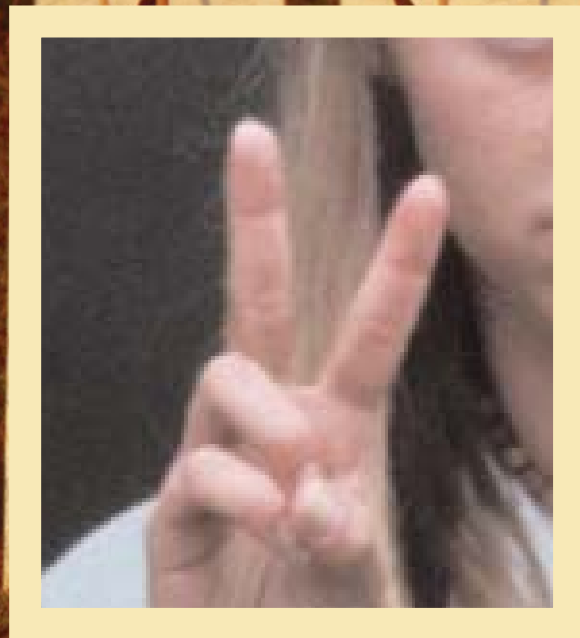


# THE BROOK



## Values Under Fire

Essays by Susan Cheever and Dan Wakefield



## From the Desk of Joe Campolo

**A**s my term as President of the Alumni Association concludes, I'm proud to reflect on the great progress our Alumni Association has made throughout the past few years. Homecoming used to be a small event attended by fewer than 300 people. Now in its fourth year, Wolfstock: A Homecoming Tradition is the Alumni Association's signature event, offering food tastings, an Expo tent, and loads of activities for thousands of alumni and their families. Our Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner is another event that has evolved in recent years—it has become a prestigious, elegant, and fitting tribute to the spectacular alumni we honor, as well as the perfect venue for alumni to entertain their associates, introducing them to Stony Brook.

This past year we had the privilege of donating \$37,000 for student scholarships and an additional \$50,000 in grants to support the work of Stony Brook's departments and organizations. We created a Five-Year Plan to focus our efforts on creating an infrastructure to support our alumni across disciplines and throughout the world. We will accomplish this in part by creating a formalized structure for chapters and affinity groups and an increased number of regional events. We also are rolling out a new membership program, Inner Circle, which will offer members special benefits, events, and discounts, and an opportunity to affiliate with the school or department that interests them the most. I'm excited over the progress we've made so rapidly at the Alumni Association, and look forward to the next five years of explosive growth.

Our Alumni Association exists for two reasons: to offer you services and the opportunity to connect with your fellow alumni and Stony Brook, and to provide the University with resources such as alumni expertise, scholarship support, and student programming. Please tell us if you have an idea for services and opportunities we can offer to alumni, or if you would like to volunteer time or donate money to help the University. We have many established volunteer programs, such as student mentoring, and we attend high school recruitment fairs. We also look forward to hearing about how your unique talents can help Stony Brook, so please contact us! You can send an e-mail to [alumni@stonybrook.edu](mailto:alumni@stonybrook.edu) or call the office at (631) 632-6330.

Joe Campolo '94  
President, Stony Brook Alumni Association

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**On our cover:** American flags decorate the gravestones at the military cemetery in Andersonville, Georgia.  
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**Inset:** Vietnam War protester gives the peace sign.  
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# What's New on Campus



Left: President Shirley Strum Kenny and Athletic Director Jim Fiore welcome men's basketball coach Steve Pikiell. Right: Maura McHugh stays on to coach the women's team.

## Seawolves Coaching Scores Big

The Seawolves athletic program is reaching new heights in basketball and lacrosse. It began in April when Athletic Director Jim Fiore introduced Steve Pikiell as the new Head Coach for men's basketball and then announced that Maura McHugh, who served as interim coach during the 2004–05 season, has been named Head Coach for the women's team. Following soon after was the announcement that Men's Lacrosse Head Coach Lars Tiffany was named America East Men's Lacrosse Coach of the Year. Lacrosse player Bo Tripodi took home Rookie of the Year honors, which marks the first time that Stony Brook has received Coach of the Year and Rookie of the Year accolades in its four years as a member of the America East.

In his first year at the helm of the Seawolves, Tiffany guided the Seawolves to a 9–5 mark and victories over two nationally ranked teams. In March Stony Brook made its first-ever appearance in the Geico/STX Top 20 Poll in the program's 16-year Division I history. The Seawolves climbed as high as No. 14 two weeks after first appearing in the poll at No. 20.

"It is a humbling honor to be recognized by your peers and a major credit to my assistants Patrick Finn and Kevin Cassese," said Tiffany.

Pikiell, another natural leader as well as a gifted athlete, was the only two-time captain to play for Hall of Fame coach Jim Calhoun at basketball powerhouse UConn. He led the Huskies to their first Big East title and appearances in the NCAA Tournament Sweet 16 and Elite 8. As

an assistant coach, Pikiell has a history of transforming lackluster squads into winners. In 1997, when he joined Central Connecticut State University (CCSU), the team had never posted a winning record in Division I. Due in no small part to his recruiting zeal and coaching acumen, CCSU underwent a complete turnaround, gaining an NCAA tournament bid and setting the Northeast Conference record for single-season victories.

"We are thrilled to welcome Coach Pikiell to our Seawolves family," said Fiore. "He has a passion, enthusiasm, and drive that is extremely contagious. We anticipate that Steve will take this program very far, very fast."

Women's basketball is also scoring big with McHugh at the helm. She has more than 25 years of coaching experience at both the collegiate and professional levels. McHugh arrived at Stony Brook late in August 2004, guiding sophomores Jessica Smith and Mykeema Ford to second team America East All-Conference honors and freshman Dana Ferraro to All-Rookie Team accolades, while the team finished 8–20 overall and 6–12 in conference play. McHugh joined the Seawolves following five seasons with the Sacramento Monarchs of the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) as an assistant coach from 1999–01 and head coach from 2001–03.

"We are thrilled to remove the 'interim' from Coach McHugh's title," said Fiore. "We are excited about the future of our women's basketball program with Maura at the helm."

## SB Sends "Care" Package to Soldiers in Iraq

Stony Brook University Police officials and President Kenny presented more than 100 bulletproof vests to Phyllis Ramos of Brentwood in a special ceremony at the Charles B. Wang Center in February.

Phyllis Ramos is the wife of Sam Ramos, a University Police Officer and First Lieutenant in the National Guard who volunteered to serve in Iraq, where he has been stationed for the past seven months. The idea was sparked by University Police Officer Philip Morales, the department's quartermaster, as a way of honoring Lt. Ramos, who was activated to Iraq in June. Ramos has been a member of the University Police since 2000.

The bulletproof vests were sent to Ramos' 1-69th Infantry Division to help reinforce the armor of Humvee vehicles. Only 1,500 to 2,000 of the 15,000 Humvees in Iraq are armored. Since most of the vehicles are only covered in aluminum and fiberglass, they have been penetrated by explosives, thus killing or wounding many American soldiers. The donated vests are used to line the inside of the Humvees, providing additional protection for the troops. Police officer Jeffrey Mott, who is also First Sergeant of the 77th Regional Readiness Command, transported the vests to Iraq.

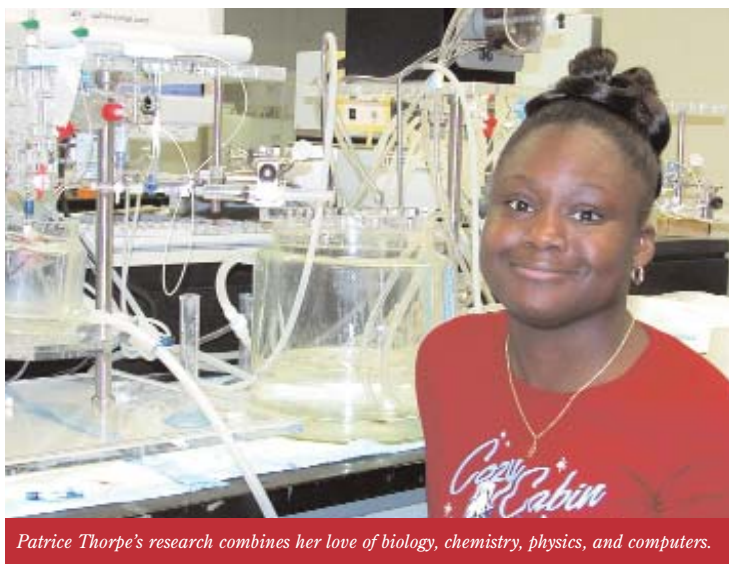
Deputy Chief Douglas Little, also head of the Suffolk Police Chiefs Association, has issued an appeal to police departments across Long Island to join the effort. ■



By Shelley Catalano and Toby Speed

# Research Roundup

**Each spring the University honors the achievements of students at the URECA (Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity) Celebration. Here are several stellar examples of what young minds can accomplish when encouraged to pursue their passions.**



*Patrice Thorpe's research combines her love of biology, chemistry, physics, and computers.*

## Heart to Heart

As she completes her second year of research, Senior Patrice Thorpe is helping her mentor, Dr. Irvin Krukenkamp, Department of Surgery, improve the solution that a heart about to be transplanted is temporarily suspended in while outside the body. Their goal is to decrease the number of heart cells that typically die when the heart is isolated from the body.

