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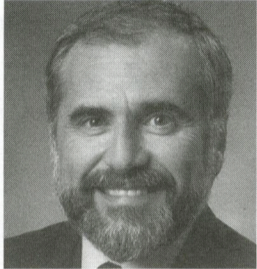
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PROVOST'S LECTURE SERIES

**"Can Global Warming
Trigger a Big Chill?"**



Robert B. Gagosian
Director and President
of the Woods Hole
Oceanographic Institution

**Friday, April 16
2:30 p.m.**

**Charles B. Wang Center
Lecture Hall 2**

**"Global Climate Change: Is
It a Conservation Crisis?"**



Richard Leakey
Paleoanthropologist
and Conservationist

**Thursday, April 22
3:00 p.m.**

**Charles B. Wang Center
Theatre**

Milind Wakankar Wins UCLA Prize

Milind Wakankar, Assistant Professor of English, has received UCLA's 2004 Sardar Patel Award for Dissertation on Modern Indian History. The award of \$10,000 is given each year for the best dissertation completed at any American university in any subject related to the study of modern India and is administered by UCLA's Department of History. Wakankar's winning dissertation is titled, "The Prehistory of the Popular: Caste and Canonicity in Indian Modernity."

The award is instituted in the memory of Sardar Patel, one of the dominant figures of 20th-century India. He was one of the principal figures in the Indian nationalist movement, a close associate and friend of Mahatma Gandhi, and helped shape India's political destinies following independence.

Dissertations were evaluated for insight into the nature of modern Indian society, grasp of theoretical and scholarly literature, and clarity of exposition and argument.

Colonel Matthew Bogdanos Captivates Audience

It was standing room only at the Charles B. Wang Center Theatre on March 17 when U.S. Marine Colonel Matthew Bogdanos presented his talk, "Iraq Museum Investigation: Fact and Fiction," as part of the President's Lecture Series. The audience sat rapt as Colonel Bogdanos described his role as head of the international investigative team in Baghdad following the lootings from Iraq's national museum in April 2003 and his ongoing efforts to recover hundreds of thousands of stolen artifacts.

Immediately after the lootings, Colonel Bogdanos made a decision that the primary objective of his 14-member team was to recover the lost artifacts, and that only later would he be concerned with prosecution. His first step was to identify the stolen items and provide photos to the major international law enforcement agencies. Since the museum had no computerized inventory and many items had never been catalogued, his job was made all the more difficult. As a result of diligent and thorough investigation and an ongoing amnesty program, a vast number of invaluable, historic artifacts have been recovered to date.

Colonel Bogdanos emphasized that in a situation like this, although everyone wants to find a quantifiable way to measure the loss, numbers are in fact meaningless. A more meaningful goal is to establish a rapport with the people, develop their trust, and follow all leads that may effect recovery. As part of his creative approach to the problem, Colonel Bogdanos brought in a team of six New York City Police Officers to assist with the amnesty program.

A dynamic speaker, Colonel Bogdanos supplemented his informative talk with photographs showing the enormity of the loss these thefts had on Iraqi culture.

Holding both a law degree and a master's degree in Classical Studies, both from Columbia University, Colonel Bogdanos is a Marine who received a Bronze Star in Afghanistan. He was also the Assistant District Attorney in New York City who prosecuted rapper Puff Daddy.



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Special Screenings of *Farmingville*

Tuesday, April 13

Two screenings of *Farmingville*, the award-winning documentary, will be presented on Tuesday, April 13, at 2:30 p.m. and again at 7:00 p.m. in the Charles B. Wang Center Theatre. The screenings will be among a selected few nationwide in advance of the film's world premiere on PBS in June.

The first screening will be followed by a discussion panel including Kenneth Rau of the Suffolk County Police Department; Louise Scarola, a Farmingville resident; Ed Hernandez of Brookhaven Citizens for Peaceful Solutions; Margaret Bianculli-Dyber of the Sachem Quality of Life Committee, and Matilde Parada of Catholic Charities. The panel will be moderated by Suffolk County Legislator Brian Foley.

