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DEATH IN THE SOUND: WHERE HAVE ALL THE LOBSTERS GONE?

From the Desk of Jane Knapp

I was so pleased to see so many of you at Stony Brook's first-ever Spring Alumni Weekend this past June. "Planet Stony Brook" offered four decades of alums the opportunity to reconnect with each other and with your University. And connect we did! The weekend began with an elegant Friday night cocktail reception in the beautiful Charles B. Wang Center and the fun and camaraderie continued throughout the weekend, with many of us taking tours, going back into the classroom for some lively and topical "Hot Topics" led by Stony Brook's professors, and then gathering for a barbecue on Saturday afternoon.

Even the soggy weather couldn't dampen the enthusiasm of one very special group of alums. The Founders Group (members of classes '61 to '66) made Planet Stony Brook part of their reunion experience, as well as a trip back to Planting Fields, the site of the original State University College On Long Island, or SUCOLI, as it was known back then (see "Flashback," page 23).

And, of course, Wolfstock 2003 is just around the corner (see page 14). Be sure to mark October 18 on your calendars for Stony Brook's homecoming tradition. It's a great way to reconnect with your friends, your classmates, and your University. This year Wolfstock features an expanded University Expo Center, a fabulous Food Tent, live music and a super-fun Kids Zone for alums-to-be. It all climaxes when our football team takes on St. Francis in the new Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium. Go Seawolves!

You'll get a chance to meet the Stony Brook alums who've made a real difference in our lives at the Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner. The black-tie event will be held at Carlyle on the Green at Bethpage State Park on November 20 (see page 21 for this year's awardees).

The University is making us prouder every day to be Stony Brook alumni. The progress Stony Brook has made in a mere 40 years is incredible. Your Alumni Association now directly contributes almost \$50,000 each year to support Stony Brook students. In addition, the annual gifts made by thousands of your fellow alumni help many more deserving young men and women.

And the new Online Community, which links Stony Brook alumni in a hundred ways, makes your University as close as your desktop. To find out more about joining the Online Community, call (631) 632-6330 or look for the link on the Alumni Association web site, www.alumni.stonybrook.edu.

Let's all do our part.

Jane Knapp '78
President, Stony Brook Alumni Association

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What's New on Campus

Dean McClean Retires After More Than Three Decades



One of the country's leading innovators in nursing education, Lenora J. McClean, Ed.D., R.N., has retired from a 31-year Stony Brook career, the last 23 of them spent as Dean of the School of Nursing. Dr. McClean

established the University's nursing program as a key leader in many critical areas, such as establishing the first full-degree distance program in nursing in the country, which is now one of the largest of its kind in the world. She also developed strategic partnerships with private industry, including the National Institute of Technology and the Child Health Corporation of America. Dr. McClean leaves with a remarkable list of accomplishments, such as creating the first nurse practitioner program in Suffolk County, developing the master's and post-master's programs, and building the School into the largest on Long Island.

"Stony Brook holds many great memories for me and for what we were able to achieve in nursing," said Dr. McClean. "I leave knowing that this is an exciting time for the School and that the time is right to begin planning a doctoral program that will keep Stony Brook a leader in the profession." Dr. McClean is returning to her native Georgia.

In June, about 200 guests attended a black-tie gala at Villa Lombardi's in Holbrook, N.Y., to honor Dr. McClean. Included in the evening's festivities was the kick-off of a campaign to create the Endowed Chair of Nursing Research as part of a planned doctoral program. If you are interested in contributing toward this effort, donations can be made payable to SBF/Chair in Nursing Research and sent to Gene E. Mundie, Assistant Dean of Advancement, School of Nursing, Stony Brook, NY 11794-8240.

A Step Toward Finding a Cure

In an effort to expand Stony Brook's services in autism and related disabilities, the Matt and Debra Cody Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities moved from its original site in the Department of Psychiatry to a new, 4,000-square-foot facility in the Port Jefferson Professional Park on Route 347 at Davis Avenue.

Community members joined University administrators and government officials at the new facility this past May for the official open-

ing. The Center was made possible through a \$2.5 million contribution from Matt and Debra Cody, who have three autistic children. Their gift will be supplemented by additional funding from the University and from SUNY.

"Our hope is that one day this Center will have no reason to exist," said Debra Cody. "We want to find a cure for autism, and this is a step toward doing that."

The Center, directed by Dr. John Pomeroy, will eventually find a permanent location on campus. It is the leading regional research and resource center for the study and treatment of autism and related disabilities. The Center has a staff of 25 neurologists, psychologists, pediatric physicians, and sleep specialists who provide a scope of services that includes speech and language, education, occupational therapy, and behavioral training.

At the opening, Stony Brook President Shirley Strum Kenny announced that of the \$1.4 million raised by the University at its annual



The opening of the new site for the Cody Center.

gala in New York City, \$600,000 has been designated for the Cody Center. Joining the President at the celebration were Norman H. Edelman, Vice President of the Health Sciences Center and Dean of the School of Medicine; Bruce Schroffel, Director and CEO of Stony Brook University Hospital; and Dr. Richard Fine, Chair, Department of Pediatrics.

For more information about the Center, call (631) 632-3070 or visit www.codycenter.org.

Stolen Artifacts and Unfinished Agendas Highlight Series

Stony Brook's 2003 Provost's Lecture Series continues a tradition of presenting timely—and often controversial—topics for discussion. The series kicks off on September 16 with a subject close to home for Long Islanders: "Lyme Disease: A 20-Year Stony Brook Story," a lecture by Jorge Benach, Director of Stony



One of the pieces looted from an Iraq museum.

Brook's Center for Infectious Diseases.

Most people rarely consider the mechanisms behind the sun's powerful rays—yet this past cloud-covered spring, Long Islanders really missed them. John Bahcall, Richard Black Professor of Natural Science at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton University, will explain "How the Sun Shines," on Thursday, September 18. Bahcall, who pioneered the development of neutrino astrophysics, is the winner of a \$1 million 2003 Dan David Prize for his work in cosmology and astronomy.

Spring 2002 also will be remembered for its devastating news images of priceless Iraqi antiquities being lost to looters and war damage. In Stony Brook Anthropology professor Elizabeth Stone's lecture, "Ancient Mesopotamia: Lessons for the Future of Iraq from its Distant Past" on September 25, the audience will get an insider's view of what the loss of these antiquities, such as the Uruk lady (pictured above), from the 4th millennium B.C., means. Dr. Stone has directed archeological research in Syria, Iraq, and Turkey, and made four trips to Iraq since the first Gulf War—two of those since the recent war.

Although the number of women earning advanced degrees in science and engineering in the past 25 years has increased dramatically, few women today hold senior-level positions in industry or academia. Elga Wasserman, Senior Research Scholar at Yale Law School, discusses some reasons for the imbalance in her talk, "Women in Science and Engineering: The Unfinished Agenda," on Wednesday, October 8.

For more information on upcoming lectures, please visit www.stonybrook.edu/provost.

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Research Roundup

Cutting-edge research culled from Stony Brook's best and brightest minds.

Women of Substance

Attractive, successful, independent—that's how a "spinster" was viewed in the '90s—the 1890s, that is. Yet half a century later, the word came to describe the bitter, lonely, often frumpy and fearful unmarried woman spotlighted in many Hollywood films. And this image makeover intrigued Naomi Rosenthal into writing *Spinster Tales and Womanly Possibilities*, published last year by SUNY Press.

Rosenthal, a visiting professor in the Department of Sociology, has been at Stony Brook since 1964 when her husband, Professor Joel Rosenthal, joined the Department of History. A 1976 graduate of SB's Sociology Ph.D. program, Rosenthal had finished a project on 19th-century women's organization networks. While knee-deep in that research, she noticed that about one-third of the "nationally known reformers had never married, were college-educated, and worked." That insight spawned *Spinster Tales*, her first book.

When Rosenthal expanded her view from the 1890s into the 1920s, she found that, again, a high proportion of working women were unmarried and college-educated. Back then, marriage and career were incompatible choices for women, but the spinster was considered a symbol of female independence, an acceptable alternative lifestyle. So how did it come to pass that by the '40s and '50's, the spinster had lost her luster?

At Stony Brook's own Frank Melville Jr. Library, Rosenthal unearthed microfilm copies of *Ladies' Home Journal* dating back to the 1880s. Before World War I, the magazine portrayed unmarried women as very attractive, worldly, and successful, she noted. "Commentators said they had more money than married women, more time to pursue leisure activities, and that their lives were so wonderful in comparison to married women with families."

To track the changing points of view, Rosenthal delved into short stories and serial novels from 1890, 1913, and 1933 that were printed in *LHJ*. She saw that the "spinster as the powerful figure of seduction" had faded out of the magazine after the mid-1930s. But when the old maid comes back with a vengeance, in classic films such as the 1942 Bette Davis melodrama *Now, Voyager*, and 1955's *Summertime* with Katharine Hepburn, she is portrayed as a lonely frump until transformed by love. Even the cheerful 1946 Christmas comedy *It's A Wonderful Life* gives spinsterhood a slap. After George Bailey wishes he had never been born, his wife Mary turns into a bespectacled scared-of-her-own-shadow librarian—quite a contrast to the strong, vibrant woman she is when married to George!

"There was a backlash after World War II," Rosenthal explains. "There were many movies produced, books written, and articles published that focused on the dangers created by domineering women, asserting themselves too much, potentially emasculating men. Negative images of women were pouring out and the spinster imaging



Katharine Hepburn's spinster character falls into a canal in the movie *Summertime*.

was part of that negative spin. There was an implied warning that if a woman didn't shape up, knuckle under, and support men rather than compete with them, they would wind up unloved, rejected, facing a life of long, sexually unfulfilled existence." Interestingly, during those years, the average marriage age dropped while the number of marriages increased dramatically.

By the mid-'70s, the once-ubiquitous old maid all but vanished from American popular culture, says Rosenthal, coinciding with the new opportunities and options for women. But as *Spinster Tales* shows, the "modern" independent woman is not so modern after all.

The Fear Factor

When President George W. Bush ordered troops into Afghanistan after September 11, 2001, most Americans were behind him. But after the Iraq military invasion in March 2003, support for the President slipped dramatically, and continued to slide even after the war had officially come to an end.

"This was unusual because people tend to rally around a President during wartime," says Leonie Huddy, Associate Professor and Director of the Center for Survey Research, of the findings of a three-part survey conducted by Stony Brook's Department of Political Science.

The 80-question survey is the first to gauge, at three different intervals, the reactions of one group to the same issues: terrorism and foreign policy. Huddy and Stanley Feldman, Professor and Associate Director of the Center, along with Professors Charles Tabor and Gallyal Lahav, used the Survey Center to interview 1,570 adults around the country in October 2001 through March 2002, then requestioned many of the original participants in October 2002 as Congress debated action against Saddam Hussein. Finally, half of the same group were contacted again as bombs flew over Iraq and the



Fear of terrorist attacks caused people to stockpile duct tape and plastic sheeting.

other half after President Bush announced the conflict was over. The post-war survey ended June 30. The data is now being fully analyzed.

