To a special friend who taught me the value of a rainbow and what it means.

May the rainbow give to all, my friends and classmates, vision: of opportunity, of the ultimate good in life, of everything life holds in store for you. May you all take your opportunities as they come, over the rainbow.

"And God said: This is the token of my covenant which I make between Me and you and every living creature that is with you for perpetual generations. The rainbow shall be the token of my covenant with the earth."

—Genesis IX 12, 13
If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer.

Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away.

Thoreau Walden
We all hear different drummers. That's why we came to Stony Brook in the first place. Some of us hear a call to be doctors, lawyers, scientists, and others teachers, social workers and yes believe it or not even secretaries. We came to Stony Brook to learn and learn we did not only in the classroom but in our dorms and everywhere. We learned about people and in how many different ways the drummer plays the same song. Let us explore and see some of those ways.
FACULTY & ADMINISTRATION
May 1979

To Members of the Class of 1979:

Yours is a class which will uniquely connect the past and the future at Stony Brook. It was during your years here that the State's intentions for the academic scope and quality of the place passed from promise to reality. As you matured in your studies so did the University. In that sense, you and the University are graduating together.

The Class of 1979 will be among the last that will be able to share with us the memories of the beginnings. Our club of mud dwellers and students of improvisation among the Alumni of Stony Brook will become exclusive. The learners who come later will still find a place of change, since no proper university is ever static; but none will live quite so directly again the excitement of constant development and the eagerness for fresh accomplishment which Stony Brook's growth in your years has symbolized.

Through your participation in the creation, you will own a full share in the achievements here of those to whom you now bequeath the campus. You go forth, however, to lives that will be the larger test of the purposes Stony Brook was created to serve. Our message to you in each curriculum has been simple and the same: that the best equipment for a lifetime of service and satisfaction in a changing world is study under a creative faculty of the state of understanding in substantial disciplines. We are completely confident of the results you will achieve and will claim a probably unreasonable part of them for your experience here.

Your Class and the University will continue to grow together. Our mandate and our convictions obligate the University to your future. We will hope to see you here often again, to study or to contribute strength to our other rapidly growing alumni activities.

Your years here have been troubled ones for the State of New York. As more time passes, it will become clear that, through people like yourselves, Stony Brook was a critical part of the solution to those difficulties.

You carry the best wishes of all of us here for achievement and satisfaction in your lives.

Cordially,

T. A. Pond
Acting President
The faculty of any school is usually forgotten, not soon after leaving but soon after arriving. It is however the faculty, those professors and teachers that gave us the education we received, the ability to further ourselves.

The staff of Specula and the entire student body wishes to thank certain professors who will not be soon forgotten, Karl Bottigheimer, Ted Goldfarb, Hugh Cleland, John Truxal, Bill Miller, Dana Bramel, Billy Jim Layton, Carl Rheins, Al Brooks, Ruth Biezer, Diane Fortuna, Elof Carlson, and Norman Goodman. It is they more than any other members of the faculty that have helped us to fulfill our university motto "Let each become all he is capable of being." We thank you and we salute you, and we wish you many more years of teaching and thousands of more students.
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Dr. Toll, who had been our first University President, left us this year to assume the Presidency of the University of Maryland. While we all had our disagreements with Dr. Toll, he must be credited for making Stony Brook what it is today. We wish him luck in all his endeavors in the future.

Dr. Heelan, priest, physicist, and philosopher has decided to retire this year as Vice President of Liberal Studies. While Dr. Heelan will no longer be a member of the Administration, he will return to his first love, teaching. We are happy for him and for his future students.

Dr. Rheins, a former lecturer, has returned to the University as Assistant to the Academic Vice President. His appointment gives us for the first time in a long while an administrator who truly understands and cares about students. We welcome him back for all of our sakes.
COACHES

L TO R: STANDING: John DeMarie, swimming; Chris Tyson, soccer; John Ramsay, Athletic Director; John Snider, squash; Bob Baldwin, trainer; Dick Kendall, basketball; Les Thompson, tennis; George Robinson, track. SITTING: Fran Kalafur, women's volleyball; Sandy Weeden, women's basketball; Judy Christ, women's softball.