Farmingville follows the story that developed following the hate-based attempted murders of two Mexican day laborers and how these events catapulted a Long Island town into national headlines. The documentary received a Special Jury Prize at the 2004 Sundance Film Festival and was recently awarded Best Documentary at San Antonio's CineFestival. *Farmingville* has been selected to lead the upcoming 17th season of P.O.V., American television's most-watched independent documentary showcase.

Following the first screening there will be a special reception featuring Carlos Sandoval and Catherine Tambini, who filmed *Farmingville*, and the panel members from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Wang Center. For more information, please call 444-8305.

Fifth Annual Stars of Stony Brook Gala on April 28

Faculty/Staff Tickets Available

On Wednesday, April 28, 2004, Stony Brook will host its fifth annual Stars of Stony Brook Gala at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City. The gala is our major fundraising event for the year; we expect to raise well over a million dollars for student scholarships and other University initiatives. Our honorees this year are Henry and Marsha Laufer, both former members of our faculty and longstanding friends of Stony Brook. Over the years, they have given generously to scholarship funds, the Music Department, the Staller Center for the Arts, and numerous other campus concerns and activities. We welcome this opportunity to recognize them. Cocktails are served at 6:30 p.m.; dinner and dancing begin at 7:30 p.m.

With the recent tuition rise and other increasing expenses faced by our students, I need not convince you how important it is that we provide as much financial assistance and support as possible. In the last five years, we have used private fundraising to increase scholarship awards from \$1.6 million to \$3.2 million. The gala attracts an impressive number of Stony Brook alumni and friends, and your tax deductible contribution will directly benefit our most deserving students.

Many faculty have asked for a reduced ticket price, and to accommodate this request we will offer a faculty/staff rate of \$350 per ticket. I hope this will encourage you to attend. Please confirm that you will be joining us by returning the response form at www.stonybrook.edu/sbstarsform or calling the Benefit Office directly at (212) 786-6051. If you are unable to attend, I hope you will consider contributing to our scholarship campaign so that we can provide additional support for Stony Brook students.

I look forward to seeing you on April 28.

—President Shirley Strum Kenny

2,702 Respond on Campus Climate

Send in Your Survey Now

As of Monday, March 29, 2,702 employees have responded to the confidential survey that addresses issues of perceived fairness, respect, and inclusiveness on campus. When the response rate reaches 30 percent (3,750), a \$300 gift check will be awarded in a random drawing. A second \$300 gift check will be awarded at 35 percent, and another when the rate reaches 40 percent. Every Stony Brook University employee is eligible.

Once the results reach a workable threshold, they will be used as a catalyst for initiatives that will address any concerns the survey identifies.

If you have not received your copy of the survey, call 632-6280, pick up a survey at the Office of Diversity and Affirmative Action, or visit www.stonybrook.edu/diversity.

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Todd VanSlambrouck, Honors College anthropology major with minors in dance, geology, and Japanese, has been nominated for a coveted fellowship by the faculty of Ohio State University's Dance Department, the premiere dance department in the country. This fellowship is reserved for the most talented and trained dance applicant nationwide. He was selected as one of only 12 dance students nationwide to enter the M.F.A. program in Performance and Choreography, and honored beyond this with a nomination for the fellowship in choreography and performance.

FSA Honored as a Business Leader

The Workforce Builders Honor Roll is a new creation of the Long Island Works Coalition (created by the Long Island Association), which highlights organizations that have demonstrated a strong commitment to Long Island's emerging workforce. The Faculty Student Association (FSA) was chosen to be among the elite business leaders across Nassau and Suffolk counties who share a vision for working together to ensure that today's students will have the skills and opportunities to lead Long Island.

FSA earned this honor based on many years of extraordinary effort in developing an array of initiatives both on and off campus. To spearhead this effort, FSA has developed a special office called Student Staffing Resources, which provides students with a variety of work skills, career development, and learning opportunities.

The Works Coalition is a non-profit initiative that fosters collaboration between schools and employers, preparing students with the knowledge, skills, and practical experiences needed for career success on Long Island. The Workforce Builders Honor Roll recognizes businesses that are taking action to ensure that Long Island has the strong foundation of a skilled workforce.