Huddy is known for her work in intergroup relations (including gender, racial, and ethnic groups), while Feldman focuses on political psychology, voting behavior, and political tolerance and prejudice. This was the first time the husband-and-wife researchers had examined the political impact of terrorism.

The survey began as a way to cope with the aftermath of the attacks on U.S. soil. "We needed to understand the strong, emotional reactions to 9/11 to better understand what happens when people are threatened," Huddy explains. "Our work ties together the anxiety about terrorism, which impacts the level of support for foreign policy actions such as war."

The first interviews showed broad support for military intervention in Afghanistan and for President Bush among Republicans and Democrats alike. "It was a very popular action to get the Al Qaeda operatives," Huddy says. "After 9/11, George Bush was seen as a strong, decisive leader."

Only a small group did not back the President. "The more people felt we would be attacked by terrorists, the more support they gave toward action," Feldman explains. "The more anxious people felt about terrorism, the less supportive they were."

While the survey showed that most Americans appraised the risk of future terrorism as high, they varied in the degree to which they were emotionally shaken by the attacks. Those who reacted with "hot" emotions (fear, worry, anxiety) elicited risk-averse behavior, whereas those who reacted with a "cool," cognitive appraisal showed increased support for retaliatory action. Anxious citizens are less supportive because their motive is to reduce, not increase, their level of fear.

But once Operation Iraqi Freedom began, approval dropped dramatically. "People didn't see a rationale for the war—the connection to 9/11 was not as clear," says Huddy. Not surprisingly, the shift was highest among Democrats.

The latest data suggests support for Bush is still falling. What impact will this have on the 2004 election? "A year is a long time in politics," Feldman warns. "People forget about war and its effect on popularity rapidly declines. Traditionally, presidents faced with a weak economic time like this do not get re-elected."

Full results of the survey will be published later this year. Huddy and Feldman's next project is just as timely: They will examine

racial inequalities in education, in the wake of the recent Supreme Court decision on affirmative action.

For more information on these or other surveys, please visit the Center for Survey Research at www.stonybrook.edu/surveys.

Fantastic Voyage

Blame the high squirm factor: Though 91 percent of colorectal cancer cases are preventable, fewer than 35 percent of at-risk Americans undergo regular screenings and only half of those have recommended colonoscopies.

"The traditional invasive colonoscopy is so uncomfortable, patients often refuse medical advice or delay the screening," explains Professor Arie Kaufman, Chair of the Department of Computer Science and Director of the Center of Visual Computing.

Now, thanks to Kaufman and his fellow researchers, physicians can offer a safer, more efficient and, yes, nearly squirm-free option: a "virtual" colonoscopy. Instead of a scope threaded through the intestine, a 15-minute CAT scan takes pictures of the colon. The data is then processed into a 3-D image that enables the doctor to "fly" through to spot any polyps. (Research suggests that early detection and removal can stop polyps from progressing into cancers.)

This breakthrough software is patented and licensed to Viatronix Inc., a company co-founded by Kaufman, who has spent nearly 18 years on the development of medical diagnostic 3-D imaging technologies. His FDA-approved Viatronix Virtual Colonoscopy allows a physician to "see" 100 percent of the colon surface versus the estimated 80 percent viewed with conventional methods.

"Our procedure is like taking a 'Fantastic Voyage' through the colon, as if you were in a submarine navigating the length of the organ," Kaufman says. "The voyage comes complete with full viewing capabilities, enabling a physician to stop, turn around, and look at any aspect of an anomaly from any viewpoint, just as you would hold an object in your hands and turn it around to see it from all angles."

Today, the American Cancer Society lists colorectal cancer as the second leading cause of death due to cancer in the United States. Tomorrow, as the patient-friendly virtual colonoscopy becomes a routine screening method, many more lives will be saved. ■



The screen as seen by a doctor viewing the Virtual Colonoscopy.

By Jo Cavallo

Taking Care of Business

Stony Brook's commitment to bridge the needs of business and academia is reaping enormous benefits to the University, the community, and the economy.



Rosa Kasperovich dreamed of starting her own business. Stony Brook University's Small Business Development Center helped make it a reality.

Six years ago when Rosa Kasperovich decided to start her own funeral business, she was surprised to find local lending institutions were reluctant to give her a loan—even though she was a licensed funeral director and had experience working in the field. She contacted the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) located on the campus of Stony Brook University. “Stony Brook helped me reach my goal to own a funeral home and become financially independent,” says Kasperovich. (See “A Dream Come True,” on page 9.)

Kasperovich represents just one of thousands of Long Island entrepreneurs who have been helped by Stony Brook's formidable business and academic expertise, according to Gloria Glowacki, acting director of the SBDC at Stony Brook University. “Since 1989 when Stony Brook started SBDC, we've served nearly

12,000 clients,” says Glowacki. “The total economic impact on Long Island [in terms of loans, investments, and expenditures] is \$172,554,482.”

And that's just a fraction of the \$2.5 billion worth of revenue generated by the University through various research programs sponsored by the federal government and local corporations, medical inventions and patents, partnerships with high-technology companies and the University's incubator facilities, student tuition, campus residence expenditures, and other services. That represents an economic boon to the local economy that wouldn't exist without the University, according to Lee Koppelman, director of the Center for Regional Policy Studies at Stony Brook.

Among high-technology companies, for instance, incubators foster early-stage growth

by helping them to obtain financing, consolidate management teams, safeguard intellectual property, and successfully market their technologies. Companies pay rent to belong to incubators based on their stage of development. Once a fledgling company has grown its “wings,” it leaves the security of the incubator to make way for new start-up companies. Incubators also provide a collaborative function: incubator residents often lend their expertise to help one another solve business problems.

“Stony Brook is a major economic engine for the New York downstate economy, helping to generate more than 43,000 jobs on Long Island,” says Dr. Koppelman. Traditionally the University has concentrated on the high-technology area, he says, but there are opportunities in a number of sectors, such as in the medical field and in government.

Stony Brook University made an innovative move in 1998, when President Shirley Strum Kenny appointed Dr. Yacov Shamash to the new position of Vice President of Economic Development—the first-ever appointment at a research university. President Kenny created the position as a way to strengthen the University's ties to the business community and entrusted Dr. Shamash with the responsibility of forging relationships among the worlds of business, government, and academia.

One of the initiatives Dr. Shamash is involved with is Stony Brook's Center of Excellence in Wireless and Information Technology, one of five centers being planned throughout New York State. Stony Brook's Center, expected to provide a big boost to the local economy once it is established, will link academic researchers with technology companies, utilizing the University's intellectual resources to benefit private enterprise. With \$50 million coming from New York State, another \$50 million from the federal government, and \$160 million from the private sector during the next five years, Dr. Koppelman says the monetary benefit to the University—and Long Island—could exceed \$3 billion.

Stony Brook's Center of Excellence has generated so much interest in the business community, several high-tech companies have already signed multimillion-dollar contracts with the University. "The state funding will be utilized to build a unique center that will house a [state-of-the-art] research facility for wireless and information technology. In addition, it also will be used as a testing laboratory for companies developing new products—hardware or software," explains Dr. Shamash, who came to Stony Brook in 1992 as Dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

How does the University attract businesses—large and small—to its doors? "Stony Brook has the distinction of offering 'from cradle to Fortune 500' technology business assistance and new enterprise development support," says Ann-Marie Scheidt, director of economic development and adjunct assistant professor of history at Stony Brook. "Through the resources we have to offer, such as R&D collaborations, advanced technology assistance to industry through the Strategic Partnership for Industrial Resurgence, our two incubator programs, and our SBDC, we provide access to a full range of [services] businesses need to grow and thrive—and stay on Long Island."

Stony Brook has "a number of programs that, even though they are independent, reinforce each other in terms of doing a full spectrum of things for companies," Dr. Shamash says. "Because the start-up companies are on campus, they can tap our students, which often leads to jobs for the students, either as interns or after graduation. The start-up companies also have access to the faculty and our laboratories."

Lab21

More Than Skin Deep

Two years ago when Charles S. Ryan, J.D., Ph.D., decided to launch a bioscience company to research and develop customized skin-care products, he couldn't afford to equip a state-of-the-art laboratory. So he turned to a familiar resource for help: Stony Brook University. Dr. Ryan is an adjunct professor with the School of Dental Medicine at the University and also received his doctorate in oral biology and pathology from Stony Brook in 1990. Dr. Ryan knew about the Long Island High-Technology Incubator (LIHTI) facility located on the campus and decided to apply to become a tenant.

"One of the advantages to being in LIHTI is that you can borrow intellectual resources and facilities. For example, at the Center for Biotechnology we've run a couple of assays and used equipment that as a start-up company we didn't want to go out and buy right away," says Dr. Ryan. "And there are various professors on the University campus with whom we've interacted over the last couple of years for various projects."

Having access to all that equipment and expertise is paying off. In just two short years, Lab21's skin-care products are on the fast track to becoming the must-have remedy for aging skin and have gotten rave

reviews on network news science segments and in the beauty pages of women's magazines. Based on a person's DNA, Lab21's skin-care line is formulated for each customer to compensate for deficiencies. A customized formula is determined after analyzing the answers to a 21-question survey regarding dermatological problems and the results from a DNA swab taken from the inside of a customer's cheek.

"After analyzing all the information, various skin products—from cleansers, serums, moisturizers, and eye treatments—are then custom-formulated in our laboratory here in the incubator at Stony Brook," says Dr. Ryan. The products are then shipped to customers within 48 hours. Lab21's products are sold in high-end department stores like Saks Fifth Avenue in New York City.



Dr. Charles Ryan (center) at the Long Island High Technology Incubator.



Lab21's skin-care products are specially formulated based on each person's DNA.



SB mechanical engineering students Greg Gunther (left) and Richard Fenwick (right) with Steven Fischman (center) attorney at Scully, Scott, Murphy & Presser.

Airtherapy Chair

The A Team

Last fall when mechanical engineering students Richard Fenwick and Greg Gunther, both 22, were trying to decide what to build for their senior design project, they had something racier in mind than the customized Airtherapy wheelchair that recently won them the coveted Innovation Award. "We were originally going to build a Formula racing car, but Stony Brook decided not to support that program anymore because it was too expensive," says Gunther, a racing enthusiast since he was 13.

Fortunately, Gunther's partner had another idea, one that had been on his mind for years. After watching his parents and home-health-care nurses struggle to make his wheelchair-bound brother, Christopher, 20, comfortable, Fenwick decided to use what he had learned professionally to solve a very personal problem.

