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Bill Arens Appointed Study Abroad Dean

Professor William Arens has been serving de facto as Director of Study Abroad and International Exchange Programs since September 2002. Provost Robert McGrath has announced that Arens will now serve as Dean of International Academic Programs for an interim period, reporting directly to the Provost. Arens, who has been serving as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the Graduate School, will step down from that post.

Since coming to Stony Brook in 1970, Arens has risen through the faculty ranks. He served as Anthropology Chair from 1989 to 1998. One of his research focuses has been on social structures in Tanzania. He created and has led for many years one of Stony Brook's most successful study abroad programs, "An Academic Safari to Northern Tanzania."

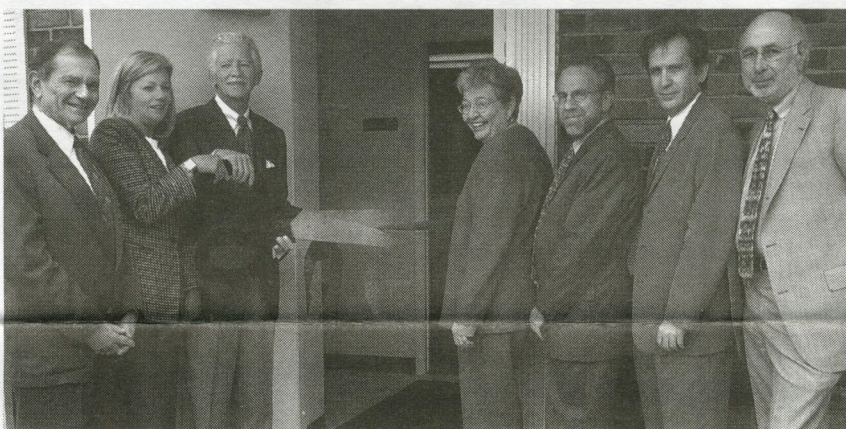
Arens is an enthusiast about the value of study abroad and exchange programs in enhancing student experiences. He understands that an important role of a dean for international exchange programs is to work with other deans and chairs of selected departments in developing strong links with selected universities around the globe to enhance academic objectives.

Cody Center for Autism Grand Opening Celebration

The Matt and Debra Cody Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities celebrated the opening of its new site in Port Jefferson Station on Thursday, May 1. The Center was made possible through a \$2.5 million gift to Stony Brook from the Codys, who are the parents of three autistic children.

Joining the Codys at the opening were President Kenny; Norman H. Edelman, Vice President, Health Sciences Center and Dean, School of Medicine; Bruce Schreffel, Director and CEO, Stony Brook University Hospital; and John Pomeroy, Director, Cody Center for Autism.

The 4,000-square-foot facility is the leading regional research and resource center for the study and treatment of autism and related disabilities. There is a staff of 25 neurologists, psychologists, pediatric physicians, and sleep specialists. The scope of services includes speech and language, education, occupational therapy, social work, behavioral training, and lectures for parents. The Center sees approximately 400 new patients each year and works with 35 school districts to help mainstream young children.



From left to right: Dr. Norman Edelman, Debra and Matt Cody, President Kenny, Bruce Schreffel, Dr. John Pomeroy, and Dr. Richard Fine, Chair, Department of Pediatrics.

Michael Maffetone Memorial Service

Wednesday, May 28

A memorial service for Michael A. Maffetone, D.A., former Director and CEO of Stony Brook University Hospital, will be held on Wednesday, May 28, at 4:00 p.m. in the Galleria at the Health Sciences Center.

Dr. Maffetone planned the new Ambulatory Surgery Center and was instrumental in bringing the Carol M. Baldwin Breast Cancer Research Fund to the University.

To honor his accomplishments, Stony Brook has established the Michael A. Maffetone, D.A., Community Service Award to honor employees who personify Dr. Maffetone's strong commitment to community service. Donations can be made to the Michael A. Maffetone Community Service Award, Stony Brook University Hospital, Nicolls Road, Stony Brook, NY 11794.

Awards Honor Undergrads/Faculty

Congratulations are in order for the four faculty members and the more than 100 students who received awards at the 21st annual Undergraduate Recognition Awards ceremony on the evening of Monday, April 21, at the Student Activities Center.

