

# CAMPUS CURRENTS

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STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT STONY BROOK

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## Psst! Want a Hot Tip for a Cold Night?

By VICTORIA MITCHELL

With winter and its stormy days and nights upon us, what prospect could be more inviting than settling down to a really engrossing book? We polled a somewhat arbitrary cross-section of Stony Brook faculty and came away with the following intriguing suggestions for a good read.

Peter Elbow, director of writing programs, recommends reading any of the works by May Sarton, an author who deals with the "texture of human experience," as well as one or all of the books in John Updike's *Rabbit* trilogy.

When it gets cold, dark, wet on Long Island, linguistics lecturer Susan Ansara suggests we try *On Persephone's Island—A Sicilian Journal*, by Mary Taylor Simeti. According to Ansara, reading this book will transport you to the warmth of a sultry Mediterranean summer.

Physics professor David Fossan extolls the "excellent and delightful light reading" provided by Richard P. Feynman's *Surely You're Joking, Mr. Feynman!—Adventures of a Curious Character (as told to Ralph Leighton)*. Feynman, known by his colleagues as a "funny type of character," recounts the interesting and often comical experiences in his influential career as a Nobel prize-winning physicist. And to know that a man who has been appointed to the presidential commission to investigate the space shuttle disaster can find a lighter side to life is reason to give us all some hope.

*World's Fair*, a thinly fictional autobiography about growing up and los-

ing one's innocence in the Bronx of the 1930s, by E. L. Doctorow, the author of *Ragtime*, is recommended by literature professor Carole S. Kessner. This novel recently won the National Book Award for fiction, and Kessner believes it is "beautifully written."

Another fictional offering might be *The Hunt for Red October*, by Tom Clancy. Robert Cess, professor of mechanical engineering, read this one while on a plane, but, he says, it would also be great to read in front of a warm fire on a frosty day. The novel concerns itself with a Russian and his attempt to defect to the United States with one of his country's nuclear submarines—the Red October. By the same author is the current bestseller *Red Storm Rising*, about a thoroughly believable non-nuclear World War III.

Kirk Cochran of the Marine Sciences Research Center recommends Kenneth Hsu's *The Great Dying*. Although written by a scientist, this book, which is about "the extinction of dinosaurs and the development of comets and meteors and their effect on the earth during the Cretaceous period, will fascinate the layperson," says Cochran.

*The Name of the Rose*, by Umberto Eco, is one of chemistry professor Cynthia Burrow's suggestions. The main character, the medieval monk Brother William of Baskerville, bears a certain resemblance to another of her favorite characters: Sherlock Holmes. Professor Burrows enjoys the Arthur Conan Doyle tales and their hero for their suspense

and for the chance they give the reader to join in the fun, sleuthing out the perpetrator of the various crimes Holmes investigates.

Professor Rita Nolan, philosophy, suggests two books that might particularly interest faculty members who are seeking some light reading. One is the novel, *Death in a Tenured Position*, the eighth mystery novel by Carolyn Heilbrun, a distinguished professor at Columbia University who writes under the pseudonym Amanda Cross. The title may seem foreboding, but the book itself is entertaining and even funny. On a similar theme is Steven Cahn's collection of essays, called *Saint and Scamps*, which reflects on university teaching.

If none of these suggestions appeals to you, local bookstores offer several books that are quickly disappearing from their display shelves. For instance, Barnes and Noble, the on-campus bookstore that deals largely in textbooks, does provide a small selection for leisure reading. Their biggest sellers are science fiction books such as the Star Trek series published by Pocket books. Also popular are humor books: Gary Larson's *The Far Side*, published by Andrews, McNeel, & Parker, and the Bloom County series, published by Viking-Penguin.

S & S Books, on Nesconset Highway in Stony Brook, sells a lot of romance novels, but, like Barnes and Noble, they also find science fiction to be their best seller. Among recent favorites have been *With a Tangled Skein*, by Pierce Anthony, and Isaac Asimov's *Robots and Empire*,

a Del Rey book.

