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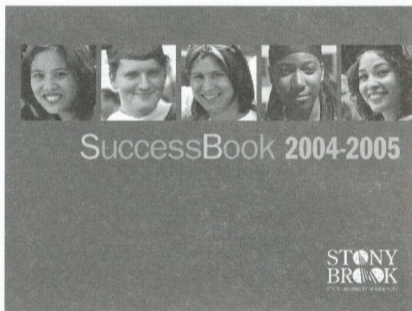
Call for Participation in URECA

Forms Due March 10

Each year, URECA sponsors a Celebration of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity, an event providing a professional (and friendly) setting for students to present their research. Any undergraduate participating in mentored research is invited to participate. Students benefit by gaining experience in presenting their work, discussing their project with faculty and other colleagues in the campus community, and learning about the work of their fellow students. Abstracts of work presented will be published in our URECA Collected Abstracts 2004-2005 book.

This year's URECA Celebration will be held on Thursday, April 28, at the Student Activities Center. Abstracts and participation forms are due March 10 for inclusion in the URECA Collected Abstracts book. Participants may also sign up for a workshop on poster presentation given by Professor John Shea, on Wednesday, April 13, between 1:15 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. in Melville Library Room N3090.

For more information about URECA, contact Karen Kernan at 632-7114 or see www.stonybrook.edu/ureca/celebration.htm.



The Student Planner

2004 Success Book Wins CASE Award

Stony Brook University struck gold this year in the CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education) District II Accolades Awards competition.

The Office of University Communications netted the Gold award in the Student Recruitment Individual Publications, Student Handbooks category, for designing the 2004 Student Planner.

The planner was designed by staff artist Aiyi Liao, and edited and written by project manager Shelley Catalano. Art Director Karen Leibowitz oversaw the design. It also featured the photographs of David Roberts. The client was The Office of Student Affairs. Several articles were provided by Student Affairs staff.

Leibowitz said that Liao was instrumental in pushing for the dramatic layout change.

"The student photos, streamlined text, and playfulness of the layout contributed to winning an award," said Catalano.

It's About Us!

Faculty/Staff Campaign Celebrates Sweet Success



Top left: President Shirley Strum Kenny thanks faculty and staff members for their dedication, commitment, and generosity—first-year results were nearly \$800,000.

Top right: A gathering of faculty and staff enjoy the afternoon. Bottom left: Entertainment was provided by the University Jazz Ensemble. Bottom right: A dessert buffet, sponsored by the Faculty Student Association and catered by Campus Dining, is the highlight of the festivities.



Frederick R. Preston

VP Preston Retiring After 24 Years

Dr. Frederick R. Preston, who transformed the campus experience and introduced a variety of cultural, musical, and recreational events during a distinguished tenure as Vice President for Student Affairs at Stony Brook University, has announced that he will retire in June after 24 years. He began his career at Stony Brook in 1981.

Dr. Preston—who early in his career rode a motorcycle to work and performed songs for resident students at night at a time when few social activities existed—is the longest-serving senior administrator at Stony Brook and one of the longest serving in the State University of New York system.

"It has been a blast," Dr. Preston said. "It's been a very good team to work with, from the President of the University on down. You cannot accomplish anything by yourself. You need teamwork among the senior administrators and your own staff, and I have been fortunate to have that."

Dr. Preston's commitment to building a stronger community led to a variety of campus traditions, including the Student/Faculty/Staff Retreat, The Year of Community initiative, the annual Leadership Symposium, and the Student Convocation. His passion for volunteerism is reflected in the hundreds of students, faculty, and staff that have raised funds and helped build the Stony Brook/Habitat for Humanity homes in recent years. Construction begins on the fourth Stony Brook House this summer.

In addition, he also has held an adjunct appointment as a clinical associate professor in the School of Social Welfare, and he has lectured and consulted nationally in the areas of cross-cultural relations, human development, organizational culture, community organization, and higher education.

"Fred Preston has helped make Stony Brook a better place, a warmer place, a more exciting place," said President Kenny. "We want our students to have a very positive experience at Stony Brook, to have access to support and resources, and to have some fun. Because of Fred, they do."

Dr. Preston and his wife, Linda, plan to relocate to San Antonio.

