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Emerson Quartet Master Class

Friday, December 6

The Emerson String Quartet, which is currently in-residence in the Department of Music, will conduct a public master class on Friday, December 6, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Recital Hall at the Staller Center. Admission is free and all are welcome to attend.

The members of the Quartet—Philip Setzer and Eugene Drucker, violins; Lawrence Dutton, viola; and David Finckel, cello—will listen to and guide student groups from the Department's chamber music program. The six string quartets and several mixed-instrument groups involved in the program have been rehearsing since September, and their work will culminate in these coaching sessions and in two chamber music recitals.

The members of the quartet will coach four to five groups during the afternoon's master class and help guide these chamber music groups in their interpretation.

Dialogues Across Differences

Call for Proposals by Nov. 22

The Dialogues Across Differences initiative is funded by a grant for Diversity and Internationalization from the Office of the President. The purpose of this grant is to support the University's transition from a community that honors diversity through cultural celebrations to one that also possesses a commitment to deeper understanding of our similarities and differences. Through sharing stories and fostering dialogues across divisions on the critical issues of our time, hopefully this goal can be accomplished.

Faculty, staff, and students are invited to submit proposals by November 22, requesting funding from \$250 to \$2,000 for campus programs. Guidelines and more information are available on the Web at www.stonybrook.edu/dialogues. For more information, contact the Office of Diversity and Affirmative Action at 632-6280.

Commencement Volunteers Needed

The Office of Conferences and Special Events is looking for faculty and staff volunteers to assist with activities at the Graduation Ceremony on December 22. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Peg Abbatiello at 632-6320.

2002-03 Year of Community: Ethics in Leadership

A Message from President Kenny

A Stony Brook tradition of which I am especially proud is the way our campus community has come together time and again for service, outreach, recognition, and just plain fun.

Several years ago, when the Campus Community Initiative began, we celebrated our first "Year of Community" at a Fountain Festival that demonstrated the transformation of our campus into a gathering place for all its members. We expressed the theme for our second year, the "Year of Community Service," in increased volunteer and community outreach efforts such as working with Habitat for Humanity to build homes for families in need on Long Island. Last year, our "Year of Community Leadership" culminated in the Ray of Light Awards honoring many of Long Island's indigenous community leaders.

I am pleased to announce that the theme for the 2002-2003 academic year, our fourth in this tradition, is the "Year of Community: Ethics in Leadership." The co-chairs for this year's initiative are Gail Habicht, Vice President for Research; Miriam Rios, Graduate Student Representative; and Christina Geraci, Undergraduate Student Representative. The timely and compelling theme of leadership ethics will be reflected in a series of campus-wide programs and events. For example, in February, the Annual Student-Community Development Leadership Symposium will focus on the topic of ethical dilemmas in learning communities. In the spring, we will honor outstanding local community leaders who have demonstrated leadership in ethics with the Ray of Light Awards. Other opportunities for each of us in the campus community to connect with and reflect this year's theme will develop during the year.

I encourage all departments and offices to integrate the "Year of Community: Ethics in Leadership" theme into your programs and events for 2002-2003. Let's keep our campus community growing, giving, and celebrating together.

—Shirley Strum Kenny, President

For more information about the Year of Community: Ethics in Leadership, visit www.stonybrook.edu/yocel.

Task Group to Propose New Model for Student Government

Feedback Sought from Undergraduates

A Task Group comprised of 11 students, two faculty members, two staff members, and a Stony Brook alumnus has been appointed to research and evaluate models for a new student government structure that will be voted upon by the undergraduate student body in spring 2003. Following the vote, the new structure will replace the former Student Polity Association as the undergraduate student government certified to administer the Student Activity Fee.

The target date for the Task Group on Undergraduate Governance Reform to complete its work is March 2003. During the fall and spring semesters, the group will obtain feedback from the student body in a number of different ways, including hosting open forums and conducting surveys. The first survey will be conducted in the near future. Letters from students are welcome at any time.

Members of the Task Group, who have already begun work, are charged with examining models in place at other institutions, evaluating their strengths, and recommending one or more models that would be successful at Stony Brook. During the research period, measures are in place to ensure that programs continue to function and student organizations continue to receive services and activities supported by the Student Activity Fee.

The 11 undergraduate students in the Task Group represent a diverse sampling of the student body and were selected based on recommendations by the deans of the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, and the Harriman School for Management and Policy, and by the vice president of the Health Sciences Center. The co-chairs of the committee are Professor Norman Goodman and Jasleen Kaur, a student from the Harriman School. Committee members Ben Walcott, President of the University Senate, and George Meyer of the President's Office, are working with the students to help them meet their goals. The current president of the undergraduate student body, Akelia Lawrence, Student Media representative Jeffrey Javidfar, and alumnus Andrez Carberry are also members.