"I was inspired by Christopher, who has cerebral palsy. He doesn't have any motor skills and is fully dependent on other people to lift him out of the chair and make sure he stays in alignment when he's in the chair because he can't get up and walk around," says Fenwick.

After receiving a grant from the National Science Foundation, the two students went to work designing the chair, which, unlike conventional wheelchairs, can be reclined and tilted, allowing patients to lie flat or at an angle, making it easy to transport fragile and elderly patients to a bed. "Paraplegics, quadriplegics, and elderly people who have to remain in a chair for a long amount of time may get stunted and contorted into a certain position, so this chair allows for multipositions and it can be wheeled around easier," says Fenwick. But what got the attention of Scully, Scott, Murphy & Presser, an intellectual property law firm in Garden City, New York, and creators of the Innovation Award, is the Airtherapy chair's unique air cell seating technology.

"Within the seating surface are individual air cells that can be modified via a control box on the side of the chair to alternate air pressure, so patients or caregivers can adjust the seat for comfort or therapeutic reasons, such as to alleviate any skin or tissue breakdown," says Fenwick.

Fenwick and Gunther hope to start up a small business to mass-produce the Airtherapy chair and are looking for grants or investors to help finance the venture. In the meantime, while they wait for financing and the chair's patent application to be processed, the new graduates have temporarily gone separate ways. Gunther was recently hired by Mercedes-Benz North America as a technical specialist and Fenwick plans to go on to graduate school for industrial design.

EDO Corporation

A Family Affair

Long before Frank Otto turned to Stony Brook to use its testing laboratories to develop high-technology prototypes for EDO Corporation's defense, aerospace, and marine divisions, he already had an intimate connection with the University. He met and married his wife Andrea when they were both graduate students at the University, he in engineering and she in biochemistry. What's more, three of their children received their undergraduate and graduate degrees from Stony Brook.

"We're a Stony Brook family," says Otto. "We all got a terrific education at the University and my children are still living and working on Long Island and giving back to the community."

Ensuring that both industry and a well-trained workforce continue to thrive on Long Island is a top priority for Otto, an executive vice president of EDO's Integrated Systems & Structures Group in Amityville, New York, who works closely with the University and the high-tech community to forge partnerships. As co-chair of the Engineering Dean's Council and a member of the Engineering Advisory Council in Stony Brook's Mechanical Engineering Department and Chairman of the Board of the Long Island Forum for Technology, Otto is in a unique

position to bring academia and business together.

"One of the reasons I got involved with the University was that there was a lack of engineers coming out of the universities on Long Island and they are the lifeblood of my company. We offer scholarships to students and have a summer intern program. We've probably hired five or six graduates from Stony Brook over the last three years to work here," says Otto. "I talk to the engineering classes at Stony Brook and say we're looking forward to seeing them in four years when they graduate."

Rose's Funeral Home

A Dream Come True

For 17 years, Rosa Kasperovich, 54, dreamed of having her own funeral home, one that would give African-Americans in her community of Brentwood, New York, a comfortable place to come to grieve for lost loved ones. Trained as a nurse, Kasperovich decided to switch careers and became a licensed funeral director and embalmer in 1980. She gained firsthand experience in the business working on a freelance basis for area funeral homes. Then in 1997, with her four children grown, she decided the time was right to launch her own business. Kasperovich approached local banks looking for a small-business loan, but was turned down everywhere she went.

"The funeral business is geared toward men, and here I am a woman who doesn't have a family background in this industry, but I had built up a reputation in the field," Kasperovich says. Undeterred, Kasperovich turned to the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Stony Brook University, looking for help. There she met Gloria Glowacki, now acting director of the SBDC, who showed Kasperovich how to write a business plan even the most dubious loan officer couldn't refuse.

"Gloria helped me show the banks the demographics of the area I wanted to target so they could see the need for my business based on the number of existing funeral homes and the number of deaths each year," says Kasperovich. Soon after, Kasperovich got her loan. Last year, after just five years in operation, Rose's Funeral Home became profitable and now employs six full-time local residents.

"Having this business is more than a dream come true for me," says Kasperovich. "So many times as I drive down the road to the funeral home, I look across at the building and say, 'Oh, boy, somebody has a nice funeral home,' and then I realize it's mine. The staff at Stony Brook helped me, prodded me, and stood by me. I advise everybody to tap into that resource."

Symbol Technologies

The Ties That Bind

The relationship between Symbol Technologies and Stony Brook University has always been strong. As manufacturers of mobile and wireless data transaction systems and high-capacity bar-code scanners, Symbol, headquartered in Holtsville, New York, not only uses the University's laboratory facilities and faculty members for the research and development of new technologies but also looks to Stony Brook's engineering school to recruit employees.

Symbol works closely with Stony Brook's engineering school, using its equipment and tapping its staff to do analytical work. This close interaction has a mutually beneficial effect: Symbol finds promising new employees and Stony Brook students end up getting jobs in the company.

Founded in 1975, Symbol Technologies employs more than 6,000 people worldwide, approximately 1,500 of whom work on Long Island, and generates payroll of more than \$1.32 billion according to its most recent earnings report. The company has partnered with the University to create the proposed Center of Excellence in Wireless and Information Technology, which will spearhead the development of wireless and information technologies. This will make Stony Brook's role in the future success of the company—and in the economic health of the region—even more pivotal. ■

By Howard Gimple

DEATH IN THE SOUND

Shellfish sleuth Alistair Dove probes the Long Island lobster die-off.

FOR GENERATIONS, LONG ISLAND LOBSTERMEN WOULD WAKE BEFORE THE SUN, DON THICK RUBBER BOOTS AND GLOVES, GO OUT IN SMALL BOATS, DROP EMPTY LOBSTER TRAPS INTO LONG ISLAND SOUND, AND HAUL FULL ONES UP. THEY WORKED ON RAW, COLD WINTER DAYS; IN THE SWELTERING SUMMER SUN; AND IN DRIVING RAINSTORMS. THE GALVANIZED STEEL MESH TRAPS LOOK LIKE ANIMAL CAGES BUT FUNCTION LIKE GIANT ROACH MOTELS, WITH COMPLICATED COMPARTMENTS AND NETTING THAT MAKE IT EASY FOR THE LOBSTER TO ENTER BUT IMPOSSIBLE TO LEAVE.



Dr. Alistair Dove takes an in-depth look at lobster disease.

It's a dangerous business. Groups of eight to ten traps, called trawls, are bound together by thick ropes that can entwine themselves around a lobsterman's leg and pull him into the sea. These large, clumsy contraptions are difficult and cumbersome to work with, especially when the deck is wet and slippery and the seas are choppy. Many a lobsterman has lost a finger in a hydraulic pot hauler, which is used to retrieve the heavy seaweed-encrusted traps from the bottom of the Sound.

Still, for all the danger and discomfort, there's nothing else that these men would rather do. Lobstering was more than their job—it was their life. And during the '90s, life was good. Long Island Sound was teeming with lobsters. On a good day, lobster fishermen could bring home more than 700 pounds of the Sound's most profitable shellfish.

Then, practically overnight, by the fall of 1999, the lobsters were gone. Day after day, traps were coming up empty. The few lobsters that were caught were dead and couldn't be sold.

The Long Island lobster industry seemed to evaporate in the summer heat. Total lobster harvests plunged from more than 10 million pounds in 1998 to 3.6 million in 2000, then down to only 2.5 million pounds last year. In the western Sound, lobster landings were down 90%, putting more than 900 local families in jeopardy. "It's very discouraging

when you see your livelihood slipping away from you, something you worked hard at for years," said lobsterman Bill Lauer of Northport. "It's not like a regular job—it's your life. You think about it day and night, it's in your blood. And when there's nothing out there, it's rough."

What was the cause of this crustacean devastation and what, if anything, could be done to bring back New York's \$100 million lobster industry? To help find out, a group of state senators and assemblymen from Long Island teamed with Stony Brook University to create the first and only marine pathology laboratory in New York State. The lab was completed in 2001 thanks to the legislative efforts of Kenneth P. LaValle, James Lack, Carl Marcellino, Owen Johnson, Steve Englebright, and James Conte—with a little help from entertainer Billy Joel (featured in *The Brook*, Fall 2000). It is housed on the Stony Brook campus at the Marine Sciences Research Center.

The man charged with co-managing the lab and solving the mystery of the lobster die-off is Dr. Alistair Dove, an engaging 29-year-old researcher in marine pathology and parasitology from Canberra, Australia. A graduate of the same university as Steve Irwin, TV's famous Crocodile Hunter, Dove first came to the United States to work as a pathologist in the New York Aquarium in Coney Island.

Following the pattern of his favorite TV show, “CSI: Crime Scene Investigation,” Dr. Dove started his investigation with the victim. He cut open some of the Long Island Sound lobsters and what he saw amazed him: Orange blood. Lobster blood is usually clear, but it can be pale pink or even green depending on the time of year and the sex of the animal. It is never orange.

After autopsying 20 lobsters in the fall of 2002, Dr. Dove discovered that they all died of the same new disease, calcinosis. Similar to kidney stones in humans, calcium deposits built up on the lobsters’ gills, interfering with both respiratory and excretory functions, eventually choking them to death. This result was not what he or any of the other marine researchers expected. Many scientists investigating the 1999 die-off agreed that a protozoan called a paramoeba was responsible for most of the damage. This tiny, one-celled animal targets the lobsters’ nervous systems and destroys nerve tissue.

Within a period of just three years, two disastrous lobster mortality

events occurred due to completely different causes. Was it a tragic coincidence or was there a single overarching circumstance that led to both these calamities?

After analyzing all the data, Dr. Dove realized that Long Island’s lobsters were in hot water—both factually and metaphorically. He concluded that the calcinosis was caused by the lobsters’ inability to process minerals due to the increased water temperature.

He also says that the warmer water is at least partly responsible

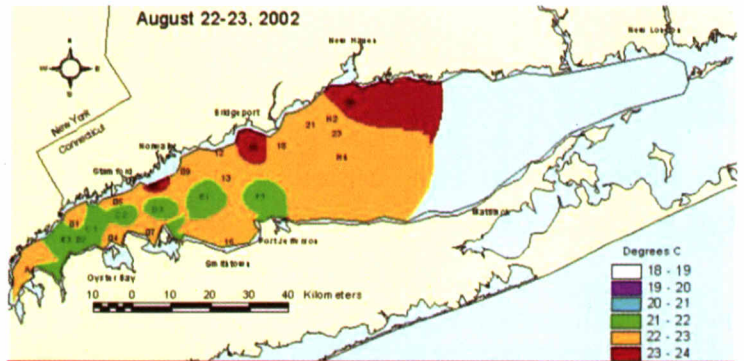
for the 1999 die-off. “They were dying from the stress of an environment that had become hostile to their ancient internal thermostats,” he said. “Climate is the killer here. The correlation is very strong. Not proven, but strong.”