Message from the CEO of SB University Hospital

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Stony Brook University Hospital as it celebrates its 25th anniversary of bringing "Smart Medicine and Expert Care" to the community—and beyond.

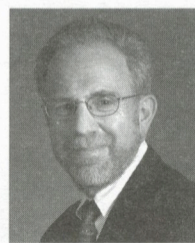
Stony Brook University Hospital provides the most advanced care to its patients. The Hospital, together with the Health Sciences Center, comprise Long Island's only academic medical center and plays a pivotal role in leading research and pioneering techniques. Stony Brook University Hospital serves as the region's only tertiary care center and level 1 trauma center. Our Center for Perinatal and Neonatal Intensive Care, Heart Center, and Long Island Cancer Center, are the region's premier centers for specialized care. It is also the regional center for burn care, kidney transplantation, and other specialties.

I am honored to be leading Stony Brook University Hospital at a time of great growth, transformation, and development. The Major Modernization Plan currently underway is rebuilding the Hospital to provide expanded and enhanced services as well as new state-of-the-art facilities—all with the goal of serving our patients now and well into the future.

I am confident that our next 25 years will be as extraordinary as our first, as Stony Brook University

Hospital proudly fulfills its long-held mission to provide excellence in patient care, education, research, and community service.

—Bruce Schroffel, Director and Chief Executive Officer



Bruce Schroffel

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Science Scholars National Conference

March 10–11, Wang Center

The Center for Inclusive Education will host a national conference that will highlight the research accomplishments of underrepresented science students, both undergraduate and graduate, and the success of the myriad of diversity programs that promote their academic achievements and encourage the pursuit of a career in the professoriate.

The conference will feature nationally recognized leaders in minority science education, skill-building workshops, a research symposium competition of science posters, and a networking session/career fair. Last year, the inaugural conference yielded 300 participants with more than 200 students from 21 institutions throughout New York State and more than 90 research posters. For more information and to register online, visit www.stonybrook.edu/agep.

Library Lecture

Wednesday, March 16
 4:00 p.m.

Krin Gabbard, Professor, Department of Comparative Literature, reveals in his latest book *Black Magic: White Hollywood and African American Culture*, that we duly recognize the cultural heritage of African Americans in literature, music, and art, but there is a disturbing pattern in the roles that blacks are asked to play, particularly in the movies. Many recent films, including *The Bridges of Madison County*, *Crumb*, *Fargo*, *Ghost*, *The Green Mile*, *The Matrix*, *Pleasantville*, and *The Talented Mr. Ripley*, reveal a fascination with black music and sexuality even as they preserve the old racial hierarchies.

In the final chapters of *Black Magic*, Gabbard looks at films by Robert Altman and Spike Lee that attempt to reverse many of these widespread trends.

The lecture takes place in the Javits Room, Second Floor, Melville Library. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Cardiology Chief Introduces Two New Heart Procedures

Stony Brook University Hospital's new Chief of Cardiovascular Medicine, Dr. David L. Brown, has introduced in Suffolk County two new procedures to treat serious heart ailments. They replace the need for either open heart surgery or medical management of the two conditions.

The procedures are called percutaneous, or "through the skin," closures. What Dr. Brown does is insert a long wire tube called a catheter into a blood vessel in the groin, and gently threads it up to the defective area in the heart. Within the catheter is a device that is placed on either side of the defect that grabs onto the tissue surrounding the hole and completely occludes the opening. It looks like two mesh pancakes with netting within them, a "wonder of biomedical engineering," Dr. Brown notes. Both procedures have success rates of 97 percent to 99 percent.

In the first disorder, known as PFO for patent foramen ovale, a fetus has an abnormal opening between the right and left atria, the upper chambers of the heart, which in most newborns closes shortly after birth. This hole allows blood to bypass the lungs. It occurs in about 20 percent of people. The cause is not yet known. Without other heart problems, infants with PFO have no symptoms other than a rarely occurring discoloration of the baby's skin.