According to Warren Wartell, FSA Associate Director of Human Resources and Marketing, "FSA staff has been committed to innovating and implementing work skill programs and activities for SBU students and takes an active role in off-campus business and educational associations to further workforce and economic development."

WUSB Radiothon

Now through April 14

WUSB 90.1 FM is broadcasting a varied selection of special programs from now through Wednesday, April 14, as part of Radiothon 2004, the annual spring fundraising event for the 24-hour-a-day non-commercial radio station.

WUSB is offering premiums at a variety of pledge support levels. Premiums, donated by local businesses, include gift certificates, tickets, books, compact discs, and more.

Pledges can be made by check or money order, payable to WUSB/SBF, and mailed to the station at the Stony Brook Union, z = 3263. E-mail pledges are accepted at wusb@stonybrook.edu. For more information, call 632-6498.

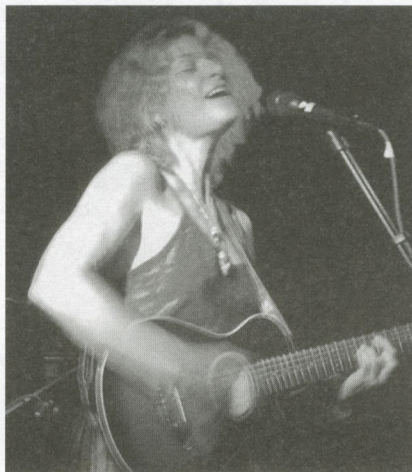
Caroline Aiken to Perform at University Café

Saturday, April 24

Blues vocalist and guitarist Caroline Aiken will bring her soaring voice and spellbinding guitar work to the University Café on Saturday, April 24, at 8:00 p.m. She will also appear on WUSB's (90.1 FM) Sunday Street Program, hosted by Charlie Backfish, on April 18 at 10:30 a.m.

Caroline Aiken was born and raised in the Georgia Sea Islands, where her earliest musical influences included a local spiritual singing group, the Sea Island Singers. She began her professional musical career in the late '60s in a Long Island rock band called Father Time and continued as a street singer in Seattle, touring extensively in the United States and Europe. She has to her credit five CDs, the most recent being 2002's *Unshaken*. Bonnie Raitt and the Indigo Girls are among the musicians who have performed on Caroline's recordings.

The University Café is located on the ground floor of the Stony Brook Union. For more information, visit www.universitycafe.org or call 632-1463.



Richard Gambino Honored for Research

Richard Gambino, Professor in the Department of Materials Science and Engineering, has been elected to the National Academy of Engineering for the discovery of magnetic anisotropy, the enabling technology for magneto-optical recording. He is recognized worldwide for his research contributions in the field of electronics and amorphous magnetic materials.

Prior to coming to Stony Brook in 1993, Gambino was research staff member at the IBM Thomas J. Watson Research Center in Yorktown Heights, NY, for 32 years. Before that, he was a staff metallurgist at Pratt and Whitney, and a physical scientist at the U.S. Army Signal Research and Development Lab, Fort Monmouth, NJ.

Gambino received the National Medal of Technology in 1995 from President Clinton. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, recipient of the Morris Libermann award from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, an IR 100 award, and an IBM Corporate award. He has more than 150 publications and 40 patents. Gambino is also President of the Stony Brook-based spin-off company, Meso Scribe Technologies Inc.

Gambino has conducted research on the magnetic properties of rare earth alloys and intermetallic compounds, and on thin-film materials for magnetic bubble devices and magneto-optic storage applications. He is one of the discoverers of perpendicular magnetic anisotropy in rare earth transition metal amorphous alloy films.

"Relay for Life" April 30-May 1

Sign Up Now

Stony Brook is hosting its third annual "Relay for Life," from Friday, April 30, to Saturday, May 1. All cancer survivors, faculty, staff, and community members are invited to participate. Highlighting the event is the luminaria service to honor cancer survivors and remember those who have lost the battle against cancer.

During the overnight event, teams of eight to ten people take turns circling the track to raise awareness and funds to support American Cancer Society cancer research, education, advocacy, and patient services in the community. For more information and to sign up, visit www.cancer.org/relayonline or call (800) 227-2345.