"I am proud of the students who have come together in this important reform effort," said Dr. Frederick Preston, Vice President of Student Affairs. "With their energy and enthusiasm, I know they will work hard to make sure that our outstanding undergraduate students have the best possible student government."

Richard Leakey Joins Faculty

Richard Leakey, famous anthropologist, activist, and politician, is bringing his global stature to Stony Brook as a visiting professor of anthropology. Leakey will conduct lectures for undergraduate and graduate students and develop major international conferences on world issues such as global warming, biodiversity conservation, AIDS, sustainable development, and inequities of wealth.

"We will tackle some of the bigger problems and see if we can shake loose some new ways of thinking," said Leakey. The first such symposium, to be held in spring 2004, will focus on biodiversity conservation through the prism of climatic change.

"Richard Leakey is one of the world's foremost anthropologists and conservationists," said President Kenny. "Through the planned conferences, Richard will address issues that reflect the past and the future of humanity. He is a significant and fitting addition to Stony Brook's faculty."

Leakey first lectured at Stony Brook six years ago and received an honorary doctorate from the University in 1998. He is most famous for his work in paleoanthropology, having revolutionized the understanding of human evolution with a steady stream of hominid fossil finds that impressed the sci-

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Richard Leakey

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entific world. In 1984, his team found the most impressive fossil of his career. Nicknamed the Turkana Boy, it is the nearly complete skeleton of a *Homo erectus* boy.

From 1968 to 1989, Leakey served as Director of the National Museums of Kenya. He took up conservation issues and, from 1989 to 1994, directed the Kenya Wildlife Service, where he was successful in combating elephant and rhino poaching and overhauling Kenya's troubled park system. Political opposition caused him to resign from that position, and he started up a wildlife consulting agency. Since then he has become involved in Kenyan politics and was founder and Secretary General of the Kenyan opposition party Safina.

Leakey and the University also hope to raise money for fellowships for graduate students from Kenya and Tanzania to study at Stony Brook. "This is a great opportunity to further educational opportunities for African students," said Leakey.

Sayre Award Honors WISE Student

Stony Brook University engineering student Laura Reilly never met pioneering women like Rosalind Franklin and Anne Sayre, yet they have had a lasting impact on her life.

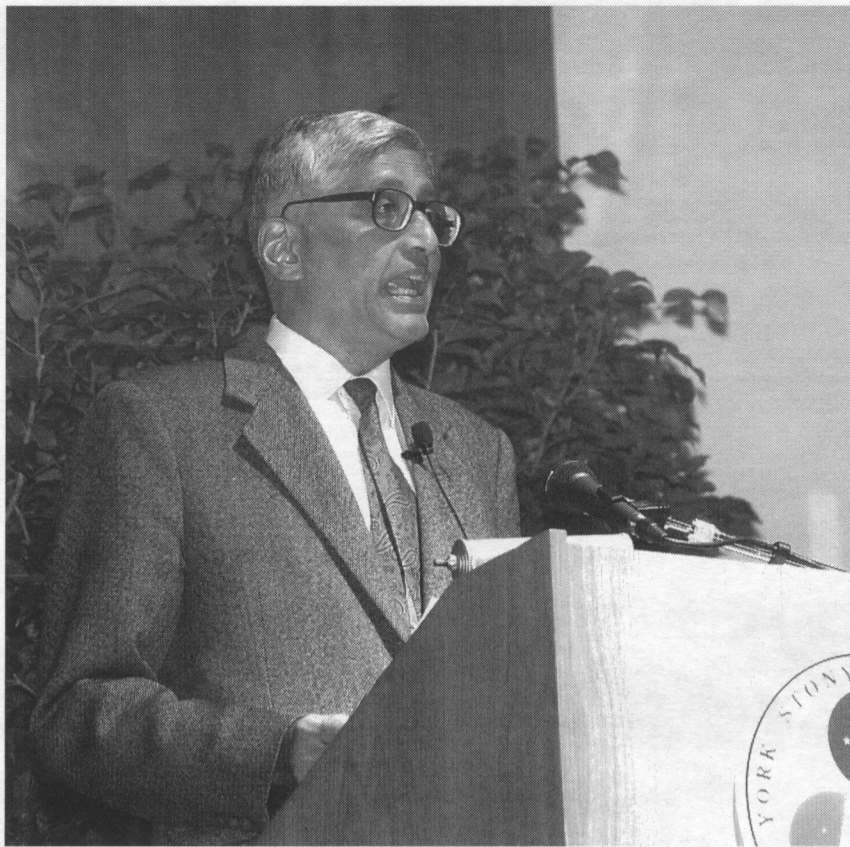
Reilly, a junior, and member of Women in Science and Engineering (WISE), is the most recent recipient of the Anne Sayre Memorial Award and was recognized at the fourth annual luncheon on October 24 at the University Club.

