Greetings,

Over the summer we had barbecues in the inner courtyard of the Psych B building on Tuesdays. (See picture below where Todd Watson, grad student in Biopsychology and super chef, can be seen at the grill). The barbecues were very popular, and we went through an incredible amount of food. The events were helped immensely by the most beautiful summer weather we have had in years.

In September I started my second term as chair, with Arty Samuel (Cognitive/Experimental) as Director of Graduate Studies, and Pat Whitaker (Biopsychology) as Director of Undergraduate Studies. Many thanks to Susan Brennan and Marci Lobel, outgoing directors, for three years of hard work and great collegiality.

Of many interesting items in this newsletter, I’d particularly like to draw your attention to page 9 – my continuing search for all the alumni of the department. Please help if you can.

All the best,
Nancy

FROM JEFF SNARR, recipient of the 2004 Alumni Summer Research Fellowship

Receiving the 2004 Alumni Summer Research Fellowship has helped me in many ways. Needing to focus almost exclusively on my dissertation during the summer, I had no funding other than our savings, and I was paying my subjects out-of-pocket. With the Fellowship, we were able to make it through the summer. Now I am in the throes of a very demanding internship at the National Crime Victims Center, and the remains of the fellowship money are enabling me to pay a freelance transcriptionist to complete the transcription of my dissertation tapes-a task which my internship does not leave time for me to complete alone. Financial benefits aside, being awarded the summer Fellowship has also validated the quality and originality of my research, strengthening my confidence in my ability to pursue a successful academic career. My family and I will always be grateful to those who financed the Fellowship and to the committee who saw fit to grant it to me.
On October 8, 2004, a celebration honoring the career of John Neale was held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Society for Research in Psychopathology, held this year in St. Louis. Stony Brook alum Tom Oltmanns, the Edgar James Swift Professor of Psychology at Washington University, organized the event. John and Gail Neale were honored by several of John’s former Stony Brook Ph.D. students.

The event was filled with stories of days-gone-by at Stony Brook as well as tributes and heart-felt thanks to John for having such a remarkable influence on the careers of his students. Not only were John’s former students at the party, but later “generations” attended as well. Dave Smith put together a genealogy, showing John’s 26 Ph.Ds, 60 grand-PhDs, 28 great-grand-PhDs, and 2 great-great-grand-PhDs. Although not all of these “descendents” were able to join the celebration, several were there along with a number of students who are on their way to earning the Ph.D. John’s graduate school mentor from Vanderbilt University, Rue Cromwell, was also on hand to share stories from John’s graduate student days (Cromwell’s adviser, J. Rotter, and his adviser C.M. Loutit, and his adviser R.M. Yerkes, and his adviser H. Munsterberg, and his adviser W. Wundt were unable to attend).

Stony Brook Ph.D. students attending the event included: Tom Oltmanns (PhD, 1976), Art Stone (PhD, 1978), Ken Winters (PhD, 1982), Phil Harvey (PhD, 1982), Jill Hooley (postdoc), Jack Blanchard (PhD, 1991), Dave Smith (PhD, 1991), Ann Kring (PhD, 1991), and Kathy Putnam (PhD, 1996). Colleagues from Stony Brook were also there, including Dan Klein, the president of the Society for Research in Psychopathology, and Ed Katkin.
GREAT DISSERTATIONS

In a recent edition of the APS Observer there was an article by past president Henry Roediger III, summarizing the nominations he had received for dissertations in the “great” category. You can find his article at:  
http://www.psychologicalscience.org/observer/getArticle.cfm?id=1669

The article itself is very interesting, but of most interest to us at Stony Brook is the fact that one of our own faculty member’s dissertation is on the list:

Suparna Rajaram, “Remembering and knowing: Two means of access to the personal past.”  
Published in Memory & Cognition (21) in 1993.

Her dissertation has received a total of 237 citations so far, for an average of 21 citations per year since it was published.

ART ARON STUDIES PREJUDICE

You’ve heard quite a bit about Art Aron’s neuroimaging work in these pages. Recently Art (Professor in the Social/Health Program) has been extending his insights on interpersonal relationships and attraction to the study of prejudice. For more about this research see:  

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT YOUR STONY BROOK ROOTS....

Joel Rosenthal, Distinguished Professor of History, has recently completed a book about the history of Stony Brook University:

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

Joel has been at Stony Brook for 40 of the 42 years of the University, and gives a close-up view of many of the important events (for example, the infamous 1968 drug bust). The book is not yet available, but will be available soon at the campus bookstore and at Borders. I have not yet read this book, but knowing Joel I’m sure it will be informative and very entertaining.