Following a musical introduction by two undergraduate string musicians, President's Awards for Excellence in Teaching went to Dr. Joan Kuchner, Social Sciences Interdisciplinary Program; Dr. Patricia Long, Department of Community and Mental Health Nursing in the School of Nursing; Dr. Laszlo Mihaly, Department of Physics and Astronomy; and Dr. John K. Robinson, Department of Psychology, for their dedication, creativity, and scholarship.

Each of the students was recognized for excellence in one of five areas: expanded learning, athletics, community service, leadership, or performing arts. In addition, 19 students received specialized area awards at the evening celebration.

"This is a wonderful occasion," said Provost Robert L. McGrath, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, in his opening remarks. "We are fortunate to have students with such a rich diversity of backgrounds and experiences, who in turn enrich all of us in this university community."

Additional remarks and presentations were made by Dr. Frederick R. Preston, Vice President for Student Affairs; Dr. Mark Aronoff, Deputy Provost and Professor of Linguistics; and Jerrold L. Stein, Dean of Students. A reception followed the ceremony.

The Art of Taiko

Performed by
Master Percussionist
Kenny Endo

Saturday, June 7, 8:00 p.m.
Charles B. Wang
Center Theatre

Tickets:
General—\$20
Seniors, Alumni, Faculty,
Staff, and Students—\$15
For tickets and information,
contact 632-6353 or
Sunita.Mukhi@stonybrook.edu.

There will be a reception
before the concert.

Japanese Drumming
Workshops with Kenny Endo

Sunday, June 8
Wang Center Theatre

"Introductory Workshop for
Adults and Children Five
and Over," 10:00 a.m.
Adults—\$10, Children 12
and under—\$5

"Advanced Drummers
Workshop," 2:00 p.m.
All tickets \$50

Strawberry Fest 2003

Faculty, staff, and students enjoyed a fun-filled day in the sun at the annual Strawberry Festival on April 30. There were strawberries everywhere on the academic mall—from shortcake and crepes to chocolate-covered strawberries, strawberry drinks, plain strawberries, and more.

It was also Diversity Day at the Student Activities Center Plaza. The campus community gathered to celebrate the many different lifestyles at Stony Brook with displays, performances, and demonstrations given by a diverse number of clubs and organizations on campus.



SBU Student Earns Elite Internship



For the second straight year, a Stony Brook University student has earned a prestigious Junior Fellow Internship in applied math and statistics—a JPSM (Joint Program in Survey Methodology). Ian Cook, an Honors College junior, is one of only 32 students nationwide to win a ten-week paid internship with free housing at George Washington University. Since the Summer Fellows program began in 1998, four of the six SUNY students selected have been from Stony Brook. Last year, Stony Brook student Matthew Knecht was awarded the internship.

Cook will serve his internship this summer in one of the federal statistical agencies such as the Bureau of the Census or the Internal Revenue Service. The program requires that applicants have a 3.5 GPA, an extensive background in statistics, and write a 500-word essay.

He comes by his facility for numbers naturally: Cook's father is a math teacher with a background in engineering. But Cook is by no means a slide-rule-and-pocket-protector-type of student. He is equally at home with words and writes occasional pieces for the *Statesman* and helps tutor students at the University's Writing Center.

Cook said that part of the reason he accepted the internship is to find out if applied math and statistics is the field he wants to enter. "There's so much information in our world," Cook said. "I'm just one of those people who has to know everything. I am extremely stubborn and persistent. What we're going to learn in the internship is where the information comes from and how to get it."

Cook credits the Career Center in general and Internship Manager Alfreda James in particular for steering him in the right direction. "She kept in constant touch with me by e-mail and congratulated me two days after I was accepted. I wouldn't have gotten it without her help."

Elizabeth D. Couey Award Nominations Now Being Accepted

The Couey Award was established in 1974 in memory of Stony Brook's first Coordinator of Student Activities. Her concerns for students and student life greatly contributed to the growth of University student services and to the establishment of the Stony Brook Union.

Only seniors who plan to graduate this calendar year (May, August, or December 2003) are eligible. Nominees must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 at the time of nomination, and they must have made outstanding contributions toward the improvement and growth of student affairs and student programs at Stony Brook.