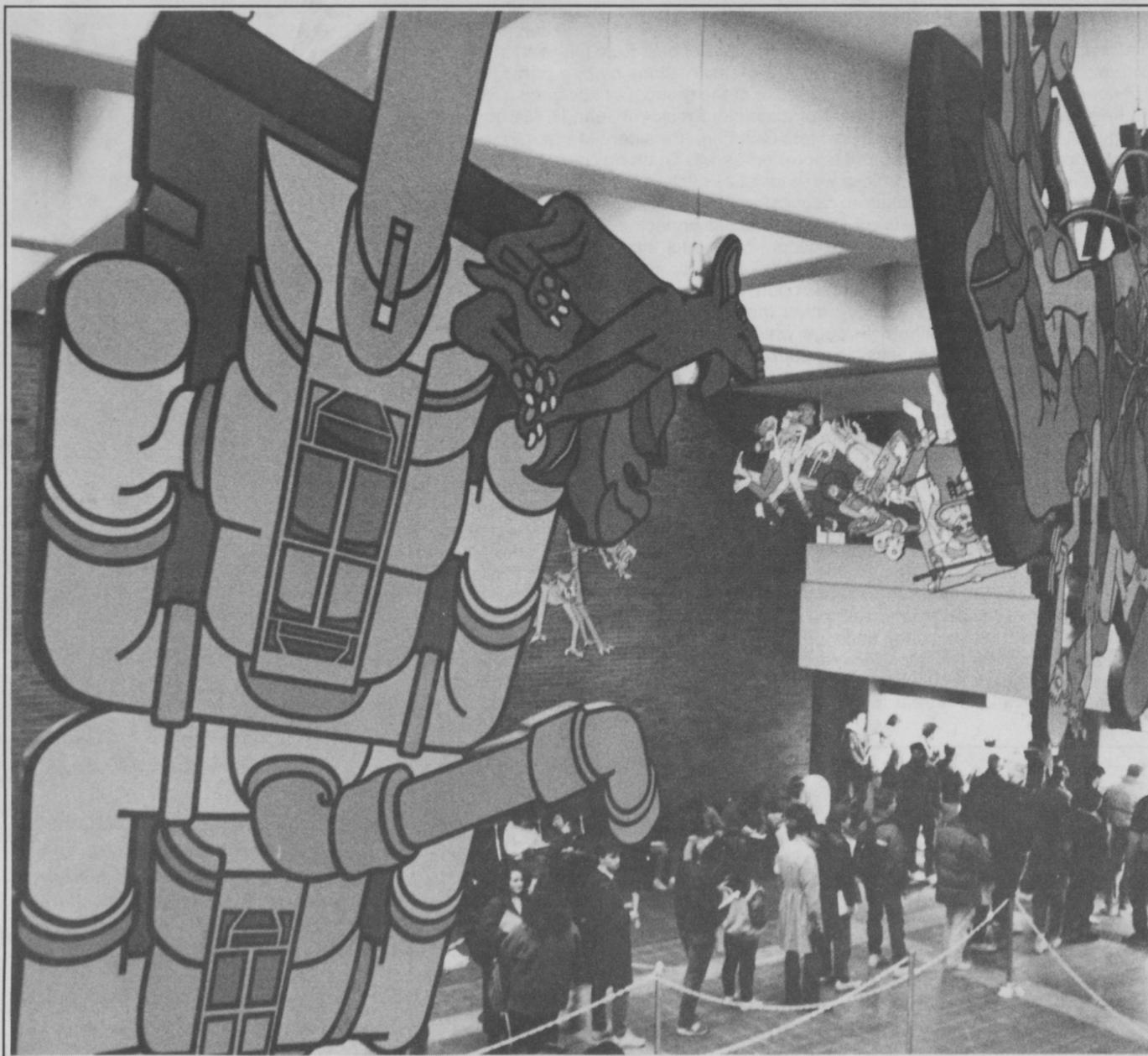
The Corner Bookstore in Setauket cites *The Story of English*, by McCrum, Cran and MacNeil, as a recent bestseller. This book chronicles the development of the English language and is a companion to the PBS television series. *Harvest of Sorrow*, by Robert Conquest, and *Taste of Death*, a mystery by P.D. James, are also selling quickly.

Kerry Mallen also contributed to this story.

### Next Week:

- It's budget time in Albany. How is SUNY faring so far? How about Stony Brook? Next week, we take a look at what is, what may be.

- A task force headed by Dean Gerrit Wolf worked for a year preparing a report with proposals on campus management. President Marburger has written a response that reviews the recommendations.



### Hang in There

The student lobby in the Administration Building is an art gallery. Mammoth works by Bernard Aptekar hang from the ceiling. An earlier work, also in the mural-cartoon genre he uses for his statements, appears in the Lab Office Building.

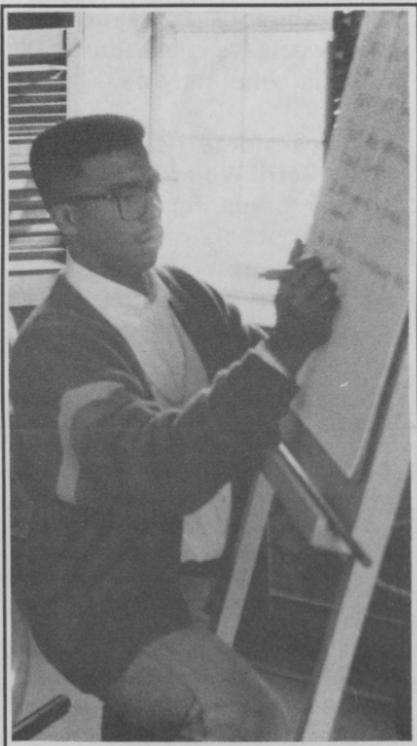
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# RETREAT!