For another account of our University’s history, you might want to look at a book by Dr. Sidney Gelber, published in 2001:

Politics and Public Higher Education in New York State: Stony Brook--A Case History

Sid, also here from the beginning, has held many important positions on campus over the course of his career. He provides an inspiring account of the hurdles to the creation and survival of this amazing institution. This is a book you can order on line, and I highly recommend it.

Nancy
PICTURES FROM THE PAST

In the last newsletter there was a challenge to name the people in this picture:

Two people correctly named both of the folks in the picture, and received our great Psych-Department T-shirt prize.

The first to come up with the answer was Tom Maloney, who graduated in the Biopsychology Program in 2000, and now works at Brookhaven National Labs. Shortly thereafter we heard from Ted Lidsky, who used to be a Biopsychology faculty member and is now at the New York Institute for Basic Research on Staten Island.

Both correctly named Rich Reeder, on the left, who is still at Stony Brook. Rich was head of the electronics shop when the picture was taken, and is now Stony Brook’s Chief Information Officer and head of the Division of Information Technology. On the right, in the picture, is Al Castaldi. Al was head of the machine shop. Ted even remembered the weird object in the center of the picture. “That chair could be tilted in any direction. Linda (Podbros, Biopsychology 1981) was going to follow up on some work by Florry Bowen in which she demonstrated some problems with perceptual constancy in Parkinson’s patients.”

To further “reward” Ted Lidsky for his response, here is a picture of him from the same era.

Among other activities, Ted has become quite an author. Here are two books he has written with Jay Schneider, a former student of Ted’s and graduate (1981) of the Biopsychology Program.

The Doctor’s Always in: A Guide to 1,100+ Best Health and Medical Information Sites on the Internet. (1999)

WELCOME THE NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS FOR FALL 2004

BIOPSYCHOLOGY
Janette Ponticello
Stephen Berry
Weidong Cai
Ilan McNamara
Alicia Vargas

CLINICAL
Ashley Hunt
Anita Jose
Danielle Provenzano
Vincent Grande
Bryan Kuczinski
Lisa Starr
Samara Pulver
Dana Torpey

COGNITIVE/EXPERIMENTAL
Andrew Bolce
Alexia Galati
Hye Jin Yang
Vera Hau

SOCIAL/HEALTH
Adela Apetroaia
Anna Floyd
Jada Hamilton
Kristin Davies
HOWIE RACHLIN RETIRES

Well, not exactly. Formally Howie has retired, and he will no longer be teaching, but his grant was renewed, and he plans to continue his research and continue training grad students – much to our relief!

Nonetheless, on Friday September 17th we had a lovely retirement dinner for Howie at the Three Village Inn in Stony Brook. Nancy Franklin did a great job of organizing the event. Many current students and faculty members were there, and also several folks we haven’t seen in a while, including Jasper Brener, Dave Cross, Dave and Helen Emmerich, and Fred Levine. Ed Katkin and Marv Levine were also there. Like Howie, both have officially retired but are still active in the department. Here are some pictures from the evening. As you can see, there were lots of speeches – and many funny stories from Howie’s past.
In Memorium

Susanne K. Triesch
August 31, 1964- July 30, 2004

by Becky Sims and Carlotta Arthur

After 6 difficult years, Susanne lost her battle with cancer this summer. She is survived by her daughter Nicole, who is currently an undergraduate at Stony Brook. For those who did not know her, Susanne was a very strong, independent person, a dedicated mother, and therapist to the severely mentally ill. She was also quite adventurous, and fulfilled her lifelong dream of living with villagers in New Guinea before her untimely passing. Susanne was very much loved and will be greatly missed.

In her memory, we would like to raise funds to help with Nicole’s education expenses. If you would like to contribute, please make donation checks out to Nicole Thiebert and mail to either: Becky Sims, 1702 W. Barry, #2, Chicago, IL 60657, or Carlotta Arthur, 304 Splitwood Court, Nashville, TN 37211-7978.

You may also send donations to Carlotta Arthur via Paypal using the email address cmarthur817@hotmail.com. Donations will be forwarded to Nicole. Please note, donations going to Susanne’s daughter Nicole are not tax deductible. If you prefer, you may instead make a donation to the Cancer Research and Prevention Foundation in memory of Susanne Triesch. This can be done online at https://www.preventcancer.org/donations/donations_contribute_form.cfm or you can print a donation form at http://www.preventcancer.org/customcf/print_donation.cfm and mail your donation to the Foundation. Donations to the foundation are tax deductible. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Carlotta Arthur (cmarthur817@hotmail.com) or Becky Sims (rsims@1702.org). Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Charles Metzing
1960 – 2004

Charles was a student in the Cognitive Experimental Program. His death last August left many grieving friends in the department. For a tribute to Charles, see: http://www.psychology.sunysb.edu/sbrennan/CM_tribute.html
FACULTY AND STUDENT GET AWARDS

At the 2004 meeting of APA, DIVISION 44 (Society For The Psychological Study Of Lesbian, Gay And Bisexual Issues) gave Marv Goldfried (Professor of Clinical Psychology) the award for Distinguished Professional Contribution.