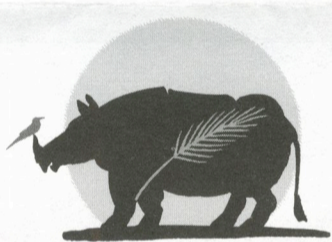
The second condition is also congenital—an atrial-septal defect, or ASD—commonly referred to as a "hole in the heart." The septum is a wall that separates the right and left sides of the heart, and ASD is a hole between the two upper chambers. Oxygen-rich blood leaks from the left side of the heart back to the right side, pumped back to the lungs where it displaces blood in need of oxygenation in the lungs. Few, if any, symptoms appear.

Prior to the advent of technologies that could close the hole without surgery, cardiac surgeons had no choice other than to perform open-heart surgery and suture the hole closed. While highly successful, the sutures and scar tissue that forms around them may cause heart arrhythmias called atrial fibrillations later on.

Once the device is in place, the catheter is removed. The procedure for repairing a PFO takes only about 20 minutes; it takes the cardiologist about 45 minutes to fix the ASD. Patients return home the next day and go back to work shortly thereafter.

SAVE THE DATES ★ MAY 6–8, 2005

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 to register online, visit
www.stonybrook.edu/lifematters

Conference Focuses on Leadership for Women, Girls

Tuesday, March 15, 8:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Long Island Fund for Women and Girls (LIFWG) and by Stony Brook University, the sixth annual Blueprint for Gender Equity in Education Conference will focus on "Today's Girls, Tomorrow's Leaders." The development of individual leadership potential will be explored through interactive discussions, and workshops will demonstrate how participants can hone their leadership skills and create positive change in their schools and communities.

The day will include an interactive presentation, "Young Leaders: A Student Guide to Making a Difference in the Universe" by a panel of college student leaders and an address by Dr. Lindamichelle Baron, educator and inspirational speaker, on "Finding and Growing the Leader Inside You."

Workshops for adult leaders will address topics including how to help young women develop their leadership potential and how to encourage young women to identify and take advantage of leadership opportunities in their schools and communities. Student leaders will have their own workshops on the skills needed to become a positive leader, and how to become leaders for change around issues that are important to them.

"To create the world we want, we all need to be leaders who are prepared to advocate for positive change not only in our own arenas but on the larger stage, with skill and personal commitment. That's the message we want to communicate through this conference," said Dr. Janice Grackin, Conference Chair.

For information about the conference, call the LIFWG at (516) 622-FUND (3863). Conference registration forms may be downloaded at www.lifwg.org.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Professor William Chittick's book, *Me and Rumi*, has been selected as the best work in the field of Iranian Studies published in the Americas by the Secretariat of the World Prize for Book of the Year of the Islamic Republic of Iran...Megs Shea will be developing and publicizing public programs for the Stony Brook Environmental Conservancy. Until recently, Shea was Director of Summer Sessions at Stony Brook...Stony Brook men's and women's tennis coach Gary Glassman has been appointed a member of the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Tennis Committee.

University
 cafe

The Kennedys

Sunday, March 13
 2:00 p.m.

Martha Trachtenberg and
 Tom Griffith will open.

The Café is located on the lower level of the Student Union Building. Look for the bright red "University Café" awning on the right side of the building.

Reservations are suggested; call Godfrey Palaia at 632-6027 or e-mail him at Godfrey.Palaia@stonybrook.edu.

Campus Climate Survey Results In

Nearly one-fourth of the faculty and staff responded to our Campus Climate Survey conducted last year. The results of that survey will be available—both online and in printed format—on March 1. At that time, we invite the campus community to comment on the results. More information about where you can access the survey and how to give feedback will be available in the next issue of *Happenings* and on the Web.

Looking for a Senior Speaker!

Do you know a graduating senior who you'd think would make a great Commencement speaker? If so, Alexandra Duggan, Director for Student Activities at 632-7320, can provide more information and an application form. The deadline for applying is Friday, March 11.

Staller Center Stats

Inaugural season: 1979

Main Stage seats: 1,018
 Recital Hall seats: 372

2004-05 season:

- 32 professional performances
- Five Stony Brook Symphony performances
- Dozens of Department of Music student recitals
- Dozens of guest groups

10th Stony Brook Film Festival
 July 21–July 30, 2005
 Film festival attendance in 2004:
 13,000

Prepared by the Office of Institutional Research

2005 SB/BNL Seed Grant Awards

Deadline: Friday, March 18

Proposals for the seventh annual SB/BNL Seed Grant Award Program are being accepted. This program will further strengthen the programmatic links between Stony Brook University and Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL). Grants of up to \$25,000 may be awarded.