Sayre, a magna cum laude graduate of Radcliffe College, was in her lifetime a teacher, writer, lawyer, and judge. She was best known, however, for her 1975 book *Rosalind Franklin and DNA*, which highlighted the critical role Franklin played in the discovery of the structure of DNA. Sayre also exposed the sexism Franklin endured as a woman scientist in a mostly male environment.

Sayre lectured in a University course for WISE students in the spring of 1997 on "The Social Dimensions of Science." After she passed away in 1998, an endowment was established to award an annual prize in Sayre's memory to a third-year student enrolled in WISE who embodies her spirit, drive, and intellectual commitment.

In recognition of the upcoming 50th anniversary of the discovery of DNA, guest speaker Sir Aaron Klug, Director of MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology at Cambridge University and a Nobel Laureate in Chemistry, gave his talk on "Rosalind Franklin and the Double Helix." Professor Klug was a colleague of Rosalind Franklin's at the University of London and knew the experts working on DNA research. He also had access to all of her working documents and photographs.

"The WISE program proves to younger, more insecure women that they can be successful in a science/technology career and reassures them that there will always be other women in their field experiencing the same things," Reilly said. "Hopefully, none of these women will have to deal with sexual harassment or the glass ceiling, but if they do, WISE has prepared them to deal with it. Hearing stories about women like Rosalind Franklin and Anne Sayre inspire me to be successful."



Gandhi Lecture Draws Hundreds More than 600 people attended the President's lecture, "Diversity and Peacemaking: Is Gandhi Relevant in 2002?," given by Rajmohan Gandhi, grandson of India's Mahatma Gandhi, in the Student Activities Center on October 23. In addition to speaking about his grandfather's life, he spoke about how Mahatma Gandhi's teachings are relevant to us today with the current situation the world is facing. Following the lecture, he spoke at the graduate students' Peace Rally. (Photo by Medical Photography)

Employee Benefits Fair Is a One-Stop Shop

As Doris Kleinfelder filled a TIAA-CREF bag with information culled from an assortment of booths and tables at the annual Employee Benefits Fair on October 30, she said, "We love it here. It's free."

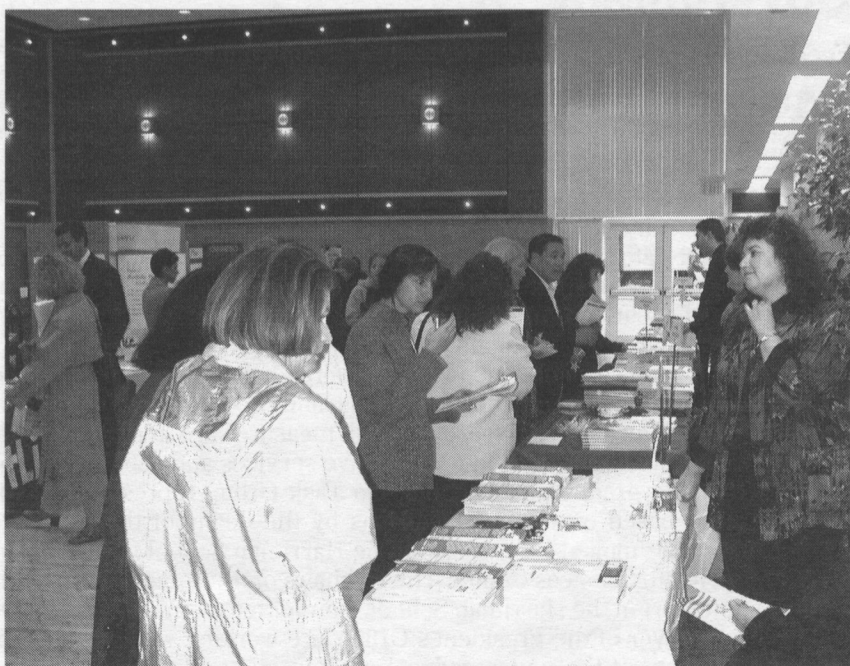
Kleinfelder works at the University's Transfer Office in the Administration Building, and like many of her colleagues across campus, used her lunch hour to peruse the Human Resource Services-sponsored event, which was attended by roughly 350 people.