For more information about criteria students must meet to be nominated, or to submit a nomination, please contact Maria Terrana, Office of Student Activities, at 632-9392.

Annual Roth Pond Regatta: A Race to the Finish

Students, faculty, staff, and alumni headed to the shore of Roth Pond on the afternoon of April 25, some as spectators, others carrying their cardboard and duct tape boats for the annual Roth Pond Regatta, a Stony Brook spring tradition. There were a variety of designs and décor, as the crafts—some more seaworthy than others—raced each other 100 yards across the pond.



Taking Stock of the Earth

Lanyards that used to be pop bottles. Student-donated clothing. A labyrinth, birds of prey—these were all part of Earthstock III, an event run by Recycling and Research Management and the Commuter Student Association on April 23 in the Student Activities Center Circle.

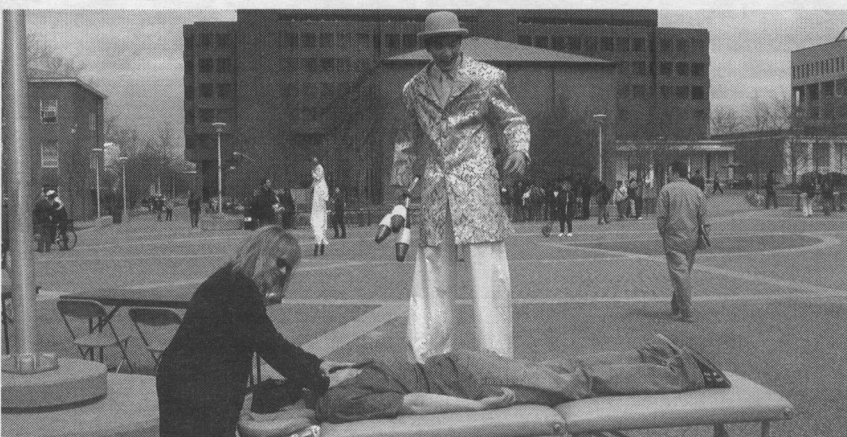
Healing the earth and its inhabitants was a common theme during the two-hour-long event. As some students felt the restorative powers of massage therapist Linda DeVine, others were listening to a wildlife handler from Queens College Center for Environmental Teaching and Research talk about the pair of wounded raptors he had brought for educational purposes. A bluegrass group, Buddy Merriam and Backroads, played earth-friendly music.

Students meanwhile sought solace in the portable plastic labyrinth donated for the day by the Cathedral of the Incarnation of Garden City. The labyrinth, with its origins in ancient civilizations, provided an individualized walk of spiritual awareness for each person.

Astoria-based Goodwill Industries helped the less fortunate by collecting and distributing 69 tons of clothing donated by Stony Brook staff, faculty, and students this year, according to Ed Wilson, Donated Goods Manager, nearly doubling the amount collected (38 tons) two years ago.

At a nearby table, students helped themselves to free binders courtesy of ROSE (Reusable Office Supply Exchange). Jessica Vito, Senior Student Outreach Coordinator, said that students snapped up T-shirts made from recycled soda bottles and Frisbees that were formerly milk jugs. "Globes are the hot ticket item," she said.

"Hopefully the event will go a long way to making the globe we call home a place we think about more than once a year," said Michael Youdelman, Manager of Recycling and Research Management. "It's important that we realize the benefits of environmental awareness not just one day but every day."



A student relaxes with massage therapy while a cirque performer waits for his turn on the massage table.

NCAA Study: Your Opinion is Needed

During the remainder of 2003 and the spring of 2004, Stony Brook is undergoing the certification process that NCAA requires of all its Division I schools. As the Steering Committee and subcommittees gather data, they would like your opinions and comments in the critical areas of the Athletics Program that are the focus of the self-study—Academic and Fiscal Integrity; Compliance with NCAA Regulations; and the Program's Equity, Welfare, and Sportsmanship Dimensions.

To provide your input, and for a more thorough explanation of the self-study, visit www.sunysb.edu/pres. Each comment or suggestion will be taken seriously and will be discussed by the Steering Committee. Alternatively, you can call George Meyer, Chair of the Steering Committee, at 632-6271 and give him your input directly. One of the goals of the self-study is to open up the Athletics Program to the campus community and to the public.