To assist her in research, Patrice, who is on the biomechanics track in the Department of Biomedical Engineering, created a computer program to analyze the number of cells that die in an isolated heart. "The computer language that I used was new to me," explains Patrice, "so I had to research how to use the language before I could create my own program."

Learning a new computer language was not daunting for Patrice, who enjoys bringing all her science interests together into her academic major. "We study biology, chemistry, physics, statistics, engineering, and computer programming," she says. "Biomedical engineering is a great major for me because I love all of those subjects."

Her interest in the field began in high school, when Patrice's physics teacher urged her to sign up for AP physics. He also opened her eyes to the field of biomedical engineering, which seemed the ideal path for her to pursue. After she transferred to Stony Brook, at the end of her sophomore year Patrice approached Dr. Krukenkamp and obtained a research position in his lab.

She has won numerous awards for her research, including two MARC Fellowships and a computer science/mathematics/engineering scholarship. She was awarded first place in the Engineering and

Applied Science category in the poster competition at the recent Gathering of Science Scholars Conference at Stony Brook, sponsored by AGEF. Patrice also attended the annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students in Dallas and won first place for her poster in the Quantitative Sciences Category.

Patrice already has had offers from Vanderbilt University and interviewed with Mount Sinai Medical Center to conduct research in both places over the next several months. As for the future, Patrice hopes to be accepted into an M.D./Ph.D. program so she can achieve both of her goals—to conduct research and be a surgeon.

The results of Patrice's research, "Effects of Heptanol-Cardioplegia on Cardiac Preconditioning," were displayed at this year's URECA festival. She participated in URECA last year with a project, "Determination of an Automated Technique for Determination of Infarct Size in the Heart."

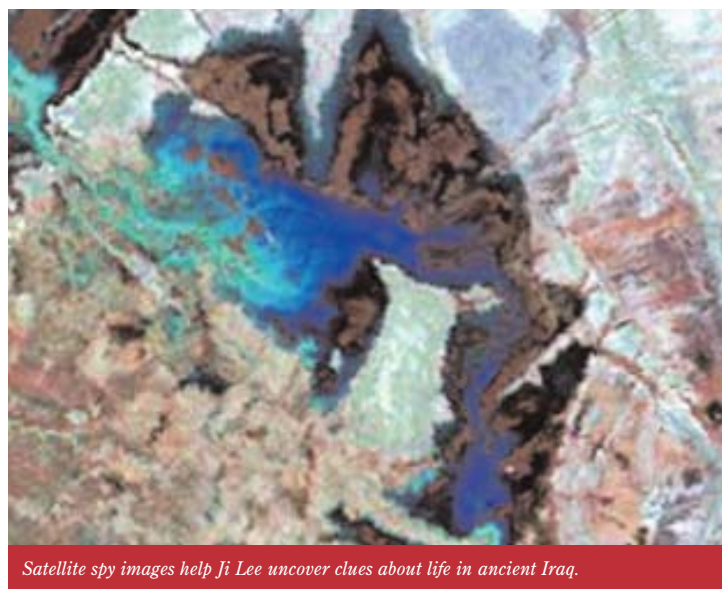
## History From a Distance

Senior Ji Lee has been studying Iraq from a time and distance of 5,000 years and 6,000 miles, all through the magic of satellite imagery and a computer application called Geographic Information Systems (GIS). For the past two years, under the tutelage of her mentor, Dr. Elizabeth Stone of Stony Brook's Department of Anthropology, Ji has been analyzing data on the ancient Iraqi city of Lagash to learn about its economic, political, and social structure.

The large mound that contains the remnants of Lagash was the site of a prior archaeological expedition during the early 1980s by a team from NYU and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. That team conducted a survey collection whereby artifacts such as pottery and tools were collected and recorded. Because of the war in Iraq, Ji has not been able to visit the site herself. But she has been able to learn a great deal about the economic status of Lagash's population—which was affluent—by inputting data about the artifacts into a computer and then analyzing records of the types of pottery found during the earlier dig.

"The Corona Satellite Imagery I use in my research was created in the 1960s and 1970s and was originally used by the United States for spying purposes," says Ji. "The photos reveal a tremendous amount of landscape detail."

Ji came to Stony Brook intending to major in Anthropology. The subject had always intrigued her, and Stony Brook's Anthropology program was famous. It was a dream come true to be able to conduct research alongside her mentor, Professor Stone. Ji's concentration in Near Eastern Archaeology blends nicely with the concentration she has chosen within her second major, Ancient Art History. Last summer Ji



*Satellite spy images help Ji Lee uncover clues about life in ancient Iraq.*

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conducted research in Uzbekistan with Dr. Shoki Goodarzi from the Department of Art History. She displayed the results of her research with Dr. Stone in last year's URECA event. The title of her project was "Surface Analysis of Lagash Using Geographic Information Systems." Ji hasn't decided yet what's next. "I've been accepted into the Ph.D. program at the University of Chicago," she says. "But I may take off a year to work before going to graduate school."

In the meantime, her plans are set for the summer of 2005: Ji will be traveling with her mentor to do research for six weeks in Turkey.



Kaitlyn Ellis spent her summer studying threespine stickleback fish in Alaska.

## Fishing for Clues

For five weeks last summer Junior Kaitlyn Ellis worked in the remote marshes of Cook Inlet, Alaska, angling for clues about the threespine stickleback fish. Along with her mentor, Dr. Michael Bell of the Department of Ecology and Evolution, and a team that included students from Binghamton University and the University of Alaska at Anchorage, Kaitlyn worked to unravel a mystery surrounding the species.

"Over time, the pelvic spine of the threespine stickleback shows a reduction in some populations," she explains. In addition to her research with Professor Bell, Kaitlyn conducted an independent project concerning pelvic reduction in a species of fish related to the threespine stickleback. The results of her research, titled "Pelvic Reduction in Nine Spine Stickleback from Cook Inlet, Alaska," were on display at this year's URECA celebration.

This summer Kaitlyn will take her research one step further. "We will take samples of unique phenotypes and test them for certain genes that might have caused spinal reduction in the stickleback population," she explains. One of the techniques Kaitlyn will use in her research—*in situ* hybridization—had never before been used to compare characteristics among species.

In her freshman year Kaitlyn learned about a research position with Bell through the URECA office and began working with him in the summer. "I took a class with him in Darwinian medicine," she says. "I loved it." Bell wound up being her advisor. In between classes and the research lab, Kaitlyn is a teaching assistant in two classes, Organic Chemistry and the Biology of Being Human. Her plans for after graduation are still hazy.

"I'm torn about what to do," admits Kaitlyn. "I may either go to medical school for a combination medical degree and master's in public health, or I will go for a Ph.D. in Ecology and Evolution." In the meantime, Kaitlyn's research will again take her to the marshes and lakes of Alaska this summer as she collects specimens for this upcoming project. ■

## Beyond URECA—Where Are They Now?

Rita Kalra was a sophomore working on a physics experiment at Brookhaven National Laboratory but wasn't sure what she would focus on in the future. Rita is now a senior preparing to graduate this August with a bachelor's degree in physics (with honors) and math. And her focus is clear: She'll be attending Cambridge University this fall on a Winston Churchill Scholarship in pursuit of a master's degree. "I will be working with a researcher in the physiology department named Dr. Hugh Robinson. His work is on the biophysics of synaptic integration in the brain. I will study inhibitory interneurons in the cortex, which have recently been discovered to fire irregularly and exhibit chaotic synchronization. It is not known why or under what conditions this occurs, and it will be my project to study this," Rita explains. Aside from working on her thesis, Rita hopes to experience the culture of England and travel to other countries in Europe. In addition to her scientific pursuits, Rita is an active member of the campus Tsunami Relief Committee, a recipient of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence, a Rhodes Scholar finalist, and a member of the Sigma Pi Sigma physics honor society and Phi Beta Kappa.



