



This fall 2002 issue of *Hofstra Horizons* highlights the academic endeavors, research and writings of five distinguished members of our campus community. This publication offers us a valuable opportunity to learn more about the subjects that fascinate our colleagues both personally and in their studied fields of expertise.

Additionally, this issue's Grant News column focuses on Hofstra's history and continuing relationship with the National Science Foundation and our faculty, both past and present, who have received grants from this prestigious organization. Success in obtaining competitive grants is exceedingly important to the University, and it is gratifying to note that so many of our professors have been recognized by the NSF and other regional and national agencies. Scholarly research not only enriches the researcher and the classroom experience for his or her students, but also enhances the academic profile and prestige of the University.

An old quote states the obvious: "He who dares to teach must never cease to learn." Contributors to *Hofstra Horizons* – and indeed all faculty – who continue to grow in their disciplines, bring excitement into the classroom and instill in their students a lifelong love of learning.

I thank the writers featured in this issue of *Hofstra Horizons* for taking the time to share their research and interests and I look forward to future issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Stuart Rabinowitz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "S" and "R".

Stuart Rabinowitz
President



I have had the opportunity to preview the fall 2002 issue of *Hofstra Horizons* and I am pleased to announce that this is a particularly fascinating issue. I commend all the articles and urge you to read them. In this issue Dr. Margaret Abraham reviews her previous work as well as her research agenda on the issue of domestic violence among South Asians in the United States. Though the “dynamics” are changing, the problem remains; however, Dr. Abraham’s continuing research has been a catalyst in helping improve the lives of the women involved.

I also admire Dr. Bruce Charnov’s passion for the Autogiro and the impressive expertise that he has developed regarding the history and development of the Autogiro. He continues to keep me up to date on his research and I am very much looking forward to the University’s conference on this fascinating topic scheduled for April 25 and 26, 2003.

Some of the individuals who have survived “horrific mental and physical traumas” use art as the medium to tell their stories. Dean David Christman, who also directs the Hofstra Museum, recounts his experience in the organization of a show that highlighted this memorable artwork which was displayed this past spring and summer.

Terrorism is no longer a stranger to our country and, therefore, it is especially helpful that Professor William Ginsberg reviews the four options available to try those accused of terrorism: “Military tribunals, military court martials, the federal court system or an international tribunal.” He also discusses the “troublesome” fact that charges have not yet been brought against the 600 prisoners being held at Guantanamo Bay.

The use of marijuana for medical purposes in the treatment of certain “debilitating symptoms” is clearly a continuing debate with well-defined arguments on all sides of the issue. Dr. Charles Levinthal’s article provides a concise and useful history of medical marijuana as well as a discussion of recent developments and the federal response to the issue. All of us want the most effective medical treatment possible; how do you reconcile that desire when it involves a controlled substance?

Finally, I also call your attention to Associate Provost Thomas Murphy’s column which reviews the shared history of NSF and Hofstra University in the context of our faculty grant recipients. It is especially noteworthy that Hofstra University received its first NSF award in 1956, the fourth year of NSF’s existence, and that this was “ahead of many of today’s major research universities.”

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Herman A. Berliner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Herman A. Berliner, Ph.D.

Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs