Department of Pharmacological Sciences in the School of Medicine.

"Dr. Pessin is an outstanding researcher whose wealth of experience and knowledge will set the course for what has historically been one of the University's most outstanding departments," said Dr. Norman H. Edelman, Vice President for the Health Sciences Center and Dean of the School of Medicine.

A well-regarded research scientist, Dr. Pessin has served on numerous scientific review panels, research boards, and program development committees. He has also been active in the management of the peer review process, serving as Editor-in-Chief for *Endocrinology* and Editor for the *American Journal of Physiology*. Prior to his Stony Brook appointment, Dr. Pessin was the University of Iowa's Distinguished Professor of Physiology and Biophysics and Associate Director of the Diabetes and Endocrinology Research Center. He received the Eli Lilly Outstanding Investigator Award from the American Diabetes Association in 1996.

Dr. Nachman Receives \$8M Grant

Stony Brook University Hospital physician Dr. Sharon A. Nachman has received a five-year award of more than \$8 million from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) to conduct pediatric and maternal AIDS clinical trials. These will be the only NICHD-sponsored clinical trials on Long Island.

Dr. Nachman is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics in Infectious Diseases in the School of Medicine and Director of the Maternal-Child HIV Program at University Hospital. She is a nationally renowned researcher and expert in infectious diseases and has received funding from the NICHD since 1992. She has published and lectured extensively on HIV and AIDS and contributes her expertise to the Centers for Disease Control and the New York State Department of Health's AIDS Institute to develop clinical guidelines for the management of pediatric HIV infection and reducing perinatal HIV transmission.

"The funding we have received and will continue to receive allows us to do work that is valuable not only to Long Islanders, but also to the nation's population afflicted with AIDS," Dr. Nachman said. "Here at Stony Brook, we have made tremendous strides in managing AIDS infection. The award from the NICHD is further evidence of the quality research we are doing in this important area."



SAVE THE DATE!

Homecoming Weekend

October 18 to 19

Watch for more details in future issues of *Happenings*.

SB Film Festival Attracts Thousands



Photo by Tim Needles
Actor David Arquette (left) and writer/director Blake Nelson (center) from the film *The Grey Zone*, with President Kenny on opening night.

Now in its seventh year, the 2002 Stony Brook Film Festival had more than 15,000 attendees for the 40 feature and short films during the 11-day festival, which ran from July 17 to 27. The festival featured new independent films, world premieres, and some of the year's most highly acclaimed films. Several films that premiered at the festival are now in negotiation for distribution.

Each film screened in the Staller Center theatre is

shown once, with at least two films presented each evening preceded by a short. Filmmakers traveling the country with their films have praised Festival Director Alan Inkles for the well-organized and professional venue. Most of the directors were on hand to introduce their films, and lively question-and-answer sessions followed the screenings. Cast members came out for many of the films, including *ER*'s Kristin Minter, who acted in *The Bread, My Sweet*.

At the Closing Night Ceremony, Inkles, along with Village Voice Film Critic Michael Atkinson, presented awards to the winning filmmakers. Inkles gave a Festival Achievement Award to actor/director Frank Whaley for Outstanding Contribution to Independent Cinema. Max Myers, Director of *Don't Let Go*, received a Festival Achievement Award in Filmmaking. The Grand Prize film was *Almost Salinas*, a tribute to James Dean and directed by Terry Allen Green.

New Diversity Fellows



Photo by Medical Photography
President Kenny (center) joins the Diversity Fellows at a reception in their honor.

During the summer a Presidential Reception was held at the University Club to honor Stony Brook's new Diversity Fellows. The Fellows, comprising members of the campus community from a broad cross section of departments, were selected and received special training on how to facilitate at various campus diversity-themed events to encourage dialogue and broaden the overall experience of the participants. President Kenny conferred the title "Campus Diversity Fellow" on the trained volunteers.

The Fellows can assist event organizers in a variety of ways. For example, if there is a lecture scheduled, the Fellows could facilitate a discussion immediately following based on the lecture topic. If you are planning an event and would like to find out more about how the Fellows could assist you, please call Kevin Hauss at 632-6132.