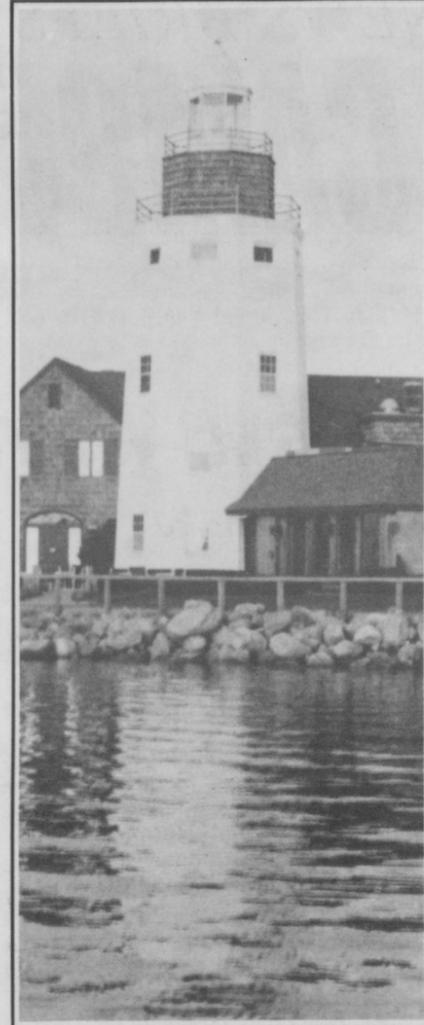
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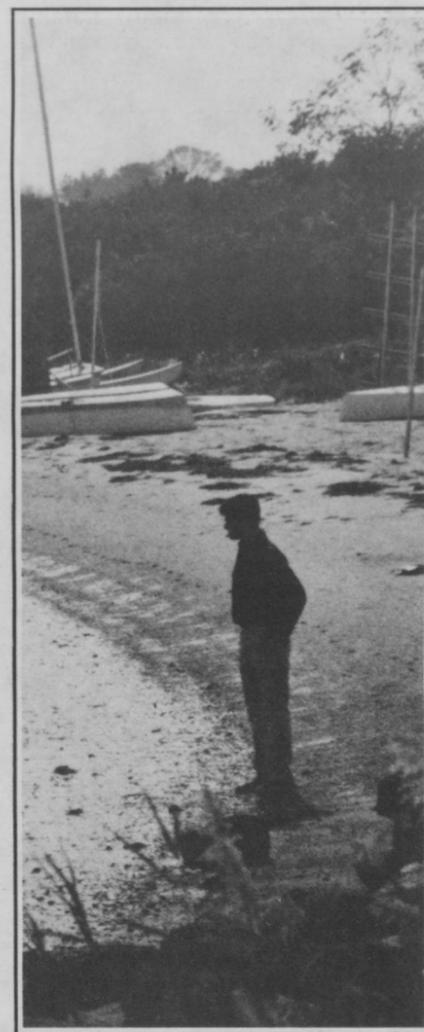
PRESENTATIONS were part of the roundtable sessions at the retreat. Stressoir Altenmis was a workshop leader.