BASEBALL
Nov. 27  York College
Nov. 29  Queens College
Dec.  1  Kean College of N.J.
Dec.  5  Ramapo College
Dec.  7  Baruch College
Dec. 12  Lehman College
Dec. 14  Hunter College
Dec. 27  St. Thomas Aquinas Col.
Dec. 29  Upsala Tourney
Dec. 30  Upsala Tourney
Jan.  5  Brockport Invit. Tourn.
Jan.  6  Brockport Invit. Tourn.
Jan. 20  Pratt Institute
Jan. 22  Brooklyn College
Jan. 25  Medgar Evers College
Jan. 27  Livingston College
Jan. 31  Mercy College
Feb.  3  Binghamton, S.U.N.Y.
Feb.  5  Wm. Paterson College
Feb.  7  Southampton College
Feb. 10  Manhattanville Col.
Feb. 13  C.C.N.Y.
Feb. 14  NY Maritime College
Feb. 21  Dowling College
Feb. 24  Knick Conference
Feb. 25  Knick Conference

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Nov. 28 Concordia College
Dec. 1 Hofstra University
Dec. 4 Molloy College
Dec. 6 Suffolk
Dec. 8 Hartwick College
Dec. 11 St. Thomas Aquinas Col.
Jan. 18 Potsdam College
Jan. 19 Clarkson College
Jan. 20 St. Lawrence College
Jan. 22 Lehman College
Jan. 26 Barnard College
Jan. 30 Hunter College
Feb. 2 Vassar College
Feb. 3 Marist College
Feb. 6 C.C.N.Y.
Feb. 8 Baruch College
Feb. 10 Manhattanville Col.
Feb. 13 York College
Feb. 16 Utica College
Feb. 17 Oswego College
Feb. 19 St. Francis College
Feb. 21 John Jay College

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
CROSS COUNTRY

L TO R: George Robinson — Coach, Bill Sadowski, John Lowendowski, Paul Cabot — Captain, Tom Kobarych, John Devitt, Bill Hobbs. NOT PICTURED: John Colleran, Steve Walsh, Mitch Kraut, Dave Leff, Bobby Hassinger

FOOTBALL
ICE HOCKEY

Oct. 29  Columbia
Nov.  5  St. Francis
Nov.  8  Rutgers
Nov. 12  Nassau Comm. Col.
Nov. 18  St. Francis
Nov. 19  Southern Conn. State
Nov. 26  Fordham
Nov. 27  Queens
Dec.  1   Temple
Dec.  2   St. Joseph's
Dec.  3   New Jersey Tech.
Dec. 10  John Jay
Dec. 12  John Jay
Jan. 19  Southern Conn. State
Jan. 20  Centr. Connecticut
Jan. 21  St. Johns Univ.
Jan. 24  Kean College
Jan. 28  Manhattan
Jan. 31  Columbia
Feb.  4   Seton Hall Univ. NJ
Feb.  7   Fordham
Feb. 11  St. Joseph's College
Feb. 14  New Jersey Tech.
Feb. 15  Rutgers
Feb. 25  Kean College

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SQUASH


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Nov 18 Navy Invit. Tourna.
Dec. 1 Wesleyan
Dec. 2 Lehigh
Dec. 2 Franklin & Marshall
Dec. 6 Yale
Dec. 9 Columbia
Dec. 9 Alumni
Jan. 24 Fordham
Jan. 26 Lehigh
Jan. 27 Navy
Feb. 2 Cornell
Feb. 2 Franklin & Marshall
Feb. 3 Trinity
Feb. 3 Wesleyan
Feb. 5 Columbia
Feb. 9 M.I.T.
Feb. 10 Dartmouth
Feb. 10 Bowdoin
Feb. 11 Williams
Feb. 14 Fordham
Feb. 17 Army
Feb. 23 Metropolitan Champ.
Feb. 24 Metropolitan Champ.
Mar. 2, 3, 4 Nat’l Intercollegiates
SWIMMING