Campus Life Awards

For Excellence in Leadership and Involvement

Honoring Stony Brook's student leaders, clubs, and organizations, and advisors to student groups for their outstanding contributions to building our campus community



Wednesday, May 5, 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Student Activities Center Auditorium

Reception to Follow

Deadline for Nominations: April 13



Awards will be presented for excellence in leadership, campus programming, and advisement. For a description of the award categories, award criteria, and nomination forms, visit <http://studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/dos/CampusLifeAwards>.

"A Gathering of Science Scholars" Symposium

Register Now for Conference on Friday, April 30

The Center for Inclusive Education will host "A Gathering of Science Scholars: Access for Underrepresented Students in the Biological, Engineering, and Applied Sciences" Regional Conference and Research Symposium, highlighting the research accomplishments of underrepresented students, both undergraduate and graduate, and the success of diversity programs that promote their academic achievements and encourage the pursuit of a career in the professoriate. The conference will feature excellent skill-building workshops, a regional research symposium and competition of science posters, a nationally recognized and celebrated keynote speaker, and a networking session.

Students, faculty, and hospital staff are encouraged to participate. There is a nominal conference fee for students, which could be covered by their advisor, department, or diversity program affiliation. There is no charge for faculty or staff to participate. For more information, please visit www.stonybrook.edu/agep, where you will find a detailed agenda, and downloadable registration forms. The deadline for registration is April 13.

An Afternoon of Poetry with Henri Cole

Thursday, April 29, 4:00 p.m.
Jacob K. Javits Room, Melville Library

Henri Cole, poet-in-residence at Smith College, is the recipient of the 2004 Kingsley Tufts Poetry Award for his latest book, *Middle Earth*. His other awards include the Berlin Prize of the American Academy in Berlin, the Rome Prize in Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, and the Amy Lowell Poetry Traveling Scholarship.

Sponsored by Poetry Center Co-directors Rowan Phillips and Dan Chiasson, the Friends of the Library, and University Bookstore. For more information, please visit <http://sunysb.edu/~library/events.html>.

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Stony Brook University Hospital

- 504 adult beds, 32 newborn beds

In 2003:

- 165,000 patient days
- 30,000 discharges
- 516,000 outpatient visits
- 72,000 Emergency Department visits

Prepared by the Office of Institutional Research

George Williams to be Honored at Symposium

Saturday, April 24

The career of George Williams, Ph.D., the internationally renowned evolutionary biologist and faculty emeritus at Stony Brook University, will be celebrated at a symposium that will include distinguished academic figures from across the country. Williams was presented the 1999 Crafoord Prize, which is awarded by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in fields not covered by the Nobel Prize.

The symposium will be held on Saturday, April 24, from 9:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Harriman Auditorium. Registration is \$60 (\$30 for students) and includes lunch. An evening banquet at the Old Field Club costs \$50. For more information, visit <http://life.bio.sunysb.edu/ee/williams>.

Dr. Williams' major contribution to the field of evolutionary biology is a careful, logical analysis of adaptation from Darwin's first principles. In his widely hailed book, *Adaptation and Natural Selection*, he showed that the most important causal mechanisms for adaptation must lie in the biological variation among individuals and that adaptation arising for "the good of the species" is incompatible with biological evolution. He also made major conceptual advances in our theoretical understanding of the evolution

Dean's Distinguished Lecture Series

Tuesday, April 27

The College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, in collaboration with the Department of Technology and Society, will present the Dean's Distinguished Lecture Series on Tuesday, April 27, at 1:00 p.m. in the Student Activities Center Auditorium. The featured speaker will be Hal Abelson, Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Co-director of the MIT-Microsoft Council on Education Technology, and Co-head of the MIT Council on Education Technology.

Abelson will discuss "Universities, the Internet, and the Intellectual Commons," describing initiatives aimed at bolstering the intellectual commons—the shared wellspring of ideas and innovation from which all may freely draw—both at MIT and elsewhere. In addition to focusing on specific initiatives, the talk will examine stresses on the intellectual commons and the university communities that rely upon it—squabbles over who owns academic work, technologies that impede the dissemination of knowledge, and the impact of increasingly stringent intellectual property laws.