By CEIL CLEVELAND

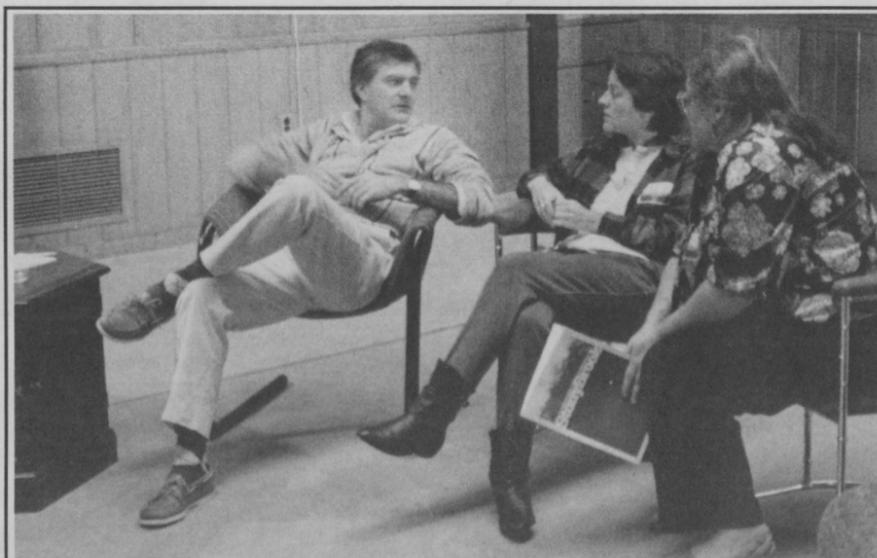
Though a few wore scary costumes and stayed up half the night, Oct. 31, 1986, was more than just a routine Hallowe'en for a group at the Montauk Yacht Club. The 50 students, faculty, staff, and administrators who met for a two-day retreat shared ideas and suggested recommendations for improving communications throughout the university. Conceived by Vice President Fred Preston and sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs, the retreat offered an informal setting for workshops, recreation, and fellowship to promote interaction among those who generally communicate through more formal channels. Preston, who calls communication "a complex and vital issue," says that the retreat is one of two new traditions resulting from the Student-Faculty-Staff Forum he initiated five years ago. "The other is the Undergraduate Excellence Recognition Ceremony scheduled for its fifth year on April 29, 1987." The October group departed by bus for Montauk at noon on Friday and returned to the campus the following evening. The bus trip itself provided an opportunity to get acquainted. Clutching a handful of material containing techniques for communication (clarification, elaboration, support statements, closure), the 50f arrived at the Yacht Club with instructions for completing an "exam" and a "writing assignment" — the first for testing assumptions and conventional wisdom about Stony Brook against the actual facts, and the second for sharing personal experiences that would be the basis for much of the discussion during the retreat. (Surprise! Administrators did better on the exam, a measurable assertion, but the rest appeared to be better all-round communicators; that is, they spoke up more openly and eagerly, and appeared to take part in the event with more enthusiasm. Be advised that these observations by one participant have not been thoroughly analyzed.) Each member of the group was assigned a roommate of the same sex but of different role. For example, President John H. Marburger had the pleasure of rooming with student Marc Gunning. (President Marburger joked that he planned to come to dinner on Hallowe'en as Mr. Gunning, but no one reported seeing him in that costume...unless we were all bewitched.) For work sessions, small groups formed for brainstorming to suggest ways we might better communicate. In one session, the ideas tossed out for later discussion included these: set up kiosks in strategic places on campus where people can go for information; post notices on campus buses; set up a closed circuit television set for announcements; hire a small plane for sky writing; hold an all-campus open house each semester; hire a town crier; make **Campus Currents** a weekly, rather than a bi-weekly publication; (don't!) buy the president a giant bullhorn through which to make announcements. Out of the brainstormed ideas, whether sensible or comical, came a consensus that we need better means of communicating information on the campus, and probably the most efficient is to plan for creating an electronic bulletin board as soon as the funding and personnel can be arranged. Other recommendations included creating the position of chief information officer and putting into effect a centralized university information center. To improve communications with undergraduates, the group recommended that we develop a university freshman seminar to expose newcomers to the community, its policies and facilities, and to help build a coherence into their undergraduate years. A task force has now been named, and this recommendation is being acted upon. The planning committee for the event included co-chairmen Mike Fitzpatrick (student) and Bill Fornadel (staff); Myrna Adams (staff), Bill Arens (faculty), student Hillary Gaskoff, football coach Sam Kornhauser, Gary Matthews and Carmen Vazques (staff), and Paul Wiener (faculty). Other session leaders included Pat Belanoff and Patti Bostic (faculty), Dallas Bauman (staff), and students Robin Hyer and Carmen Vazquez. Aside from good company and good food, the Montauk Yacht Club and Inn offered indoor pool, sauna, jacuzzi, tennis and volleyball courts, and bicycles, and proved a setting for a communications retreat to keep us talking for a good long while.



MONTAUK retreat scene includes rooms on the water and a lighthouse. Taking a break outdoors (upper left photo) are, left to right: President Marburger, Sam Cohen, Robin Hyer, Stressoir Altenmis, Dallas Bauman (talking to Robert Francis, behind him), Paul Rubenstein, Mike Fitzpatrick, Hillary Gaskoff, Mike Ring, and Rey Bota.



ALONE on the beach, Mitchell Horowitz found time to reflect. Inside (photo at left), President Marburger chats with Sally Thomason (center), and Sarah Sternglanz.



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# NEWS BRIEFS

## Giving at Stony Brook

Campus community members have been participating in two annual fundraising activities. United Way contributions from campus employees totaled \$23,317. On the main campus, 285 contributors pledged an average of nearly \$60 each; at the Health Sciences Center, 34 pledges averaged about \$126; and in the Research Foundation, 18 pledges averaged \$70. A dozen additional checks added \$700. On Long Island, 132 agencies will receive \$6.4 million in 1987 from public support. A Celebrity Santa project at Stony Brook raised funds for the Toys for Tots campaign and the Stony Brook Day Care Center. During the week of Dec. 8, campus "celebrities" posed for pictures with donors for \$2 each. The Stony Brook Alumni Student Steering Committee arranged the activity and took the photographs. Serving as Santas were Norman Berhannan, Bill Nelson, Hans Sherwood, David Caldiero, Warren Randall, Carl Hanes, Paul Dudzick, Hillary Garskof, Jerry Schubel, Aldona Jonaitis, Patricia Teed, Marc Gunning, Paul Chase, William Fornadel, and Gary Mis.