The following is a list of the Diversity Fellows:

Elizabeth Barnum, Assistant Dean, Graduate School; **Jacqueline Becker**, Psychology Intern, University Counseling Center; **Catherine Bohn**, Psychology Intern, University Counseling Center; **Cindy Brodsky**, Assistant Manager, Training and Organizational Development, Human Resources; **Donna Buehler**, Director, Employee Assistance Program; **Cheryl Chambers**, Assistant Dean for Student Life; **Lisa Condon**, Senior Intern, University Counseling Center; **Joanna Harris**, Director, Disability Support Services; **Kevin Hauss**, Manager, Training and Organizational Development, Human Resources; **Mary M. Kenny**, Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Specialist; **Karina Kim**, Senior Intern, University Counseling Center; **Cheryl Kurash**, Senior Counselor, University Counseling Center; **Christina Vargas Law**, Director, Office of Diversity and Affirmative Action; **Dawn Yih-Huei Liu**, Academic Advisor, Academic Advising Center; **Ismenia Molina**, Management Intern, Office of Diversity and Affirmative Action; **Anne Murphy**, Associate Director, Office of Diversity and Affirmative Action; **Tania Ortiz**, Student Activities Assistant Director; **Margaret Perno**, Senior Counselor, Disability Support Services; **Jo Ann Rosen**, Assistant Director for Outreach; **Jaya Save-Mundra**, Psychology Intern, University Counseling Center; **Annemarie Scherer**, In-Service Educator, Corporate Education and Training; **Valerie Sims**, Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Specialist; **Tasheka Sutton**, Assistant Director, Student Activities; **Deborah Zelizer**, Educator, Clinical Associate Professor, School of Health Technology and Management.

Walk for Beauty... in a Beautiful Place

Sunday, September 22

This year the Ninth Annual Walk for Beauty will broaden its scope to include prostate cancer—the most common cancer in men. Sponsored by Stony Brook University Hospital and the Ward Melville Heritage Organization, the walk will make history as the first-ever walk on Long Island for both breast and prostate cancer.

Come to Stony Brook Village Center on Sunday, September 22, and walk with the men and women affected by these diseases, along with their families, friends, and thousands of others who care about finding a cure. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. This 6K/4K walk follows a scenic route past Stony Brook harbor and historic sites in the village and through Avalon Park and Preserve. For more information, call 444-4393.

\$1.9M Grant to Support Science

Stony Brook has been awarded a \$1.9 million grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) to support its biological sciences education programs. This award will enhance education from grade school through graduate school and enables the University to support several major activities.

Stony Brook will broaden its work with school districts, teachers, teachers-in-training, and students to integrate current science concepts into K-12 education. The University will continue to bring biology and related disciplines to undergraduate students by making new problem-based courses available in areas such as bioethics, computational biology, and science teaching. Research and education will be more closely linked through the expansion of teaching education programs and teaching fellowship opportunities.

"These efforts will allow us to continue to increase the quality and reach of our already outstanding programs," said David Bynum, Associate Professor of Biochemistry, who will direct the grant. The major activities of the award will be carried out by the Long Island Group Advancing Science Education (LIGASE), an organization created by Bynum.

The University is one of 44 schools nationwide to receive such an award and the only public institution in New York State to do so.

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East Meets West at Stony Brook

Sunday, September 15

On Sunday, September 15, the Asian American Faculty Staff Association (AAFSA) is hosting an "Aki Matsuri" (Japanese Autumn Festival) from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Student Activities Center.

The first part of the festival is free, so come and enjoy many cultural demonstrations and activities including ikebana (flower arranging), a tea ceremony, calligraphy, works by Japanese craftsmen and martial arts (kendo, judo, karate), and lifestyle exhibits. In the second part of the festival, Hanayui and Soh Daiko will dazzle the audience with live performances in the auditorium (see ticket information below).

Hanayui is a group of three Japanese women who combine a unique blend of song and dance with taiko drumming to produce a visually stunning show. Their costumes are swirling designs of vivid yellow, purple, red, and black.

Soh Daiko is the first taiko group on the East Coast. In addition to drums, the group incorporates bamboo flutes, brass bells, conch shells, and gongs into its performances. More than percussion, there is always a visual element that requires physical strength, endurance, and energy, making taiko such an exciting experience.

Also performing will be Marco Lienhard, a master at the Japanese bamboo flute "shakuhachi" and Masayo Ishigure, who will play the koto, a Japanese stringed instrument.

Tickets for the performances are \$18 per person, \$9 for students, and \$15 each for purchases of four tickets or more. For reservations, please call the Office of Conferences and Special Events at 632-6320.

