

Stony Brook People

March 1980

Alumni Association Board Meeting

At the last Board of Directors meeting in early March, discussions ranged from Alumni Weekend to the current State budget situation and its possible effects on the Association.

Budget Cuts Affect Alumni

New York State budget cuts have resulted in a possible crisis for SUNY. Mandated cutbacks in personnel have imposed severe limitations on the University Administration's ability to fill our now vacant alumni director and secretary positions. The Board expressed strong concern over this situation at the March meeting, culminating in a 10-6-1 vote calling for a special Board meeting on May 4 to consider disbanding the Association if the staffing situation cannot be resolved in meetings of a special Board committee and representatives before then.

Alumni Weekend

Alumni Weekend, October 10-12, is now in the planning stages with Linda Rawlick, '70, and Jeanne Behrman, '70, co-chairing. Top of the agenda is the planning for the tenth year reunion of the graduating class of 1970. Possible weekend attractions being discussed at this early date include popular name bands, a homecoming parade and football game, fireworks, a giant clam bake and tours of the new University Hospital! Alumni Weekend '80 promises to be a good one, so watch for future notices and mark your calendar now.

Officer Nominations

Also on the agenda at the March meeting was the nomination of Board officers. Joseph Buscareno, '66, chairman of the Nominating Committee, gave the committee's report and presented the Executive Committee slate, which was voted on by the Board and accepted unanimously. The slate of officers, re-elected through October 31, 1980, will remain the same as this year: Mel Morris, President; Audrey Mandel, Vice President; Debu Majumdär, Vice President; Jeanne Behrman, Treasurer; Garry Hill, Secretary. Nominations are now being accepted for Board seats representing all even-year graduating classes (see announcement this page).

Alumni Board Nominations Now Open

Nominations are now open for representatives from even-year graduating classes to the Board of Directors. All alumni are invited to submit nominations for consideration. Candidates should be alumni in a position to contribute time and energy to the Association as well as those who, through career or location, will provide valuable support and advancement of the Alumni Association. Nominations can be sent to the Alumni Office, Rm. 323, Administration, State University of New York at Stony Brook, Long Island, NY 11794.



Alumni Board of Directors, headed by Association President Mel Morris, in discussion at their March meeting, held on campus in the President's Office Conference Room, Administration Building.

Proposal to Honor Alumni

Board member Jon Salant, '76, presented a proposal that the Association honor an alumna/us each year at commencement for outstanding achievement and accomplishments. The awards, to begin May 1981, would be designed to foster a sense of identity and to "encourage alumni to keep in contact and let us know their accomplishments." The Board responded favorably to the proposal, which appears likely

to be implemented for Commencement 1981 following formal consideration at the next Board meeting on June 8.

The June 8 meeting is the annual meeting of the Board of Directors. All members of the Alumni Association are encouraged to participate in the annual meeting to help determine the Association's program and activity directions for 1980-81.

University Hospital Opens

The \$150 million University Hospital at Stony Brook officially, though uncereemonially, opened its doors on February 18, becoming the sixth-fifth university-operated hospital in the nation. The most recent previous such opening was celebrated by the University of Massachusetts hospital in 1978. New hospitals in general are not proliferating either; the most recent hospital of any kind to open in New York State was in Erie County in 1978.

Part of the \$300 million Health Sciences Center complex, the Hospital will emphasize the human dimension of health care. Faculty, staff and students will have easy access to patients through glass-enclosed corridors bridging the Hospital and Clinical Science Towers on six tower levels. Hospital beds will be set up in a "bowtie" arrangement around circular corridors. Nursing stations will be situated in the center of these "bowties" in close proximity to patients.

Although officially open, the Hospital is not scheduled to be fully functioning for several years. Currently operating is the Ambulatory Care Pavilion, which includes the departments of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Medicine, Neurology, Family Medicine and Orthopedics. Eventually the Hospital will have 540 beds and provide health care services through more than 140 departments. In addition to its in-bed patients, the Hospital will handle 265,000 patient visits annually, including 85,000 emergency room visits. The eventual annual operating budget is anticipated to be about \$85 million, and the Hospital is expected to generate \$85 million in annual income.

Among the Hospital's special services and features will be: high risk maternity and neonatal care; transplantation services; open heart surgery facilities; a burn unit; a nuclear medicine division; a CAT-scanner; dialysis; eye pathology services, and sophisticated dental services.

A state-of-the-art computer system with 200 terminals located throughout the building—the most sophisticated hospital information system of its kind—will be used for every aspect of the Hospital's operation, from booking, billing and medical records to specific patient care, including such functions as ordering laboratory tests and obtaining readings on patients' conditions, all done in microseconds.