In the fall, you will have the opportunity to react to the draft of the self-study report and attend a "town hall" meeting on the subject. Watch the campus announcements, *Happenings*, and the Web site for activities related to the self-study.

HSC Seminars Target Alumni

June 4, 13, and 18

A new effort at the Health Sciences Center aims at strengthening the relationships with alumni by offering valuable information and services that they can use in their businesses. The Professional Development Seminar Series, organized in cooperation with the New York State Business Development Center at Stony Brook, features leading speakers who will discuss a variety of business-related topics for health care professionals.

Alumni in the health care field will hear from experts on legal, insurance, and business issues connected to opening a private practice; effective marketing and advertising plans for existing practices; credit options and regulations; and the impact of new federal legislation protecting patient privacy. All of the seminars take place in the Student Activities Center, Room 306.

The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, June 4, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.—Gloria Glowacki, Acting Director, Small Business Development Center, "Improving Existing Practices." Topics will include a business outline and funding options for existing practices.

Friday, June 13, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.—Robert Eaton, Stony Brook University Hospital, "Complying with HIPAA." Topics will include compliance issues for health care professionals with respect to the Health Portability and Accountability Act.

Wednesday, June 18, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.—Gloria Glowacki, "Establishing a Private Practice." This seminar will explore issues related to credit and forms of legal entities.

Registration for each session takes place 30 minutes prior and costs \$25. For more information, call the Health Sciences Center Alumni Relations Office at 444-2899.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Fred Gardaphe, Director of American and Italian American Studies (European Languages, Literatures, and Cultures) has been elected President of the Society for the Study of Multi-Ethnic Literature of the United States (MELUS). He will serve a three-year term as leader of this prestigious organization. MELUS works to expand the definition of American literature through the study and teaching of Latino American, Native American, African American, Caribbean American, Asian and Pacific American, and ethnically specific Euro-American literary works, their authors, and their cultural contexts. To learn more about MELUS, visit www.marshall.edu/melus

Robert Rothenberg, Lead Programmer Analyst, who served on the 2002 Stony Brook Cares Committee, was chosen to receive the Long Island State Employee Federated Appeal (SEFA) Hero Award for demonstrating an exceptional commitment to SEFA and to volunteerism. He was honored at the SEFA Thank You Celebration luncheon at the Watermill in Smithtown last month.

Patents Awarded for Virtual Colonoscopy

State University of New York Chancellor Robert L. King has announced that a new "virtual colonoscopy" system is giving patients a non-invasive cancer screening alternative thanks to a series of patents awarded for technologies developed at Stony Brook.

In January and February, SUNY received six new patents, including "System and Method for Performing a Three-dimensional Examination with Collapse Correction," which is part of the virtual colonoscopy-related series. Arie E. Kaufman, Stony Brook Professor and Chair of the Department of Computer Science, led the team that developed the new system.

"Dr. Kaufman's newest patient-friendly tool is just one of four SUNY-patented technologies to be commercialized by a Long Island company to help physicians easily spot polyps and tumors via a virtual tour," King said.

Licensed to Viatronix Inc., these Stony Brook technologies have helped the company develop diagnostic 3D imaging software. The FDA-approved Viatronix Virtual Colonoscopy allows a physician to see 100 percent of the colon surface versus the estimated 80 percent with conventional methods.

Recent studies show that fewer than 35 percent of the people who should be screened do so on a regular basis and only half of those have routine colonoscopy, a prominent reason being that many people are uncomfortable with it. However, a Viatronix Virtual Colonoscopy screening takes less than 15 minutes; there is no need for a harsh purgative prior to the scanning, and no sedation is required.

Other members of the Stony Brook research team include Drs. Zhengrong Liang, Professor, Radiology and Computer Science; Mark R. Wax, Associate Professor, Radiology, and Director, Computer Body Tomography; Ming Wan, formerly of Stony Brook; and Dongqing Chen, formerly of Stony Brook and now a Viatronix employee.