## Hospital Travel Grant

Karen Jane McCarthy, a neonatal nurse at University Hospital, is the first beneficiary of a new yearly travel grant established in the name of Shaun T. Abrilz by his parents, Santos and Patricia Abrilz. The gift recognizes the competent and compassionate care the hospital medical staff gave Shaun at his birth. Now a healthy 2-year-old, Shaun was rushed to University Hospital, near death, his lungs filled with fluid. Neonatal staff members spent extensive time caring for him. In fact, seeing the neonatal unit director, Dr. Leonard Kleinman, working with Shaun even on his day off led the parents to establish the unrestricted gift. The grant funds research and study.

## Schedule of Holidays

Five holidays and two academic vacation weeks are on the calendar for spring and summer — but not everyone in the campus community will be off on those days. Classes will be suspended during winter vacation, the week of March 9, and again during spring vacation, the week of April 13. All other campus activity will continue without break. Holidays on the UUP and CSEA contracts are Lincoln's Birthday Feb. 12; Washington's Birthday Feb. 16; Memorial Day May 25;

Independence Day July 4; and Labor Day Sept. 7. Classes will be conducted on both February holiday dates, which are designated as "floating holidays" for management/confidential employees and for employees who are eligible to observe holidays in the following union units: Administrative Services, Institutional Services, Classified Management/Confidential, Operational Services, Professional Scientific and Technical Services, and Professional Services. Feb. 12 will be a regular work day and each employee may take another date "subject to supervisory approval in advance based on operating needs," Jurgen Krause, director of the Office of Human Resources, reported. The second "floating holiday," Feb. 16, also a regular work day, has been designated for UUP-represented employees as the day after Thanksgiving by President Marburger, as permitted by union agreements. For employees in the Security Services and Security Supervisors negotiating units, Feb. 12 will be observed as a fixed holiday.

## Cancer Program Recognized

The Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons has granted three-year approval to the cancer program at University Hospital. "Approval is the first step in the development of a comprehensive cancer center at Stony Brook," said Michael Viola, professor of medicine in the Oncology Division and head of University Hospital's Cancer Committee. "This achievement culminates two years of staff dedication to providing high-quality care to patients who have cancer." The National Hospital Cancer Program, established by the American College of Surgeons in 1956, encourages participating hospitals to provide staff and equipment for the best in diagnosis and treatment of cancer. Recognizing that cancer is a complex group of diseases, the program promotes consultation among family doctors, surgeons, medical oncologists, diagnostic and therapeutic radiologists, pathologists, and other cancer specialists. Such cooperation improves patient care, Viola said. An integral part of University Hospital's cancer program is its tumor registry. All patients diagnosed or treated for cancer are listed in the registry, and the hospital maintains contact with them to be sure they receive continuing care and assistance with rehabilitation.



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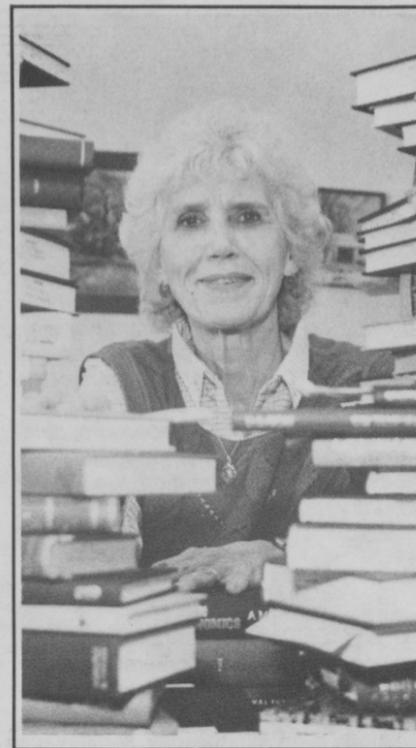


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**GIVING is an important part of campus life; through it the giver receives the satisfaction of contributing. These photos represent some recent giving:**

- Karen Jane McCarthy with Shaun Abrilz, whose parents' grant in their son's name was first used to assist McCarthy to attend a conference of the National Association of Neonatal Nurses in Baltimore.

- Library staffer Edna Sick poses with the number of books specially plated with the names of people honored or remembered through the Commemorative Book Program of the Annual Fund. Approximately \$1,000 for the library was contributed by the Annual Giving office, assisted by University Association volunteer Roxanne Francis.



- Celebrity Santa Gary Mis with Alicia Hermo, 1985 Homecoming queen and

member of the Student Alumni Chapter's Steering Committee. Toys for Tots benefited from this holiday fund-raiser.

# Campus Currents Classifieds

## JOB POSTINGS

Note: Submit one application for each position for which you desire to be considered to either Main Campus or University Hospital Human Resources Departments. Candidates for state positions indicated with an asterisk preceding their reference numbers are selected from New York State Civil Service Eligibility Lists. Contact the Human Resources Department with any questions regarding these listings.