The fair, held in the newly built Ballroom B at the Student Activities Center, featured more than 20 participating companies, including MetLife and Weight Watchers. In addition to dispensing information on myriad career and lifestyle-related topics, the participating companies provided practical knowledge that University employees could readily use.

"It helps for employees to meet the representatives because they have questions that can't be answered as easily from reading published information," said Alexis Swiatkowski, Human Resource Services Manager, Employee Benefits.

The fair offered one-stop shopping on a range of topics—from life insurance to nutrition—for University employees like Joan Dickinson, Director of Marketing and Licensing. "It just saved me time in phone calls and follow-up, and helped me avoid getting stuck in e-mail dialogues and referrals," she said.

Swiatkowski acknowledged the work done by Sandy White, Chair of the Benefits Fair Committee, and said that future fairs will alternate with University Hospital Human Resources.



Nearly 350 University employees filled the Student Activities Center Ballroom for the annual Employee Benefits Fair, where they received information on a variety of career and personal topics. The Fair was sponsored by Human Resource Services. (Photo by Glenn Jochum)

Diversity Conference Focuses on LI

Friday, December 6

Diversity Conference 2002 on December 6 will provide an opportunity for students, faculty, and staff to explore critical issues and challenges that affect Long Island and its diverse communities.

Newsday reported more than a year ago on the dramatic demographic changes taking place on Long Island. A recent *New York Times* study indicated that Nassau and Suffolk Counties have been ranked as the nation's most segregated suburb. How does Long Island's unique history, demographics, and communities give rise to both opportunities and challenges? How do individuals, employers, places of worship, organizations, and educational systems strive to promote social justice and inclusion? What is the resulting impact on housing, employment, health care, education, and other areas?

Keynote speakers George Herrera, President and CEO, United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and Dr. Calvin O. Butts III, President, SUNY College at Old Westbury, will address these important issues. Participants will have the opportunity to break out into smaller groups to discuss such topics as:

- Building Communities Across Boundaries: Taking Down Fences
- Leadership and Political Empowerment: Getting Involved, Making a Difference
- Minority Business Taking Roots and Flourishing on Long Island: Are There Real Opportunities Living and Working on Long Island?
- Census 2000: The Changing Faces of Long Island: Its Impact on Housing, Health Care, Education, and Employment
- Equal Access to Business Opportunities: Procurement, Tools, and Strategies for Success
- Religious and Cultural Diversity: Problem or Resource?

The conference runs from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with check-in and breakfast beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the lobby of the Student Activities Center. Lunch is included. General registration is \$40 for the day, \$15 for senior citizens, and \$30 per person for groups of ten or more. A limited number of undergraduate and graduate students will be admitted free with ID. For registration and more information, contact the Office of Conferences and Special Events at 632-6320.

Hospital Team Wins Governor's Award

The Emergency Department Patient Satisfaction Team at Stony Brook University Hospital has received a 2002 WorkForce Champions Award from Governor George E. Pataki's Office. Out of the many nominations received by the Governor's Office of Employee Relations (GOER), the Emergency Department Team was one of five selected for the award.

The Team—Cheryl Barraco, Tony Brady, Kathleen Desposito, Carol Gomes, William H. Greene, Loretta Gvazdinskas, Mark Henry, Christine McMullan, Eric Niegelberg, Laurie Rafkin, Kim Rhatigan-Drexler, Peter Viccellio, Lee Anne Xippolitos, and Nancy Yen—were honored at an award ceremony in Albany on October 22.

Auxiliary Partners with SB Cares

The University Hospital Auxiliary raises money for the hospital to provide for patient care and promote the health and welfare of the community. "The real concern is for the patient's well-being," said Michael McClain, Associate Director for Community Affairs. By making a donation to the Auxiliary through the Stony Brook Cares Campaign, you can play a role in this important effort.

During the past 20 years, the Hospital Auxiliary has raised more than \$3.25 million. After receiving this money, the Auxiliary uses it to purchase equipment for the hospital.

The goal of the Hospital Auxiliary is to "find more opportunities to benefit as many people as possible," said McClain. This year, the hospital is renovating and expanding heart care programs. McClain said the Auxiliary also hopes to provide equipment and create more educational and other types of programming to support the heart initiative.