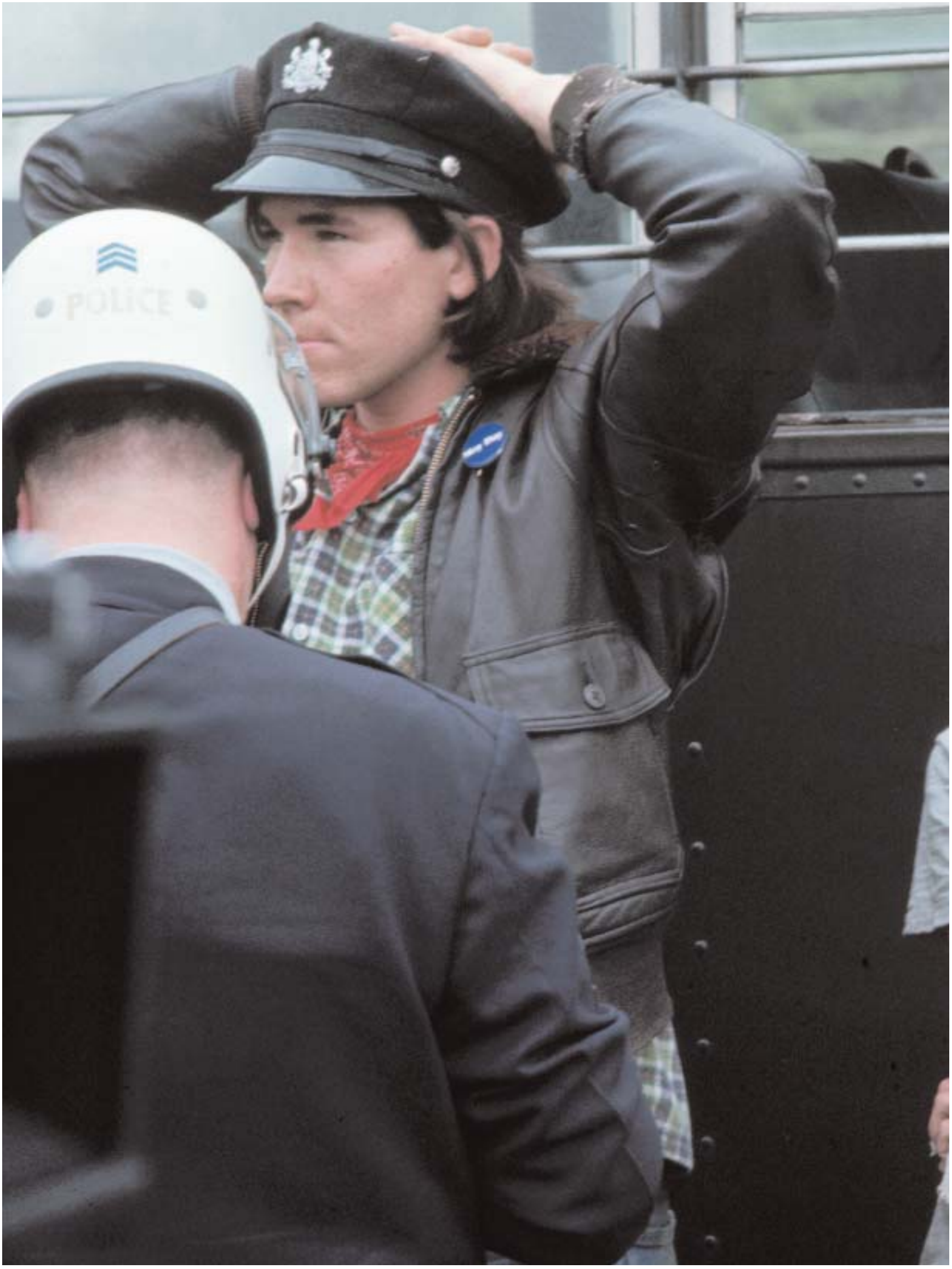
Artist Chris Vivas graduated in August 2003 with a bachelor's degree in Studio Art and English. He had told *The Brook* he planned to "spend time in the art world" before pursuing his sculpture in graduate school. He has done just that. "Right after graduating I went to Japan. During that month I visited many shrines and temples and engulfed myself in Japanese culture. I also made a special visit to the Shigaraki Ceramic Cultural Park in the Shiga Prefecture. The facilities were astonishing. I thought, 'This is the right place for me.' I applied and was accepted as an Artist in Residence." From October 2004 through March 2005, Chris studied at the park, focusing on experimenting with his art (pictured above). "I have been learning about wood fire kilns, specifically used for Shigaraki-ware. I am very interested in the Anagama, which is a traditional Japanese wood fire kiln; I hope to build my own." Chris plans to pursue graduate school and a career in ceramics. He will be giving presentations this summer at The East End Arts Council and The Mills Pond House. "And I will return to Japan... There is no doubt in my mind that it will have an important role in my life."

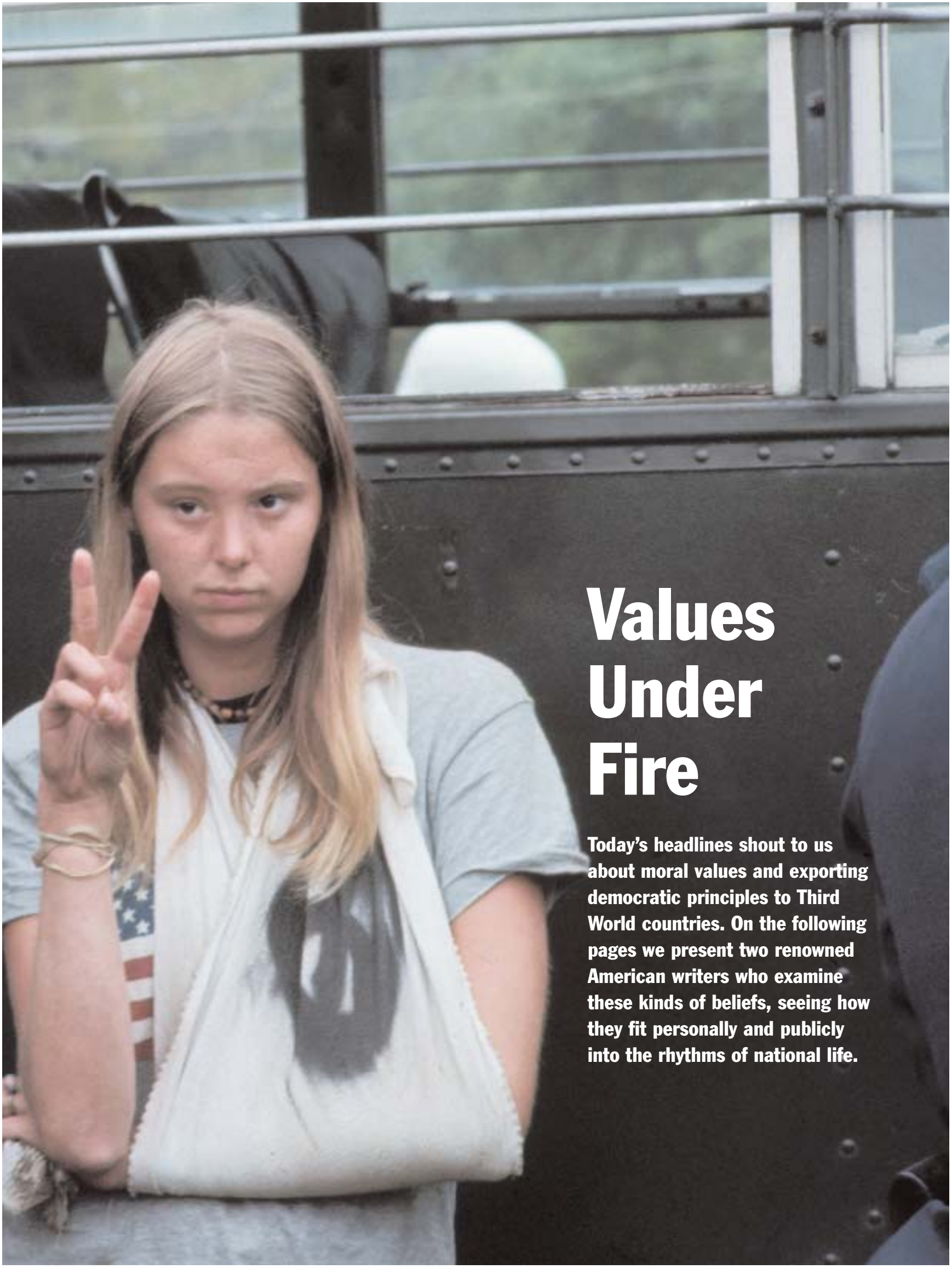


Junior Dave Rubenstein had just submitted a paper on the effects of smoking on the heart when we first met him. Since then, he graduated *summa cum laude* in May 2004 with a B.E. in Biomedical Engineering, receiving a Provost's Award for Academic Excellence. His paper on smoking was published in January 2004 in the journal *Circulation*, making him one of only a few undergraduates to co-author and publish a research article. He has since had two other articles published. Dave is now pursuing a Ph.D. in Stony Brook's Biomedical Engineering graduate program. "My long-term goals are to become an academic and continue to do research in the field of bio-fluids," Dave explains. "The work I hope to carry out when I am an independent researcher will probably be on the progression of atherosclerosis. This is a major problem in our society and it primarily develops due to actions of the cardiovascular system. It would be interesting to elucidate the progress of this disease so we can hinder it."









# Values Under Fire

**Today's headlines shout to us about moral values and exporting democratic principles to Third World countries. On the following pages we present two renowned American writers who examine these kinds of beliefs, seeing how they fit personally and publicly into the rhythms of national life.**



# Our Must-Haves Today... Social Justice *and* Flavored Vinegar

A reflection on how the boomers have influenced America

By Susan Cheever

18 West 11th Street in New York City on March 6, 1970



The rickety booths at Charley's Kitchen down in Jackson were the center of our lives. College kids in A-line dresses from Saks, Washington lawyers in suits, movement leaders from SNCC (Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee) or CORE (Congress of Racial Equality) in faded blue work shirts, we huddled over the sticky plastic tablecloths nursing burgers and watery beer. It was June of 1966, and every now and then a rusty pick-up truck would pull up out front on Farish Street. More civil rights workers, boots still red from the Mississippi earth, would pile into the wooden booths. We'd compare notes on the situation in Philadelphia or Shubuta or Meridian or Sunflower County, and celebrate the small successes of voter registration drives and rural food co-ops. We'd swap stories about running into the great Fannie Lou Hamer and the evil deputy sheriff Cecil Price. The Beatles played on the jukebox next to the sizzling grill; we passed around dog-eared copies of *Siddhartha* and *Brown vs. the Board of Education* and talked about how we were going to change the world.