Successful proposals will describe how this seed support is likely to lead to fully developed applications to standard agencies supporting research or in fields where external support is less likely, and how the work builds on Stony Brook University's academic priorities. Proposals must also describe specific collaborations with BNL personnel; however, proposal submittal is restricted to members of the Stony Brook University faculty.

RFP information and Formal Proposal Applications are available at <http://ws.cc.stonybrook.edu/bnl/seed.html>. Deadline for submission is Friday, March 18. For more information, contact the VPBA office at 632-4360.

Explore the Secrets of the Mind

Monday, March 14, 4:30 p.m.
Staller Center for the Arts

Your favorite quarterback makes a miracle throw while dodging a 300-pound lineman—is the play's success due to pure athletic skill? Good luck? Or could the quarterback's subconscious memory be telling him what to do?

The effortless ease with which humans move masks the true complexity of the control processes involved. This is evident when we try to build machines to perform human control tasks. While computers can now beat grandmasters at chess, no computer can yet control a robot to manipulate a chess piece with the dexterity of a six-year-old child. A major factor that makes control hard is the uncertainty inherent in the world and in our own sensory and motor systems.

In the Ninth Annual Mind/Brain Lecture, Professor Daniel Wolpert will explain how the brain deals with this and demonstrate that a key feature of skilled human motor performance is the ability of the brain to perform optimally in the presence of uncertainty.

Please join us for his talk, *The Master Puppeteer: How the Brain Controls the Body*, at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 14, in the Staller Center for the Arts. A reception will follow the talk. The event is free and open to the public. The lecture is intended for a general audience.

The Swartz Foundation sponsors the Mind/Brain Lecture Series in cooperation with Stony Brook University. For more about Wolpert or the lecture series, please visit www.stonybrook.edu/sb/mind/ and follow the links. For further information about the Swartz Foundation, please visit www.theswartzfoundation.org.



Daniel Wolpert

Take the Ride, Show Your Pride on SB Day in Albany

Make Your Reservation for Tuesday, March 1

If you get the feeling that more of your colleagues are attending Stony Brook Day in Albany every year, you are right. The numbers have been steadily increasing each year since President Shirley Strum Kenny's arrival at the University, and that is no coincidence. "The president enthusiastically supports this," said Janice Rohlf, Director of the Office of Governmental Relations. Most years, when her other commitments allow, President Kenny will ride the bus up and back with the students and staff members.

Part of the reason for the increasing numbers might be that recruitment methods have been given a boost with the involvement of Dean Jerry Stein, according to Rohlf. "We have 50 teams all with student and non-student leaders this year," she said. "It was Jerry Stein's idea and it is a fabulous one!"

Last year's contingent of 700 set a new record. In fact the only deviation from the pattern occurred two years ago, when a snowstorm forced faculty to reschedule exams. This year's high turnout is expected to echo the year's theme, "Take the Ride. Show Your Pride."

The highlight of Stony Brook Day in Albany for most students is the chance to meet legislators or their aides and to discuss issues with them. And while Rohlf says that students are free to talk about anything that concerns them, she said that letting their elected officials know why they value the University is of primary importance. "If they answer the question, 'Why am I at Stony Brook?' they will be able to effectively convey their enthusiasm," she said.

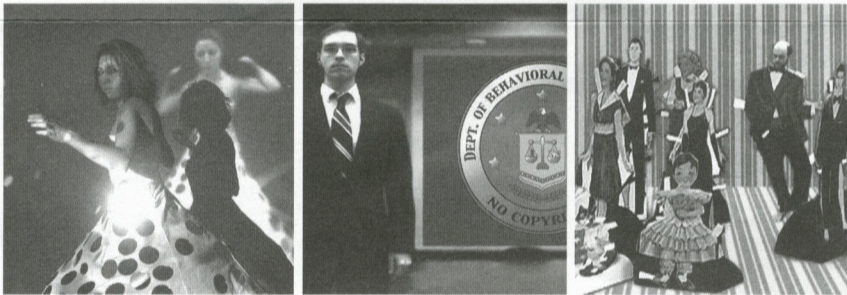
When the long day is over, everyone will gather at 3:00 p.m. in the Conference Center at the Legislative Office Building for the end-of-day reception/celebration, where food will be served.