Unlike spiny lobsters (*Panulirus argus*), a clawless crustacean found in tropical and temperate waters, American lobsters (*Homarus americanus*) thrive in colder temperatures. The Long Island Sound is at the threshold of their temperature tolerance level. Even a slight increase in the core water temperature of the Sound would have a major effect on lobsters’ sensitive immune systems. In 1999 and again in 2002, water temperatures at the bottom of the Sound reached their highest sustained levels of the past decade, exceeding the lobsters’ thermal limit, which hovers around 69 degrees Fahrenheit.

Dr. Dove believes that the stress from high temperatures may have compromised the lobsters’ immune system. In addition, the pesticides sprayed to combat West Nile virus, as well as hypoxia from overpopulation of the Sound in recent years, and the additional stress of Hurricane Floyd, created a “Perfect Storm” situation that resulted in the near total decimation of Long Island’s lobster population in 1999. Most of the lobsters died from exposure to a parasite that under normal circumstances, they would have been able to fight off easily. Again in 2002, though the direct cause of the mortality was different, the conditions that led to the collapse of the lobster population were strikingly similar.

Dr. Dove and his colleagues are still searching for the precise causes of the lobster die-off, and what, if anything, can be done to bring back this vital staple of Long Island’s economy and heritage. But if his hypothesis that heightened water temperature due to irreversible global warming proves to be correct, it could signal an end to Long Island’s lobster industry and the loss of \$100 million statewide.

Some lobstermen are hoping that the recent cold winter and spring will bring the lobsters back; others are pulling up their traps and selling their boats. Many, like George Doll, a lobsterman for 30 years, are torn between hope and practicality. Doll loses money every time he takes his boat out, but can’t bear the thought of leaving the life he loves: “How many more days am I going to do this before I pack it in? I ask myself that question every day.” ■



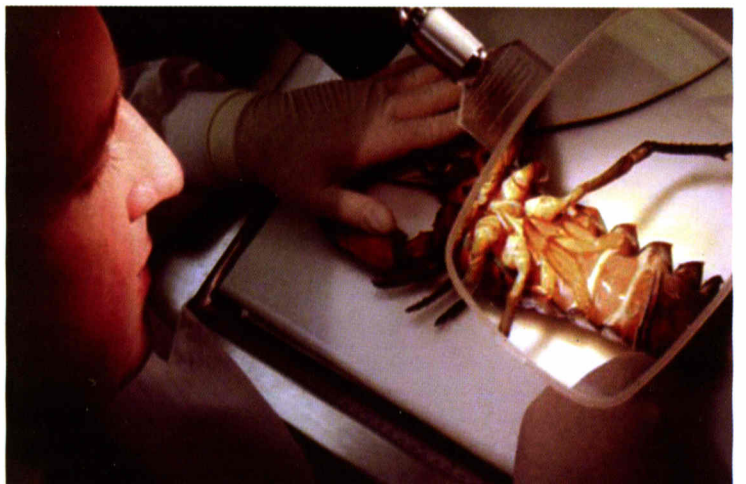
Map showing dramatic temperature increases in Long Island Sound.



Lobster with advanced shell disease.



Dr. Dove, Mark Sokolowski, Ph.D. student, and lobsterman Jimmy King on his boat, Lobstah One, taking samples of lobster blood.



Dr. Dove performing a necropsy on a calcinotic lobster.

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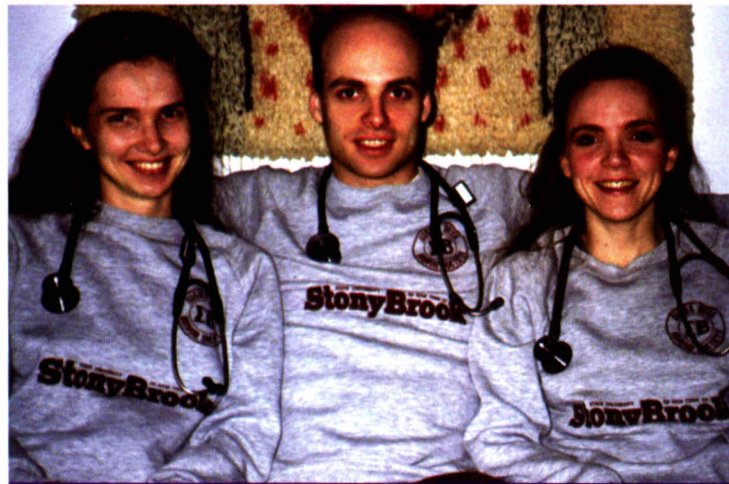
By Toby Speed

A Cut Above

St. James barber Tom Honkanen and his wife Gertrude put not one, not two, but three children through Stony Brook's School of Medicine.

INSIDE THE BARBERSHOP HE HAS OWNED FOR 34 YEARS, Tauno Honkanen is sweeping the floor after a long day of giving haircuts and shaves. The last few rays of sunlight angle in through a high window, illuminating a line of bottles and spritzers filled with blue and green liquids that sit on the countertop. The bottles are now capped. The ceramic and chrome barber chairs are empty. The only sound is the soft whoosh of the broom as it sweeps.

The shop, with its '70s-era paneling, is tidy and appears to be frozen in time. Peering out from the walls are young faces sporting the outmoded teased bobs and carefully parted hairdos of a generation ago, or longer. The price list—haircuts, \$9; shaves, \$7—hasn't changed



From left: Linda, Robert, and Lisa Honkanen, physicians three.

much in 15 years. The only contemporary touch is a bright, new poster of Olympic Gold Medalist Sarah Hughes ice-skating. Scrawled across this special poster in magic marker are a big heart and the words, "To Tom: Best Wishes, Sarah." The poster is a gift from Sarah's physical therapist, who is one of Tom's customers.

Harry's Hair Styling (the name a carryover from the previous owner) is housed in a modest white building on Lake Avenue in St. James, New York, in the middle of a busy shopping area. If you drove by quickly, you could easily miss it. There is no sign in front advertising the business, and the window blinds are closed tight. The only visual clue to what goes on inside is a barber pole perched above the door.

For more than three decades at this location, Tauno, known as Tom, has worked six days a week, 12 hours a day, to support his wife Gertrude and their three children, and to make sure that those children grew up with the best of everything that money can't buy—love, moral and spiritual values, a respect for hard work, and a thirst for education.

Today he is reaping the fruits of his labors. Over the years, his son and two daughters have invited him and his wife to no fewer than seven commencement ceremonies at Stony Brook. Between 1988 and 1992, all three received undergraduate degrees here, and one daughter earned a master's degree. During the next five years, Lisa, Robert, and Linda all obtained medical degrees from Stony Brook's School of Medicine.

Lisa, 36, is a physician and clinical researcher specializing in internal medicine and geriatric medicine at Weill Medical College at Cornell University. She also maintains a clinical practice in a nursing home and makes house calls. Robert, 34, is an ophthalmologist at Stony Brook University Hospital. Linda, 33, like her sister, practices

internal medicine and geriatrics and is located at Gurwin Jewish Geriatric Center in Commack.

When asked if he is proud of his children's success, the 72-year-old barber replies modestly, "I am happy that they are doing work that makes them happy." A humble man, he gives most of the credit for his children's success to his wife. Gertrude worked for years as a secretary and laid down the law at home, encouraging her children and instilling good study habits.

This philosophy of hard work and attentiveness pervades all areas of Tom and Gertrude Honkanen's lives. Take their home, for example. Tom built the house himself, including the flooring and much of the furniture that graces it today. He came to the United States from Finland when he was 25 years old and met Gertrude, from New York City, while ballroom dancing. One of ten children who grew up on a farm, Tom made his own shoes and skis and helped run the family farm (he jokes that he learned to cut hair from shearing sheep). The couple settled in Commack 37 years ago to raise their family.

"I always told them, work and do the best you can," says Gertrude, 67. "I was brought up with a very strong work ethic and a strong moral code which I tried to instill in our children."

"When the time came for college, Lisa's, Robert's, and Linda's first choice was Stony Brook University. "Stony Brook gave me an excellent education," Lisa explains. "It's a great value. I wouldn't trade my experience there for anything."

At first, Lisa wanted to be a veterinarian, but she changed her mind during college. She graduated from the University in 1988 with a B.A. in Economics, then returned a year later and earned a master's degree from the Department of Economics. She taught for a while and began a desktop publishing business, but neither job gave her the satisfaction she was hoping for. In 1993 Lisa enrolled in Stony Brook's School of Medicine, joining her brother and sister who had already begun there.

"Economics was about theories and ideas," she explains. "The spiritual concepts I'd been brought up with—that God gives all of us gifts and we should make the most of them—were missing. I wanted to do something to help people." Her strong interest in health care made medicine the natural choice for her. Lisa received her M.D. in 1997, did her residency at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center, and completed a fellowship in geriatrics at Weill Medical College at Cornell University in 2002.

Robert was sure of his direction earlier. As an undergraduate at Stony Brook, he did research in physiology and biophysics and earned a B.S. in Biochemistry. He also volunteered at University Hospital,



Tom Honkanen works his magic on a customer in the St. James barbershop he has owned for 34 years.

assisting the clerical staff at the nursing station. "It helped having two sisters in college at the same time," he admits. "We took a lot of the same classes, helped each other with coursework, and talked about which teachers were best." Medical training followed after graduation, and Robert earned his M.D. in 1994. He interned at Winthrop-University Hospital, did a residency in ophthalmology at Yale New Haven Hospital, and a fellowship in glaucoma at University of Iowa Hospital. He joined the Department of Ophthalmology at Stony Brook University Hospital in 1999. He also teaches residents at the Northport Veterans Association Medical Center.

As a child, Linda wanted to be a nurse. "When I was little, I had to go into the hospital for eye surgery," she explains. "A nurse came to see me, and she promised to come back. And she did come back. That meant a lot to me, and I wanted to be like her. At the time, I didn't realize women could become doctors."

In college she volunteered in the Emergency Room at Stony Brook University Hospital. It was there, while watching the staff assessing and treating the patients, that Linda realized medicine would be an interesting, challenging, and rewarding career. She earned her B.S. in Biochemistry in 1992 and her M.D. in 1996. She completed her residency in internal medicine at Stony Brook in 1999, and then did a fellowship in geriatrics at Mount Sinai Medical Center. She has been on staff at the Gurwin Jewish Geriatric Center since 2001. "I love what I do," she says with a big smile.

All in all, the Honkanen kids didn't do too badly at Stony Brook. They all graduated near the tops of their classes. All three were members of Phi Beta Kappa, and they were all in Alpha Omega Alpha, the national

medical honor society. Lisa and Linda graduated summa cum laude.

Now that his children are grown Tom has scaled back a bit on his daunting work schedule. He works five, not six, days a week at his barbershop. Gertrude, no longer working, tends to her beautiful African violets, some of which are from plants she has had for 20 years. The satisfactions of a lifetime of hard work and of making the most of one's gifts continue to pay off.