Habitat Campaign Exceeds Expectations

At a Habitat for Humanity achievement reception held recently at the University Club, Dr. Frederick Preston, Campaign Chair and Vice President for Student Affairs, announced with great pride that "not only has Stony Brook once again exceeded its target goal, but we surpassed the extraordinary standard set last year as well. The campus community has demonstrated exceptional willingness to help others in need."



Left: Dr. Preston announced that we exceeded our target goal of \$55,000 for a total of more than \$65,000 raised. Right: The School of Health Technology and Management raised more than \$17,000 on a target goal of \$1,000. Campaign cabinet member Catherine Horgan, Dean Craig Lehmann, and Jean Marie Giacini (not shown) accepted the Gold Hammer award on behalf of their fundraising team.

Center for Japanese Studies Holds First Lecture Series

The Center for Japanese Studies (CJS) was established in January 2003 with the goal of creating a bridge between Stony Brook University and the local community, and promoting education and research in the study of Japan, Japanese culture and society, and both Japanese and Japanese-American people.

The officers and advisory board members of the CJS include experts in the humanities, sciences, arts, business, technology, and journalism from the local community as well as University faculty. The CJS will organize outreach programs; establish scholarships; coordinate symposiums, lectures, seminars, and workshops; host visiting scholars from Japan; and expand the network of Japanese and Japanese-Americans.

The CJS hosted its very first lecture series featuring Makoto Oda, one of the leading novelists and social critics of Japan, on April 29 at the Wang Center. Oda was Visiting Professor of Japanese Studies in the Department of Comparative Studies at Stony Brook from 1993 to 1995. During that period, he put a great deal of effort into making the program known among the Japanese community in the United States.

The topic of Oda's lecture was "Middle East Crisis: A Japanese Perspective." He shared his traumatic childhood experience of WWII, when he witnessed the destruction of his native city, Osaka. Oda drew an analogy between the war with Japan during WWII and the recent war with Iraq. He emphasized that what we should hate is war itself, and not any particular country. Oda concluded by saying that the Iraqi people must take the initiative in building a democratic and free nation while preserving the important aspects of their culture and society.

The lecture was followed by a Japanese-style reception and an autograph session for Oda's recent novel, *The Breaking Jewel*.

16 Students Win Competitive Fellowships

President Kenny and Dr. Jorge Benach, Director of the Center for Infectious Diseases, awarded fellowships to 16 students at the Ninth Annual Howard Hughes Medical Institute Undergraduate Research Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, April 23. The funding for these fellowships came from a grant obtained by Dr. David Bynum in the Department of Biochemistry and Cell Biology.

Awardees commit to doing research in a faculty member's laboratory for either the summer or for the academic year. The summer awards provide \$2,500 plus room and board for ten weeks; the academic year awardees receive \$3,000. Students must apply for the highly competitive fellowships, and the awardees are chosen by a faculty committee.



The student winners are (standing, left to right): Lee Tantral; Paige Chou; Vanessa Maybeck; Dr. William J. Lennarz, Chair, Department of Biochemistry and Cell Biology; Dr. Bynum; President Kenny; Dr. Benach; Sameer Khanijo; Morad Awadallah; Steven Naymagon; Yael Ben-Basat; Caroline Park; (seated, left to right) Angela Kokkokis; Reeti Chawla; Geraldine Weber; Melissa Farrell; Evren Azeloglu; Yee Cheng Low; (not pictured) Alfred Adamako and Hachung Chung.

Speakers Call for Parity

Diversity Conference 2003

The more than 300 people who attended Diversity Conference 2003 in the Student Activities Center on May 5 were reminded of a recent *New York Times* study depicting Long Island as the nation's most segregated suburb. They left with answers and strategies on how to promote inclusion in housing, employment, politics, business, health care, education, and even institutions of worship.

The event opened with keynote speaker George Herrera, President and Chief Executive Officer of the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (USHCC) since 1998. The man who *Hispanic Business Magazine* recently named as "one of the 100 Most Influential Hispanics in the United States" called attention to the tremendous buying power of the nation's Latino community—a growing population that translates into a majority in some states. He said that the Hispanic sector should be hired to market and sell the same products they are buying, referring to that goal as "economic reciprocity."