The Auxiliary purchased both pulmonary function equipment and ultrasound equipment last year. Recently, \$30,000 was earmarked for the pediatric unit through the Stony Brook Cares Foundation. This money enables the staff to provide age-appropriate admission kits, including items such as combs, hats, toys, and games. Additionally, \$3,000 was used to sponsor parties for children who completed their chemotherapy treatment or achieved other milestones.

How to Make Your Donation

To earmark your donation for the Auxiliary, list it in the Part 3 section of your participation sheet under "Agencies of Your Choice," with the payroll code number 65923. If you have any questions, call Barbara Wolff at 444-2699.

Cornerstone Givers Lead the Way

A Message from Dean Frances L. Brisbane, Cornerstone/Pillars Club Chair

We are very fortunate on Long Island to have a vast network of health and human services that help all of us, directly or indirectly, to maintain a strong community. The Stony Brook Cares/SEFA Campaign is a wonderful way for us to do our part to preserve our quality of life while helping those in need. As Chair of this year's Cornerstone/Pillars Club, I'd like to take this opportunity to invite you to consider joining me.

Last year the Campaign raised \$258,000 for essential community programs during a time of national crisis. That effort was helped along by 199 gifts through the Cornerstone Club. Cornerstone Givers lead the way by contributing, alone or in combination with their spouse or partner, \$20 biweekly or more. Think about that \$20 bill and how little that amount means to you on a weekly basis. Would you really miss one \$20 bill? The meal that \$20 could buy for a child would be missed, just as the blanket or personal care package provided for a fire or flood victim would be missed.

This year we have also launched the Pillars of the Campaign Club. This category was created for those supporters who would like to invest in the future health of the community by making a gift of \$80 or more biweekly. Such a gift provides the satisfaction of sustaining Long Island's exceptional network of provider services.

You have probably been helped by a SEFA-supported service provider without even knowing it. Besides helping people in crisis situations, SEFA funds social and community development programs that enhance the quality of life for all of us.

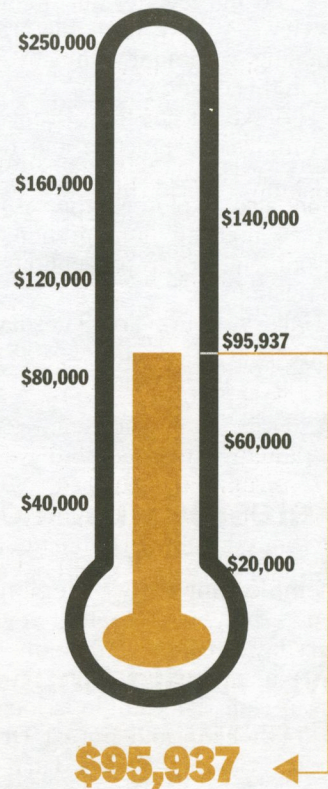
Have you or anyone in your family ever participated in a community recreation activity? Do you have a child in day care, a summer camp, or after-school program? Do you know someone who has been transported to Stony Brook via ambulance? Do you know anyone who has needed home care or senior citizen support? Do you know anyone whose life has been touched by cancer, Alzheimer's, diabetes, heart disease? Issues of this type, shared by all, are addressed through SEFA-supported service providers.

A cornerstone and its supporting pillar shore up the many blocks that form the strong walls of a campaign. Without a strong foundation, the wall crumbles. So will a campaign without many Stony Brook employees who choose to make significant contributions. They form the cornerstone of our success. Please consider the merits of taking part in our campaign.

—Dean Frances L. Brisbane, School of Social Welfare

If you have already contributed to Stony Brook Cares and would like to become a Cornerstone Giver or a Pillar of the Campaign, we welcome you to do so. Simply fill out another form with your additional gift and state that you wish to join the Cornerstone/Pillars Club. For more information, contact Dean Brisbane at Frances.Brisbane@stonybrook.edu or visit www.stonybrookcares.stonybrook.edu.

GOAL: \$250,000



As of November 13, 2002

Chair of 2002 Campaign

Dr. Norman H. Edelman, Vice President, Health Sciences Center, Dean, School of Medicine

To receive campaign literature, contact your area campaign captain, or visit www.stonybrookcares.stonybrook.edu

The campaign will run through mid-December

Veterans' Heroism Celebrated

In Ismael Rodriguez Jr.'s opening remarks, the Stony Brook University Veterans Affairs Coordinator emphasized the importance of honoring the 25 million U.S. veterans during the Veterans Day 2002 ceremony at the Student Activities Center on November 6.