"My parents are happy," says Lisa. "They're happy that we are using our talents to help others. That was their dream for us." ■

How many haircuts does it take to pay for Stony Brook University medical school?*

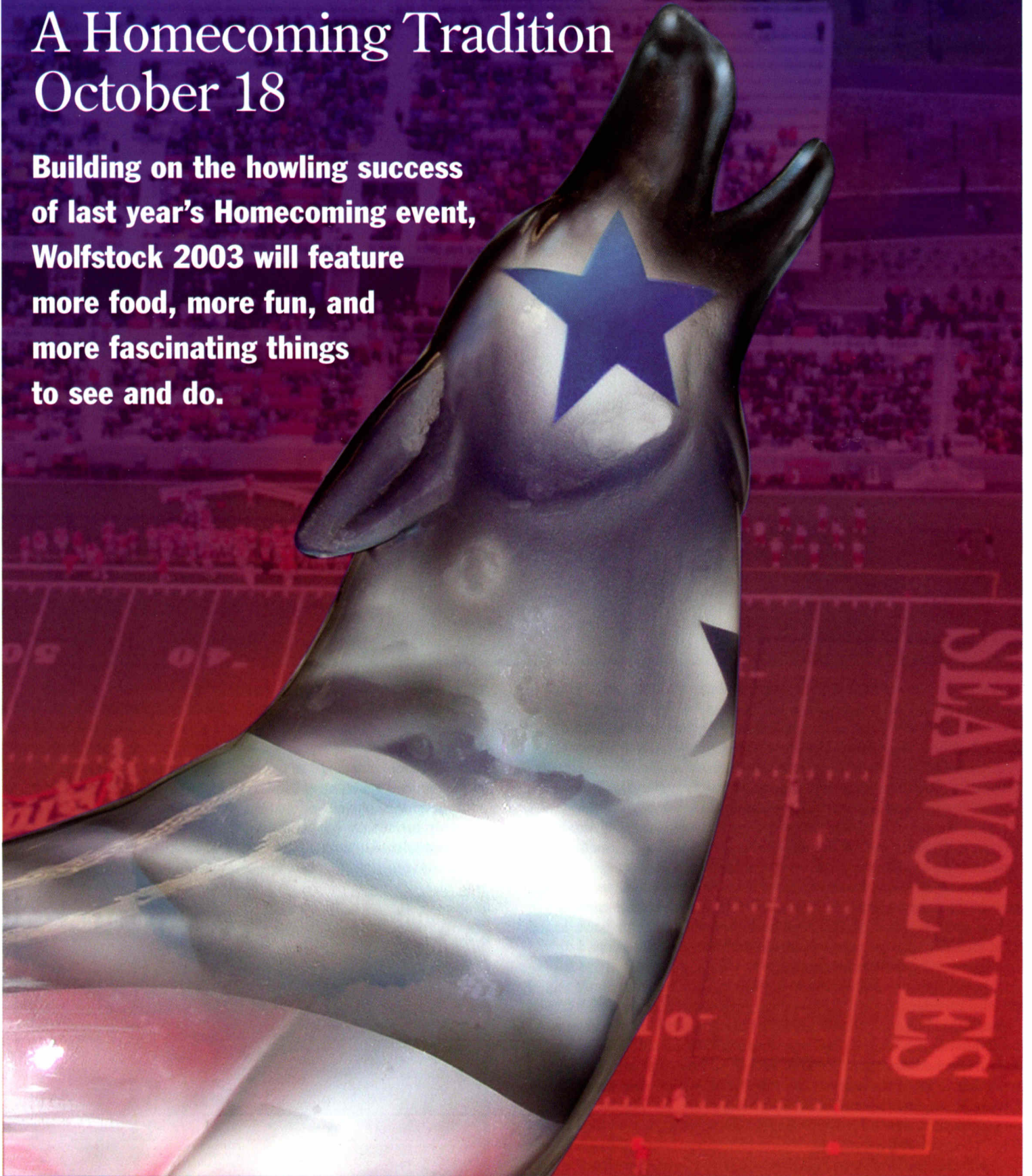
Reflex hammer \$4	= 1 shampoo
Stethoscope \$80	= 11 shaves
Ophthalmoscope/otoscope set \$400	= 44 haircuts
Food and misc. \$1,000	= 125 massages
Laptop computer \$1,100	= 183 beard trims
Books \$1,200	= 400 shampoos
Car (gas, insurance, parking) \$3,050	= 436 shaves
Tuition and fees \$11,270	= 1,252 haircuts

*Costs for a first-year medical student living at home

Wolfstock 2003

A Homecoming Tradition
October 18

Building on the howling success of last year's Homecoming event, Wolfstock 2003 will feature more food, more fun, and more fascinating things to see and do.



The fiberglass wolf above represents one of the new homecoming traditions. Each year, student groups and campus schools and departments paint wolves for displaying at Wolfstock Village.

The day-long festivities begin on Saturday, October 18, at 1:00 p.m. at Stony Brook's own Wolfstock Village with a Kids' Zone, which features a petting zoo, inflatable rides, a magician, face painting, and arts and crafts.

Make sure to visit the expanded University Expo Center where you'll find reunion tables from clubs, departments, and resident halls, plus a nostalgic Stony Brook photo exhibit. The colorful fiberglass wolves will be "on the prowl" this year as well.

The Alumni Food Pavilion will be expanded with an assortment of fine foods and tasty snacks from the area's best restaurants, including unlimited cocktails, beer, wine, and soft drinks. And continuous entertainment from the area's best local bands is guaranteed to get the crowd on its feet.

Wear your Seawolves colors proudly to cheer on our football team, undefeated at home last year, as they take on rivals St. Francis (Pennsylvania). Kickoff is at 4:00 p.m. At halftime, you might be one of the lucky contenders to attempt a 50-yard kick and win a new Chevy Avalanche from Ramp Chevrolet.

Don't wait to get your tickets! Order them online at www.alumni.stonybrook.edu or call the Alumni Relations Office at 1-877-SEAWOLF. Advance tickets are just \$8 without the football game, and \$10 with the game.



Football, food, and fun are all part of Stony Brook's Homecoming tradition.

Wolfstock 2003 ★ Schedule

Saturday, October 18

1:00 p.m.

Asian American Alumni Network Informal Gathering
Wolfstock Village adjacent to the Stadium

For more information, e-mail alumni@aa2sbu.org.

1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m.

Media Alumni Reception

*Living Learning Center for Media,
Douglass College in Tabler Quad*

Alumni staff members of WUSB radio, SBU-TV, *Statesman*, *Stony Brook Press*, *Blackworld*, *en Accion*, *Shelanu*, *Specula*, *GSO News and Views*, *AA E-Zine*, and the SBU chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists are invited to this Homecoming media reception. For more information, contact Norm Prusslin at (631) 632-6823 or Norman.Prusslin@stonybrook.edu.

1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

Wolfstock: A Homecoming Tradition

Wolfstock Village adjacent to LaValle Stadium

Reserve your tickets by calling 1-877-SEAWOLF or visiting the Web site, www.alumni.stonybrook.edu

Class Notes

1960s

Charlie Grammick '69 (B.A.) is the IT Coordinator of project management for Fairfax County Public Schools, Virginia. He is also the owner of *Sports4kids.com*, a Web store for kids' sporting equipment. He relieves the stress of raising four young children with a stand-up comedy act in Washington, D.C.

John McCarthy '69 (B.S.), a scientist at the Oregon Health and Sciences University's School of Science and Technology, was profiled in *The Oregonian* for his research into creating computer chips using nanotechnology. His research was financed with a \$100,000 one-year grant from the National Science Foundation.

1970s

James Olson's '69, '72 (M.A., Ph.D.) book, *Bathsheba's Breast: Women, Cancer, and History*, has been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize and received the History of Science award from the Association of American Publishers' Professional/Scholarly Publishing Division. He is a professor of history at Sam Houston State University in Texas.

Michael Goldstein '74 (B.A.) continues to practice adoption and family law with his wife Joy in Westchester County and New York City. They live in Rye Brook, New York, with their three teenage sons, a dog, and an iguana.

Janet (Testaverde) Nici '74 (B.S.) lives in New Jersey with her husband Rich and their two children. She is a systems engineer at Lucent Technology. She would love to hear from her old classmates via e-mail at jnici@comcast.net.

Stuart Jacoby '75 (B.A.) lives with his wife Margery and daughter Rebecca in Sharon, Massachusetts. He is a psychologist in the University of Massachusetts Medical School's Correctional Health Program. He also maintains a private practice.

Eugene Rodriguez '75 (B.A.) graduated from law school in 2002 and recently welcomed his first grandchild, Violet Jane Rodriguez.

For the second year in a row, *Long Island Business News* has named **Dale Allinson '76 (B.A.)** as one of Long Island's Top 50 women. Allinson is a partner in Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman's Real Estate Tax Certorari and Condemnation Practice Group.

Ethel Salonen '74, '77 (B.A., M.A.L.), manager of External Content with Millenium Pharmaceuticals, is a candidate for President-elect of the Special Libraries Association.

Judith C. Bird '78 (M.A.L.S.), a librarian at Farmingdale State University since 1968 has received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship. Bird was cited for her acquisitions and collection management and for helping move the campus "from a two-year institution to a four-year institution."

Edward Hernandez '79 (M.S.W.) was fea-

ured in the Everyday Hero column of *Newsday* this past July for his role as a housing advocate for the homeless on Long Island.

Kenneth J. Steier '79 (B.S.) is one of 10 fellows in the 2002-2003 Osteopathic Heritage Health Policy Fellowship. He is program director of the dual-approved internal medicine residency at Nassau University Medical Center and serves as associate program director for the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education internal medicine residency program.

1980s

OnlineBenefits Inc., a leading developer of HR technology solutions, has appointed **Siegfried C. Adler '80 (B.A.)** as Vice President, Product Strategy.

Thomas Lancia '81 (B.A.) just started his own law practice. He has a huge staff—his lap-top and two-year-old son (senior associate).

Thomas Yantek '82 (Ph.D.) is associate professor of political science at Kent State University. He was the co-chair of the second annual KSU Symposium on Democracy and

Donor Spotlight By Glenn Jochum



Safeguarding Our Athletes

Dr. Mark Wolff

Some of the best ideas result from casual conversation. A perfect example of that is an initiative that had its origins at Stony Brook University six years ago, the result of a pool-side chat.

Alex Shiu, a dental technician from the School of Dental Medicine, went for a swim with David Caldiero, a former assistant football coach at the University. When the topic turned to the subject of custom mouth guards for student athletes, Shiu mentioned that the Dental School had the technology to make them.