A number of workshops available in successive time slots followed the keynote presentation, touching upon a range of topics that dealt with diversity on a local level. Prominent Long Island leaders moderated panels that discussed issues such as institutional racism, self-promotion in the business community, and gaining more diverse representation in public office and community organizations.

"The undercurrent in all of the workshops was not only to stay motivated to teach the challenge of diversity, but to understand the long-term ramifications of everything we do," said Missy Kenny, Stony Brook Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity Data Specialist. She added that the event's leaders urged attendees to use the many resources available to achieve that objective.

Dr. Calvin Butts III, President of SUNY College at Old Westbury and Pastor of the nationally renowned Abyssinian Baptist Church in New York City, called upon educators to maximize opportunities for today's youth entering the workforce. Dr. Butts examined the type of thinking that perpetrates bigotry and congratulated those who attended the Conference for taking an important step in embracing diversity. He also urged everyone to fight exclusionary and bigoted behavior within his or her own inner social circles.

Dr. Butts recalled that when he attended school, these same issues were not openly discussed. He—like Mr. Herrera before him—praised President Kenny for fostering an atmosphere at Stony Brook University in which cultural diversity has flourished.



Herrera addressed hundreds who attended the Diversity Conference.

Two Events to Benefit Sunrise Fund June 1 and 14

On Sunday, June 1, St. James Elementary School will be hosting "Children Helping Children," a two-mile walk-a-thon to benefit the Sunrise Fund at Stony Brook. On-site registration begins at 8:00 a.m., and the walk starts at 9:00 a.m. The registration fee is \$15 individual, \$20 family, or a completed sponsor sheet. St. James Elementary School is located at 580 Lake Avenue in St. James.

The "Rising Stars" talent show featuring families, friends, and staff from Stony Brook University Hospital will be held on Saturday, June 14, at 2:00 p.m. at Town Hall West, 401 Main Street in Islip. Tickets are \$5 for open seating.

For more information about these events, please contact Debbie Giugliano at 444-7720.

Bike Tour

Ride the Scenic Roads of Suffolk County's North Shore

Sunday, June 8

All proceeds to benefit the Stony Brook Alumni Association Scholarship Fund

For more information and to register, visit www.alumni.stonybrook.edu or contact Kevin Rooney at 632-6044 or via e-mail at Kevin.Rooney@stonybrook.edu.

Library Borrowing

Important Change in Policy

Effective September 1, all West Campus libraries will initiate a new overdue fines limit for borrowing library material. Individuals will be blocked from borrowing if they owe \$15 or more in fines on their account. This will affect all borrowers. For more information regarding payment of bills, please go to www.sunysb.edu/library/circfine.htm.

Faculty, staff, and students are responsible for checking assigned campus e-mail accounts (SOLAR, etc.) for all library notices—fines, bills, courtesy reminders, item available notices, overdues, and recall notices. For questions on bills and billing information, contact Victor Santiago, Billing Supervisor, at 632-7115.

Football Season Tickets Are on Sale Now

The first season inside Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium was memorable and exciting as the Seawolves football team went 5-0 and 8-2 overall, their best finish in the 20-year history of the program. The second season promises to be unforgettable—you won't want to miss it.

Stony Brook opens the 2003 campaign on Saturday, September 13, at 6:00 p.m. when it hosts the Siena Saints. There will be a fireworks display following the game.

You can get your season tickets by calling 632-WOLF or by visiting Seawolves football online at www.goseawolves.org.

2003 Seawolves Home Football Schedule

Saturday, September 13 vs. Siena, 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 20 vs. Wagner, 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 27 vs. Monmouth, 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 18 vs. St. Francis, 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 8 vs. Central Connecticut, 6:00 p.m.

Summer Sports Camps Offered at Stony Brook

The Division of Physical Education and Athletics offers a variety of summer sport camp programs for kids from ages 7 to 17. The camps are directed by Stony Brook's NCAA Division I coaches, and each camper receives instruction from top college players.

