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Benefit Fashion Show is a Success

Sunrise Fund

A NEW DAY FOR CHILDREN WITH CANCER

More than 800 guests attended the "Little Miracles Fashion Show" at Villa Lombardi's in Holbrook on November 20. The benefit raised more than \$80,000 for the Sunrise Fund at Stony Brook University Hospital. The Fund was established to raise awareness about childhood cancer and to provide funds for research and programs.

Modeling clothing at the show were patients, their families, and members of the treatment team from Pediatric Oncology at the hospital. Buddy Harrelson, Manager of the Long Island Ducks baseball team, and two of his teammates, Justin Davies and Tommy Caputo, also modeled. The event provided parents and children an opportunity to celebrate their recoveries and to be recognized for their extraordinary courage.

Mick Foley, the former wrestler "Mankind" and author of several best-selling children's books, was presented an award for his dedication, compassion, and support of the children. He has spent countless hours with the children and their families during both times of crisis and of joy.

Hispanicism Exhibit at Melville Library

Now through December 31

In the glass showcases across from the Circulation Desk on the third floor of the Melville Library, the Department of Hispanic Languages and Literature's exhibit, "Hispanicism at Stony Brook," is on display.

Organized by Associate Librarian Amelia Salinero, with the help of library staff member Elga Ortiz, the exhibit is an impressive array of literature, literary and cultural criticism, and Spanish linguistics books published by past and current faculty and alumni from the department. It also includes a selection of books on Latin American and Spanish issues published by faculty in other departments, such as Philosophy, History, Sociology, and other disciplines across the humanities and social sciences.

On display through the end of the month, the exhibit traces the development of Stony Brook's Department of Hispanic Languages and Literature over time. Graduate students have also donated various objects to accompany the books.

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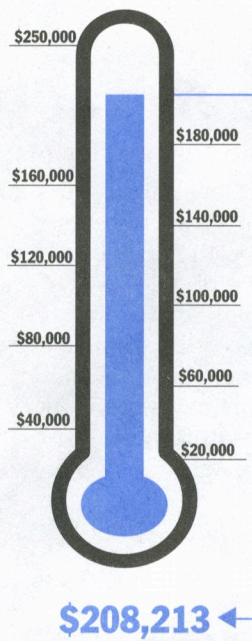
There is Still Time to Make a Campaign Contribution

The Stony Brook Cares campaign runs until the end of December, so there is still time to make a donation through payroll deduction, which allows you to spread out your contribution over a full year, or by a lump sum contribution via check, credit card, or donation of securities. Every donation counts—no matter how large or small. Together we can make a difference and let the community know that we care.

You can contribute to three organizations on campus through the campaign by placing the appropriate code number on your participation sheet. The Adult Literacy Center number is 65948, the Hospital Auxiliary is 65923, and the Stony Brook Child Care Center is 65918.

For more information, please visit www.stonybrookcares.stonybrook.edu or call 444-9148.

GOAL: \$250,000



Two Employees Win Stony Brook Cares Raffle

Congratulations to Kathy O'Brien from the Department of Surgery and Elizabeth Frisenda from the Student Activities Center, who are both winners of the Stony Brook Cares Holiday Gift Basket Raffle. Everyone who had participated in the campaign was eligible to enter the raffle drawing, which helped raise \$485 for the campaign.

Make your donation today!

The Stony Brook Cares campaign runs through the end of December.

Large Turnout for Mentoring Event Honoring Dr. Bynum

Students, faculty members, and staff filled the SAC auditorium on Monday, December 1, at a special event honoring Dr. David Bynum, recipient of the 2002 Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring. The program included a presentation during which Dr. Bynum was recognized for his many achievements over the past decade of bringing science education to students from elementary school to the post-graduate level through his successful program, the Long Island Group Advancing Science Education (LIGASE).

Following welcoming remarks by 1997 Presidential Award recipient Dr. David Ferguson and introductions by former Stony Brook President and current Presidential Science Advisor and Director Dr. John H. Marburger III, Dr. Michael F. Summers, Professor and Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator for the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, and past recipient of the Presidential Mentoring Award, gave a speech on the topic "Mentoring for Success: Helping Underrepresented Students Thrive in a Research Environment."