Summer Camp Open House Dates

Summer Camp at Stony Brook will be held from June 28 to August 20. Informational Open House events will be held on the following Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Sports Complex: **April 17** and **May 15**.

For more information, visit www.stonybrook.edu/daycamp or call 632-4550.

Earthstock

Environmental Awareness Fair In Celebration of Earth Day

Thursday, April 22
9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Charles B. Wang Center

Food • Music • Workshops • Vendors

12:00 p.m. Concert
Grammy Award-Winning Saxophonist Paul Winter

3:00 p.m. Guest Lecturer
Paleoanthropologist Dr. Richard Leakey

5:00 p.m. Stony Brook Union Walkway Groundbreaking

For more information, visit www.stonybrook.edu/earthstock.

Sponsored by Coca-Cola, Commuter Student Association, Office of the University President, Office of the Provost, Staples, and Undergraduate Student Government.

Paul Basler to Perform at the Staller Center

Thursday, April 22

Paul Basler, a prolific 40-year-old composer and horn player and one of the most performed composers of his generation, will be in concert at the Staller Center for the Arts Recital Hall on Thursday, April 22, at 8:00 p.m., along with Margaret Kampmeier, pianist, and Timothy Mount, who leads the Stony Brook Chorale and Camerata Singers.

Basler has premiered more than 120 works of music written for him during the past seven years. At this performance, a composition written for Basler by Peter Winkler, *Returning to the Root*, will be premiered by Basler and Kampmeier. Mount and Winkler are both long-time faculty members in the Department of Music. Basler is on the faculty at the University of Florida and is a Stony Brook graduate. Both he and Kampmeier received Doctor of Musical Art degrees from Stony Brook. Kampmeier teaches at Princeton University, has appeared as guest artist with the Kronos Quartet, and performs regularly with the Orchestra of St. Luke's and the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra.

Basler's energetic and emotionally appealing music has received performances at Carnegie Hall, Tanglewood, the Spoleto Festival, and the Kennedy Center, among many other national and international venues, and is frequently performed by All-State Choirs throughout the United States.

Selected choral works by Basler—*Cantos Alegres*, *Missa Kenya*, and *Songs of Faith*—will be on the program. Tickets are \$29. Call the Staller Center Box Office at 632-ARTS or order online at www.stallercenter.com.



\$2.4 Million Awarded for NY Sea Grant Research

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) awarded more than \$2.4 million to the SUNY Research Foundation to support programs and research conducted by New York Sea Grant (NYSG), a cooperative effort of SUNY and Cornell University, with administrative offices located at Stony Brook. NOAA is an agency of the U.S. Commerce Department.

The award funds New York Sea Grant's 11 new research projects and numerous education and communications projects, as well as an extension program that serves the state's coastal communities from New York's two Great Lakes to the Hudson Valley, the greater New York metropolitan area, and Long Island. Sea Grant is a partnership between the nation's universities and NOAA that began in 1966.

"NOAA and the Bush Administration are committed to working with the academic community to improve our understanding of the environment," said NYSG Director Jack Mattice, "Sea Grant is the mechanism through which NOAA accesses U.S. academic institutions to support sustainable use of coastal resources."

NYSG researchers in the marine district will use state-of-the-art modeling and forecasting techniques to examine how coastal processes affect metropolitan New York and Long Island with projects on coastal flooding, sea level rise response, and the impacts of barrier island breaches to Long Island's estuaries. Several other projects will examine how ecological and geological changes in Long Island's south shore estuaries affect shellfish and examine aspects of a critically important parasitic disease in hard clams. These research efforts have been designed to provide information for decision makers to address pressing issues in New York and elsewhere.

CATCH OUR RISING STARS



Celebrating Undergraduate Research and Creativity
Wednesday, April 21
10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Join the campus community in recognizing the accomplishments of undergraduates working with faculty members in all disciplines. All are welcome.

10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Poster Presentations
SAC Ballroom A

English, History, and Psychology Conferences
SAC Third Floor

Art Exhibits
SAC Gallery (on display April 15–21)

12:45 p.m.
Welcome Remarks,
Provost Robert McGrath
Remarks on Mentoring,
Professor William Collins
SAC Ballroom A

3:00 p.m.
Closing Remarks,
Deputy Provost Mark Aronoff
SAC Ballroom A

Musical Performances
Tuesday, April 20, 8:00 p.m.
Staller Center Recital Hall

For more information, visit www.stonybrook.edu/URECA.