Maybe we were just kids, but we were kids on a mission. We were going to use our privilege and energy to help the people who had never had a voice, the schoolchildren in segregated classrooms and the people afraid to vote, the oppressed housewives of suburbia, and the peasants in the rice paddies of Vietnam. The culture called us baby boomers but in fact we were the counterculture, the generation that got tired of empty labels and entrenched discrimination. We were sick of dancing the fox trot and taking orders from the Man. And we were right. The Supreme Court had upheld the voting rights act and required that all those arrested be read their rights. Feminism was on the march. A new dawn was coming. Soon Massachusetts would elect an African-American (Edward Brooke) to the U.S. Senate for the first time since Reconstruction. We had integrated Charley's Kitchen, and now we would bring social justice to every other place on earth.

We challenged corrupt police departments and university administrations. We demonstrated; we wrote stories. We reinvented music and

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we danced The Twist and The Fish. Woodstock, Watergate, Hanoi, the Great Society. In those days when we joined hands to sing “We Shall Overcome,” we knew it wasn’t just empty song lyrics. “All of us who lived in the 1950s saw so many lives destroyed by repression, by fear....by shaming, by workaholism. By 1969, it felt as if human beings were able for the first time in history to choose their own roads, choose what to do with their own bodies, choose the visionary possibilities,” wrote the poet Robert Bly in his explanation of our generation, *The Sibling Society*. We ushered in a new age of enlightenment; just as scientists had unlocked the secrets of the natural world, we would examine the secrets of the heart. Just as Alexander Fleming had discovered penicillin and Edward Jennings had cured smallpox, we would cure the human diseases of hatred, discrimination, and warfare.

Baby boomers love to argue, and one of our favorite subjects of debate is: what defines a baby boomer? Did the baby boom begin in 1943 with the birth of Randy Newman and Geraldo Rivera, as Joe Queenan writes in his memoir *Balsamic Dreams*? After the fall of Stalingrad, according to Queenan, American soldiers knew that victory was inevitable and they responded with joyful procreation. Or did the boom begin in 1946? Or did it begin in 1957, when this country’s birth rate soared to a high never seen before or since? “Baby boomers are the most confident generation in American history,” writes Queenan. “They were the goodies that spilled out of the piñata at the party America held for itself.” We were the victory babies, the children born in the narcotic aftermath of a battle that made the world safe for democracy whether we were born in 1946 or 1960. The force of our high hopes and our massive numbers was enough to overthrow the restrictive paternal authorities who had ruled without question for years. Don’t trust anyone over 30, we used to say.

Now we are over 50.

We married and divorced and had our own kids and we wanted them to have everything we had fought for and more—equality, justice, the Bugaboo stroller, and a Harvard degree. We bought two-story ranches and urban co-ops and we wanted them to be comfortable. We threw out our mothers’ thrifty recipes for pot roast and learned how to bake chicken in sour cream. We substituted spritzers for Manhattans and white wine for Scotch and soda. We took out mortgages and paid tuitions. The pendulum swung. We were branded as the “Me” decade, a generation obsessed with narcissistic trivia. Yesterday we had victories like Nixon’s impeachment and the Cuban Missile Crisis. Today the victories seem smaller...like getting our children into an elite pre-school or finding a pair of must-have sheepskin boots on sale in the right color. Our tragedies got more personal. The frustration we felt as kids over the election of Ronald Reagan gave way to frustration over

“Yesterday we had victories like the Cuban Missile Crisis. Today the victories seem smaller...like getting our children into an elite pre-school or finding a pair of must-have sheepskin boots on sale in the right color.”

18 West 11th Street today



the way the barista forgot the foam on our double mocha half-caf skim grande latte.

“What worries me the most,” Alexis De Tocqueville wrote about an earlier generation of revolutionaries, “is the danger that, amid all the constant trivial preoccupations of private life, ambition may lose its force and its greatness.”

The problem is not that we failed to grow up; the problem is that we did grow up. Grown-ups turn away from the world and toward their families. Grown-ups assess their lives in terms of accomplishment. Grown-ups like to be comfortable. Grown-ups try not to take risks with their safety and security.

Yes, we're grown-ups. But total sell-outs? No. Our generation has kept many of the ideals that drove us as kids. Are those ideals incompatible with living well? Can a concern for social justice co-exist with an obsession with flavored vinegar? I think so. Can we spend money on plastic surgery and also give to the poor? Of course. Great changes come at a high price. Was the price worth it?

Think for a moment about the way women and minorities were treated back in the 1950s. Think about the way rape and molestation never got reported, about the way that college professors and priests often took sexual favors as their due, about the separate bathrooms and drinking fountains of Mississippi. Go back to a time when children were routinely beaten and many, many women lived their lives in a financial trap of wifely desperation. Remember the cold war with its miasma of fear, the nuclear drills in our elementary schools, and the bomb shelters with their guns to repel desperate neighbors. We changed these things. Is it surprising that we're tired, that we just want to have a cup of Sleepy Time or an Ambien and climb into our Tempur-pedic with its silky 400-thread-count sheets?

A few nights ago, I walked past the townhouse at 18 West 11th Street on my way to teach a writing class. Eleventh Street is a quiet, leafy residential block of brick houses these days. But on the morning of March 6, 1970, Number 18 was accidentally blown to pieces by members of the radical Weathermen group who were trying to make a bomb in the basement. Three people were killed; two became fugitives. That morning was one of those moments when I wondered if we had all gone too far. It was one thing to fight injustice and another thing to fight each other. Number 18, once the wrecked ruin of our ideals, has been elegantly rebuilt with a large, modern bay window tilted outward to the street. Inside there are bookcases and modern art, and a single white potted orchid. Through the glass, I can see an old man reading. All is calm. Life goes on. Even for us. ■

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# Can You Be Religious and Still Believe in War?

**A man of faith ponders how the violence of combat can possibly take its place alongside his belief in peace, love, and healing.**

**By Dan Wakefield**



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**A**s a 9-year-old “Junior Air Raid Warden” at the start of World War II, I sat on the roof of my house in Indianapolis with a pair of binoculars, looking for enemy airplanes. (I believed our city might be a prime target of the enemy, since we surely were the heart of America, and morale would plummet if we were destroyed.) As a loyal Cub Scout and a Home Front patriot, I also collected scrap metal and paper for the war effort; raised carrots, tomatoes, and radishes in a backyard Victory Garden; and saved the money I made from my paper route to buy “war stamps.” They were pasted into a booklet over the patriotic slogan “Slap the Jap right off the map!” and pictures of fang-toothed Japanese soldiers with blood dripping from their jaws.

During the same time, I went to a Baptist Bible School class and attended a church where I was baptized as a Christian with full immersion, said The Lord’s Prayer every night, and believed in Jesus, the healing Messiah who blessed “the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.”

I saw no contradiction between my religious faith as a Christian and my desire to “Slap the Jap right off the map” (as well as any Germans). It never entered my mind to question the accepted American belief that God was on our side. Our anthems proclaimed it, supported by John Wayne movies of bravery in battle, pop songs like “Praise the Lord, And Pass the Ammunition,” and books such as *God Is My Co-Pilot*.

Naïve as I may have been in my Cub Scout days, our leaders and heroes have linked our wars not only to God but to Christianity. In his farewell address to Congress, General Douglas MacArthur said it was his sacred duty to “carry to the land of our vanquished foe the solace and hope and faith of Christian morals.”

In the time of our current war with Iraq, *Christian Century* magazine found it alarming that “Bush seems to have no reservations about the notion that God and the good are squarely on the American side.” In an open letter to General William Boykin, who at the start of the Iraq war spoke of “America’s Christian Army,” Jim Wallis, author of the bestseller *God’s Politics*, wrote, “your faith is more American than Christian, the Jesus you claim is not the Jesus of the New Testament and his kingdom will not be ushered in by the U.S. military.”

Not surprisingly, the enemy also invoked God, proclaiming a jihad (holy war) against the United States, while our own President called our part in it a crusade (holy war). James Carroll, a former Paulist priest, wrote that “contrary to schoolboy romances, Hollywood fantasies, and the nostalgia of royalty, the Crusades were a set of world-historic crimes. The cult of martyrdom, even to the point of suicidal valor, was institutionalized in the Crusades, and it is not incidental to the events of 9/11 that a culture of sacred self-destruction took equally firm hold among the Muslims.”



*“We prayed and believed that God was squarely on our side.”*

Like many religious Americans, I was all for rooting out Osama bin Laden and the terrorists who carried out the 9/11 attacks. But like the church leaders here and abroad who opposed the war in Iraq, I felt that if Saddam had weapons of mass destruction (which it turned out he did not), they could have been discovered and removed without making war on that country.