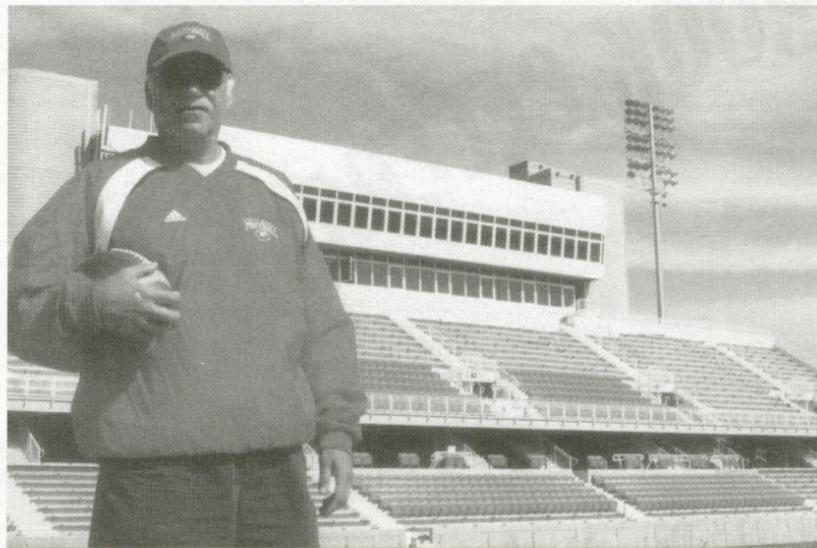
Judex Receives Prestigious Award

Stefan Judex, Assistant Professor in the Department of Biomedical Engineering, has been awarded the Promising Young Scientist award by the International Society of Biomechanics, which recognizes scientific achievement and honors those who have made outstanding contributions to the field. The award is designed to acknowledge people who have performed superior biomechanics research early in their careers.

Judex's research focuses on how organ systems such as the skeleton respond to altered functional demand such as changes in physical activity. Specifically, he has been interested in combining molecular and genetic analyses with engineering approaches to study the response of bone to physical stimuli from the organ to the nucleus. The ability of tissues to respond to exercise with an increase in mass and strength was recognized long ago, yet the mechanisms by which bones sense these stimuli are unknown.

Understanding how mechanical signals are translated into a biological response will require the integration of engineering with biology, ultimately leading to the design of safe physical interventions that will maximize tissue strength in young adults and prevent the loss of tissue mass and strength in the elderly. The discovery of genes involved in regulating the organ and tissue response to mechanical stimuli may facilitate the development of novel drugs capable of slowing bone loss and promoting bone formation.

New Stadium to Open



Football coach Sam Kornhauser at the new athletic stadium

Just 17 days remain until Stony Brook University opens its brand-new, 8,500-seat outdoor stadium on September 14. With the press box and VIP suites fully enclosed, the attention will now center on putting the finishing touches on Suffolk County's largest outdoor facility.

The Stony Brook football team will christen the stadium on September 14 when they tackle Long Island rival St. John's University at 6:00 p.m.

The all-weather field surface, lights, bleachers, and chairbacks are fully installed. The 40-foot by 50-foot scoreboard, complete with a jumbo screen, is near installation as well. The facility will also include modern concession, merchandise and media facilities, and high-intensity lighting for night and television events.

"This new stadium will be a great showcase for our intercollegiate athletics program," said President Kenny. "It will also provide to the campus, and to the community, a venue for a wide range of events as part of our continuing effort to maintain the University's place as the hub for the educational, cultural, and community activity in the region."

The football team and the men's and women's soccer and lacrosse teams will all play their games at the new stadium. Other anticipated uses for the stadium include commencement exercises, concerts, high school championships, and other community events.

Students who want to enter the half-time drawing of free tuition for one semester can do so by registering at the designated table at the stadium entrance before the conclusion of the first quarter. The winner will be announced at half-time.

Tickets for opening night—which also include fireworks following the game—can be purchased by calling 632-7120.

First Exhibit in New SAC Gallery

September 4 to 25

The first exhibit of the inaugural season of the Student Activities Center (SAC) Gallery will be on display from September 4 to 25. "Before and After—9/11—Artists in the Studio," is a collection of work by Stony Brook students, alumni, and faculty. The opening reception will be on Wednesday, September 4, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

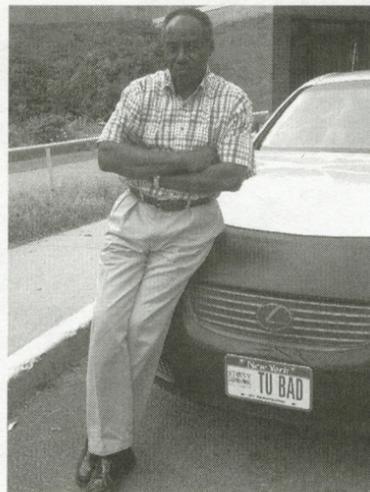
Each artist will be represented by two works: one made before September 11 and one made after. The works were not created in response to that day, but instead reflect the current studio practice of each artist to show how the events changed his or her working process, if at all.