Cody Comedy Festival, May 14

Buy Your Tickets Now

The annual evening of comedy entertainment benefitting the Matt and Debra Cody Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities at Stony Brook University will be held on Friday, May 14, at 8:00 p.m. at the Staller Center. Cody Comedy Festival 2004 will feature the talents of comedy stars Ted Alexandro, Wali Collins, Buddy Fitzpatrick, and Lenny Marcus.

This two-part event will begin with the Funny Bone Reception at the Charles B. Wang Center at 5:30 p.m. The comedy show follows at 8:00 p.m. in the Staller Center. Tickets to the Comedy Show are \$25; tickets to the Funny Bone Reception, which includes a buffet dinner and reserved seating at the comedy show, are \$150. To purchase tickets or for more information, please call 444-2899.

Faculty and Staff Volunteers Needed

May 2004
Commencement
Ceremony



Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium
Friday, May 21



The Office of Conferences and Special Events needs your help.

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

Evening of Dance and Physical Theatre

April 15-18

"When All is Said and Done" is a stimulating evening of dance and physical theatre performed by undergraduate students based on interdisciplinary thinking. Performances will be held April 15 through 17 at 8:00 p.m. and April 18 at 2:00 p.m. in Theatre I at the Staller Center.

The work of Honors College student Todd VanSlambrouck and the student company from the Performance Dance Ensemble at Stony Brook will be featured. Choreography for the evening includes four original works, "My Soul Swims," "Fabrics," "Mysteries of the Ordinary," and "Giants in Small, Shallow Pools" created in collaboration with choreographer/director Amy Yopp Sullivan, Professor of Dance.

The evening is presented by the Sullivan Dance Project, which is housed at the University and works to create intersections of inquiry among those involved in research, education, professional artmaking, and community endeavors.

Tickets can be purchased at the door. The cost is \$5 for students and seniors; \$10 for faculty, staff, and the community.

For more information, please contact Sullivan at 632-7392 or visit www.celt.sunysb.edu/SullivanDance.



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, April 13

Life and Debt: The critically praised documentary on neo-colonialism in Jamaica features a reggae soundtrack by Ziggy Marley. 4:00 p.m., Lecture Hall 1, free admission.

Wednesday, April 14

Daughters of the Motherland Speak: This gender, sexuality, and ethnicity conference features presentations and panel discussions. 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., free admission.

Thursday, April 15

Tribute and Remembrance: Asian Americans After 9/11: This documentary examines the ways the September 11 tragedy impacted the Asian American community. 7:00 p.m., Wang Theatre, free admission.

April 16, 17, 18

Stony Brook Digital Video Festival: The first annual festival offers an opportunity for up-and-coming filmmakers to have their work recognized. 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m., Wang Theatre, \$5 general; students free.

For more information about these events, visit www.stonybrook.edu/wang.



Fierce Long Island Rivals Face Off in Lacrosse

Tickets on Sale Now for April 27 Showdown

It's been 40 years in the making, and for the first time in the program's histories, it will become a reality. The Stony Brook men's lacrosse team will host the first-ever, long-awaited match-up between the Seawolves and the Hofstra Pride. The two will meet inside Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium on Tuesday, April 27. Face-off is set for 7:00 p.m. The first 1,000 fans will receive a free pair of cheersticks courtesy of Shea and Sanders Real Estate. Tickets for the game are on sale now and can be purchased by calling 632-WOLF or visiting www.goseawolves.org.

Miss New York State Jessica Lynch

Wednesday, April 14
4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
SAC Ballroom A

Students, faculty, and staff are invited to this seminar as Jessica Lynch discusses her experiences with depression, an eating disorder, and suicide, followed by a Q&A session.



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CALENDAR APRIL 7 TO APRIL 30

ART/MUSIC/THEATRE

4/15, Thursday to 4/18, Sunday. Dance and Physical Theatre. "When All is Said and Done" features performances by undergraduates. For more information, call 632-7392. 4/18 at 2:00 p.m., all others at 8:00 p.m. Theatre I, Staller Center. \$10 general, \$5 students.