First-year graduate student Suze-Elisha Principal sang the national anthem as the U.S. Marine Corps 6th Communication Battalion Service Company displayed colors for the audience.

In his welcoming remarks, Dr. Frederick Preston, Vice President for Student Affairs, said, "September 11 reminded us of just how dear our freedoms are as Americans. It also reminded us of the tremendous sacrifice of life and limb that the members of our Armed Services have provided in the past and continue to provide in the present."

President Kenny expanded on that theme, saying she hoped we "find the strength and heroism that the times demand."

The Stony Brook University Gospel Choir's stirring tribute to the men and women who serve our country preceded Assemblyman Steven Englebright, who said, "How unfortunate it is that we have only one day a year to set aside and say thank you to our nation's veterans," and how significant it is that the Long Island Veterans Home is located near the site of battlefields that were occupied by foreign troops during the birth of our nation.

Guest Speaker Brigadier General Paul Hill of the U.S. Army took the podium and asked for a show of hands from veterans in the audience. He shared stories about three veterans he had known who sacrificed their mental and physical well-being for their country. "All gave some, but some gave all," he said. "All veterans are heroes. They left their families, they left their jobs, and they went to serve their country."



The U.S. Marine Corps 6th Communication Battalion Service Company displayed colors at the Veterans Day Ceremony in the Student Activities Center on November 6. (Photo by Glenn Jochum)

Special Collections Exhibit on Display

Now to December 31

The Melville Library Special Collections Department is hosting the nationally acclaimed Mary Baker Eddy exhibit, "This is Woman's Hour. . ." now through December 31 in the Library Galleria.

Mary Baker Eddy (1821-1910) was an influential American author, activist, and teacher noted for her groundbreaking ideas about women's rights, spirituality, and health. Her best-selling book, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, has sold more than 10 million copies. In 1908 at the age of 87, Eddy launched the *Christian Science Monitor*, a leading international newspaper that just received its seventh Pulitzer Prize this year.

The exhibit was designed by the Writings of Mary Baker Eddy in collaboration with the Women's Rights National Historical Park in Seneca Falls, New York. This touring version has been seen by more than 1.5 million visitors at public libraries, university libraries, and state capital buildings in numerous states. The exhibit features videos, interactive listening stations, news clippings, and photographs.

"Indivisible" Exhibit

November 21 to December 12

The national documentary project "Indivisible" will be on display at the Student Activities Center Gallery from Thursday, November 21, to Thursday, December 12. This postcard exhibit features work by 12 of the nation's most original photographers and ten leading documentary interviewers and oral historians, examining community initiatives at work in this country.

The exhibit at Stony Brook features midwifery practice and doula service at University Hospital. The exhibit also explores other issues, such as housing, immigration, the environment, crime prevention, and race relations.

Gallery hours are Tuesday to Friday, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information about the exhibit, call 632-9392.

Interested in Taiko?

The Stony Brook Taiko Ensemble—for new, beginning taiko players—meets every Thursday from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the New Ballet Studio, Nassau Hall. The Studio is located off North Loop and Forest Drive, near the Campus Police. Turn left and follow signs for the Computer Incubator to get to the Studio. Bring a water bottle and wear loose exercise clothing.

For more information and to confirm that the class is being held each week, please contact Janet Youngblood at 632-8810 or Janet.Youngblood@stonybrook.edu.

Seawolves Give Faculty/Staff Discount

Faculty and staff employees will now receive admission to all home football, basketball, and men's lacrosse games for just \$4—a \$2 discount off the usual ticket price of \$6. Faculty and staff just have to show their Stony Brook ID to get the discount.

Tickets to any home basketball game can be purchased at the Seawolves Ticket Box Office in the Sports Complex Monday to Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or on the day of the game.

Super Saturday: November 23

The men's basketball team opens its season Saturday, November 23, against Sacred Heart at 2:00 p.m. Join the pre-game party as the Seawolves host Super Saturday from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Sports Complex. Complimentary food will be served and representatives from Coca-Cola will be giving away prizes and hosting various contests. One lucky student will take a half-court shot to win a cash prize and another will walk away with a semester's free tuition. For more information, call 632-7120.

Upcoming Home Games

Men's Basketball

November 23	Sacred Heart University	2:00 p.m.
November 30	Harvard University	2:00 p.m.
December 2	Rhode Island College	4:30 p.m.
December 12	Army	7:00 p.m.
December 21	Hofstra University	12:00 p.m.
December 23	Lehigh University	1:00 p.m.