Shiu worked for Dr. Mark Wolff, who was Acting Chair of the Department of General Dentistry at the time, and asked Wolff to contact Caldiero. That was the beginning of a successful cost-saving initiative for the University that, since 1997, has outfitted Stony Brook's Seawolves with more than 200 mouth guards a year for football, men's and women's lacrosse, and men's and women's basketball at a value of nearly \$100,000.

Dr. Wolff began the program outfitting quarterbacks on the football team and it just snowballed from there. In all, he has donated roughly 100 hours a year to outfitting the athletes. He supplies all of the materials and impressions, and most of the labor, and doesn't charge.

"It improves the athletes' abilities to participate in sports without risking serious injury to their teeth," he says. He adds that he "never thought the program would be this successful. I know of no other dental school with as extensive a mouth guard program as this one."

What makes the mouth guards so valuable is that unlike the heat-formed "boil-and-bite" mouthpieces used by high school athletes, the orthopedic models that Dr. Wolff fashions are made of rubber, vacuum-formed, and fit "intimately to the teeth." While mouth guards are required for all sports by the NCAA, most university sports programs use the boil-and-bite variety because custom mouth guards are too costly. Professional teams, however, use custom mouth guards, which provide better protection of the teeth and soft tissues, and make speech and breathing easier.

Perhaps Dr. Wolff's loyalty to Stony Brook accounts for some of his philanthropy. A long connection to the University began when he earned a B.S. in Biology in 1977, and continued when he graduated from the School of Dental Medicine in 1981. He earned his Ph.D. in 1997 in Biology and Pathology, and is a full professor as well as an associate dean for informatics and special projects at the Dental School.

Stony Brook recognized Dr. Wolff's efforts on March 23, 2003, by awarding him an America East championship ring for his contribution to the lacrosse team's safety and health.

"The Athletics Department gives the award to people who go above and beyond the call of duty," says Seawolves head football coach Samuel Kornhauser. "Dr. Wolff was chosen because he contributed a great deal of time, money, and effort."

editor of a compilation of essays and related commentary, *Media, Profit and Politics*.

This past May **John Tom '85 (B.S.)** graduated with a professional diploma in school leadership and policy from Long Island University, Brooklyn Campus. He was honored with a graduation award for excellence in leadership from the School of Education, Department of Human Development and Leadership. For the past thirteen years, he has been teaching Advanced Placement and Regents Chemistry at Brooklyn Technical High School and is the Advanced Placement Chemistry Coordinator.

Mark Gruber '86 (M.A.) teaches anthropology at Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. His new book, *Journey Back to Eden, My Life and Times Among the Desert Fathers*, details his experiences from a year spent with the Coptic monks in the deserts of Egypt.

Scully, Scott, Murphy & Presser in Garden City has appointed as partner **Thomas Spinelli '86 (B.E.)**, who is also a mechanical engineer.

Mark S. Cheffo '87 (B.A.) has become partner of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP and Affiliates. He previously held the position of counsel.

Sensei, the new novel by **John Donohue '78, '82, '87 (B.A., M.A., Ph.D.)**, was based on his three different strengths—well-developed writing skills, an expertise in Asian culture, and training in martial arts. He credits the training and experiences he had at Stony Brook and the Department of Anthropology for his success.

Pura Cruz '88 (B.A.) is the recipient of the George and Helen Segal Foundation Grant of \$10,000 for 2002-2003. Her series, "Broken Guitarras," was part of the proposal to the Segal Foundation.

Louis J. Papa '89 (M.D.) is the first Monroe County physician to receive the American Medical Association (AMA) Foundation Leadership Award. The annual award honors physicians under age 40 for exemplary leadership qualities. Papa is an internist at University of Rochester Medical Center. He was also named in the 2002 edition of *Best Doctors in America*.

1990s

Patrick Jenkins '90 (B.A.), district director for Congressman Gregory Meeks, was featured in KIDSDAY, *Newsday's* Section for Kids By Kids, this past June. Jenkins is also on the Alumni Board of Directors.

Douglas S. Katz '90 (M.D.) has recently been appointed Deputy Editor of *Radiology*, the main scientific publication of the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) and the leading peer-reviewed journal in radiology. He is to serve in this capacity for the next four-and-a-half years. This appointment follows four consecutive years of awards as a reviewer for *Radiology*.

Alum Spotlight By Glenn Jochum



Cycling to Conquer Sarcoma Liddy Shriver '87

Elizabeth "Liddy" Shriver was in the prime of her life. At 35 years old, the cycling enthusiast felt she could take on the world. That was until April 2002 when Liddy received devastating news—she had been diagnosed with Ewing's sarcoma. Suddenly, Liddy found herself taking on a valiant struggle to save her life.

Ewing's sarcoma, a rare cancer of the bone and soft tissue, usually affects children and young adults. It accounts for only 1 percent of all adult cancers and has a survival rate of only 5 percent at five years, according to the Sarcoma Foundation of America.

Liddy needed to have a tumor and eight inches of her tibial nerve, which supports the calf muscle and stabilizes the ankle, removed in July 2002. Eventually, the sarcoma spread to Liddy's lungs and she underwent two rounds of chemotherapy and two clinical trials, all of which were unsuccessful.

But instead of giving in to her illness, Liddy, who lives in Jersey City, New Jersey, embraced life with a passion that most people never do. After the chemo, she embarked on a bike tour in April 2003 with family members and friends. Dubbing themselves Team Sarcoma, the cyclists logged 50 miles a day for four days through Liddy's former home state of Louisiana, raising nearly \$14,000 for research.

Because of the operation and the lung metastases, Liddy has difficulty breathing and using one of her legs to cycle, so she traverses flat terrain. In spite of this obstacle, she has remained resilient and determined to do what she loves best. "On a bike, I get a sense of freedom that I don't get any other way," she says.

The Shriver family had such a positive experience with the bike tour in Louisiana that they wanted to continue to raise money for sarcoma research and increase awareness of the need for young adults in clinical trials. They set up another tour so that people from other parts of the world could help them in their mission. In early July, they joined friends from Denmark and other countries to form an international Team Sarcoma of cyclists for a tour through some of the most scenic islands in the Danish archipelago.

Cyclists had the option of joining the Shriver family in Denmark or biking on the exact days and times the Shrivens were cycling. A total of 226 cyclists from Japan, Portugal, Serbia, Sweden, Switzerland, the Ukraine, and the United States joined the 28 members of Team Sarcoma who cycled in Denmark. Liddy's surgeon, Dr. Murray Brennan, and four colleagues from Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in Manhattan, were among the 226 cyclists.

The cyclists raised more than \$70,000 for the Sarcoma Foundation of America and collectively logged more than 7,800 miles, somehow managing to fit their volunteer efforts around their regular workweeks, according to Liddy's father Bruce.

Soon after the tour ended, Liddy began another round of chemotherapy and hopes that the off-study regimen she is undergoing, which involves administering FDA-approved drugs that have not been tested in combination, will arrest the growth of her tumors.

"Perhaps the best thing about the bike tours is that for several days, I really don't feel much like a cancer patient. My last chemotherapy is far enough in the past that I feel good," she said.

To find out how to donate to Team Sarcoma, visit http://theshrivers.us/d_donation.htm.

Hong Chen '91 (M.S., Ph.D.), Founder and Chairman of GRIC Communications, announced the launch of The Hina Group, an advisory and private equity investment firm. The Hina Group will focus on cross-border M&A advisory services and private equity investments in the communications and IT industries in China and the United States.

Donna Gaines '84, '91 (M.A., Ph.D.) had her memoir, *A Misfit's Manifest: The Spiritual Journey of a Rock and Roll Heart*, published by Villard. Three of the chapters deal with sociology and one, "Science as a Vacation," takes place at her beloved "Big Science University." Her other book, *Teenage Wasteland: Suburbia's Dead End Kids*, was declared by *Rolling Stone* as "the best book on youth culture."

Andrew Kolikoff '91 (CERT.), a senior science officer and Director of Business Development at Sear-Brown, was named to a list of "40 Rising Stars Under 40" by the *Long Island Business News*. He is also the founder and president of the Association for Resource Conservation Inc., a not-for-profit organization that encourages recycling through the re-use of discarded materials.

Bridgette Jablonsky '92 (B.S.) is the farm manager of Hanover Show Farms, one of the most prominent horse breeding centers in the world. She oversees the care of more than 400 mares and a dozen stallions on the farm, located in Pennsylvania. In addition, Jablonsky writes a monthly column for *Hoof Beats* magazine.

Catherine O'Brien '92, '94 (B.S., M.S.) is now a Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Consultant.

Forexster, a next-generation foreign exchange network-dealing application service provider, announces the appointment of **Kresimir Penavic '92 (M.S.)** to its Board of Directors.

Sonia Palacio-Grottola '93 (M.S.W.) was featured in the Everyday Hero column of *Newsday* earlier this year. She is an advocate for the Spanish-speaking population on Long Island and is also a founding member of the Dean's Advisory Committee for the School of Social Welfare.

Jennifer A. Jordan '94, '96 (B.S.W., M.S.W.) was married on November 5, 2000 and had her first child in May.

Jacqueline Masi '95 (M.A.L.) started her own business, Masi West Coast Pest Control.

Paul W. Neuhedel '95 (M.S.) is an investment banker with J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. in New York City, where he is a Vice President in the Energy Group. He is a founding director and current board member and treasurer of the Luke Neuhedel Foundation Inc., a 501©3 corporation created in April 2002 in memory of his three-year-old son Luke, who died in March 2002 after a lengthy battle with hepatoblastoma, a rare childhood liver cancer. The foundation is dedicated to

Remembering



Man of Ideas

Lewis Coser

Distinguished Professor Emeritus Lewis Alfred Coser, a eminent sociologist and a member of the circle of postwar "New York intellectuals," died this past July at the age of 89.

Born in 1913 in Germany, Lew Coser was part of the exodus of intellectuals fleeing the Nazi regime. He did much to bring European traditions of social thought to American sociology, editing and translating important works of sociological theory, and developing his own theoretical contributions, primarily in *The Functions of Social Conflict* (1956), where he blended functionalism and conflict theory. This pioneer in the efforts to bring together sociological theory and empirical research was

also President of the American Sociological Association, as well as other major sociological organizations, and one of the founders of *Dissent*. His work, *Masters of Sociological Thought* (1977), is a widely used exposition of classic sociological theory.

Professor Coser taught at several universities, including the General College of the University of Chicago as well as the University of California at Berkeley. He founded the Department of Sociology at Brandeis University and taught there for more than 15 years before joining the Department of Sociology at Stony Brook, where he taught from 1969 until his retirement in 1986. In 1987, Professor Coser moved to Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he became Professor Emeritus at Boston College and then later at Boston University.

"Not only was Lew a giant in the field of sociology and social criticism, he was also a dedicated department member and campus citizen," said Norman Goodman, Distinguished Professor Teaching Professor, Distinguished Service Professor, and Chair of the Department of Sociology. A memorial service is being planned for the fall.

improving the quality of life for children with pediatric cancer through education, research, and aid to families in need. For more information, visit the foundation at www.lukefund.org or contact them at happyface@lukefund.org.