Nov. 18  M.I.S.C. Relay Carnival
Nov. 30  St. John's Univ./NY Univ.
Dec. 2    Brooklyn College
Dec. 6    St. Francis College
Dec. 15   Manhattan College
Jan. 13   C.C.N.Y.
Jan. 17   Queens College
Jan. 26   N.Y. Maritime College
Feb. 3    Wm. Paterson College
Feb. 10   New Paltz State
Feb. 13   Kings Point
Feb. 17   Marist College
Feb. 22-24 Metropolitan Champ.
MEN'S TENNIS

The dual match season was very successful with a final record of 11 wins 3 losses. A highlight of the season was the selection of number 1 doubles team of captain Steve Aronowitz and Josh Appelman to compete in the NCAA Division III Championships. At the end of the season, the team was playing very well since they accumulated enough points to earn 4th place out of the 27 colleges who competed in the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Tennis Conference Championships. Steve Sewis who went undefeated at the #5 singles position and the #3 doubles position was chosen MVP for the season by his teammates.
WOMEN'S TENNIS

As a first year varsity team, the Stony Brook volleyball worked hard to gain respect and prestige among other schools in the league.

FENCING CLUB

The Fencing Club offers both beginning and experienced fencers an opportunity to develop their skills in a comfortable atmosphere. It offers competition, drills and some free fencing. And of course most fencers agree that their sport is just a touch above the rest.

Neil H. Butterkle (Pres.), Jon Owens (V. Pres.), Chris Young (Treas.), Ron Brignoni (Sec.), Kathy Banisch (Faculty Coach).

BASKETBALL CHEERLEADERS

The Stony Brook Basketball Cheerleaders are a group of talented, dedicated, young women who promote school spirit at basketball games. Members: Adrienne Bennet, Harriett Brown, Geralyn Cook, Robin Hunter — Captain, Lila Kirton — Co-captain, Carol Lester, Karen McKeon, Faye McLaughlin, Joan Murphy, Cuquita Wilson.
STREET HOCKEY ASSOC.

In their third year of existence, the Stony Brook Street Hockey Association has altered their format in order to accommodate the growing number of teams on and off campus. This season, each college played regular season games against colleges of their respective quads. Division champions will go on to play each other in a best of 5 series. Officers: Pat Chang, Fred Lettieri — League Coordinators, Eric Wasser, Phil White, Mark Folliman, Steve Capatosto, Ronny Rodd, Evan Glaser, Jerry Grossman.

BOWLING TEAM

Bowling is not just an old ladies sport. It is a game of skill as well as relaxation. We the members of the Bowling team invite everyone to join us next year to learn what America's favorite sport really is.
HARMONY is Stony Brook's only Asian-American literary publication. The magazine is intended to entertain you and to serve as a medium for the activities within the Asian community. Harmony also serves as a "Bamboo Bridge" (the magazine's Chinese name) between Asian and Western cultures. Produced two to three times per semester, each issue contains: creative writing, prose poetry, art work, interviews and current events. Susan Eng (Editor-in-Chief), Yolanda Loo (Managing Editor), So Chang (Treas.), John Chan, Erica Jen, Mitsutoshi Kato, Peter Lee, Joanna Lin, Eula Moy, Won Ng, Wendy Shum, Alan Sze, Peter Tam, Grace Wang.

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DRAMA CLUB
STANDING L-R: Brian Smith, Seth D. Schulman, Marc I. Rosenthal, SITTING L-R: Mitch Silver, Mark DeMichele, Bruce Grossman. CAMERA SHY: George Spelvin and other members.
The French Club is to promote a greater understanding of the culture and language of the French people through films, dinners and the theater.