4/16, Friday. "Tito Puente: The Man, the Music, the Legacy." Sponsored by the Latin Faculty and Staff Association. 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Stony Brook Manhattan, 401 Park Avenue South.

4/16, Friday and 4/18, Sunday. Spring Opera. Handel's *Agrippina* is a story of political intrigue with comic overtones. For tickets, call 632-ARTS. 4/16 at 8:00 p.m., 4/18 at 2:00 p.m. Main Stage, Staller Center. Tickets: \$20 general, \$10 students/seniors.

4/17, Saturday. Afternoon Concert. Visiting artists from Italy, violinist Carmelo Andriani and pianist Pasquale Iannone, perform music by Vitali, Andriani, Paganini, Liszt, and Milstein. For more information, call the Center for Italian Studies at 632-7444. 2:30 p.m. Sachem Public Library, Holbrook.

4/21, Wednesday. University Wind Ensemble. Enjoy the music of Mozart, Carlos Gomez, Wagner, Camille DeNardis, Charles Ives, and Richard Rodgers. For tickets, call 632-ARTS. 8:00 p.m. Main Stage, Staller Center. Tickets: \$8 general, \$4 students/seniors.

4/22, Thursday. Alumni Concert: Paul Basler, Horn. One of the most performed composers of his generation, Basler will be joined by alumna Peggy Kampmeier and the Stony Brook choirs. For tickets, call 632-ARTS. 8:00 p.m., Recital Hall, Staller Center. Tickets: \$29.

4/24, Saturday. Caroline Aiken. The Blues vocalist and guitarist brings her powerful stage presence to campus. For more information, call 632-1463. 8:00 p.m. University Café, Stony Brook Union.

4/24, Saturday. Sweet Honey in the Rock. Five African-American women join their voices in the sacred music of the black church: spirituals, hymns, gospel, as well as jazz and blues. For tickets, call 632-ARTS. 8:00 p.m., Main Stage, Staller Center. Tickets: \$29.

4/25, Sunday. Baroque Sundays at Three. Graduate students present favorites from the Baroque Age of Passion. For more information, call 632-7330. 3:00 p.m. Recital Hall, Staller Center.

4/28, Wednesday. Contemporary Chamber Players. "Stony Brook Composers" features music by University composers. For more information, call 632-7330. 8:00 p.m. Recital Hall, Staller Center.

4/29, Thursday. Afternoon of Poetry with Henri Cole. Enjoy a reading by the winner of the 2004 Kingsley Tufts Poetry Award. 4:00 p.m. Javits Room, Melville Library.

4/30, Friday. Fifth Annual Jazz Festival. For more information, call 632-7330. The Festival is from 12:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., with a concert at 8:00 p.m. Recital Hall, Staller Center.

SEMINARS/LECTURES

4/8, Thursday. Neurobiology and Behavior Seminar. Dr. Wesley J. Thompson, University of Texas, discusses "Studies of the Role of Schwann Cells in Synaptic Maintenance and Repair Using Transgenic Mice." 12:00 p.m. Room 038, Life Sciences.

4/8, Thursday. Biochemistry and Cell Biology Seminar. Dr. Tom Rapoport, from Harvard Medical School, discusses "Structure and Function of a Protein-Conducting Channel." 4:00 p.m. Lecture Hall 2, Level 2, HSC.

4/12, 4/19, 4/26, Mondays. Alexander Technique Workshops. Sign up for individual lessons with Bob Bradley, Reiki Master and Pain Specialist. To register, call 632-7263. Room 309, SAC. Cost: \$60.

4/14, Wednesday. Professional Development Seminar Series. "Legal, Financial, Business, and Marketing Issues of Starting a Private Practice" is designed for alumni. For more information, call 444-2899 or visit hscalumni.edu. Alumni \$25, others \$40.

4/15, Thursday. Family Violence Education Program. Marianne Esolen discusses "Good Grief: Helping Children Address Issues of Traumatic Grief." 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Lecture Hall 5, Level 3, HSC.