Women's Basketball

November 26	Wright State	7:00 p.m.
December 2	St. John's University	7:00 p.m.
December 6	Fairleigh Dickinson	7:00 p.m.
December 7	Bradley, Florida Intl.	2/4:00 p.m.
December 10	Fordham University	7:00 p.m.



Cultural Living Display at Hospital

A Reflection of Who We Are

Cultural Living is a multifaceted display of artifacts representing the diverse nature within the Stony Brook community. For the holiday season, there will be a visual exhibit, "How Different Cultures Celebrate the Holidays," in the display cabinet located in the entrance to University Hospital from December 2 through 13.

If you would like to donate or lend items for the display, please contact Tania Ortiz at 632-9392 or Tania.Ortiz@stonybrook.edu.

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CALENDAR November 20 to December 16

ART/MUSIC/THEATRE

Now to 12/7, Saturday. Student Art Exhibit. "Queer Visualities: Reframing Sexuality in a Post-Warhol World" will be on display in the Student Activities Center Art Gallery. There will be an artists reception on November 14, 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. For more information, call 632-9392. Gallery hours: Tuesday-Friday, 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Now to 12/12, Thursday. Indivisible: Stories of American Community. This postcard exhibit is a national documentary project featuring work by 12 American photographers and 10 documentary interviewers examining community initiatives in this country. It features midwifery practice and doula service at University Hospital. The opening reception is 12/3. For more information, call 632-9392. SAC Gallery hours: 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Tuesday-Friday.

Now to 12/8, Sunday. Stony Brook Stages: The Rover. For performance times and tickets, call 632-7230. Theatre One, Staller Center.

11/23, Saturday. Music and Merriment. The Center for Italian Studies is hosting a concert with oboist Ralph Kirmser and pianist Elizabeth Lauer, followed by a wine and appetizer reception at Villa Maria's Siena Spirituality Center in Water Mill. For more information and reservations, call 632-7444. 5:00 p.m. Admission is \$20.

11/24, Sunday. Chamber Music. Enjoy performances by Music Department students, featuring chamber music from the Baroque to the present. For more information, call 632-7330. 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., and 8:00 p.m., Staller Center. Admission is free.

11/26, Tuesday. University Wind Ensemble. Autumn Airs features works by Frescobaldi, Leoncavallo, Robert Russell Bennett, Hindemith, Weber, Bob Merrill, and Sousa. For tickets, call 632-ARTS. 8:00 p.m., Staller Center. Tickets: \$8, general; \$4, students/seniors.

12/3, Tuesday. Opera Scenes. Enjoy staged scenes from opera favorites sung in the original languages with piano accompaniment. For tickets, call 632-ARTS. 8:00 p.m., Recital Hall, Staller Center. Tickets: \$8 general, \$4 students and seniors.

12/4, Wednesday. Undergraduate Recital. For more information, call 632-

7330. 8:00 p.m., Recital Hall, Staller Center. Admission is free.

12/6, Friday. Emerson String Quartet. The second concert of Emerson's residency features Haydn, Janacek, and Smetana. For tickets, call 632-ARTS. 8:00 p.m., Recital Hall, Staller Center. Tickets: \$32.

12/7, Saturday. Stony Brook Symphony Orchestra. The concert includes the work of Stravinsky, Vaughan-Williams, Ravel, and Kevin Puts. For tickets, call 632-ARTS. 8:00 p.m., Main Stage, Staller Center. Tickets: \$16 general, \$8 students and seniors.

12/8, Sunday. Messiah Sing-Along. A Stony Brook seasonal tradition returns, featuring the University orchestra, guest soloists, and conductors. For more information, call 632-7330. 3:00 p.m., Recital Hall, Staller Center. Admission is free.

12/8, Sunday. Cirque Éloize. "Nomade," the new production by the Canadian circus troupe is a festive celebration of song and dance. For tickets, call 632-ARTS. 7:00 p.m., Main Stage, Staller Center. Tickets: \$28.

12/10, Tuesday. Chamber Music Concert. For more information, call 632-7330. 8:00 p.m., Recital Hall, Staller Center. Admission is free.

12/11, Wednesday. Undergraduate Recital. For more information, call 632-7330. 12:00 p.m., Recital Hall, Staller Center. Admission is free.

12/12, Thursday. Jazz Ensemble. Directed by Dan Faulk, this concert features big band, small band combos and student vocalists. For tickets, call 632-ARTS. 8:00 p.m., Recital Hall, Staller Center. Tickets: \$8 general, \$4 students and seniors.