The programs are tailored to all skill levels and abilities, so kids can advance at their own pace. For more information about enrolling your child in a summer sport camp, visit www.goseawolves.org or call 632-7200. The following are the dates for summer 2003:

Baseball Camp
7/28-8/1 and 8/4-8/8

Boy's Basketball
7/7-7/11, 7/21-7/25, and 7/28-8/1

Boy's Basketball Team
6/28-7/3

Girl's Basketball
8/4-8/8

Football
6/28-7/3 and 7/21-7/25

Air Tech (Quarterback/Receivers)
7/26-7/27

Girl's Lacrosse
7/1-7/2, 7/8-7/9, 7/22-7/23, 7/29-7/30, and 8/12-8/13

Girl's Soccer
7/21-7/25 (day) and 7/21-7/25 (evening)

Tennis
6/23-6/27 and 7/7-7/11

Volleyball
8/8-8/12

Stony Brook Film Festival 2003



July 16-July 26 at the Staller Center

Celebrating its Eighth Year with 11 Days of Independent Films in Competition Plus International Studio Releases

For more information, visit www.stonybrookfilmfestival.com

CALENDAR May 21 to June 14

ART/MUSIC/THEATRE

Now through 5/21, Wednesday. **Senior Student Art Show.** "Senior Show 2003" includes paintings, sculptures, ceramics, photographs, and works on paper that were selected from among the best work of this year's graduating class. For more information, call 632-7240. University Art Gallery hours: Tuesday-Friday, 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.; Saturday, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Now Through 5/23, Friday. **"Stony Brook through My Eyes."** A documentation of the unseen views of campus life through the eyes of various cultural groups, this exhibit features photography and mixed media. For more information, call 632-9392. Tuesday-Friday, 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Student Activities Center Gallery.

5/30, Friday. **Adult Chamber Music.** For more information, call 632-7330. 8:00 p.m., Recital Hall, Staller Center. Admission is free.

6/7, Saturday. **Taiko: Kenny Endo.** Contemporary music meets traditional

Japanese drumming with legendary percussionist Kenny Endo. For more information, call 632-6353. 8:00 p.m., Charles B. Wang Center Theatre. Tickets: \$20 general; \$15 seniors, alumni, faculty, staff, students.

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SEMINARS/LECTURES

5/22, Thursday. **Biochemistry and Cell Biology Seminar.** Dr. Sally Kornbluth, Duke University Medical Center, discusses "Control Reconstitution of Apoptotic Signaling in a Cell-Free System." Hosted by Dr. Gerald Thomsen. 4:00 p.m., Room 038, Life Sciences.

5/29, Thursday. **Biochemistry and Cell Biology Seminar.** Steven Childers, Wake Forest University School of Medicine, discusses "Visualization of G-Protein Coupled

Receptors." Hosted by Dale Deutsch. 4:00 p.m., Room 038, Life Sciences.

SPECIAL EVENTS

5/23, Friday. **Main Commencement Ceremony and Festival.** For ticket information, call 632-6320. 11:00 a.m., Main Arena, Indoor Sports Complex.

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Faculty and Staff Volunteers Needed for May Commencement

For more information, call
Peg Abbatiello at 632-6320.

Main Ceremony and Festival
Friday, May 23, 11:00 a.m.

Indoor Sports Complex

Summer Crafts Center Classes

The Stony Brook Union Crafts Center offers workshops that are low-cost, non-credit, and open to the public. Some classes include membership so you can work on your own in the Center's fine studios in addition to class time.

Summer 2003 classes include Photography-B/W Developing, Photographic Composition, Watercolor, Polymer Clay, Ceramic Pottery Making, Ceramic Clay for the Garden, Bartending, and Defensive Driving.

You can register at the Crafts Center Office, located in the lower level of the Stony Brook Union, Room 049, or by mail. Enrollment is limited, so register early. For a brochure or more information on classes offered, call 632-6822.

Tai-Chi Summer Specialty Class

June 4-July 9

The Department of Campus Recreation will be holding a specialty class for six weeks. From Wednesday, June 4, through Wednesday, July 9, Tai-Chi will be offered in the Student Activities Center courtyard.

The fee for the six-week session is \$50. Classes will be held every Wednesday from 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. To register, call the Wellness Center Manager at 632-7263.

Tai-Chi is an ancient Chinese system of health exercises that can keep you youthful and vibrant throughout life. They are simple to practice and require no strength or athletic ability.

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