**Application deadline: Feb. 10** C-116-87—Account Clerk, SG-5, HSC Physical Plant. C-117-87—Administrative Aide, SG-11E, Suffolk Partnership, 25 hours/week (variable). \*T-11-87—Stores Clerk, SG-5, HSC Physical Plant. T-12-87—Parking Services Attendant, SG-5, Public Safety. T-13-87—Lab Technician, SG-9E, Med./Endocrinology. M-008-87—Maintenance Helper, SG-6, Res. Physical Plant. M-009-87—Maintenance Helper, SG-6, HSC Physical Plant. M-010-87—Maintenance Helper, SG-6, HSC Physical Plant. M-011-87—Maintenance Helper, SG-6, HSC Physical Plant. M-012-87—Laborer, SG-6, HSC Physical Plant. M-013-87—Assistant Stat. Engineer, SG-8, Acad. Physical Plant. M-014-87—Maintenance Assistant, SG-8, HSC Physical Plant. M-015-87—Maintenance Assistant, SG-8, HSC Physical Plant. M-016-87—Plumber/Steamfitter, SG-12, HSC Physical Plant. M-017-87—General Mechanic, SG-12, HSC Phys. Plant. M-018-87—Electrician, SG-12, HSC Phys. Plant. M-019-87—Electrician, SG12, HSC Phys. Plant. \*UH-046-87—DMT, SG-4, Operations. \*UH-047-87—T&R Center Nurse II, SG-16, Ambulatory Care. UH-048-87—Cleaners, SG-4, Housekeeping. UH-049-87—Lab Animal Caretaker, SG-5, DLAR.

**Application Deadline: Feb. 12** 23219—Assistant to the Vice President/Campus Operations, PR1, \$16,821-25,000. 23118—Facilities Program Coordinator, Physical Plant, PR3, \$35-41,000. 33607—Assistant to the Chair, Biochemistry, PR1, \$16,821-27,000.

**Application Deadline: Feb. 13** C-118-87—Stenographer, SG-5E, Human Resources Department. \*C-119-87—Stenographer, SG-5, Residence Life. C-120-87—Account Clerk—SG-5E, Accounting. C-121-87—Stenographer—SG-5E, CPMP/Obs/Gyn. C-122-87—Senior Typist—SG-7E, CPMP/Medicine. C-123-87—Senior Typist—SG-7E, CPMP/Medicine. \*C-124-87—Library Clerk II—SG-7, Library, Eng. Sci. \*C-125-87—Library Clerk II—SG-7, Library, Pub. Serv. \*T-14-87—Campus Public Safety Officer II—SG-12, Public Safety.

**Other Application Deadlines:** 21101—Accelerator Physicist/Operations, PR2, \$22-32,000, Physics/SBRL. Feb. 20. 20859—Technical Director, PR2, \$25-27,500, Fine Arts Center; Feb. 20. 45496—Technical Assistant, PR1, \$21,000, Bio.Sci.; March 9. 20049—Technical Assistant, PR1, \$16,821-\$19,000, Fine Arts Center; Feb. 20. 04237—Technical Specialist, PR1, \$14,500-\$17,500, Biochemistry; March 9.

## HOMES AND PROPERTY

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## MISCELLANEOUS

FISH TANK, 20 gallons, filter, heater, stand, fluorescent light and gravel included. \$50.00, 732-0380, eves.

TWO DOLLS, \$2.50 each, call 354-6062

ASTRONAUTS APOLLO II jigsaw puzzle, \$2.50, call 354-6062

TYPING, Letters, reports, resumes, math at reasonable cost, Mary 698-3937 or message 736-2564

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# EVENTS

We welcome contributions to this calendar. To be considered, all events must take place on the campus, and be open to the campus community. Written notices must be received at the Campus Currents office, 328 Administration Building, two weeks prior to date of publication. Telephone calls cannot be accepted. List the type of event, its title, name of leading artists or speakers, date, time, place, cost (if any), and telephone number for more information. We will not run information that is incomplete or illegible.

## MEETINGS

**N.O.W. MEETING**—Campus Committee to report on the Buffalo conference on the status of women in SUNY system, 12 to 1 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 11, SBS S-216. (Meetings every Wednesday, same place and time.)

## LECTURES

**ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING** presents a special colloquium by Dr. Chein-I Chang on "Calculating the Capacity of an Infinite-Input Finite-Output Channel," Monday, Feb. 7, at 11 a.m., Light Engineering 206.

**TOPICS IN ART**—"Subjective Aspects of Critical Evaluation," by Professor Donald Kuspit, Wednesday, Feb. 11, at 2 p.m., Fine Arts Center Art Gallery.

**THE ART OF PHOTOGRAPHY**— Slide Presentation by Melody Davis, Tuesday, Feb. 17, 7:30 to 9 p.m., Student Union 231.

**LECTURE**, "The Fourth Dimension in Computer-Assisted Geometry," Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 8 p.m., by Professor Thomas Banchoff of Brown University, Mathematics S240.

**"THE HOLE IN THE OZONE LAYER:** The Antarctic Expedition," a colloquium by Dr. Philip Solomon, Thursday, Feb. 12, 4 p.m., Earth & Space Sciences 123.