L to R: FRONT ROW: Madame Joannine Goldman, Jessica Chanin, Karen Ciccone (treasurer & secretary), Patricia Dopazo, Rhodora Ongjoco, Madame Elizabeth Riees.

BACK ROW: Charles Lack, Roxana Gardiner — Vice President, Nancy Marks — President, Sandra Woods, Mitchell Miller.

Hillel, named after the famous Rabbi, teacher, and sage of the first century is here on campus to provide programming and assistance to all members of the Jewish faith on the Stony Brook campus.

The Science Fiction Forum is just that a forum to discuss, debate, and explore the world beyond. Our library in the basement of Hendrix College is full of the thoughts of the science fictions greats and of what will await us in the not too distant future.
THE ANIMALS

The Association for the Normalization of Imaginative Merriment and Laughter (ANIMAL). The purpose of the club is to add some humor and laughter to the life of the typical Stony Brook student through movies, speakers, and other club activities. Peter J. Friel, President; Dennis M. Mahan, Vice President; Paul D. Mathews, Secretary; Owen M. Rumelt, Treasurer; Rocky, Club Mascot; Bernard Fried, Co-founder; Othmar Ammann, Co-founder.

ENGLISH SOCIETY

Contrary to popular belief, the English Society is an alive and growing organization. We strive to provide information for the innocent, incoming, “English Major”. We try to give a sense of unity and identity to those who pursue an education through literature. Clockwise from back: Robert Drucker, Maria Scalise, Martha Ripp, Margherita Franzese, Sheree Meyer, Karen Grey.

PRELAW SOCIETY

The Pre-Law Society has given Stony Brook students the opportunity to gain insight into the legal profession. Various speakers such as Dr. Joseph Tanenhaus and Merton Reichler have discussed the many aspects of our legal system. In addition, the Pre-Law Society has sought to provide students information about law school. Paul Bierman (Pres.), Peter Linden (V. Pres., Newsletter Committee), Chris Greenfield (V. Pres., Speakers Committee), Brian Schaufler (V. Pres., Catalog Committee), Howard Sherman (Treas.), Steven Laman (Sec.)
L'OUVERTURE

L'ouverture Club (Haitian Student Assoc.) — Out of Many, We are One This year, the L'ouverture Club reached its climax with a great increase in the number of Haitians on campus. During the Fall '78 semesters, the club provided many varied activities, including lectures, sports (volleyball, soccer, etc), and entertainment (i.e. different parties). The club also helped new and incoming Haitian students adapt to their new environment. Jean-Robert Marc (Coordinator), Jean-Donald Pierre (Pres.), Warda Hermantin (V. Pres.), Frantz Bartoli (Treas.), Marie Oriol (Sec.).

ZETA BETA TAU

Zeta Beta Tau was the first fraternity set up at Stony Brook when frats once again became legal. While nothing like animal house we do strive to provide the "basic needs" of our male members.

FOOTBALL CHEERLEADERS

FRONT (L to R): Chris Ryan (Co-capt), Stacie Gary, Sheray Larowitz. BACK (R to L): Stephanie Honig, Irene Cibas (Co-capt.), Mara Berman.
The A.S.A. is an organization created by and for the students at Stony Brook. We provide a wide variety of events and activities to the student body as an attempt to make their life on campus more enjoyable as well as to broaden their cultural awareness. Our events and activities include parties, guest speakers, movies, bowling and volleyball tournaments, ski trips, Sino '79, an Intercollegiate Sport Day and China Day. TOP L to R: Anita DaRosa (V. Pres.), Susan Eng, Wally Lum (Pres.), Mitsutoshi Kato. BOTTOM L to R: John Chan (Sec.), Wendy Shum (Treas.), Charlotte Chong (Social Chairperson).