4/15, Thursday. Neurobiology and Behavior Seminar. Dr. Jon Johnson, University of Pittsburgh, discusses "Effects of NMDA Receptor Subunit Composition and Permeant Ions on Channel Block by Mg²⁺." 12:00 p.m. Room 038, Life Sciences.

4/15, Thursday and 4/16, Friday. Global Renaissance Symposium. Ania Loomba, University of Pennsylvania, gives the keynote address. For more information, call 632-7765. Stony Brook Manhattan.

4/16, Friday. Family Violence Education Workshop. Carol Forgrash discusses "An Introduction to Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing." To register, call 444-3694. 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Lecture Hall 6, Level 3, HSC. Fee: \$30.

4/16, Friday. The Worlds of Physics. Dr. Gerry Bunce, Brookhaven National Laboratory, discusses "The Sum Rule of Physics: Muon g-2." For more information, call 632-8757. 7:30 p.m. Room 001, ESS Building.

4/21, Wednesday. Humanities Institute Lecture. Eduardo Mendieta, Philosophy Department and Women's Studies, discusses "Plantations, Ghettos, Prisons: U.S. Racial Geographies." For more information, call 632-7765. 4:30 p.m. E-4340, Melville Library.

4/22, Thursday. Neurobiology and Behavior Seminar. Dr. Zhigang He, from Children's Hospital, Boston, discusses "Inhibitory Mechanisms in Axon Regeneration." 12:00 p.m. Room 038, Life Sciences.

4/22, Thursday. Office of VP for Research Workshop. "Disclosing Your Invention" workshop covers common mistakes, patents, and royalties. To register, call Kristen Duryea at 632-9347. 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Room 152, HSC.

4/22, Thursday. Biochemistry and Cell Biology Seminar. Dr. Guenter Schwarz, University of Braunschweig, Germany, discusses "Molybdenum Cofactor Biosynthesis: Structure-Function-Relation Between Basic Metabolism, Wilson's Disease, and Neuro-Receptor Clustering." 4:00 p.m. Room 038, Life Sciences.

4/22, Thursday. Center for Italian Studies Lecture. Professor Luigi Bonaffini, CUNY, discusses "Italian Dialects Between Emigration Literature and Translation." For more information, call 632-7444. 5:30 p.m. Room N-5004, Melville Library.

4/23, Friday. The Living World. Professor Maureen O'Leary, Department of

Anatomical Science, "The Origin of Whales." For more information, call 632-8600. 7:30 p.m. Room 001, ESS Building.

4/24, Saturday. George Williams Symposium. Major figures will lecture at this event honoring the renowned evolutionary biologist. 9:15 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Harriman Auditorium. \$60 general, \$30 students.

4/26, Monday. OB/GYN Seminar. Dr. Lauri Budnick discusses "Urinary Stress Incontinence and Other Pelvic Floor Problems." To pre-register, call 588-5024. 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Sachem Public Library.

4/27, Tuesday. Dean's Distinguished Lecture Series. Hal Abelson from MIT discusses "Universities, the Internet, and the Intellectual Commons." For more information, call 632-8765. 1:00 p.m. SAC Auditorium.

4/28, Wednesday. Medical Seminar. "Managed Care Coding and Billing" addresses coding and billing, reimbursement, case review, legal issues, utilization review, and denial of claims. For more information, call 444-2899. 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Wang Center. Alumni \$50, others \$60.

4/30, Friday. A Gathering of Science Scholars Symposium. This regional conference highlights research accomplishments of underrepresented students. For more information, visit stonybrook.edu/agep.

4/30, Friday. Geology Open Night. Professor Teng-fong Wong, Department of Geosciences, discusses "Probing Deep for Earthquake Answers: Two Projects to Drill into Active Fault Zones in California and Taiwan." For more information, call 632-8200. 7:30 p.m. Room 001, ESS Building.



For tickets, call 632-ARTS.

Friday, April 23. The Station Agent. Three people become friends in the wilds of New Jersey in this thoughtful and often hilarious take on loneliness. 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 23. Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King. In the finale of the trilogy, Frodo and Sam continue to approach Mount Doom to destroy the One Ring. 9:00 p.m.