**"STAR FORMATION IN INTERACTING GALAXIES,"** colloquium by Dr. William C. Keel, Thursday, Feb. 12, at 2 p.m., Earth & Space Sciences 450.

**"REGULATION OF HEMATOPOIESIS BY RECOMBINANT COLONY STIMULATING FACTORS,"** by Dr. Robert Kamen, Genetics Institute, Tuesday, Feb. 24, Life Sciences Bldg. 038.

## POETRY READING

**CHERYL BYRON AND ARTHUR FLOWERS**, Wednesday, Feb. 11, 6:30 p.m., Fine Arts Center Theatre II.

**LOUIS SIMPSON**, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet, will read from his works, Wednesday, Feb. 11, at 7:30 p.m., at the Poetry Center, Humanities Building; reception to follow, sponsored by the Stony Brook Foundation, Long Island wines by Pindar.

**"AMERICAN POETICS AND AFRO-AMERICAN POETRY**, featuring Professor June Jordan and Professor William J. Harris, Thursday, Feb. 12, 2:30 p.m., Africana Studies Library.

**LOUIS RIVERA AND ZIZWE NGAFU**, Wednesday, Feb. 18, 6:30 p.m., Student Union 226.

## WORKSHOPS

**FIGURE DRAWING** workshops every Friday evening, 7:30—9:30 p.m., through May 15. Call 632-6822.

## SPORTS

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**—Tuesday, Feb. 10, vs. Columbia, 7 p.m. **MEN'S BASKETBALL**—Saturday, Feb. 14, vs. Maritime, 6 p.m.; Monday, Feb. 16, vs. Pratt Institute, 8 p.m.

## SEMINARS, DISCUSSION GROUPS

**DISCUSSION** - "Black History Month As a Pan-African Experience," Professor Leslie Owens and student respondents, Tuesday, Feb. 10, 1 p.m., Africana Studies Library.

**DISCUSSION** - "The Media and Black Liberation in America," with Professor Bill McAdoo and students, Monday, Feb. 16, 2 p.m., Africana Studies Library.

**DISCUSSION** - "The Future of Black Theatre," Tuesday, Feb. 17, 1 p.m., Student Union 231.

## FILMS, VIDEOTAPES

**VIDEOTAPE SHOWINGS** - "Paul Robeson," Monday, Feb. 9, noon, Africana Studies Library; "Sterling Brown," Wednesday, Feb. 11, noon, Africana Studies Library; "Langston Hughes," Monday, Feb. 16, noon, Africana Studies Library.

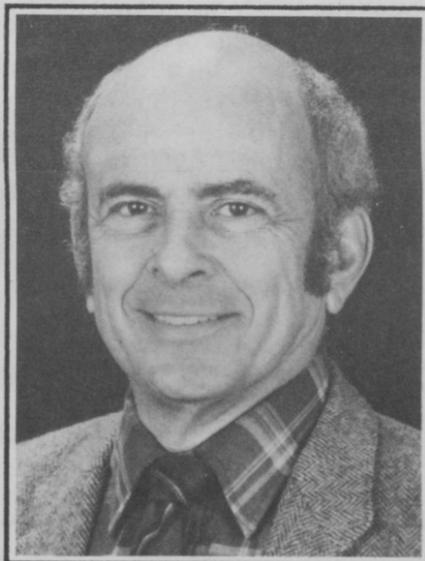
## EXHIBITIONS

**FINE ARTS CENTER ART GALLERY** - "Hans Breder: Archetypal Diagrams;" pastels, photographs, paintings, and sculptures; until March 5; noon-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

**GRIMANESA AMOROS**, Friday, Feb. 13, through Friday, Feb. 20 (sponsored by Latin American Student Organization).

**FIGURE DRAWING EXHIBIT** in Union Gallery, second floor Union Building, through Feb. 10.

## PERFORMING ARTS



LOUIS SIMPSON

**DOCTORAL RECITAL** by Gary Trosclair on trumpet, Monday, Feb. 9, 8 p.m., Recital Hall.

**STUDENT RECITAL** by Cynthia Raichel on flute, Wednesday, Feb. 11, 8 p.m., Recital Hall.

**STONY BROOK SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** performing Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 5 and Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 4, Main Stage Auditorium, Saturday, Feb. 14, 8 p.m. Tickets: \$5/3.

**RIDGE STRING QUARTET** - Sunday, Feb. 15, 7 p.m., Fine Arts Center Recital Hall. Tickets: \$9/5.

**MASTERS RECITAL** by Margaret Parkin, cello, Wednesday, Feb. 16, 8 p.m., Recital Hall.

**NOONTIME RECITAL** of Graduate Students in Music, Wednesday, Feb. 18, 12 noon, Recital Hall.

**DOCTORAL RECITAL** by Joel Bluestone, percussion, Wednesday, Feb. 18, 8 p.m., Recital Hall.

**POP MUSIC ON ELECTRIC PIANO** by Michelle, Wednesday, Feb. 11, noon to 2 p.m., Fireside Lounge, Student Union Building.

