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HSC INFO-BYTES E-NEWS

*From: Norman H. Edelman, MD
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Dean, School of Medicine*

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Recently I announced the plan to separate the two positions I currently hold, Dean of the School of Medicine and Vice President for the Health Sciences Center. We will immediately institute a search for a new Dean of the School of Medicine and I will relinquish the Dean's position when the new person arrives. I will then continue as Vice President with the deans of the five schools of the Health Sciences Center reporting to me.

There are several reasons for this decision. The most compelling is that the responsibilities and opportunities associated with these positions have increased dramatically. Once freed of the day-to-day chores of the dean position, I will for example, be able to devote more time to the external environment impacting on the HSC, in order to better advocate for public and private support of our programs whether it be in Albany, Washington or on Long Island.

Secondly, I strongly believe that Stony Brook deserves an orderly and seamless transition. Implementing the transition in this way will avoid abrupt change, and eliminate the uncertainties and stagnation associated with interim or acting administrations.

I want to emphasize to the faculty and students of the School of Medicine that the newly recruited Dean of the School of Medicine will report to me. Thus, all commitments to current faculty or those being recruited, and to students, will be assured. Accordingly, I expect us all to continue our activities in a "business as usual" manner. I look forward to continuing my leadership of the Health Sciences Center and working with all of you.

HSC NEWS:

Stony Brook Day in Albany - This day (February 26) provides us with the opportunity to let legislators throughout the state know how vitally important Stony Brook is to us and to New York and how we need their support. Be part of this important event. Register online a www.stonybrook.edu/albany or by phone 632-4309

Community Resource Guide - A handy reference guide that lists by category a wealth of educational, entertaining, and enriching opportunities available on campus is being distributed this month. It is also available on the web at www.stonybrook.edu/guide. If you have information or entries that need to be added, please make submissions to Susan Tito at stito@notes.cc.sunysb.edu. If you need additional copies contact Lisa at 632-1451.

Stony Brook University Style Guide - The style manual specifies the guidelines for all Stony Brook University and University Physicians @ Stony Brook stationery and printed materials. A December edition is now available and will be distributed, if you do not receive one, contact Anita, 2-1594 for additional copies.

Campus Card Office - A new identification system has been installed on campus. This system will generate new badges and ID cards for all students, faculty and staff. With the new card, individuals will be able to access the library, their meal plan, and Teachers Federal Credit Union banking privileges.

"Hospital Access" will appear on the badge worn by individuals having hospital building access. The term "Patient Access" is being replaced to better reflect the type of access individuals actually have. This system is not changing who gets Hospital Access or the method of determination for this access.

Mass Carding Event

A student mass carding event is scheduled for April 25, 2002 in the HSC Galleria. For faculty and staff, the mass carding is projected for early June 2002. All faculty and staff will be contacted by department area. Specific instructions explaining when and where to report for new faculty and staff cards and badges will be sent at a later date.

Campus Card Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Tuesday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Meal Plan Accounts

Meal plan accounts can be opened with an initial payment of \$50 and subsequent payments of \$25. Payment can be made by cash, check, or major credit card.

Lotus Notes Conversion Project - For people who have recently converted to Lotus Notes, you should be using an Electronic Post Office (EPO) address. The EPO provides each individual with the ability to be identified by a standard, generic e-mail address which remains constant.

Everyone's EPO

entry exists in the format:

firstname.lastname@stonybrook.edu

We encourage you to change to your EPO entry so that your mail forwards to your Lotus Notes account. Below are instructions for changing your EPO entry.

To find out what your actual Lotus Notes e-mail address is, sign on to Lotus Notes, click on File / Preferences / Location Settings. Under the "Basics" tab there is a field called "Internet mail address". That address should read e.g. ksmith@notes.cc.sunysb.edu. For additional assistance call 4-HELP.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOLS AND LISVH

Leo M. Sreebny, DDS, former Dean of the School of Dental Medicine, has been awarded a "Dr. Honoris Causa" (M.D./Honorary) Degree from Semmelweis Medical University. Dr. Sreenby was honored for his pioneering work in the establishment of the specialized field of Oral Biology. Eight distinguished scientists and clinicians from Austria, England, Finland, Germany, Holland and the United States were granted the "Dr. Honoris Causa" degree, an award equivalent to an Honorary M.D. degree.

Richard Kalish, MD from the Department of Dermatology, collaborated on research that has helped identify the cause of alopecia areata, a hair loss disorder that strikes children. The study, which was supported by the National Alopecia Areata Foundation, appeared in the December issue of the Journal of Investigative Dermatology.

The Journal of Evolutionary Anthropology, which is edited by John Fleagle, PhD, from the Department of Anatomical Sciences, has been determined by the Institute of Science Information to have had the greatest impact of any of the 51 anthropology journals analyzed by the ISI's Journal Citation Reports for the Year 2000. Dr. Fleagle is the founding editor of the JEA.

David Bynum, PhD, Associate Professor of Biochemistry and Cell Biology, was named winner of the 4th Annual Bruce Alberts Award for Outstanding Contributions to Science Education. The award, named for the President of the National Academy of Sciences, is presented by the American Society for Cell Biology.

A School of Medicine Task Force has been created to evaluate and assess the Medical School curriculum. Michael Whitcomb, M.D., AAMC Senior Vice President for Medical Education, is coming to Stony Brook this month to assist the task force. Later this month, Vice Dean Peter Williams and Associate Dean Michael Rainey will attend the AAMC Curriculum Conference in Santa Fe.

The Village Times is publishing an extensive 14-part series on the Long Island Cancer Center beginning this month. The series will focus on the research and clinical care at the LICC, as well as on its potential long-term impact on Long Islanders.

Two members of Anatomical Sciences were recently featured in the media. Assistant Professor Maureen O'Leary appeared on a broadcast by the Discovery Channel entitled "Walking with Prehistoric Beasts." Professor David Krause and his expeditions to Madagascar was the subject of a cover story in Newsday's Health and Discovery section.

Sharon Nachman, MD, Department of Pediatrics, has been elected to the Society of Pediatric Research. As an outstanding young researcher, she will participate in the Society's scientific meetings and submit manuscripts to their journal, Pediatric Research.

The Long Island Cancer Center (LICC) at Stony Brook University received \$245,000 from the Fashion Footwear Charitable Foundation. The monies were raised from the "FFANY Presents Shoes on Sale" benefit that aired on the QVC network on October 3, 2001. This is the first year that Stony Brook's Cancer Center has received funds from the eight year old program that also distributed monies to six other leading cancer centers across the country. LICC will use the funds for breast cancer research and education activities.

Congratulations to all the people who made the School of Medicine Mini-Medical School possible. They were given "The Men and Women of the Year Award in Medicine" by the Village Times and Times Beacon Record Newspapers.

Q & A

Several suggestions were made about the format of this newsletter. At the time of its first distribution, many people were not on Notes and therefore, sending it in html or pdf format would have made it difficult for users to access the publication. Within the next month, it is anticipated that it will be disseminated in several formats making it more readable to those with Notes accounts. Thanks for your comments.

Good communication is two way. Therefore, if you would like to comment, respond to any topics, or have news to share, please do so at HSC_VP@notes.cc.sunysb.edu. Suggestions for future topics are always welcome, as well.

SAVE THE DATE

February 12 - Habitat for Humanity Program kicks off

February 12 - University Service Awards Ceremony at 4:00 p.m. in the SAC Auditorium. The ceremony recognizes those employees who have 20, 25, 30, 35, and 40 years of service at Stony Brook during calendar year 2001.

February 26 - Stony Brook Day in Albany

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