Rohlf also credits the event's burgeoning success with having a committee of 20 and a quartet of co-chairs that include: Rohlf, Ed Drummond, Bill Godfrey, and John Schmidt. "And the excellent work of my assistant, Judy Boudreau, is the glue that holds it all together," Rohlf said.

There's still time to register for Stony Brook Day in Albany. If you would like to "take the ride," please fill out the online registration form at www.stonybrook.edu/sb/albany/

MFA Students' Work at Staller Center Art Gallery

Saturday, March 5. through Saturday, April 9



L to R: Nilufer Ovalioglu, "Mirrorland" performance, 2004; Lawrence Mesich, "DBI Instructional Video Series," 2004; Lawrence Mesich, "Misrepresentations, Erroneous Conclusions, and Ethical Behaviors," 2004-2005.

The "MFA Thesis Exhibition 2005," to be held at the University Art Gallery, includes mixed-media and electronic installations by Master of Fine Arts' students Lawrence Mesich, Gabrielle Moisan, and Nilufer Ovalioglu. A reception honoring the artists will be held on Saturday, March 12, from 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. The Gallery's hours are Tuesday through Friday, 12:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. and Saturday, 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. Admission is free. For further information, call the Gallery at 632-7240.

DNA Expert Joins Pharmacology Faculty

Orlando Schärer Recruited Through \$655,600 NYSTAR Grant

Stony Brook University has been awarded a \$655,600 grant from the New York State Office of Science, Technology, and Academic Research (NYSTAR) to recruit an internationally recognized expert to study DNA repair. Orlando Schärer, Ph.D., will join Stony Brook's Department of Pharmacological Sciences, where his work will focus on the potential to design new drugs for treating cancer.

"We are delighted to have someone of Dr. Schärer's stature at Stony Brook," said Jeffrey Pessin, Ph.D., Chair of the Department of Pharmacological Sciences. "He will be a tremendous asset in the important work being done at Stony Brook to unlock new treatments for different cancers."

The award is the fifth faculty development award from NYSTAR to Stony Brook, the most of any university in the state.

While pursuing Ph.D. studies at Harvard in 1991, Dr. Schärer's research focused on chemical biology, the application of chemical methodology to study biology, and DNA repair—a fundamental process responsible for preserving the genetic information content of a cell.

At the University of Zürich in 1999, Dr. Schärer initiated an interdisciplinary research program aimed at investigating complex mammalian DNA repair pathways using organic chemistry, biochemistry, and molecular and cellular biology. At Stony Brook, he will explore DNA repair pathways to develop new approaches toward anti-tumor and gene therapy.

Discovering Wine Series

March 10, 17, 24,
6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
Wang Center



The Center for Wine, Food, and Culture is now offering classes on the Stony Brook campus! For information on additional classes, see www.stonybrook.edu/sb/winecenter.

An Italian Heritage of Flavor from America's Secret Wine Region

Sal Diliberto, winemaker
Thursday, March 10

This will be an evening of tasting the Diliberto's Gold Medal winning wines, with reminiscences of the roots of this Italian American tradition.

The History of Champagne

Michael Cinque, Master of Wine

Thursday, March 17
Let a Master of Wine take you on a journey to Champagne, following the exciting tale of an historic accident that led to the world's most prestigious wines.

From Aroma to Bouquet: How Wines Age

Eric Fry, winemaker
Thursday, March 24

Everyone knows that wine is supposed to improve with age, but how does this happen? Winemaker Eric Fry will lead a tasting beginning with the evolution of sparkling wines, moving on through whites into the deep, dark changes that red wines undergo.

Each class will offer six to eight quality wines with light food pairings. You must be 21 or over to participate. Classes are \$55 per person; "Bring a Friend" and the second person pays \$45. Sign up for three or more classes for the special rate of \$40 per class. To register, call Ginny Clancy at (631) 632-9404.

Prayers, Funds for Tsunami Victims

Prayer Service

Wednesday, February 23
5:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.
Wang Center

View flags from affected countries, symbolic lanterns, a gong, and a slide presentation.