Nineteen stories high with an interior floor space exceeding that of the Empire State Building, the University Hospital will increase the number of hospital beds on Long Island, but not enough to meet the national standard of 4.0 beds/1000 persons. The national average is 4.5/1000, the New York State average is slightly higher at 4.6/1000, while the Nassau/Suffolk regional average, including the University Hospital, is only 2.9/1000.

Alumni on Hospital Staff

More than 900 of an anticipated 2700 people have already been hired to staff the Hospital, including a number of alumni of Stony Brook graduate programs. Among them are: Director of Community Relations Jim Rhatigan, '78; Admitting Director Roger Phelps, '79; Purchasing Manager Jim Conklin, '79; Deputy Director of Clinical Affairs Joe McDonnell, '76; Coordinator of Labs Sheila Meehan, '79; Institutional Studies Assistant Elizabeth Cameron, '78; Coram Health Center Nursing Supervisors Ellen Dri, '78, and Sharon O'Neill, '78, and Coram Health Center Nurse Kathleen Cooper, '78.



FAA-approved heliport, 100 feet away from the University Hospital's Emergency Room entrance, makes possible the rapid, traffic-free transit so often needed in critical medical cases requiring immediate, specialized care.

SBF Annual Dinner Celebrates the Arts

In celebration of the Inaugural Year of the Fine Arts Center, the Stony Brook Foundation's sixth annual Distinguished Contributions to Higher Education Awards Dinner scheduled honors March 27 for opera impresario Sir Rudolf Bing, abstract-expressionist painter Lee Krasner and Academy Award-winning actor John Houseman. Stony Brook Foundation Chairman Charles Pierce termed the dinner "a gala tribute to the role of the arts in campus and community life with special recognition for the contributions of these three distinguished artists."

The \$100-a-plate dinner is the major annual fund-raising project of the Foundation, which develops and manages gifts from private, corporate and other non-State sources for the University.

Professors as Authors

Books recently published by several Stony Brook professors illustrate the wide variety of research and scholarship being pursued by faculty members.

One of these books won for its author, English professor Thomas Flanagan, rave reviews and a prestigious literary award. *The Year of the French*, Dr. Flanagan's first novel, was selected in January by the National Book Critics Circle as the Outstanding Work of American Fiction for 1979. Other authors whose works were considered for this award include Philip Roth, William Styron and Norman Mailer.

The Year of the French is a historical novel built around a real historical event—the invasion of Ireland by the French in 1798.

Dr. Flanagan, who is hard at work on a second novel, had his first novel published at an age when most men dream of retirement rather than Irish history. Yet he still discourages other late-blooming novelists.

"The only example I know of someone who published a first novel at my age was Prince Lampedusa," Dr. Flanagan said. "And he fell dead shortly after it was published."

Another English professor, Paul Newlin, also recently published his first novel, *It Had to Be a Woman*. Its publisher calls it "the first major novel to deal with a man's reaction when women's liberation shatters his marriage, home and life." The man's reaction, the reader discovers, is violent rage, although Dr. Newlin insists the story "is not autobiographical."

Since the novel was published, Dr. Newlin said he has made two important discoveries: getting a first novel published is extremely rewarding, and the book is already "selling well in Setauket!"

Other faculty books published recently cover subjects ranging from suicide to Shakespeare. The books include: *Topics in Classical Biophysics* by physics professor Harold Metcalf; *Evolutionary Biology* by ecology and evolution professor Douglas Futuyma; *Clement Greenberg, Art Critic* by art professor Donald Kuspit; *New Readings vs. Old Plays* by English professor Richard Levin; *Suicide: Theory and Clinical Aspects* by psychiatry professor L. D. Hankoff; *The Structure of Verse* and *The Praise of Folly* by English professor Harvey Gross, and *Science and Behavior: An Introduction to Methods of Research* by psychology professors John Neale and Robert Liebert.

NAVY BAND AT SB MAY 3

The Association for Community/University Cooperation (ACUC) is extending special ticket courtesies to alumni for its U.S. Navy Band concerts, Saturday, May 3, at 3 and 8 p.m. in the gym. For ticket information call the Alumni Office, (516) 246-7929.

classnotes

1962
Lois (Ginsberg) Miller resides in Sylvania, Ohio.
1965
Rosemary Schumann is a reading teacher for Locust Valley Central Schools.

1968
Marlena (Borst) Hamann works for the Nassau County Health Dept. as a Sanitarian/Environmental Health Consultant. She recently had a baby boy, Kenneth (11/23/79), weighing in at 8 lb. 3 oz.

1970
Roberta M. Robbins died of cancer at Georgetown University Hospital last December. Roberta taught in the Washington, D.C., public school system, 1970-73, and was an instructor at Northern Virginia Community College, 1973-74. This past year she was a research and teaching assistant at the University of Maryland where she earned her doctorate in English Literature in 1979. Ms. Robbins is survived by her husband and daughter, Anne Alair.