Fortnight is the full length feature magazine published bi-weekly at Stony Brook. We attempt through our articles and sounding board a place where Stony Brook students can be informed and knowledgeable.
The Caribbean Students Association is a unified group of Stony Brook students from all Caribbean countries to promote the singular culture and background of our various member states.

The Latin Students Association LASO is to inform the campus of the culture and heritage of the Latin American people. Latin American weekend and films are two of our primary ways to bring our message Stony Brook.
GYMNASTIC CLUB

Gymnastics is America's and the world's fastest growing sport. Our Stony Brook group is a small but dedicated group of people who want to show everyone that gymnastics is a beautiful art form as well as a very competitive sport.

MASADA

Masada is the Zionist organization of the Stony Brook campus. Its goals are to present Israel as it really is and what opportunities exist in the land of Israel. Israel awareness week and Holocaust week are major events with our weekly information table that help us tell everyone “Be a Zionist and be proud of it”.
The Women's Intramural Program is organized to give Stony Brook students an opportunity to participate and compete in a wide variety of sports. From the popular co-ed tournaments to the competitive women's events, the action is fast paced and lots of fun. Kathy Banisch (Director), Mary Beth Cusimano, Sharon Kratochivil, Janet Travis

TOP (L to R): Valerie Jean Wilcox, Charlie Backfish, Robin Budd, Norman Prusslin, Chris Van Valen, Martin Frankевич, Laurence Braverman, Frank Valenti, Mike Kornfeld, Bill Hecker MIDDLE (L to R): David Rosenberg, Doreen Lorenzo, Paul Harris, Frank Burgert, James K. Lieblitch, Brian Dinger, Cliff Greenberg BOTTOM (L to R): Louis C. Heckheimer, Leo Whiteman, Brenda Payne, Rochelle Goldman
LAMPOON

The Stony Brook Moon is the campus' only satirical magazine. It was established to provide humor and enjoyment to the entire University community.

Ambulance Corps

The Stony Brook Ambulance Corps is one of the largest organizations on campus. We are here to provide emergency care to students, faculty, and staff. Additionally, we train students in ambulance work and give classes to the community at large in such things as CPR, and Multi Media First Aid. Members: Jay Kaskin, Gary Katz, Eric Kahn, William Cus, David Kaufman, Frances Stincone, Georgianna Stumper, Anna Romancio, Maggie Schaller, Carol Kaminski, Michael Raff, Nancy Abramson, Joe Genovese, Alan Polak, Amy Goodcoff, Lauren Kaplan, Faith Saffran, Carol Hammond, Mark Cohen, Ken Feldman, Bob Polofsky, Brian Shapiro, Brian Kleis, Jim Jackmore, Bill Syska, Mike Friedman, Steve Nachbar, Dale Kretchmann, Judy LaVan

GOJU
KARATE
CLUB
The Sociology Forum is to promote sociology on campus through films, lectures, and debates, and to arrange the graduation ceremony. Members: Gaye Averbach, Suzanne DiGiacomo, Joan Haystrand, Jane Seraydar, Sal Perrucci, Betsy Brandes, Vicki Brown, Kathy Murphy, Liz Stabile, Kathy Wojcieszak, Maureen Moore, Linda McLaughlin, Victor Stabile, Vanessa Norman, Dough Ziminski, Neil K. Jablon. Professors: Judy Tanur, Erich Goode

Our University yearbook operating out of the dungeon office Room 060 in the Union. These jobs are available only to people with great devotion and a strong desire to see Stony remembered for good throughout posterity.

The staff of Specula would like to make a few last thank yous:

To Statesman who has allowed us this year to steal and borrow everything but their dirty socks and that's probably only because we didn't try. Truthfully though it would have been almost impossible to put out this book without them.

To Fortnight our office mates who always left too much glue on the tables.

And lastly to Polity for all your "help" and especially that "high" budget you gave us. May things be better in the future for all of us. But a definite thank you does go to Barbara Broderick for all her help.