Campus Community Lunch at Jasmine

Thursday, February 24
11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
Wang Center

\$20 for staff and faculty, \$10 for students
50 percent of proceeds will go to "Save the Children." Prizes will be raffled.

Chartwells, in conjunction with Campus Catholic Ministry and the

Oxfam America Committee, has been sponsoring a Meal Plan Donation for tsunami victims. In the past two weeks, students have donated more than \$10,000 through their Meal Plan donations and over \$600 in cash.

A Winter's Night in Setauket

**Wednesday, March 9
7:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m.
Setauket Neighborhood House**

Enjoy an evening of Civil War-period dancing and live music. The dance is a collaboration between Long Island Traditional Music Association, the Three Village Historical Society, and Stony Brook's Department of History.

The impetus for the event arose from Professor April Masten, who teaches a course called "Dancing American History from Slavery to Hip Hop." Her students, who study history from the perspective of dance, will be on hand to learn and demonstrate. Larry Moser and Mary Nagin will provide music. Calling the event is Annette Kirk. The Three Village Historical Society will provide period refreshments.

Entry is a suggested \$2 donation. No experience necessary, no partner required. Demonstration and practice at 7:00 p.m., dance at 8:00 p.m. The Setauket Neighborhood House is located at 95 Main Street in Setauket, near the Mill Pond. For more information, call 689-8963 or 632-7483.

Cardiac Education Program

A free, six-part Cardiac Education Program for patients, families, and friends, is being sponsored by Stony Brook University Hospital. All classes are on Thursdays from 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

March 3: What is heart disease? How is it treated and prevented?

March 10: Coping with heart disease/Self-care issues

March 24: Home Exercise Programs

March 31: Stress Management Techniques

April 7: Heart healthy nutrition

April 14: Medication Guidelines

Classes are held in the University Hospital Education Center at Stony Brook Technology Park, 14 Technology Drive (North Entrance), East Setauket. To register, call HealthConnect at 444-4000.



Wang Center Events

Eliot Chang Comedy Show
Thursday, February 24, 8:00 p.m.,
Wang Center Theatre

Chang, a critically acclaimed stand-up comic from New York City, is known for his "Asians in the Media" workshop, which addresses how Asians are portrayed in TV and film. Chang also discusses the media's influence on attitudes towards Asians in America.

Japanese Samurai Film Series

March 3, 10, 17, 7:00 p.m., Wang Center Theatre
Samurai were warriors of feudal Japan from the 9th through the 19th century. The word *samurai* means "to serve," and these warriors cultivated high military skill with the sword and unflinching loyalty to their overlords. Over time, the samurai developed their own class and philosophy of chivalry, known as bushido, or "the way of the warrior." Co-sponsored with the Japan Center. Admission is free.

March 3: *Seven Samurai*—One of the greatest masterpieces in film history.
March 10: *Twilight Samurai*—Academy Award nominee for Best Foreign Language Film and winner of 12 Japanese Film Academy Awards.
March 17: *Onmyoji*—A magical story about a Dark Age of demons.

Please visit www.stonybrook.edu/sb/wang for more Asian and Asian American programs, schedules, and details.

SEAWOLVES

Upcoming Home Events

Men's Basketball

Thursday, February 24 vs. Albany, 7:00 p.m.
Senior Day at the Brook! Be on hand as the class of 2005 plays its final home game of the season!

Women's Basketball

Saturday, February 26 vs. New Hampshire, 1:00 p.m.
Free Autograph Balls to the first 250 fans courtesy of Coach Realtors! Stick around for post-game layup and autograph session with Seawolves players and coaches.

Men's Lacrosse

Saturday, February 26 vs. Delaware, 1:00 p.m.
Come out to support the Seawolves and new head coach Lars Tiffany in the season opener.

Saturday, March 5 vs. Wagner, 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 8 vs. Army, 7:00 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse

Sunday, February 27 vs. C.W. Post, 12:00 p.m.
Come out to support the Seawolves and head coach Danie Caro in the season opener.

Saturday, March 5 vs. Fairfield, 3:00 p.m.