I hope that if I had been a young man during World War II that I would, as a Christian, have followed the example of my friend Norman Eddy. He believed that killing was wrong but at the same time believed that Hitler had to be defeated. He joined the American Field Service and became an ambulance driver, serving at the battle of El Alemain. Reverend Eddy, who has devoted his life and work to The East Harlem Protestant Parish and still serves in that neighborhood, acts out his faith in deeds as well as words.

Norm Eddy’s kind of Christian is all too rare. Ghandi once sagely observed that Christianity was a great religion; the problem was no one had tried it. Ghandi himself used the teachings of Jesus (“Love your enemy... turn the other cheek”) as part of his own non-violent campaign to win independence for India. Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., who applied Christianity to a deep-seated social and political problem, used his faith as well as the example of Ghandi’s non-violent techniques to bring about a crucial change in this country.

Not all Christians oppose the use of violence, and most of the Evangelicals and their followers (who claim to have been a decisive factor in electing George Bush) approve of the President’s decision to wage war against Iraq. But even some mainline liberal Christian leaders have supported war and the violence it necessitates. Reinhold Niebuhr, one of America’s leading Protestant theologians of the last century, advocated our entry into World War II. In his book *Moral Man and Immoral Society*, he wrote that the choice of violent or nonviolent force was dictated by circumstance, and he felt that the circumstance of defeating Hitler justified our joining the war against the Nazis.

When I think of the wars of my lifetime, I realize, shamefully, I do the same as the people whose views I oppose: I use my faith to justify my position. Though I was only a child during World War II, today I would feel the same need to defeat Nazi Germany and its allies, and would invoke God’s help, naturally assuming He was “on our side.”

Unlike World War II, the American military conflicts that have followed in Korea, Vietnam, and now Iraq have been political and divisive, rather than idealistic (if any kind of mass killing can be idealistic) and unifying. But that’s my justification for feeling such “political” wars are “un-Christian.”

I signed petitions and took part in teach-ins and protests against the war in Vietnam, joining other Christians and Jews as well as people without a religious faith who felt a deep spiritual resistance to it. Public protest—as well as our defeats in the field—finally brought an end to the killing in Vietnam, but our “war on terrorism” now seems to portend an endless number of rationales for invasions and pre-emptive military strikes. We may become spiritually numb to a state of permanent warfare, accepting it as normal and necessary.

Ghandi and King proved that spiritually based nonviolence could alter the course of nations without resort to killing. I pray that leaders will arise to inspire and humanize us, waking the world from the almost perpetual nightmare of war, which is too often fought in the name of God. Since our nation’s leaders proclaim themselves Christian, I pray they will have the courage to put Jesus’ principles of peace, love, and healing into practice. ■

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By Susan Risoli

# Caring for the Tiniest Patients

**Stony Brook University Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit fills a crucial role—providing care underscored by more drama and devotion than any Hollywood screenplay could deliver.**

**S**cene: Steve Martin, playing the lovably befuddled dad in the film *Father of the Bride: Part Two*, stands in a hospital corridor. In one arm he holds a newborn bundle swaddled in pink; in the other, a similar package wrapped in blue. Close-up of the infants' faces, plump and perfect. Cue the heartwarming music and fade out.

If all births were as scripted as a cinema scenario, neonatology would not be the growing field it is today. But some babies are born too early, struggling to adjust to life outside the womb. Others are full-term infants born with seizures, heart disease, or pneumonia. Some were asphyxiated by their umbilical cords and revived. There are newborns who are undergoing withdrawal, born to mothers who were sub-

stance abusers or in methadone rehab. For these children and their families, Stony Brook University Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) fills a crucial role.

The 40-bed NICU, opened in 1980, admits approximately 800 infants each year. As part of the region's perinatal center, it cares for critically ill babies born at Stony Brook or those transported here from other hospitals—"the sickest of the sick newborns," says Margaret Parker, M.D., acting chief of neonatology.

The field of neonatology is a constantly evolving world of medical advances, a specialty that did not exist before 1963. That was the year Patrick Kennedy, son of President John F. Kennedy and his wife Jackie, was born prematurely and did not survive. The event focused

attention not only on the Kennedys' loss, but on the challenges faced by all premature babies and their parents.

## Birth of a New Field

"That was the start of more effective support of premature babies," says Dr. Parker. Current technology not only could have saved the president's son, but "today he would not even be a NICU baby. He would be cared for in a community hospital," she says.

Premature babies are those born at 37 weeks of gestation, or earlier. When Dr. Parker was a medical resident in the 1970s, 28 weeks was the cutoff for survival. Now the Hospital's NICU routinely cares for babies born as early as 23 weeks.

Joseph DeCristofaro, M.D., an associate professor of pediatrics who has been with the NICU



since 1986, cites advances in the field. “We’d care for them for five days, then they’d die. Now we care for them for three months and they go home.” There is a trade-off, however, for performing medical miracles. “The babies are much sicker than they used to be,” he says.

The earlier the birth, the less developed the baby. Babies too immature to eat, breathe, or maintain body temperature need help, which the NICU provides until the baby is ready to function on his or her own. That help takes many forms. A major factor in saving premature infants was the development 15 years ago of supplemental surfactant, a lipid-protein compound

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produced naturally by microscopic, grapelike structures in the lungs known as alveoli. Surfactant reduces the surface tension inside alveoli, keeping them inflated. Sufficient amounts of surfactant are not produced until the last two months of fetal development.

For a preterm infant born before that critical level of surfactant production, every breath is an exhausting struggle to reinflate collapsing alveoli. Even very-low-birth-weight babies (approximately two pounds) can survive through a combination of surfactant and high-frequency ventilators that keep the lungs open by providing 600 tiny breaths per minute.

Nutrition also poses special problems for preterm babies. At 34 weeks a fetus is able to suck, breathe, and swallow at the same time, says Shanthy Sridhar, M.D., the NICU’s acting medical director. If an infant is born sooner, it may need intravenous or tube feedings until its development catches up. And the immature digestive system lacks the enzymes to handle the nutritional load the baby must have in order to grow. Infection is another constant threat. Most antibodies are derived from the mother at 30 to 32 weeks, and even a full-term baby’s immune system is immature. Preterm babies need antibiotics to fight infections that can rapidly rage out of control.

Dr. Sridhar continues to see the babies for several years through the NICU’s follow-up clinic. After discharge they remain at high risk for chronic lung disease, retinopathy (abnormal development of blood vessels in the eye, which can lead to blindness), neurological damage, and trouble reaching such milestones

as walking or talking. Some of the children lag behind their peers so subtly that the difference is imperceptible to the layperson. Others have significant, lifelong disabilities.

### **Paying an Emotional Price**

Whatever the reason for a baby’s NICU stay, the experience places tremendous stress on a family. Luz Cortes-Palacios, the NICU social worker, meets with families as often as necessary before the baby is discharged. She helps them obtain any emotional, financial, legal, and housing support services they need. “They’re shocked,” Cortes-Palacios says. “They don’t know where to go or what to do.”

To help families cope, Cortes-Palacios runs a free weekly support group with Sister Lynn Queck, the NICU’s clergyperson. After the babies are discharged, Cortes-Palacios fields frequent calls from parents with questions about caring for their babies, insurance coverage, or how to operate the equipment some babies need. “They can call 24/7,” she says. “There is always someone on duty.”

Patricia Mele has had the ultimate NICU experience. The Stony Brook alumna, ’83, is the mother of quadruplets born at Stony Brook University Hospital and cared for in the NICU. She also has worked in the unit for 18 years as a neonatal nurse practitioner. Mele’s “fab four” were born 11 weeks prematurely and needed a two-month NICU stay. Despite their rocky start, Erin, Danny, Bobby, and Grace have grown into healthy 12-year-olds. Not all infants are as fortunate.

The NICU staff are familiar with what Mele calls “the devastating roller coaster.” A baby can look perfectly healthy one day, then the next day lose weight, get an infection, and no longer tolerate feedings. “So many things can happen from admission to discharge,” she says.

Baby Kate is about to get off her roller coaster. Now four pounds, Kate is almost ready to go home. She was born at 29 weeks and weighed 2 pounds, 7 ounces. The healthy cry she let out at birth signaled fairly well developed lungs, and she has continued to grow strong.

Candy Carter, L.P.N., who is dressed head-to-toe in signature bubblegum-pink scrubs, is looking after Kate and her family. She offers helpful hints to the baby’s parents as they feed her. Kate, who has lost interest in her bottle and dozed off, has to be gently nudged awake so she can finish consuming the requisite number of calories. Once the baby is back in her Isolette, Carter is calmly professional, all the while carefully watching Kate, her parents, and monitoring the temperature in the Isolette.

Kate’s fate might have been different had she been admitted to a neonatal intensive care unit 20 years ago. The practice of neonatology has dramatically changed in that time, says Dr. DeCristofaro. He directs the Hospital’s neonatology fellowship program, which teaches pediatricians to become neonatologists. The



*A preterm infant in the Isolette is carefully monitored.*

program trains doctors to recognize a sick infant and to respond appropriately, and also “how to explain to parents what they can realistically expect once they take their baby home,” says DeCristofaro.