Edward Washington has accepted an appointment effective July 1980 as Assistant Professor of Clinical Anesthesiology, School of Medicine, HSC. Edward is married to **Diana (Sundin) Washington ('69)**.

1971
Dorothy Bamberger is an English teacher in the Patchogue-Medford School District. Married almost 30 years, Dorothy has two sons, one at the University of Pennsylvania and one at Harvard Law School.

Shou-Fong Chen resides in Stony Brook and works at N.Y.S.I.F.

1973
James Durant is an Airport Operator Supervisor for JFK Airport.

MaryLu Koster is Assistant to the Editor at *Harper's Bazaar* in New York City.

Diane Rubcewich is a type director for Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborne in Manhattan.

1974
Mary Woods is District Director for the American Cancer Society in Commack.

1976
Richard Fialkoff is a Systems Analyst for the Bell Telephone Laboratories in Piscataway, NJ.

John Jastremski is a manager for G. Fed & Sons, NJ. John wrote, "It's true, the first million is the hardest to come by."

Peter B. Russo has joined the Ortho Pharmaceutical Corporation as a Sales Representative for the Great Plains Division. Peter resides in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

1978
Betty Jane Feldman was married Sunday, Dec. 30, to Barry Andrew Wechsler of Malverne. Barry is currently completing his doctorate in geochemistry at Stony Brook.

Carl S. Hirsh received his M.S. in Sports Management from the University of Massachusetts in December 1979 and has been appointed Director of Purchasing, Hyatt Management Corporation of New York, Inc., Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

Grace Lee is a legal assistant with the corporate department of Mudge, Rose, Guthrie and Alexander in Manhattan.

Ron Suckle is a claims supervisor for 20th Century Insurance Co. in Los Angeles, California.

1979
Robert Bennetti is a Psychiatric Technician for the University of Arizona Medical Center.

Harry Cardona is a Media Liaison for the New York City Police Dept.

Robert Malone works for Brookhaven National Lab.

Steven Markfeld is a social worker for Mary Haven School in Port Jefferson.

1980
Michael Pardo is a lab assistant at the New York University Medical Center Dermatology Lab.

PORTRAIT OF A YOUNG UNIVERSITY

The Stony Brook Union Gallery is extending a special invitation to alumni to participate in an ambitious photographic exhibition—*Focus and Reflection: A Photo Portrait of Stony Brook*—slated for viewing April 14 through May 9.

About 40 photographs will be chosen for this all-campus juried photography exhibition, and over \$400 in prizes will be awarded to winners. Eligible are black and white and color photos, snapshots, Polaroid prints and slides.

If a search of your closets, etc., turns up good photographs of your days at Stony Brook, please deliver them to Chris Dayman, Union Gallery Director, no later than 5 p.m. Monday, April 7. Entries can be picked up after the exhibition or will be returned by mail to those providing a stamped, self-addressed envelope. For more information, please call 516-246-3657 or 7107.

Sunfest '80

The Campus Activities and Traditions Committee is planning now for Sunfest '80, a "celebration of Life," to take place the first four days in May! Included will be entertainment of all kinds, music, parties, concerts, food, films, lectures, displays, campus-wide Olympics, arts and crafts, a campus/community carnival and more. All alumni are invited to participate. To help fund this event, contributors are being sought. All contributions over \$10 will be listed in the Sunfest program. If you would like to help sponsor this event, send your contribution, payable to SBF/Sunfest, to the Stony Brook Alumni Association, P.O. Box 654, Stony Brook, NY 11790.

Stony Brook Alumni Association Membership Coupon

Membership in the Alumni Association can help make your memories of Stony Brook realities once again by keeping you in close contact with campus happenings and offering you benefits such as use of the library and gymnasium (swimming pool) as well as life and health insurance and travel opportunities. Membership is effective for one year from receipt of dues. Dues are tax deductible. Check with your employer about the alumni matching gift programs offered by many businesses, which can double your dues contribution.

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| (check one) | 1980 Annual Dues | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15/individual | <input type="checkbox"/> \$25/couple |
| | Three-Year Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> \$35 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$65 |
| | Lifetime Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$400 |

Please make check payable to "SBF/Alumni."

If submitting a couple "membership," please provide information requested below for each spouse (use a separate sheet).

