September 11 Project

Shortly after the terrorist attacks of September 11, Gerald S. Kessler ’50, president of Friends for Long Island’s Heritage, called Hofstra University Archivist Geri Solomon to discuss the idea of a repository collecting information about Long Islanders’ reactions to those tragic events. It was agreed that it was imperative to store these items at a site that would be accessible to the entire Long Island community. As Interim Director of the Long Island Studies Institute, Ms. Solomon felt it would be an appropriate site.

The September 11 Project continues to grow. It includes personal reflections, photographs, artistic renderings, audiotapes and videotapes. The focus of the collection remains “Long Island-centric,” and it reflects the spirit of hope and the caring nature of our communities. As the need for volunteers became great, greater still was the response of emergency personnel, firemen, students and citizens. The collection documents the thoughts and prayers of religious institutions, educational institutions, and businesses.

As the one-year anniversary of September 11 approaches, Hofstra University thoughtfully prepares for its commemoration with a variety of educational, memorial and observant events. The Long Island Studies Institute’s contribution will be an exhibition titled, “Where There Is Sorrow, There Is Holy Ground: A September 11, 2001, Retrospective.” All alumni are invited to attend the opening of the exhibition on September 11, 2002, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the David Filderman Gallery, located on the ninth floor of the Joan and Donald E. Axinn Library. The program will include a short reading by Long Island writer Pat Fenton. His dramatic presentation of an original piece titled, “The View From the Top of Our World: September 11, 2001,” uses the Norman J. Levy Park and Preserve as its setting and includes the words and personal reflections of Long Islanders who were interviewed on that date.

New Vice Presidents

Over the summer, President Stuart Rabinowitz announced the appointment of three new Hofstra University Vice Presidents.

As Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel, Dolores Fredrich, Esq. ’80 manages all aspects of University legal affairs and oversees the activities of the Office of Human Resources and the Equal Employment Opportunity Officer. Vice President Fredrich earned a juris doctor degree with distinction from Hofstra Law School, and received a bachelor of arts cum laude from SUNY-Stony Brook in 1977.

As the new Vice President for Financial Affairs and Treasurer, Catherine Hennessy ’81, oversees development of the annual budget and all fiscal operations. She is also responsible for the investment of University funds and reporting the financial position of the University to external agencies. Vice President Hennessy received a bachelor of business administration from Hofstra, and a master of business administration in 1990 from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

As the new Vice President for Information Technology, Robert W. Juckiewicz oversees all aspects of information technology services, including academic and administrative computing, implementation of the SCT/Banner system and related areas of telecommunications, Web technology and user support. Vice President Juckiewicz received a bachelor of science from Dowling College and a master of science from Columbia University.