But predicting what comes next is not an exact science. Neonatologists present parents with a range of possible outcomes, rather than pinpointing specifics—good or bad—that may or may not happen. “Sometimes it’s very hard for the neonatologist to give parents a realistic picture of the future because sometimes we just don’t know,” he says.

### **Looking Ahead**

What does the future hold for neonatology? DeCristofaro cites technology such as brain and whole-body cooling, an innovation now being recommended for full-term infants born with asphyxiation. More clinical research needs to be conducted in other areas, he says. “We need innovative thinking outside the box, as far as what to do for brain injury. Would nerve growth factor be useful? Would there be better outcomes if we implanted stem cells directly into the spinal fluid to regenerate normal brain tissue? Right now we don’t know, and we need to find out.”

Stony Brook University Hospital’s new NICU is scheduled to open in 2007. This 50-bed unit will enable moms and dads to room-in with their babies. There will be areas where siblings of multiple births can share a room or even a crib. Wireless technology will allow physicians to carry their laptops with them on rounds, writing medical orders as they go.

As the NICU grows, neonatology is changing as well. “It’s an evolving science, but it’s also an art,” says Dr. DeCristofaro. “The longer I’m in it, the more we know what we don’t know. ■

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## The Best Seat in the House!

### Exclusive Offer for Alumni Members at the Tenth Annual Stony Brook Film Festival

**Saturday, July 30  
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Alumni Association Members are invited to attend a pre-film reception at the Charles B. Wang Center. Meet and mingle with the filmmakers as you sample an array of local wines and delicious hors d'oeuvres. After the reception, you're also invited to be our guest at the Festival's 8:30 p.m. Closing Night film screening and Awards Presentation.

This special event is being offered FREE to members of the Stony Brook Alumni Association. Members may purchase tickets for guests at \$20 each. Tickets are limited for this reception. The package includes ticket(s) for the closing film, free garage parking across from the Wang Center, an extended cocktail hour reception, wines, coffees, and desserts.

Alumni Association co-sponsors include The Stony Brook Film Festival and Staller Center for the Arts; The Charles B. Wang Center; The Stony Brook Center for Wine, Food, and Culture; Chartwell's Catering.

Register early to avoid being closed out. To confirm your attendance and secure your tickets contact the Alumni Association office at (631) 632-6330 or at [www.stonybrookalumni.com](http://www.stonybrookalumni.com)

# Events Calendar

## June to November 2005

### June

**Wednesday, June 29, 5:30 p.m.**  
**14th Annual New York Yankees vs. Baltimore Orioles Game and Stony Brook Alumni Reception**  
*Oriole Park at Camden Yards, Baltimore*  
Join 200 of your fellow alumni as you enjoy a ballpark dinner, then settle in to watch two of the country's finest teams play ball!

### July

**Thursday, July 21, to Saturday, July 30**  
**Tenth Annual Stony Brook Film Festival**  
*Staller Center for the Arts*  
The Tenth Annual Stony Brook Film Festival presents independent films in competition as well as premieres of major films. Films are shown in the evenings during the week, with more during the day on the weekends. Short films precede most feature screenings. Directors and actors are on hand to introduce films and hold question-and-answer periods after screenings. Full-access film passes are \$45; individual tickets, \$6. For a complete film schedule and other festival activities, call (631) 632-ARTS or visit [www.stonybrookfilmfestival.com](http://www.stonybrookfilmfestival.com)

**Sunday, July 24, 3:00 p.m.**  
**Film Screening • Panel Discussion • Wine Tasting**  
**Sponsored by the Staller Center for the Arts and The Center for Wine, Food, and Culture**  
*Staller Center and Charles B. Wang Center*  
Join us for a special screening of *Mondovino*, a spirited documentary about independent wine-makers who wage the good fight against globalized wine producers. The screening will be followed by a panel discussion, "Critics, Artisans, and Agribusiness: Who Really Makes Wine Today?" For tickets, call (631) 632-ARTS or visit [www.stonybrookfilmfestival.com](http://www.stonybrookfilmfestival.com). A wine tasting will be held in the Wang Center following the discussion. \$30. To register, contact Ginny Clancy at (631) 632-9404.

**Monday, July 25, 11:30 a.m. registration**  
**Charles Gordon Heuser Memorial/ Coca-Cola Golf Classic**  
*Port Jefferson Country Club*  
Tenth Annual Outing supporting the Charles Gordon Heuser Scholarship Endowment and the Athletic General Scholarship Fund. The \$250 admission price includes all greens fees, lunch, cocktail hour, dinner, and participant gift package. Alumni/faculty/staff foursomes receive a discount of \$25 per golfer. Contact Greg Monfiletto at (631) 632-7196, or [Gregory.Monfiletto@stonybrook.edu](mailto:Gregory.Monfiletto@stonybrook.edu)

**Saturday, July 30, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Alumni Association Membership Event**  
**Staller Film Festival Reception and Film**  
(See box, left, for details.)

### August

**Wednesday, August 10, 10:00 a.m.**  
**Raymond M. Downey Memorial Golf Outing**  
*Middle Island Country Club*  
Join us for the Fourth Annual Outing supporting the Deputy Chief Raymond M. Downey Scholarship Endowment and Stony Brook Football. The \$175-per-golfer fee includes breakfast, lunch, dinner, all greens fees, and participant gift package. Contact Greg Monfiletto at (631) 632-7196 or [Gregory.Monfiletto@stonybrook.edu](mailto:Gregory.Monfiletto@stonybrook.edu)

### September

**Friday and Saturday, September 23 and 24**  
**Athletic Hall of Fame Reception**  
Join us as we honor and induct four new members into the Seawolves Athletic Hall of Fame. Contact Greg Monfiletto at (631) 632-7196 or [Gregory.Monfiletto@stonybrook.edu](mailto:Gregory.Monfiletto@stonybrook.edu)

**Saturday, September 24**  
**Wolfstock 2005**  
**A Homecoming Tradition**  
*Athletic Fields and Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium*  
Here's your chance to catch up with friends from the past while getting acquainted with one of our most popular recent traditions—Wolfstock. Pre-game activities from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. include the Alumni Food Pavilion, the Kids Zone, and live entertainment. (See page right for details.)

### October

**Saturday, October 1**  
**Stony Brook University Hospital Third Annual Gala Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Hospital**  
*Charles B. Wang Center*  
Reserve your table early for this elegant event. For more information, please call (631) 444-2899, ext. 2.

### November

**Thursday, November 17**  
**Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner**  
*Carlyle on the Green, Bethpage State Park*  
Celebrate the achievements of our outstanding alumni while enjoying great food, live music, and a silent auction. To purchase tickets for this elegant black-tie event, visit our Web site or call the Alumni Relations Office.

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# wolfstock2005

## A Homecoming Tradition September 24

**W**olfstock gets bigger and better every year! The festivities actually begin at 8:00 p.m. the night before with a Homecoming Parade along Toll Drive.

### FINE FOOD

On September 24 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. enjoy fine dining in the Alumni tent courtesy of area restaurants and local vineyards. Children will have plenty to do in the Kids Zone tent, which opens at 11:00 a.m., and everyone will enjoy the live entertainment. All of this takes place on the Athletic fields behind Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium.

### FIRST TIMERS

As a special gift to our newest alums, all class of 2005 graduates will receive one free entry to Wolfstock Village on September 24 in honor of your first Homecoming. To register, visit the Web site at [www.stonybrookalumni.com](http://www.stonybrookalumni.com). Enter "Class of 2005" in the comments section to secure your free admission.

### FIERCE FOOTBALL

The Seawolves take on the Georgetown Hoyas this year. Kickoff is at 2:00 p.m. Wear your Red Hot SB gear to show your support for the team! Tickets for the football game may be purchased online at [www.goseawolves.org](http://www.goseawolves.org) or at the stadium ticket office. For more information, call 1-877-SEAWOLF (732-9653).

### FINISHING TOUCH

At 5:00 p.m. reconnect on the athletic fields behind the stadium for a post-game barbecue and more live music.

Get your tickets early by registering online. For a schedule of all Homecoming events visit [www.stonybrook.edu/homecoming](http://www.stonybrook.edu/homecoming)

## 2005 Seawolves Football Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Saturday	9/10	Bucknell	Stony Brook	6:00 p.m.
Saturday	9/17	Hofstra	Hempstead, NY	TBA
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9/24</b>	<b>Georgetown</b>	<b>Stony Brook</b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>
Saturday	10/1	Monmouth (NJ)	Stony Brook	1:00 p.m.
Saturday	10/8	Albany	Albany, NY	4:00 p.m.
Saturday	10/15	St. Francis (PA)	Stony Brook	1:00 p.m.
Saturday	10/22	Sacred Heart	Fairfield, CT	1:00 p.m.
Saturday	10/29	Robert Morris	Pittsburgh, PA	1:00 p.m.
Saturday	11/5	Wagner	Stony Brook	1:00 p.m.
Saturday	11/12	CCSU	Stony Brook	1:00 p.m.
Saturday	11/19	Marist	Poughkeepsie, NY	1:00 p.m.



## Stony Brook University Alumni Association Membership Rewards

**H**ow do you make being an alum of one of the world's top universities better? Become a member of the Stony Brook University Alumni Association and get the most out of your alumni experience.