But the people we really want to thank is you, the students of Stony Brook for your support. May it continue forever.
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Judy Collins — Dec. 16

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Dixie Dregs — Feb. 18
Billy Cobham — Feb. 24
Bob Weir — Mar. 7
McGuin/Clark — Mar. 11
Dickie Betts & Great Southern —
Mar. 12
Aztec Two Step — April 14
Carly Simon — April 28
Chuck Mangione — April 29
Lou Reed — May 5
Bonnie Raitt — May 11
Dudek, Finnegan, Krieger —
July 15
Pablo Cruise — July 16
New Riders of the Purple Sage/
Robert Hunter — July 26
McLaughlin/Brand X —
July 29
Savoy Brown/Nantucket —
Aug. 25
B.B. King/James Cotton —
Sept. 15
Doobie Bros. — Oct. 1
Robert Hunter/Peter
Rowan — Oct. 6
Danish Gymnasts — Oct. 6
Frank Zappa — Oct. 15
Dan Morrison/Rockpile —
Oct. 22
Peter Gabriel — Oct. 28
Brand X/David Sancious —
Nov. 4
Weather Report — Nov. 5
10 CC — Nov. 19
Paul Winter Consort —
Dec. 2

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The Thursday Night Live Radio Concert is heard on WUSB 90.1 FM at 9 PM. Featured performers are local and regional, amateur and professional, recorded and unrecorded solos, duos and groups. The Broadcast originates from Studio A of the Educational Communications Center on the campus with a studio audience of 100 people primarily drawn from WUSB listeners who win pairs of free tickets to the concerts.
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"Rivers belong where they can ramble, Eagles belong where they can fly, I've got to be where my spirit can run free. Got to find my corner of the sky."
If I could save time in a bottle
The first thing that I'd like to do
Is to save every day till eternity passes away
Just to spend them with you.

I could make days last forever
If words could make wishes come true
I'd save every day like a treasure and then again
I would spend them with you.

But there never seems to be enough time
To do the things you want to do once you find them
I've looked around enough to know
That you're the one I want to go thru time with.

If I had a box just for wishes
And dreams that had never come true
The box would be empty except for the memory
Of how they were answered by you.

But there never seems to be enough time
To do the things you want to do once you find them
I've looked around enough to know
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Experience is not what happens to a man.
It is what a man does with what happens to him.

—Huxley
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This is it! Your yearbook, Specula 1979.

A few months ago no one would have believed that this book was ever going to come out, especially me. Then again, if you had told me that I was going to be editor-in-chief at that time, I would have told you you were crazy, it's only that I picked the short straw.

The two questions that I heard most often during the months of working on this book was "What is Specula?" and "Do we really have a yearbook at Stony Brook?" Well, yes, there is a yearbook and this is it, Specula, a looking glass to the future. You probably didn't know the word Specula had a meaning, did you?

Yearbooks don't just happen to come out. They take a tremendous amount of time and energy on the part of a truly dedicated staff. So many people say yearbooks are only for seniors to work on and I'm glad to say that most of our staff were not seniors, but fellow students who wanted to put this year down on paper for a century of memories. They stayed 'til all hours of the morning to put this book out and no matter what the staff think, I love them all very deeply for the devotion and time they put into this book, and especially my all night crew. A special thanks to Billy for all his extra special work and time and for being him.

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You are about to finish the 208th and final page of Specula '79. The staff hopes that you have enjoyed it and will continue to enjoy it for many years to come. We have tried our best to give you a new and different aspect of what a yearbook can be and how to look at your four years at Stony Brook. A yearbook is a treasured possession and we hope that you will treat it as such.

We hope that every member of the University community will look at this book and examine his or her options and opportunities. Twenty years from now look again at this book and decide if you followed all your opportunities over the rainbow, to the pot of gold. We hope you did. Good luck, over the rainbow.

Best wishes and G-d speed,

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