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SB Degree _____ Class Year _____ Major/Minor _____

Other Degree(s) _____ Year(s) Obtained _____ School(s) _____

Employer _____ Job Title _____

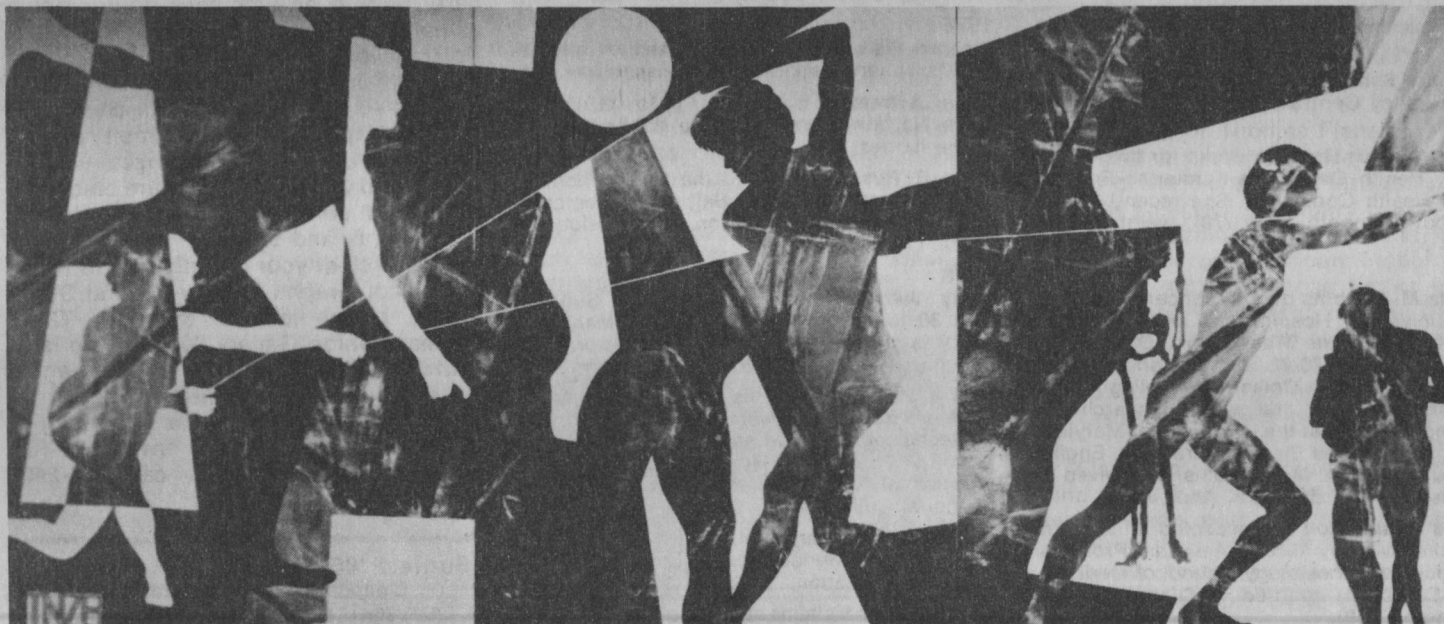
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Parent/Family Address _____
street city state/zip

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Mail coupon and check to: Stony Brook Alumni Association, P.O. Box 654, Stony Brook, NY 11790.

animus et anima



...one of a series of paintings on exhibit in the University Hospital through May 1980 by artist Terence Netter, Director of the Fine Arts Center at Stony Brook. The paintings, mixed media works on canvas stretched over wood, are the artist's depiction of the inner bout between reason (animus) and emotion (anima), a theme singularly appropriate to the opening of a new hospital dedicated to the principle of holistic medicine. Patients, staff and guests are invited to view the paintings as an artistic statement about the resolution of tensions as part of the healing process. More about the Hospital Opening inside...

SB SENIOR AT OLYMPICS

Susan Liers, '80, made it to the Olympics, but she didn't whoosh down the ski slopes or tear around the speed skating oval.

The 20-year-old Stony Brook senior, a world-champion race walker, instead was part of the 53-member relay team which carried the Olympic torch from Virginia to Lake Placid prior to the start of the recently completed Winter Olympics.

Ms. Liers carried the torch three miles to the Empire State Plaza in Albany early last February, where she lit a ceremonial flame. All the torch-bearers were originally flown on Air Force One from Washington, D.C., to Athens, Greece, to pick up the eternal Olympic Flame.

A computer science and anthropology major, Ms. Liers has won gold medals in the 5- and 10-kilometer walks in the Empire State Games. Her torch-carrying may be as close as she gets to the Olympics for now, however; there are no women's race-walking events in the summer games.

SB, BEN-GURION U COLLABORATE

Stony Brook has entered a three-year agreement to share its resources with an Israeli university.

The agreement, signed in February by Acting University President Richard P. Schmidt and Ben-Gurion University Rector David Wolf, will launch a "program of scholarly interaction between the institutions."

The program will include collaborative and cooperative programs of study, the development of joint and/or collaborative research programs among faculty and research scholars, discussions on academic and administrative developments in higher education and the mutual exchange of scholarly publications.

Stony Brook Director of International Programs Raymond Jones said the University has spoken with other Israeli universities as well about the possibility of mutual sharing of programs and resources.

Stony Brook's initial relationship with Ben-Gurion will last until July 1, 1983.

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