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Attached is a still from "Black Diamonds."

STONY BROOK SOUTHAMPTON'S FIRST ANNUAL GREEN FILM SERIES CONTINUES

SOUTHAMPTON, N.Y., March 5, 2009 – Stony Brook Southampton's Avram Theater's First Annual Green Film Series continues on Thursday, March 12, at 7:30 p.m., with screenings of "The Monarch, A Butterfly Beyond Borders."

The series is free and open to the public, with films running each Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Upcoming films include: "The Monarch, A Butterfly Beyond Borders" (3/12), "Black Diamonds" (3/19), "Water First and Turtle World" (3/26), "Swim for the River" (4/2), and "Build Green" (4/16). All movies are produced by renowned environmental film company Bullfrog Films. Each event will also have a designated speaker to discuss the topic at hand. For further information, contact 632-5023.

"The Monarch, A Butterfly Beyond Borders" is a beautiful documentary that looks at what we now know, but, more importantly, it reveals what we still do not know about this amazing creature. The monarch butterfly is at once the most familiar and the most mysterious butterfly in the world. It amazes us for what we know about its life and it tantalizes us for the secrets it still holds within its delicate frame – secrets that scientists and lay people in North America have been trying to unravel for decades. We know that monarchs east of the Rockies travel thousands of miles every winter to specific sites in Mexico, while those west of the Rockies migrate to sites in California. How they find their way to sites they have never seen before remains a puzzle. Today monarchs face environmental threats at both ends of their migratory route. The event will be moderated by Stony Brook Southampton professor and monarch butterfly expert Richard Orr.

"Black Diamonds" charts the escalating drama in Appalachia over the alarming increase in large mountaintop coal mines. These mammoth operations have covered 1200 miles of headwater streams with mining waste, demolished thousands of acres of hardwood forest and flattened hundreds of Appalachian mountain peaks. Citizen testimony and visual documentation interwoven with the perspectives of government officials, activists and scientists create a riveting portrait of an American region fighting for its life – caught between the grinding wheels of the national appetite for cheap energy and an enduring sense of Appalachian culture, pride and natural beauty. The film includes testimony from Julia Bonds, West Virginian citizen-turned-activist, who received the 2003 Goldman Award; Ken Hechler, former West Virginia Secretary of State; William Maxey, former Director of West Virginia's Division of Forestry; and the many citizens of West Virginia. The event will be moderated by former Stony Brook Southampton Professor Martin Schoonen.

In its second year, Stony Brook Southampton, a model of sustainability that was featured in The New

York Times this past summer and on “NBC Nightly News With Brian Williams” and “The Today Show” this past spring, is continuing with its plans to build one of the nation’s truly green campuses.

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