Membership in the Alumni Association entitles you to a wide range of benefits including discounts on entertainment and travel packages, loan consolidation programs, and substantial savings on Alumni Association- and University-sponsored events such as Wolfstock, Staller Center performances, and classes at the Center for Wine, Food, and Culture in Stony Brook Manhattan.

Your alumni connection can also pay dividends for your career. Network with potential colleagues and customers online or at Alumni Association events. In addition, your experience and expertise can make a difference in the lives of current Stony Brook students through our Career Mentoring Program. You can even join the Alumni-Admissions Program and spread the word at local high schools about all the great things happening at Stony Brook.

### Customize Your Membership with the Inner Circle Program

Many schools and departments within the University now offer specialized Inner Circle memberships. In addition to all the Universal Alumni Association benefits, Inner Circle members receive letters from the Deans and Department Chairs and exclusive access to members-only events and programs of specific interest.

It is important to remember that when you join the Alumni Association, a portion of your membership dues goes directly to students in the form of scholarships. Inner Circle Memberships also support special departmental initiatives.

To find out more about these and many more Alumni Association rewards or to become a member, visit our Web site at [stonybrookalumni.com](http://stonybrookalumni.com) or call (631) 632-6330.

# Class Notes

## 1970s

**James Graham '70 (B.E.)** was appointed vice president of Melville, N.Y.-based Eschbacher Engineering.

**Lizbeth Gonzalez '74 (B.A.)** was elected to serve as a judge of the Civil Court of the City of New York. She is a Housing Court Judge in Bronx County.

**James V. Manaro '74 (M.S.)** has been named senior vice president for finance and administration at Clarkson University.

**Steven C. Englebright '75 (M.S.)** is in his seventh term in the State Assembly. His two daughters both attend Stony Brook University.

**Maryann McElligott '75 (B.S.)** was recently promoted to associate vice president of regulatory affairs at Novo Nordisk.

**Dennis R. Dubey '76 (Ph.D.)** has been appointed executive director of Sagamore Children's Psychiatric Center, New York State Office of Mental Health.

**Eric M. Kitain '76 (B.A.)** is a nationally recognized anesthesiologist who has been appointed chairman of the Norwalk Hospital Department of Anesthesiology.

**Bernice Lerner '77 (B.S.)** has published *The Triumph of Wounded Souls*, which recounts the stories of seven Holocaust survivors.

**Susan V. Schiffman '77 (D.D.S.)** will volunteer this summer for two weeks in Jerusalem as part of the Dental Volunteers in Israel program.

**Daniel P. Cunningham '78 (D.D.S.)** sold his practice in Setauket, N.Y., to former Stony Brook student Beth Buono, '88. Dan is now enjoying life in Arizona.

**Wayne E. Franits '78 (B.A.)**, a professor of fine arts in the College of Arts and Sciences at Syracuse University, will assume the post of president of the Historians of Netherlandish Art (HNA). Wayne is also chief editor of the Cambridge University Press series *Cambridge Studies in Netherlandish Visual Culture*.

**Michael J. Schudrich '78 (B.A.)** was appointed chief rabbi of Poland by the Union of Jewish Religious Communities in Poland. Schudrich is the first person to hold Poland's top rabbi position in five years.

**Margaret M. Carey '79 (B.A.)** is the president of MCEnergy Inc.

**Fran W. Eichler '79 (D.D.S.)** is a solo practitioner in a family-oriented general dentistry office in Smithtown, N.Y. She has been married to her husband, Skip, for more than 30 years. They have two sons.

**Robert Michaels '79 (Ph.D.)** became the first recipient of the Richard J. Kramer Memorial Medal for Environmental Excellence.

## 1980s

**Francis J. Connolly '80 (B.A.)** is chief financial officer at Modem Media.

**Judith E. Held '80 (B.A.)** has joined STV Inc. as corporate council.

**Catherine Massaro '81 (M.A.L.S.)** was selected to be the focus in the first Smithtown Teacher Association's Teacher Spotlight. Cathy has been named to "Who's Who Among America's Teachers" twice during her career.

**Jacob D. Sokol '81 (M.D.)** was appointed as chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine at Nassau University Medical Center.

**John T. Bauer '82 (B.A.)** is a partner at Grotta, Glassman & Hoffman, P.C. Bauer is a contributor to Disability Discrimination in the Workplace and executive vice president of Promote Long Island.

**Jeffrey A. Bauman '82 (D.D.S.)** opened his own dental practice in Plainview, N.Y., in 1986.

**Gregory L. Dolise '82 (B.S.)** received the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development Excellence in Teaching Award. Dolise is an assistant professor of physics at Harrisburg Area Community College in Pennsylvania.

**Michael L. Dornbaum '82 (B.A.)** is a partner in Cullen and Dykman Bleakley Platt, LLP.

**Michael S. Kornfeld '82 (B.A.)** has been elected president of the Public Relations Professionals of Long Island. Kornfeld is an award-winning public relations strategist, counselor, and writer.

**David J. Bunt '83 (B.A.)** has joined Adams Harkness Inc. as a principal and a senior salesperson in its New York office.

**Annina M. Carter '83 (B.S.)** was recently honored by the Chancellor's Office of the State University of New York for her work at Adirondack Community College (ACC). Carter has been teaching chemistry at ACC since 1992.

**Theodore J. Lockwood '83 (B.E.)** is the managing director for Prudential Financial. Ted is also president of Prudential Trust Company Services.

**Norma J. Vally '87 (B.A.)** stars in the Discovery Home Channel's series *Toolbelt Diva*. Vally was previously a backup singer for legendary French pop star Pascal Obispo.

**Michael A. Flowers '88 (B.S.)** is the chief operating officer of a sports and fitness center in Springfield Gardens, N.Y., and is a clinical



instructor at LaGuardia Community College and Howard University.

**Claire Spielberg '88 (M.S.)** has been appointed interim general manager of San Diego Transportation Corp.

**Christine Moran '89 (B.A.)** has been promoted to chief nursing officer of SandyPines, a residential center for children and teens with serious mental health and addiction problems.

#### 1990s

**David D. Seelow '90 (Ph.D.)** recently published his book, *Radical Modernism and Sexuality: Freud/Reich/D.H. Lawrence and Beyond*.

**Sally A. Twente '92 (D.D.S.)** is now a stay-at-home mom in her home in Vermont. She is enjoying her two children, William, 4, and Anna, 2.

**Patricia L. Moran '93 (B.A.)** and David Farber were married in April 2004.

**Eric W. Penzer '93 (B.A.)** is an associate in the commercial litigation department at Farrell Fritz, P.C., in Uniondale.

**Helga Maria Gentile '94 (D.D.S.)** is a pediatric dentist practicing in Rockville Centre, N.Y. She is celebrating ten years of marriage and she and her husband have two sons.

**Daniel Mark Siegel, M.D. '95 (M.S.)** is one of the editors of the recently released *Surgery of the Skin: Procedural Dermatology*.

**Lisa M. McNamara '95 (M.S.)** was hired as a teacher by the Huntington School District.

**Suja Johnkutty '96 (M.D.), ABPN,** has joined Huntington Hospital as an attending neurologist.

**Linda Marie Sinanian-Forden '96 (D.M.A.)** and her husband, Jeffrey Forden, run the Stony Brook Summer Music Festival, which attracts students from around the country and world.

**Bushra R. Chaudhry '97 (B.S.)** recently received her Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

**Deepti Pisupati '97 (B.S.)** is an emergency physician of Internal Medicine and Emergency Medicine at Kaiser West Los Angeles in California. Dr. Pisupati is working alongside two other Stony Brook alumni, Dr. Andrew Bressler and Dr. Larry Alexander.

**Dennis Vargas '97 (B.S.), D.D.S.,** has joined the dental practice of Corning Dental Associates.

**Verna V. Broughton '98 (B.S.)** works as a physician's assistant in the dermatology department at North Shore Long Island Jewish Health System.

## Remembering H. Bentley Glass (1907–2005)

By John S. Toll

H. Bentley Glass was a brilliant scientist and academic leader who had amassed many stellar achievements at a number of institutions. He made no less of a great impact on Stony Brook during the years he spent here.

In 1963, I was approached about the presidency of the new "University Center" in New York. Even before awarding the first Ph.D., Stony Brook set an ambitious goal to match the best public research university; that is, to become "the Berkeley of the East." In a detailed, 50-page plan we stunned the incoming SUNY Chancellor Samuel Gould, who agreed on the need for a great academic leader. He responded, "I will do anything I can to help you get Bentley Glass as Academic Vice President."

With only this one commitment, we quickly recruited other leaders, including Chen Ning Yang, the world's best theoretical physicist, who left his leading professorship at the Princeton Institute for Advanced Study to become the "Einstein Professor" at Stony Brook. A dozen other great scholars and teachers joined us. Suddenly the skeptical New York leaders became our strong supporters, for they had desperately wanted to rival California's domination for a long time.

Bentley Glass supported the careful, balanced development of Stony Brook, emphasizing the recruitment of young scholars as assistant professors, who were devoted to good teaching and research. Undergraduate residential colleges flourished, and academic partnerships with Brookhaven National Laboratory (in physical sciences) and Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (in biological sciences) grew quickly.