From left to right: Provost Robert McGrath, John H. Marburger III, Michael F. Summers, David Bynum, and David Ferguson

Attention All Faculty and Staff

An Important Survey is Coming Your Way

At the beginning of the next semester, you will receive a confidential survey that addresses issues of perceived fairness, respect, and inclusiveness by all faculty and staff.

Your candid and honest answers will help to better assess a host of campus life topics. The results will be used as a catalyst for initiatives that will address any concerns the survey identifies.

Rest assured that all of your answers will remain anonymous. Responses are sent via pre-paid envelope directly to a company in another state, with no connection to Stony Brook.

By taking the time to fill out and return the survey, you will be part of the movement to make Stony Brook a more inclusive, caring campus community. Once the response rate reaches a certain threshold for the entire campus, a drawing will be held in which every employee will be eligible to win one of three \$300 gift checks.

Look for more information about the survey in upcoming issues of *Happenings*, and on the University Web site.

Winter Advisory

To All Faculty and Staff:

As you know, last winter season was one to remember, and a test for all of us. With almost 70 inches of snow and one nasty blizzard, it was an experience we all hope not to repeat anytime soon. The Grounds Department learned some important lessons last season, and strives to continue to improve on our response and safety record. We have purchased updated equipment, enhanced planning, and improved communication. Since we don't know how much snow to expect this coming season, we must let prudence and common sense be our guides.

With winter rapidly approaching and the possibility of snow in the forecast, I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you that with snow comes icy conditions. While your Campus Grounds crew is prepared, and will use every available resource to reach our goal of maintaining safe passage for both pedestrian and vehicular traffic, your assistance and the use of common sense strategies is our best defense.

Please remember when driving on campus to drive slowly. Don't attempt to pass slow-moving vehicles, such as snow removal trucks, which creates an extremely hazardous situation. Park only in designated parking spots and not in loading docks or along roadsides;

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Upcoming at the Staller Center

January 11

Pre-College Chamber Music—For more information, call 632-7330. 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Recital Hall, Staller Center.

January 31

Chi Acrobats—The Shanghai, China, company brings a fusion of acrobatics and martial arts in the group's premiere visit to America. For tickets, call 632-ARTS. 8:00 p.m., Main Stage, Staller Center. Tickets: \$33.

February 4 and 6

Cello Concerts—Professor Colin Carr, world-famous cellist, will present two free concerts featuring the Complete Suites for Solo Cello by J.S. Bach. 8:00 p.m. Recital Hall, Staller Center. For more information, call 632-7330.

February 19

Scholarship Benefit Recital—This concert features Philip Setzer on violin and Gilbert Kalish on piano. Proceeds go to student scholarships. 8:00 p.m. Recital Hall, Staller Center. Tickets: \$25.

Film Schedule: January 30

5:00 p.m. *L'Ultima Sequenza*
Director Mario Sesti's documentary provides a unique insight into the creation of one of cinema's greatest masterpieces. The film is on loan from the Guggenheim, where it made its New York premiere. Featuring Federico Fellini and Sofia Loren. In Italian with English subtitles.

7:00 p.m. *Casa de los Babys*

Directed by John Sayles, this movie follows six white American women waiting out their lengthy residency requirements in an unidentified South American country before picking up their adoptive babies.

9:00 p.m. *Lost in Translation*

An American movie star (Bill Murray) is in Tokyo to make a whiskey commercial when he meets a young bride. Hilarious and real, movie critic John Anderson says, "Murray is a wonder."

Clothing Sale

Matthew's HSC Bookstore

Take advantage of the annual December discount of 10 percent on all clothing, including hats, scrubs, and lab coats.

Matthew's Bookstore is located in the Health Sciences Center, Level 2, Room 310. For more information, call 444-3685.

Winter Advisory

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this will allow us to better serve you. Also, remember to wear appropriate footwear and to keep your hands free of heavy/bulky items while walking, which will assist in keeping your balance and minimize the possibility of a fall. By following these few simple practices, we can all do our part in keeping the campus safe and accessible for everyone.