Also, SUNY has just promoted Marv to the rank of DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR. He will be honored, along with Stony Brooks’ other new Distinguished Professors, at a ceremony in Albany.

John Pachankis (graduate student in the Clinical Program, advisor Marv Goldfried) is the recipient of a fellowship from the Point Foundation, which supports gay, lesbian, and bisexual students in higher education. For more information about John, the Point Foundation, and the Point Scholars see:

http://www.gaycitynews.com/gcn_341/lendingscholars.html
http://www.newsday.com/features/printedition/ny- etlede3991603oct04,0,765971.story?coll=ny-features-print

Edward Carr (Professor, Clinical Psychology) was elected Fellow of the American Association on Mental Retardation and President of the Association for Positive Behavior Support. (For information on this society see: http://www.apbs.org/statement.html)

Leighann Litcher-Kelly of the Social/Health Area, has won a three-year pre-doctoral NRSA fellowship. Leighann’s advisor is Arthur Stone of Psychiatry.

THE PSYCH FAMILY CELEBRATES HALLOWEEN

Lion and cheetah
Max, son of Sheri Levy and Tony Freitas
Maya, daughter of Marci Lobel and Louis Pena

Bumblebee
Johanna, granddaughter of Donna Hildenbrand
LOOKING FOR ALUMNI

NEWLY LOCATED ALUMNI...

Thanks to Google, we have found some information about two more alumni.

William H. Anderson, Jr. (graduated 1974, advisor Marvin Goldfried)

“William Anderson Jr., Ph.D., has been at the University of Virginia since 1981. He received a B.S. degree in psychology from Virginia Tech in 1970 and a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from SUNY at Stony Brook in 1974. He completed post-doctoral studies in pediatric psychology at UNC-Chapel Hill. Dr. Anderson had been an assistant professor of psychology at UNC-Chapel Hill and subsequently became associate professor in the U.Va. Curry School programs in clinical psychology. In 1985 he became director of training in the U.Va. Counseling Center, and served in that position until 1996 when the Counseling Center was merged with Student Mental Health to form CAPS. In his current role as a licensed staff psychologist Dr. Anderson conducts individual and group therapy, supervises clinicians in training, and provides outreach to the wider University community. His theoretical orientation derives from humanistic and cognitive behavioral theory and research. Much of his clinical work and psycho-educational outreach address multicultural issues, sexuality, and spirituality concerns. Dr. Anderson is a Fellow at Hereford College. He is currently a member of the American Association for Advancement of Behavior Therapy, The Association of Black Psychologists, and the American Psychological Association.”

Peg Boyle (graduated 1996, advisor Robert Boice)

“Greetings! I’m a Research Associate Professor in the Department of Education. My professional mission is to “level the playing field” so that all students have a chance to succeed academically. For the past nine years, I have addressed this mission by researching the socialization of graduate students and by developing and researching mentoring and e-mentoring programs for underrepresented students in higher education. These mentoring projects have been both face-to-face and electronically mediated, and have focused on graduate education and on gender diversity in science and education. While focusing on mentoring and e-mentoring, I have published journal articles, book chapters, delivered keynote addresses, conducted training sessions, and presented at national conferences about mentoring and electronic mentoring research and best practices. Also, I have served as the President of AERA’s Mentorship and Mentoring Practices special interest group. “ For more about Peg, see: http://www.uvm.edu/~pbsingle/?Page=newcv.html&SM=cvmenu.htm

BUT WE’RE STILL LOOKING FOR...

So far we have email addresses for 453 For the 781 alumni of the graduate programs. We’d like to locate as many of the remaining 328 as possible, and we need your help.

These are graduates from 1969 – 1971 for whom we have no information. (Even if you did not graduate with these folks, you may know something about them. Please give us any information you have. (Write to nancy.squires@sunysb.edu).

(B = Biopsych;  C = Clinical;  E = Experimental;  S = Social;  ? = area of Ph.D. unknown)

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New club in Psych Department: *Minorities in Psychology*

The mission of *Minorities in Psychology* is to provide information about the field of psychology to interested students. Originally created to address the needs of minority students, the club has expanded to include all psychology undergraduate students. The club promotes student involvement in areas such as research, mentoring, internships, volunteer work and career opportunities while also providing academic advice for students who have chosen psychology as a major.