Faculty/Staff Day Women's Basketball

Wednesday, March 2 vs. Maine, 7:00 p.m.
Senior Day at the Brook! Be on hand as the class of 2005 plays its final home game of the season.
As part of Faculty/Staff Day, all Stony Brook employees will receive two free tickets to the game with proper ID.

For more information about Seawolves events, please call 632-WOLF or visit www.goseawolves.org.

DSS Wants Your Stories

Disability Support Services, in collaboration with Student Health Services-CHOICE Center and the Department of Theatre, wants written stories of how Stony Brook students, faculty, and staff have been positively or negatively affected by their own or someone else's disability. The information will be used to develop short skits, which will be part of a live performance. Contributors will remain anonymous. To contribute, contact Stephanie Patterson at 632-6748.

Take Part in Clinical Studies

The Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry is offering no-fee clinical studies open to the public.

- **Bipolar Disorder, ages 10-17**
- **Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, ages 6-17**
- **ADHD and Aggressive Behavior and control problems, ages 6-14**
- **ADHD and Tic Disorder, ages 6-12**

Phone prescreens are necessary. Patients are eligible to receive, at no cost, psychiatric screening, medical assessments, psychiatric assessments, therapy sessions, and study medication. For information, call RoseMary Citrola, Ph.D., at 632-8828, or e-mail RoseMary.Citrola@stonybrook.edu

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CALENDAR FEBRUARY 25 – APRIL 29

ART/MUSIC/THEATRE

2/26, Saturday. Ahmad Jamal, Piano. Enjoy a great evening of jazz with a master who has won many accolades. For tickets, call 632-ARTS. 8:00 p.m. Recital Hall, Staller Center. Tickets: \$34.

2/27, Sunday. Opera Verdi Europa: Aida. This fully staged production of the grand opera is performed with orchestra, sung in Italian with projected supertitles. For tickets, call 632-ARTS. 7:00 p.m. Main Stage, Staller Center. Tickets: \$38.

3/2, Wednesday. Faculty/Student Recital. Faculty and students perform a chamber music program. For more information, call 632-7330. 8:00 p.m. Recital Hall, Staller Center.

3/4, Friday. Percussion Plus! For more information, call 632-7330. 8:00 p.m. Recital Hall, Staller Center.

3/5, Saturday. Trinity Irish Dance Company and Different Drums of Ireland. The genius of these two renowned groups brings a show of unrivaled power, grace, and innovation to Staller. For tickets, call 632-ARTS. 8:00 p.m. Main Stage, Staller Center. Tickets: \$34.

3/6, Sunday. Susan Werner. The wry, folk-rocking singer-songwriter performs a live intimate show. For tickets, call 632-ARTS. 7:00 p.m. Recital Hall, Staller Center. Tickets: \$30.

3/7, Monday. Piano Project 2005. Students and faculty play fantasies from the 17th through 21st centuries. For more information, call 632-7330. 8:00 p.m. Recital Hall, Staller Center.

3/8, Tuesday. Children's Concert—Bravo Orchestra! The University Orchestra concert includes highlights from favorite orchestral pieces. For information, call 632-7330. 7:30 p.m. Main Stage, Staller Center. Tickets: \$8 general; \$4 students/seniors.

SEMINARS/LECTURES

2/25, Friday, Geology Open Night. Prof. John B. Parise, Department of Geosciences, discusses "How are Neutrons Used to Determine the Structures of Liquids and Solids?" 7:30 p.m., Room 001, ESS Building.

3/4, Friday, Astronomy Open Night. Prof. Michal Simon, Department of Physics and Astronomy, discusses "The Exoplanets." 7:30 p.m., Room 001, ESS Building.

3/15, Tuesday. Provost's Lecture. Yassin El-Ayouty, "The Globalization of the Rule of Law." 1:00 p.m., Wang Center.



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Friday, March 11. Finding Neverland. The story of J. M. Barrie, the writer of Peter Pan, in Edwardian London. 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 11. Sideways. A comedy about two friends taking off for a golf weekend in the California wine country, with one on the verge of giving up on life. 9:30 p.m.

Friday, April 29. The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou. To take revenge on a mythical shark that killed his partner, oceanographer Steve Zissou rallies an unlikely crew. A comedy/adventure/fantasy. 7:00 p.m.