Participating artists include Vickie Arndt, Melanie Baker, Sarah Bielski, Stephanie Dinkins, Thomas Lendavi, Makiko Miyamoto, Todd McCollister, David Nelinson, Maureen Palmieri, Mel Pekarsky, Jeff Sturges, and Kate Viago.

The Gallery is located on the main floor of the SAC. Hours are Tuesday to Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, call 632-9392.

Dr. Preston Shows His Stony Brook Pride!

Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Frederick R. Preston is the first recipient of a new Stony Brook license plate. His personalized plate reads "Tu Bad," Spanish for "You Bad." The plates are being sold through the Seawolves MarketPlace in the Student Activities Center or at www.stonybrook.edu/plates. A portion of each sale goes toward scholarships. For more information, call the Faculty Student Association at 632-9281.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Amiri Baraka, Professor Emeritus in the Department of Africana Studies, has been selected as the Poet Laureate of the State of New Jersey by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities. The term of the laureateship is two years, with an honorarium of \$10,000. The poet, playwright, and activist spent 17 years as a Stony Brook faculty member, from 1979-96. Last May he was inducted into the National Academy of Arts and Letters, which places him in the exclusive company of the most celebrated artists and writers in our nation.

Interactive Exhibit

September 3 to 26

The University Art Gallery invites the community to participate in a special hands-on program, "Stony Brook Remembers 9/11: Celebrating America's Freedoms," from September 3 to 26. All gallery visitors are invited to participate in a drop-in workshop by creating individual and collaborative works of art that will be displayed in the Gallery throughout the month.

A series of *Newsday* covers reflecting on the events of September 11 will be exhibited in the rear of the Gallery. There will also be lectures and performances by students, faculty, and professional artists. Visitors will be able to leave wishes for peace by writing their messages on red, white, and blue papers that can be tied to the branches of live trees in the center of the Gallery.

The Gallery workshop will be presented in conjunction with a countrywide effort spearheaded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the American Association of Museums, titled "Museums Celebrate America's Freedoms: Joining Communities in a Day of Remembrance."

Workshop hours are Tuesday to Friday, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 632-7240.

Salute Volunteers Needed

To ensure the success of the Salute to Stony Brook, your help is needed. Please consider volunteering during one of the following two time slots: 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. or 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Please contact the Office of Conferences and Special Events at 632-6320 to sign on!

Tune in on Sept. 3

The Cody family will be featured on a television special that will air on the National Geographic channel at 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 3.

The show focuses on Matt and Debra Cody and their three autistic children and the contributions they have made in fighting the disease, including their involvement in creating the Cody Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities here at Stony Brook.

STONY BROOK CELEBRATES A GOLDEN YEAR

Sept. 4

SAC II GRAND OPENING

Day-long festivities will include tours, giveaways, dance parties, a special commuter welcome, and more. Attend a reception in the new art gallery and an ice cream social in the evening. Call 632-7320.

Sept. 14

STADIUM OPENING

Stony Brook University Seawolves vs. St. John's University football game at 6:00 p.m. with fireworks grand finale. For tickets, call 632-7120.

Sept. 19

PRESIDENT'S STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY ADDRESS

Join President Kenny for the University convocation and introduction of Stony Brook's new faculty members at 3:30 p.m. in the Staller Center.

SALUTE TO STONY BROOK

Celebrate with students, faculty, and staff at a spectacular party featuring music, prizes, dancing, karaoke, and a fireworks grand finale. The Salute takes place from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in various venues throughout the Academic Mall. Call 632-6320.

Oct. 19

HOMECOMING/ STADIUM CELEBRATION

Stony Brook Seawolves vs. Sacred Heart Pioneers football game. Kickoff at 4:00 p.m. The "Wolfstock" festivities include activities for kids, local bands, a half-time \$100,000 goal kick, and much more. Call 632-WOLF for tickets.

October

Date to be announced.

CHARLES B. WANG ASIAN/AMERICAN CENTER GRAND OPENING

Ribbon-cutting ceremony and tours. Call 632-6320.