The club was established at Stony Brook University in the fall of 2001 and is presently comprised of two faculty advisors (Everett Waters and Joanne Davila), two graduate student advisors (Ana Zevallos and Bianca Acevedo) and a full undergraduate executive board. The club's programs and workshops aim to assist psychology majors gain an accurate perspective on the wide range of possibilities that exist in terms of an academic or professional career in psychology. In addition it assists students in making informed decisions about the type of degree best suited for their future career goals or academic interests. This organization is a great venue for psychology students to get to know other students who share the same academic interest. It is also a great opportunity to network with graduate students and faculty in the psychology department.

EXPANDING AUTISM RESEARCH IN PSYCHOLOGY

Two faculty members, Drs. Whitaker and Carr, are exploring critical aspects of autism from a basic and applied science perspective, respectively.

Patricia Whitaker (Biopsychology) is using an animal model to study how one of the most common chemical changes found in autism, an increase in blood levels of serotonin, could cause the disorder. So far, the work has shown both behavioral and brain changes occur in this model which do in fact resemble autism. Furthermore, a group at Yale University has followed Dr. Whitaker's lead and is using the same approach. Soon, tests of therapeutic interventions which prevent the symptoms in the animals will be tested.

Ted Carr (Clinical) is expanding his work on functional behavioral assessment (FBA) of problem behavior in autism. FBA, now a mandatory practice requirement of the Federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), is a strategy for analyzing the factors controlling problem behavior and using such information to build an array of proactive treatments now under investigation by Dr. Carr's research group. Problem behavior is the main reason that children with autism are institutionalized and segregated so its amelioration is critical in improving quality of life for people with autism and their families.

Drs. Whitaker and Carr are seeking ways to merge their respective biomedical and behavioral research interests into a scientifically comprehensive approach to autism.
Psychology Department Personnel

Distinguished Professors
Goldfried, Marvin, Ph.D., 1961, University at Buffalo. Clinical Psychology.

Professors
Aron, Arthur, Ph.D., 1970, University of Toronto, Canada. Social/Health Psychology.
O’Leary, Susan G., Ph.D., 1972, University at Stony Brook. Clinical Psychology.
Samuel, Arthur, Ph.D., 1979, University of California, San Diego. Experimental Psychology.
Squires, Nancy K., Ph.D., 1972, University of California, San Diego. Chair. Biopsychology.
Waters, Everett, Ph.D., 1977, University of Minnesota. Social/Health Psychology.
Waters, Harriet Salatas, Ph.D., 1976, University of Minnesota. Social/Health Psychology.
Whitaker, Patricia, Ph.D., 1979, University of Toronto. Biopsychology.
Wortman, Camille B., 1972, Duke University. Social/Health Psychology.

Associate Professors
Davila, Joanne, Ph.D., 1993, UCLA. Clinical Psychology.
Franklin, Nancy, Ph.D., 1989, Stanford University. Experimental Psychology.
Lobel, Marci, Ph.D., 1989, University of California, Los Angeles. Social/Health Psychology. Undergraduate Program Director.

Assistant Professors
Canli, Turhan, Ph.D., 1993, Yale University. Biopsychology.
Freitas, Antonio, Ph.D., 2002, Yale University. Social & Health Psychology.
Levy, Sheri, Ph.D., 1988, Columbia University. Social/Health Psychology.
Moyer, Anne, Ph.D. – 1995, Yale University. Social/Health Psychology.
Westmaas, Lee, Ph.D., 1996, University of California, Irvine. Social/Health Psychology.

Lecturers
Kuchner, Joan F., Ph.D., 1981, The University of Chicago, Director of CFS.

Research Faculty
Grackin, Janice, Ph.D., 1999, Stony Brook University – Research Assistant Professor.
Heyman, Richard, Ph.D., 1992, University of Oregon – Research Associate Professor.
Slep, Amy, Ph.D., 1995, Stony Brook University – Research Associate Professor.

Post Doctoral Fellows
Hanna, Joy – Cognitive/Experimental
Sumner, Meghan – Cognitive/Experimental

Personnel
Thompson, Judith – Assistant to the Chair.
Barry, Amy – Graduate Student Coordinator
Bieselin, Jean – Account Clerk.
Carlson, Carol – Undergraduate Advising.
Hildenbrand, Donna – Student Coordinator.
Lozeau, Stephanie – Grants Coordinator.
Doret, Wendy, Ph.D. – Director of the Psychological Center.
Urbelis, Pat – Psychological Center Administrator.