12/13, Friday. Stony Brook Chorale and Camerata Singers. The concert features two *Advent Magnificats* by Domenico Scarlatti and Imant Raminsh and Poulenc's *4 Christmas Motets*. For tickets, call 632-ARTS. 8:00 p.m., Recital Hall, Staller Center. Tickets: \$8 general, \$4 students and seniors.

SEMINARS/LECTURES

11/21, Thursday. Neurobiology and Behavior Seminar. Dr. Gary Westbrook from the Oregon Health Science University discusses "NMDA Receptors Moving to and fro." 12:00 p.m., Room 038, Life Sciences.

11/21, Thursday. LACS Lecture. Brooke Larson from the Department of History will discuss "Insurgent Literacy and Indigenous Politics in the Bolivian Andes of the Early 20th Century." 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m., LACS Conference Room (SBS N-320).

11/21, Thursday. Provost's Lecture. Robert Crease, Professor of Psychology, discusses "Shatterer of Worlds: The Life and Career of J. Robert Oppenheimer." 4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m., Room 137, Harriman.

11/21, Thursday. Center for Italian Studies Lecture. New York State Assemblyman Thomas Di Napoli discusses The Italian Jewish Experience, which he edited, with Holocaust survivor Walter Wolff at Long Beach Public Library. For more information, call 632-7444. 7:30 p.m.

11/22, Friday. Stony Brook-Yale Colloquium on the Americas. Venezuelan Moises Naim, Editor in Chief of *Foreign Policy* magazine, discusses "Five Wars," new challenges to U.S. dominance in the 21st century. 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Stony Brook Manhattan.

11/22, Friday. Geology Open Night. Professor Lianxing Wen, Department of Geosciences, discusses "Journey to the Center of the Earth from Seismology." 7:30 p.m., Room 001, ESS Building.

11/26, Tuesday. Neurobiology and Behavior Seminar. Dr. Mark Bear, Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Brown University, discusses "Molecular Mechanisms for Rapid Ocular Dominance Plasticity in Visual Cortex." 11:00 a.m., Room 038, Life Sciences.

12/3, Tuesday. LACS Lecture. "Our Medical Mission Esperanza (Honduras)" features a local St. Charles Hospital medical aid group discussing its Central American health campaign. 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m., SBS N-320.

12/6, Friday. Astronomy Open Night. Professor Philip Solomon, Department of Physics and Astronomy, discusses "Recent Changes in the Ozone Layer." 7:30 p.m., Room 001, ESS Building.

12/10, Tuesday. Center for Italian Studies Presentation. Richard Vetere, poet, playwright, novelist, screenwriter, and actor, will read from his play, *Gangster Apparel*, and discuss its creation and forth-

coming film production. 11:20 a.m., Room N-5004, Melville Library.

12/13, Friday. The Worlds of Physics. Paul Grannis, Department of Physics and Astronomy, discusses "Why Support Big Science—Do We Get Our Money's Worth?" 7:30 p.m., Room 001, ESS Building.

12/16, Monday. Obstetrics and Gynecology Seminar. Assistant Professor Todd Griffin leads a discussion on estrogen and other options as part of the series "Journey Through Menopause: To a New Beginning." To pre-register, call 924-6400. 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m., Longwood Public Library.

SPECIAL EVENTS

11/24, Sunday. Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk. Pre-Registration deadline is 11/18. Entry fee: \$8 students; \$10 others; \$15 day of race registration. For more information, call 632-7168. Registration: 8:30 a.m., Sports Complex; race: 10:00 a.m., Center Drive.

12/4, Wednesday to 12/31, Tuesday. 10% Off All Clothing at Matthew's HSC Bookstore. Come purchase a gift for someone special. Discount off T-shirts, sweat-shirts, scrubs, lab coats, hats, and more. For more information, call 444-3685. L-2, Room 310, HSC.

STALLER FILMS

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for students, seniors, and children ages 12 and under. For tickets and more information, call the Staller Center Box Office at 632-ARTS or visit www.stallercenter.com.

Friday, November 22

Happy Times This charming comedy tells the story of a blind, headstrong young woman and the one kind person in her life: a penniless stranger with an idealistic scheme focusing around refurbishing an abandoned bus to rent out by the hour called the "Happy Times Motel," to service young couples starved for privacy. (In Mandarin with English subtitles) 7:00 p.m.

Road to Perdition Director Sam Mendes teams up with Tom Hanks, Paul Newman, Jennifer Jason Leigh, and Jude Law for this sprawling gangster epic. Hanks portrays hit man Michael O'Sullivan, the right hand man of Al Capone. 9:15 p.m.