LONG ISLAND NEWS BUREAU …

In an effort to continue its upgrade of the already impressive School of Communication, Hofstra University invited WCBS-TV Channel 2 to create a Long Island Bureau on campus. The Hofstra/CBS News Bureau started operations in December. Hofstra’s agreement with CBS is only the latest accomplishment in expanding its communication programs while providing University students with valuable professional experience.

As part of the agreement, the University has committed office space in its School of Communication to CBS and in return, Hofstra broadcast journalism students serve as interns and assist with the operations. “The recognition by CBS, that Hofstra is a place they want to be associated with, is great for both the students and the community and we truly appreciate this honor they bestowed,” said Dr. George Back ’62, Dean of the School of Communication.

“This is an opportunity to have news bureau professionals, journalists and student interns work on our campus within a real-life journalism laboratory,” said Michael DeLuise, Hofstra’s Vice President for University Relations. “It gives our students a unique and very real opportunity to work with professionals.”

According to Carole Rich, chair of the Department of Journalism and Mass Media Studies, “This is a terrific opportunity for broadcast journalism students and will help them gain experience from interning.” Added Hofstra alumna and executive director for the Long Island Coalition for Fair Broadcasting, Jaci Clement ’89, “(This opportunity) gives CBS resources to do their job well. It’s also a win for the area because it ensures CBS’s commitment to Long Island.”

DONOR APPRECIATION RECEPTION …

Jamison Skala ’95, Assistant Director for Scholarships and Endowments (far left) and Michael A. D’Amato ’68, Vice President for Development (far right) pause for a photo with Steve Molello ’70 (second from left) and Marsha ’71 and Antonio Garay ’71 at the Donor Appreciation Reception held in October 2002.

SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON …

President Stuart Rabinowitz, Lane Luckert ’81 and Lillian Ackerman met Paul Tucci ’03, 2002/2003 recipient of the Nathalie Ackerman Theater Arts Scholarship at Hofstra’s Annual Scholarship Luncheon. Established by Nathalie’s mother, Lillian and Hofstra classmate, Lane, this scholarship was established to memorialize Nathalie Ackerman ’84 who passed away in October 2000. The scholarship will perpetually honor her and benefit Hofstra students majoring in drama.

FIRST ARTS FESTIVAL IN 30 YEARS …

In the 1960s and early 1970s Hofstra University presented a series of contemporary arts festivals that combined professional and student theatrical events, concerts and dance performances. This tradition was revived this spring with Festival: HofstrArts 2003. Similar to its predecessor, the festival featured a variety of performance styles, and according to festival director, Professor Emeritus Herbert Deutsch ’56, expanded to include film screenings, poetry readings and an exhibition of contemporary sculpture. Festival: HofstrArts 2003 was held from April 27 to May 4, with the final day coinciding with Hofstra’s annual Dutch Festival. Appearing in HofstrArts 2003 was cabaret singer and Hofstra Alumna Karen Saunders. Karen, whose newest CD is to be released this spring, has been praised by Variety, New York’s Daily News and many other publications.