Bradley Birnbaum '96 (B.S.) has been appointed Vice President, Product Strategy at eAssist. He joins eAssist from Divine Inc., where he was Vice President, Customer Interaction Management.

Paul Pedisich '93, '98 (M.A., Ph.D.) recently published his book, *The Legion*, a 75-year history of the Lake Ronkonkoma American Legion Post #155. The book is available at the Lake Ronkonkoma Historical Society.

Scully, Scott, Murphy & Presser in Garden City, an intellectual property law firm composed of attorneys with backgrounds in science and technology, appointed **Aasheesh Shrivah '98 (B.E.)** as associate.

Nicole Gabrinowitz '96, '99 (B.A., M.A.L.) brought her 70-member cheerleading team, the Long Island Panthers, to a national competition in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Besides the team members, she has more than 100 cheerleading students at "Nic's Gym." She also teaches math.

2000s

Donya-Gaye Anderson '00 (B.A.) and **Astrid Fiano '00 (B.A.)** were among the

academic degree candidates honored at the Syracuse University College of Law 108th commencement ceremony.

Megan Rohan '01 (B.S.) teaches biology and chemistry at Mary Louis Academy.

Jolene Witkin '01 (M.S.) is the Web/Database Developer for the KAN-ED Project at the Kansas Board of Regents. KAN-ED is a project that will connect all schools, libraries, and hospitals in the state by a new statewide network. She also coordinates membership applications and is the main contact point for the federally funded E-Rate program.

Gary P. Chimes '99, '02 (M.S., Ph.M.) recently completed his medicine internship at Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital in Coopers-town, New York. In July, he began his Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation residency at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, New Jersey Medicine School.

In Memoriam

Alice Michaels '68

William Gannon '77

Betty Pitts '78

Ralph Weisenbloom '72

Anicka Lewis '02

Samantha Lech '03

Tenth Annual "Walk For Beauty"

Participants Raise Money For Cancer Research

New York State Senator John J. Flanagan (right) helps raise awareness for the Tenth Annual "Walk for Beauty...In a Beautiful Place," scheduled for Sunday, September 21. The event is co-sponsored by the Ward Melville Heritage Organization and Stony Brook University Hospital to raise money for breast and prostate cancer research at Stony Brook University. Since it began ten years ago, the Walk has raised more than \$600,000.

The 6K/4K "Walk for Beauty" begins at the Stony Brook Post Office in the Village Center and follows a scenic route along Stony Brook Harbor, past historic landmarks including the Grist Mill, the Three Village Inn, and other buildings that date back to the 1700s and 1800s. For more information about how you can support cancer research, please call (631) 444-4393.



Recent Alumni Events

Alumni Golf Classic

Having a Ball



This past May the Alumni Association hosted its second annual golf outing at the Port Jefferson Country Club at Harbor Hills. The event raised \$15,000 to enhance alumni programming and scholarship support. Special thanks to our corporate partners for helping ensure the success of this event: Title Sponsor: Expedite Video Conferencing

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Alumni Weekend 2003

A Trip Back to Planet Stony Brook

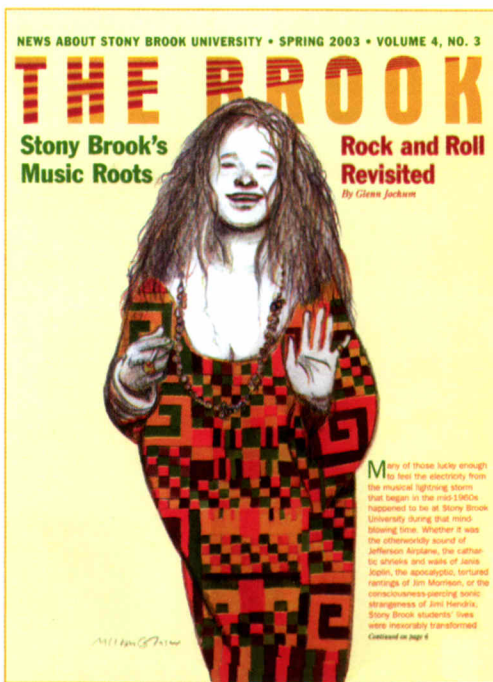
The rain didn't dampen the spirits of the more than 500 alumni who attended Planet Stony Brook, the University's first-ever Spring Alumni Weekend.

The weekend began with a Friday night luau in the new Charles B. Wang Center, where a steel drum band and traditional Hawaiian dancers entertained the guests.

Saturday the campus bustled with activity that included open houses, tours, and seminars. Lunch featured a barbecue on the Health Sciences Center terrace, followed by a Saturday night Mardi Gras party with live music from Muse's Proxy, Randy Jackson of Zebra, and a Dixieland Jazz band.



Letters to the Editor



Critic's Choice

Regarding Glenn Jochem's article on the music scene at Stony Brook ("Rock and Roll Revisited," Spring 2003), I wish I had known *The Brook* was going to run an article on Stony Brook's rock and roll connections because I would have loved to participate.

I began my career as one of rock's first female critics by writing for *The Stony Brook Statesman*, reviewing albums by the Rolling Stones, Aerosmith, Neil Young, and brand-new artist Bruce Springsteen. The *Statesman* editor urged me to try other local publications. Soon I cracked major music magazines, such as *Crawdaddy/Fusion*, *Creem*, *Circus*, *Rock Around The World*, and *Performance*—sort of. They rarely let a "girl" write about the top (white) rock bands, so I gave black artists, such as Aretha Franklin, Bob Marley, Tina Turner, Third World, Taj Mahal, Koko Taylor, Peter Tosh, Rahsaan Roland Kirk, Cab Calloway, and Eartha Kitt the coverage they deserved.

I also covered women the music establishment didn't want to take seriously, such as Bonnie Raitt, Joan Armatrading, Phoebe Snow, Bonnie Bramlett, and Patti Smith. I championed Queen when other critics thought they were a joke, the Kinks when they debuted a rock opera, and the Tom Robinson Band when "gay" was a dirty word.

My most memorable experiences include dancing onstage with Wilson Pickett, rescuing Ron Wood from the rain, helping Ray Davies get past a backstage security guard, declining an invitation from Robert Plant (still not sure that was my best move), and receiving a Post-it note from Pete Townshend about how he enjoyed reading my poetry and song lyrics.

My most ironic experience, years after leaving Stony Brook, was shepherding Robert Palmer into the University's auditorium for a concert and getting us lost in the backstage maze (shades of *Spinal Tap!*). But at least I didn't push him off the Bridge to Nowhere.

Kris DiLorenzo
'73 M.A. (English)

Editor's Note: The writer worked as a publicist, assistant manager, artist relations representative, assistant agent, for Rod Stewart & the Faces, Kiss, the Record Plant, MCA Records, ICM, and others, and was a founding member of the National Association of Women in Music.

Different Recollections

Regarding the article about John S. Toll written by Jo Cavallo ("Connecting SBU's Past and Present," Fall 2002):

I was a chemistry major from 1972 to 1976. I was fortunate to major in a discipline where the class sizes were small and where I knew many of the professors. I had access to undergraduate research opportunities that propelled me to graduate school and a successful career in chemistry. My wonderful experience at Stony Brook was due to the dedication of the faculty.

My memories of President Toll are not positive. I was an RA and a member of a team for four years in addition to the aforementioned research activities. I never saw President Toll. I never saw him at a track meet. He never came to the dorm.

He alludes to students taking over the administration building. What he forgets to say was we were protesting the poor and unsafe conditions on campus. The hundreds of student protesters at that time were not demonstrating against a faraway war, but an apparent total disinterest on the part of the campus administration.

I'll never forget the Parents' Weekend when the mud was sprayed with some green "yuck" to try to cover up the endless mess. The dorms were never in repair and no administrative representative ever appeared to show any interest in students' lives or academic interests. This is how I remember the John Toll administration.

Larry N. Lewis, Ph.D.
'76 (B.S. Chemistry)

Stony Brook On My Mind

I've been thinking about Stony Brook a lot lately. Perhaps it's because I turned 55 and am looking back over the past 26 years since I graduated, thinking about where the circle of life has led me. Or maybe it's simply the fact that my graduate students always com-

ment on the "Physician Associate" under my bachelor of science degree that hangs on my office wall.

As I ponder what it is that I gained from Stony Brook, it is simply this: It started me on a lifelong journey of learning about what it is to care for people while, at the same time, learning more about what I can offer others. Since 1975 I have taken many paths, among them, clinical work, health care administration, international consulting, distance education and telemedicine, as well as teaching others to care for themselves.

As a Physician Assistant I was taught to never stop challenging myself mentally or in pursuing the care of my patients. This focus on "people care" helped me start a free clinic, establish four educational programs for training physician assistants, assist the largest rural tertiary medical center in the United States develop a group of 130 PAs, and start an organization within the American Academy of Physician Assistants that encompasses more than 7,800 members worldwide.

I have received many awards and honors in the past few years, but my greatest treasures are two plaques on my wall, one bearing my undergraduate degree from Stony Brook and the other with a photo of my classmates and faculty from 1975.

Kenneth R. Harbert, Ph.D., CHES, PA-C
Professor and Chair, Department of Physician Assistant Studies
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

A Job Well Done

I continue to be deeply intrigued by successive issues of *The Brook*, so much so that I read them in one sitting. Your marvelous publication's presentation of the important work of students, teachers, and administrators makes me incredibly proud of good ol', brave, industrious Stony Brook! Your efforts are as valuable as they are commendable. Kudos many times over.

Fiona Bayly
'92 (M.A.)

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Help us Celebrate Alumni Achievements!

Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner



William and Jane Knapp let loose on the dance floor.

Celebrate Stony Brook's tradition of excellence at the 21st Annual Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner on Thursday, **November 20, 2003**, at the Carlyle on the Green at Bethpage State Park. This black-tie event will recognize alumni who personify the principles promoted at Stony Brook University.

Distinguished Alumni Award

Rich Gelfond '76

Co-Chairman and Co-CEO, IMAX Corporation

Distinguished Alumni Award for Public Service

Sylvia Diaz '92

Regional Vice President, American Cancer Society, Suffolk County Region

Distinguished Alumni Benefactor Award

Richard Bravman '78

President and COO, Symbol Technologies, Inc.

Distinguished Alumni Award for University Service

Debra Cinotti, D.D.S. '86

Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs, Stony Brook University

For more information about the dinner and to reserve tickets, visit www.alumni.stonybrook.edu or call (631) 632-6330.

Alumni Events ★ October/November 2003

October 1, Wednesday

12:00 p.m.