Thank you,

Michael L. Bentivegna
Grounds Manager, Campus
Operations and Maintenance

REGISTER NOW FOR

Stony Brook Day in Albany February 24, 2004

Stony Brook students, faculty, staff, and alumni will journey up to the state capital for one of the most important events of the year. You'll have a chance to celebrate Stony Brook—to let the legislators know what the University means to you. Meet people from all parts of campus and experience firsthand how the government works.

Don't miss the bus. Your future is riding on it.

Register online at
www.stonybrook.edu/albany
or contact Pat Cruso
E-mail: Patricia.Cruso@stonybrook.edu
Phone: 632-4309

Supervisor Development

Sign Up Now for Training Dates in January–March

If you are a first-level supervisor and would like to enhance your skills, take advantage of the Supervisor Development Program, which focuses on the competencies necessary to be an effective supervisor. The program provides a firm foundation in areas such as gaining respect and credibility, communicating with employees, delegating effectively, performance planning and evaluation, diversity in the workplace, and more.

Seating is limited and the program only runs once a year, so register now. The dates are January 14, 21, 28; February 4, 11, 18, 25; and March 3 (times vary by session). To register, contact Denise Gross at 632-4501 or visit www.stonybrook.edu/hr/training for more information.

Stress Management Workshop Planned for 2004

The Division of Wellness and Chronic Illness in the Department of Family Medicine is conducting a series of workshops focusing on meditation as a core experience for stress management. Participants will be introduced to several forms of meditation, including breathing techniques, the stress relaxation response, mindfulness meditation, walking meditations, heart-centered meditations, and others.

Sound nutrition, movement, sleep practices, time management and prioritization, awareness of thought patterns, and related emotions are some other aspects of stress management that will be discussed.

The cost to attend these workshops is \$60 for three sessions. They will be held at the Division of Wellness and Chronic Illness, located at 33 Research Way in East Setauket, on January 28 and February 4, 11, and 18, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

The attendance fee for the workshops must be paid in full at the time of registration. Most insurance carriers do not reimburse for the costs of workshops. For more information and to register, please call 444-9815.

Transportation Service to BNL

A new van route has been set up to provide transportation between campus and Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL). The trial service began on December 1 and will continue through the end of the semester and intersession. Adjustments to the route, based on timing and demand, will be made for continuation of this service into the spring semester.

The following schedule is for service Monday through Friday:

Pick Up

8:30 a.m. SAC Loop
9:30 a.m. Berkner Hall
4:30 p.m. SAC Loop
5:30 p.m. Berkner Hall

Drop Off

9:15 a.m. Berkner Hall (BNL)
10:15 a.m. SAC Loop
5:15 p.m. Berkner Hall
6:15 p.m. SAC Loop

The van will be limited to 12 passengers on a first-come, first-serve basis. Additional vans will run if the demand requires it. All passengers must have a valid BNL Security Clearance Badge to ride the van. For more information, please call the Provost's Office at 632-4360.

The staff of *Happenings* wishes the campus community a happy holiday season. Watch for the first issue of the spring semester on January 28.



Seawolves
Basketball

Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day

Tuesday, December 30

Faculty, staff, and their families will receive free admission to the men's basketball game versus Brown University on Tuesday, December 30, at 7:00 p.m. inside the Sports Complex Arena.

For more information about Seawolves Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day, please call 632-WOLF.

Don't miss the rest of the 2003–2004 men's and women's basketball season! Call 632-WOLF or visit www.goseawolves.org to get your tickets today.

Men's Home Games

Saturday, December 20

vs. Columbia, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 30

vs. Brown, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 7

vs. UMBC, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 11

vs. New Hampshire, 1:00 p.m.

Women's Home Games

Saturday, January 3

vs. Harvard, 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 10

vs. New Hampshire, 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 17

vs. Hartford, 2:00 p.m.

January Seminars

Thursday, January 29

Biochemistry and Cell Biology Seminar—Stephen Blacklow from Harvard Medical School discusses "Structure and Function of Lipoprotein Receptors." 4:00 p.m. Room 038, Life Sciences.

Friday, January 30

Geology Open Night—J. Lawrence Swanson, Director of the Waste Reduction and Management Center in the MSRC, discusses "What Are the Consequences of Dredging in North Shore Harbors?" For more information, call 632-8200. 7:30 p.m. Room 001, ESS Building.

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