Bentley Glass' influence was important in that careful attention was given to the needs of individual faculty and community groups. When he retired as Academic Vice President, he remained at Stony Brook as a distinguished professor, aiding many programs. After his move to Colorado, his influence at Stony Brook remained. No other institution established as late as 1963 can show the marvelous academic achievement and quality of Stony Brook. Bentley Glass deserves much of the credit for this result.

*By the time President John S. Toll left Stony Brook in 1978, the school of 1,800 students had been built to one of 17,000.*



**Kevin Terence McDonnell '98 (B.S.)** was named assistant professor of computer science at Dowling College in Oakdale, N.Y.

**Debbie Perkins '98 (M.S.W.)** has been appointed social worker for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society Long Island Chapter.

**Dawn M. Pierpoint-Grzan '98 (B.S.)** gave birth to Gabriella Simone on January 17, 2005. Dawn is the Director of Grants Development at Dowling College. She lives in Medford, N.Y., with her loving family.

**Ginny Clancy '99 (B.A.), '04 (M.A.L.S.)** is special projects coordinator for President Kenny at Stony Brook and program coordinator for the Center for Wine, Food, and Culture.

#### 2000s

**Shenole M. Latimer '01 (B.A.)** performed his first saxophone gig as headliner at the Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts in September 2004. Latimer has been playing the saxophone since the age of nine.

**Kathleen J. O'Sullivan '02 (B.A.)**, a teacher at Rocky Point High School, has been selected to attend one of 28 summer study opportunities supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

**Timothy N. Tebo '04 (B.E.)** is employed by Lockheed Martin in Oswego, N.Y. Tim and his wife Cindy have two sons.

#### In Memoriam

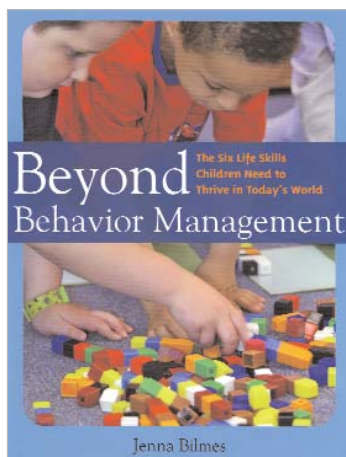
**Peter A. Cusa '73 (B.A.)** passed away on March 5, 2005, after battling lung cancer for almost five years.

**Richard L. Wentzler '74 (B.S.),** 52, died unexpectedly of a heart attack suffered at his home in Virginia Beach on January 21, 2005.

**John W. Perry '85 (B.A.)** The Town of Hempstead has dedicated Franklin Avenue as "John W. Perry Ave." John Perry was killed in the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

# Brookmarks

By Sherrill Jones

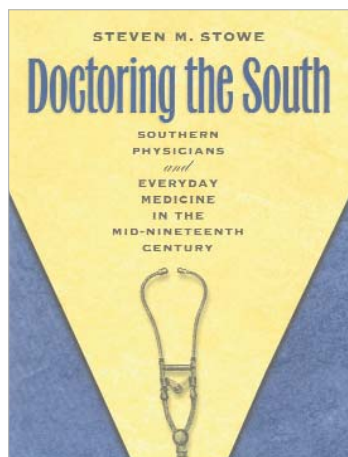


## Beyond Behavior Management: The Six Life Skills Children Need to Thrive in Today's World

by Jenna Bilmes, Class of 1969

2004, Redleaf Press

Developed and tested in the classroom, *Beyond Behavior Management* is a strength-based approach to guiding young children's behavior. Jenna Bilmes, a mental health specialist with FACES of Crisis Nursery, explores six essential strengths, or "life skills," that include initiative, problem solving, and celebration of self and others. She examines effective teaching strategies aimed at today's diverse classrooms and provides examples of realistic classroom scenarios, bonding activities, and a wealth of techniques and ideas to help the preschool-K teacher manage challenging behaviors in ways that help children work better as a community and become active learners.

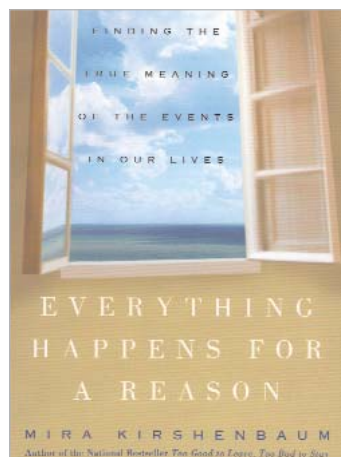


## Doctoring the South: Southern Physicians and Everyday Medicine in the Mid-Nineteenth Century

by Steven M. Stowe, Ph.D., 1979

2004, University of North Carolina Press

Steven M. Stowe explores the struggles for medical progress in the nineteenth century with the first in-depth study of the midcentury culture of medicine in the South. Through the personal letters, diaries, and published writings of doctors, Stowe illuminates sickness and remedy, suffering and hope, and the ties between medicine and regional culture. In a region where climate, race, and assumptions about "southernness" shaped illness and healing, Stowe argues that Southern physicians inhabited a culture of skills, medicines, and ideas—a "country orthodoxy"—that allowed them to play both moral and practical caregiving roles.

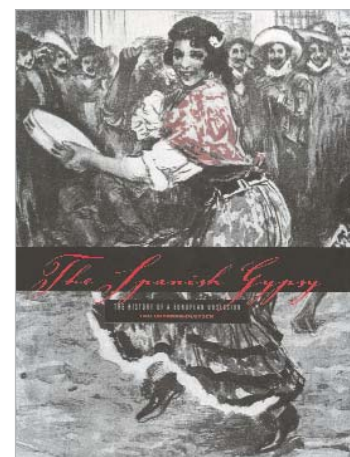


## Everything Happens for a Reason: Finding the True Meaning of the Events in Our Lives

by Mira Kirshenbaum, Class of 1966

2004, Harmony Books

Bestselling author, psychotherapist, and clinical director of the Chestnut Hill Institute in Boston, Mira Kirshenbaum helps us understand the principles behind the frequently used phrase "everything happens for a reason." According to Kirshenbaum, we all can interpret events as gifts, lessons, or opportunities. Building on more than 25 years of research, she has developed tests to help readers decode the confusing or unfortunate events in their lives and find comfort and strength in the positive outcomes that exist. Kirshenbaum provides a "wealth of advice," according to *Publishers Weekly*, an inspiring resource for coping with life's difficulties.



## The Spanish Gypsy: The History of a European Obsession

by Lou Charnon-Deutsch, Professor, Hispanic Languages & Literature

2004, Pennsylvania State University Press

The well-known Hispanist Lou Charnon-Deutsch offers the first comprehensive study of the Spanish Gypsy icon, associated in the European imagination with freedom, passion, and unconventionality. She begins her story in the Middle Ages and proceeds to show how Europeans came to both revere and fear Gypsies because of their nomadic way of life and the freedoms it seemed to allow. Drawn from historical and sociological studies, *The Spanish Gypsy* also proposes new readings of literature, including Cervantes's "Precious Jewel of Love" and works from the Romantic era, culminating in Spain's embrace of Gypsy myth and lore.

## New & Noteworthy

### Elder Care: What to Look For, What to Look Out For!

by Thomas M. Cassidy, William & Jane Knapp Alumni Center Board Member

### From the Ground Up: A History of the State University of New York at Stony Brook

by Joel T. Rosenthal, Professor, Department of History

### GillanGuide to Long Island Neighborhoods & Home Buying

by Patrick T. Gillan, Class of 1985

### If You Tame Me: Understanding Our Connection with Animals

by Leslie Irvine, Ph.D., 1997

### Losing Weight Permanently with the Bull's Eye Food Guide

by Josephine Connolly-Schoonen, Assistant Professor, School of Medicine

### The Practice and Philosophy of Decision Making: A Seven Step Spiritual Guide

by Neerja Raman, Class of 1972

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# Flashback



## Food for Thought

**E**ven the pooch in the picture above can't muster much enthusiasm for the food in front of him. As the photo, which appeared in the November 14, 1978 issue of the student magazine *Fortnight* shows, meals back then were heavy on starches and light on variety. Today the Stony Brook University campus offers a choice of menus—and venues—to accommodate a range of culinary preferences.

The J Club, recently opened in the Charles B. Wang Center, is an Asian-themed restaurant offering daily buffet specials (pictured at right) and wait service. Jasmine, also located in the Wang Center, provides a more casual dining experience and is popular with both faculty and students. Other options: The University Café, located in Stony Brook Student Union, has the look and feel of a Greenwich Village coffeehouse and serves a variety of beverages—hot and cold—as well as sandwiches, panini, and desserts; and Delancey Street, a Kosher-style deli, also is located in the Student Union.



# Stars of Stony Brook Gala Raises \$2.5 Million



*Dr. James Simons, above right, was honored at the Gala, April 20, at Pier Sixty at Chelsea Piers in Manhattan. Dr. Simons, President of Renaissance Technologies, was chair of the Department of Mathematics at SB. Also pictured: President Kenny with Dana Reeve, whose husband Christopher Reeve was posthumously awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters at Commencement, and Richard Gelfond, Gala Committee Co-Chair.*



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