Harriman School Seminar

302 Harriman Hall

Join us for this lecture on "The Cost of Competitiveness in Major League Baseball" with Herbert F. Lewis, Ph.D., and Thomas R. Sexton, Ph.D. For more information, call (631) 632-7181.

October 17, Friday

The School of Health Technology and Management's Annual Distinguished Alumni Lecture Series & Lunch

All alumni, students, faculty, and staff are welcome. To nominate an alumnus or for additional information, call (631) 444-2252.

October 18, Saturday

Wolfstock 2003—A Homecoming Tradition

(See pages 14 to 15 for details.)

October 24, Friday

12:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.

School of Social Welfare Alumni Recognition Awards Luncheon

Health Sciences Center Galleria

For more information and to RSVP, send an e-mail to Yasemin.Tansell@stonybrook.edu or call (631) 444-2899.

October 31, Friday, 7:00 p.m.

November 1, Saturday, 8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

November 2, Sunday, 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Annual Fall Symposium: "Italian Labor/American Unions from Conflicts to Reconciliation to Leadership."

Student Activity Center & Stony Brook Manhattan

The opening session will be held on October 31 at 7:00 p.m. in the SAC. The keynote address and sessions will also take place in the SAC on November 1. The final sessions will be held at SB Manhattan on Sunday, November 2. For details on this free symposium, call the Center for Italian Studies at (631) 632-7444.

November 7, Friday

The Stony Brook Forum on Global Security, with the support of the Carnegie Corporation of New York, presents "Preparing Experts to Combat Bioterrorism: Bridging the Science-Policy Gap."

Stony Brook Manhattan, 401 Park Avenue South at 28th Street

Alumni with life science and/or security policy backgrounds that might enable them to contribute to the work of the conference should contact Professor Les Paldy at (631) 632-7026.

November 11, Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.

Stony Brook Alumni Association Lecture Series presents "Herbal Medicines and the Role of the Placebo Effect" with Arthur P. Grollman, Professor of Pharmacology and Medicine

Stony Brook Manhattan, 401 Park Avenue South at 28th Street

This lecture will address the safety concerns raised by unregulated herbal medicines and also will analyze the placebo effect with respect to its central role in clinical investigations and therapeutics.

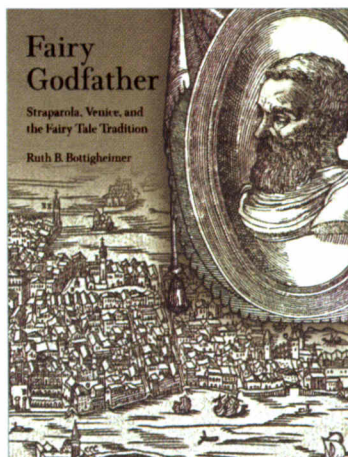
November 20, Thursday, 6:00 p.m.

The 21st Annual Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner

Carlyle on the Green, Bethpage State Park

Celebrate the achievements of our outstanding alumni (listed above) while enjoying great food, live music, and a silent auction. Black-tie. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit our Web site or call (631) 632-6330.

For more information on these or any other events, call the Alumni Relations Office at (631) 632-6330 or visit our Web site at www.alumni.stonybrook.edu.

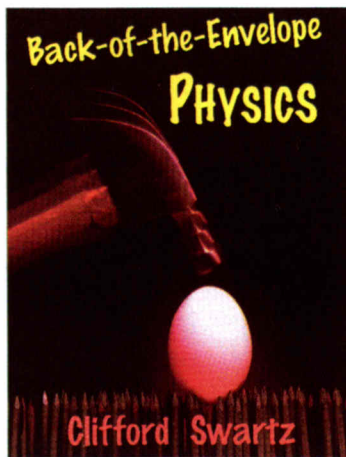


Fairy Godfather: Straparola, Venice, and the Fairy Tale Tradition

by Ruth B. Bottigheimer, Professor, Department of Comparative Literature

2002, University of Pennsylvania Press

In this scholarly work about the origin of the classic rags-to-riches fairy tale, Ruth Bottigheimer explores an intriguing theory: that these stories did not originate among peasants in “misty German forests” who passed them along by word of mouth over centuries, but in Renaissance Venice by a boy named Zoan Francesco Straparola who went to the city to seek his fortune and did so by inventing the modern fairy tale and selling his stories. *Fairy Godfather*, firmly grounded in the rich social history of 16th-century Venice, reconstructs Straparola’s collection of Pleasant Nights stories and also presents a biography of the author, a historical figure about whom little is known.

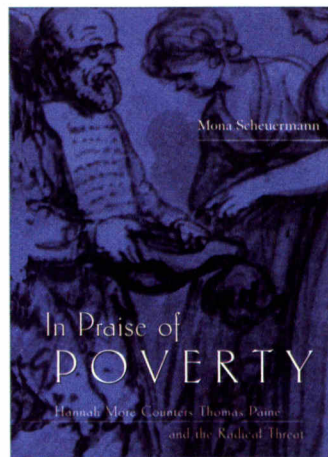


Back-of-the-Envelope Physics

by Clifford Swartz, Professor Emeritus, Department of Physics

2003, The Johns Hopkins University Press

Drawing on a lifetime of physics research and nearly three decades as editor of *The Physics Teacher*, Clifford Swartz provides easy, approximate solutions to physics puzzles that cover a diverse range of questions, such as: What note do you make when blowing across the top of a bottle? Or how can a fakir lie on a bed of nails and not get hurt? “Back-of-the-envelope” refers to estimations that physicists use to test the validity of an idea. This collection of more than 100 calculations covers such subjects as astronomy, optics, mechanics, and electricity, providing a wealth of material for teachers and anyone intrigued by the physics of everyday life.

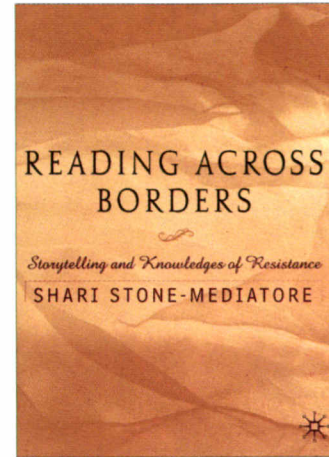


In Praise of Poverty: Hannah More Counters Thomas Paine and the Radical Threat

by Mona Scheuermann, Ph.D. 1974, English

2002, The University Press of Kentucky

Mona Scheuermann’s thesis is the first to place Hannah More and her volumes of writing to the poor within the social and political context of her time. *In Praise of Poverty* argues that More’s writing is a direct reflection of the attitudes and concerns of her upper-class peers as the threat of social disorder loomed over them in late-18th century England in the years following the publication of Thomas Paine’s *Rights of Man*. Scheuermann demonstrates that More’s intent was to teach the masses that they should be happy in their poverty, that to express discontent would be equivalent to questioning a social hierarchy designed by God.



Reading Across Borders: Storytelling and Knowledges of Resistance

by Shari Stone-Mediatore, Ph.D. 1997, Philosophy

2003, Palgrave Macmillan

Reading Across Borders addresses debates in contemporary feminist and critical thought, particularly regarding experience-rooted narratives. Shari Stone-Mediatore affirms the power of stories: “When we dismiss stories of experience as ideological constructions, we undermine not only the authority of many marginalized voices but also overlook the importance of experience to critical social theory.” The first half of the book examines the function of narration in political thinking, drawing on Hannah Arendt’s political philosophy and Kant’s theory of reflective judgment. Part two focuses on contemporary, transnational feminist analysis and examines the “crucial role that narration plays in transforming the raw material of experience into critical insight and power.”

New & Noteworthy

Burning the Aspern Papers

by John Drury, Class of 1976

The Ecology of Plants

by Jessica Gurevitch, Professor, Department of Ecology and Evolution

Dorothy Day: In My Own Words

compiled by Phyllis Zagano, Ph.D. 1979

The Traveler’s Guide to Nuclear Weapons: A Journey through America’s Cold War Battlefields

(a CD-ROM book)

by Timothy L. Karpin (co-author), Class of 1984, B.S. 1986, Earth and Space Sciences

Whimsy Street: Humorous Excursions from Daily Life

by Hal Reichardt, Class of 1977

Divinely Inspired: Spiritual Awakening of a Soul

by Jerry J. Pollock, Professor, Department of Oral Biology and Pathology, School of Dental Medicine

Seeking the Write Stuff

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Flashback



Founders, Keepers

The class of 1961, first to graduate from the new State University College on Long Island, posed on the portico of Coe Hall on the Planting Fields estate for a yearbook photo. This past June, The Founders Group, members of the classes of 1961-1966, reconvened during Stony Brook's Spring Alumni Weekend to reconnect, tour the "old campus," and reminisce:

John Unrath, 1963 *A math professor used to park his Volkswagen Bug near the Butler building. It would snow and cover up the car and then after class the professor would have to come and shovel the car out. After one snow, the professor shoveled and he shoveled and he shoveled, but no car. Some of the students had pushed the car around the corner and left a big mound of snow in its place.*

Ed McCullough, 1963 *One day some of his frisky classmates decided to put [this same professor's VW Bug] between two trees—head-to-tail. How did we all turn out to be such loving, caring, and brilliant people?*

Ed Strasser, 1965 *I remember being surrounded by the brightest and most curious people I have ever known. Every day I learned something from somebody. We were constantly discussing new ideas which—more often than not—were not in our respective majors. It doesn't get better than that.*

Editor's Note: To read more, log on to the Alumni Web site, www.alumni.sunysb.edu, and click on the Founders Reunion link.

New Athletic Director Champions Winning Culture

By Glenn Jochum

At Stony Brook, "We are going to recruit with class, act with class, and be first in class," said Jim Fiore, Stony Brook University's new Athletic Director. Fiore, 35 years old, is one of the youngest Division I athletic directors in the country.

Announcing Fiore's appointment in July, University President Shirley Strum Kenny said, "Jim has the energy, drive, enthusiasm, and intelligence to take this program, in the tradition of Stony Brook, very far, very fast."

Fiore has spent the past four years as senior associate director of athletics at Princeton University and was the assistant director of athletics at Dartmouth College from 1995 to 1999. Winning is in his blood. While he was at Princeton, the athletic teams won nine championships. When he played football for Hofstra University in 1990, the team went 10-0 in the regular season. "At Stony Brook, we will build a winning culture, one of high accountability and high expectations," he said.

He stresses academics as a top priority for his tenure at Stony Brook. "Coaches will be evaluated as good role models and mentors for how they are as educators, not just for their win-loss records...Most importantly, I want to prepare [the athletes] to be leaders in life after graduation."

And Fiore downplays the age factor. "I don't think this business is about age. It's about ability and character...Stony Brook is a great place to be. We are going to do great things here."



New York State Senator Kenneth P. LaValle (left) and Stony Brook University President Shirley Strum Kenny welcome Athletic Director Jim Fiore at a press conference in July.

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