**OSSIE DAVIS**, noted American actor, Tuesday, Feb. 17, 7 p.m., Javits Lecture Center 100.

# FACULTY/STAFF

## Semegen Chosen to Compose by Library of Congress

**Daria Semegen**, associate professor of music, has been awarded the 1987 McKim Commission of the Library of Congress to compose a chamber music work for the Kennedy Center's Theatre Players. She is the first woman to receive a McKim Commission.



Photo: Michael Shavel

### DARIA SEMEGEN

associate professor of history and author of **Scotland and Its First American Colony: A Transatlantic Story**, recently addressed the Huntington Historical Society... **Arthur F. Sniffin**, archivist of the Yeats collection, addressed the Columbia University Seminar on Irish Studies. He outlined his efforts in organizing a new hardcopy set of the Yeats papers and producing a finding aid for researchers... **Marion T. Metivier**, special assistant to the president for affirmative action and equal opportunity, was elected chairperson of the Employee Assistance in Higher Education organization, at a meeting of the Association of Labor-Management Administrators and Consultants, Inc. ... **Santo J. Albano**, Stony Brook's Employee Assistance Program coordinator, presented a paper at the meeting, on "Doing Less and Doing It Well: Dilemma of EAP Practitioners"... **Sandra Jaffee-Johnson**, clinical associate professor of nursing, also presented a paper at the same meeting, on "EAP's Ethical Dilemma: The Pre-Retired Impaired Faculty."

### "LUCY" RESEARCHERS ON TV

**Jack Stern and Randall Susman** of the Department of Anatomical Sciences appeared in a segment of the award-winning Public Broadcasting System television program, "Nova," Jan. 27. "The Children of Eve" focused on the molecular evidence for human evolution, and Stern and Susman discussed their work with *Australopithecus afarensis* ("Lucy"), an early ancestor of the human race who lived 3 million years ago in what is now Ethiopia. The researchers' work has been discussed in several publications and will be covered, along with that of **Fred Grine**, assistant professor of anthropology, in a National Geographic special in January 1988.

**Carl Hanes, Jr.**, vice president for administration, has been elected president of the Eastern Association of College and University Business Officers, the regional branch of the National Association. Two professors have been appointed to chair their departments during the spring semester. **Thomas Liao** is acting chair of the Department of Technology and Society and **Martin Freundlich**, acting chair of the Department of Biochemistry. Their terms run through June. **Ronnie Shapiro**, unit manager for obstetrical, gynecological, and psychiatric patient care areas, was named University Hospital's employee of the month for December. Three faculty members will participate in symposiums at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science Feb. 14-18 in Chicago. They are: **Randall L. Susman**, associate professor of anatomical sciences; **Peter Forrester**, research associate at the Institute for Theoretical Physics; **Judith M. Tanur**, professor of sociology. **Ned Landsman**,

## Here and There in Education

### SUBJECTS IN THE NEWS

Three dozen Boston companies have launched a major effort to ensure that all qualified graduates of Boston public schools have access to higher education. The companies are trying to raise \$5 million to help cover tuition costs for any Boston public high school graduate who is accepted by a college, and have pledged to give those students who graduate priority when hiring. New England Mutual Life Insurance Co. has already donated \$1 million to the fund, THE BARTON GILLET LETTER.

What price glory? Very dear indeed these days, it seems. A report of highly-paid professions found that presidents at 101 public universities were paid an average of \$95,000 last year, placing them among the top-paid public officials in 47 of 50 states. Yet in several cases, the presidents fell well behind their coaches in the pay line. At Michigan State, the University of Washington, and other schools, presidents earned less than their football coaches. Coach Don James of the University of Washington earns \$103,000 plus benefits such as the use of a summer camp and an expensive car. President William Gerberding receives \$95,000, NEWSDAY.

### WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

"Tenure is not a matter of a simple guaranteed income, it is a matter of academic freedom — creating an environment to sustain creativity and intellectual contributions, to insulate teachers from political pressures, economic vicissitudes and popular beliefs. Psychological theory confirms that if you give people a strong sense of security, status, and a sense of belonging, they will work hard and be creative," Gunther Geiss, a tenured professor at Adelphi University, in a rebuttal to a *Newsday* viewpoint decrying tenure by David Helfand of Columbia, NEWSDAY.

"United States universities are becoming increasingly dependent on foreign nationals to sustain graduate programs in the physical sciences and mathematics. Were it not for a continuous stream of foreign nationals, the continuation of viable graduate studies and research in a number of institutions would be in jeopardy," Theodore P. Perri, professor of chemistry, George Washington University, letter to the NEW YORK TIMES.

"Increasingly, college students are gamblers. If the Department of Education's new proposals [for college loans] are passed, they will be able to borrow an astronomical \$50,000. Call the loan an investment, if you prefer, but it's also a roll of the dice.

"Students cannot know at 18, 19 or 20 what wages they will earn at 25 or 30," Ellen Goodman, BOSTON GLOBE.