

KEEPING UP WITH OUR PACE

In the Fight Against Breast Cancer

Lorraine Pace, MEd, the Department's nationally renowned breast cancer education specialist, is engaged in numerous activities aimed at optimizing breast health. Not only is she active in the comprehensive breast care program at University Hospital, she spends a considerable amount of time contributing to the local and national breast cancer awareness movement.

Pace's recent activities have taken her all over Long Island as well as the rest of the country. The following excerpts from her log offer a glimpse at what she has been doing since last summer, in the fight against breast cancer . . .

7/27/95: Appeared with fellow activist Diane Sackett Nannery on local cable television show, *Talk About*, in Riverhead, to promote creation of new "Breast Cancer Awareness" postage stamp [issued on June 15 of this year].

9/30/95: Participated in "Walk for Beauty" breast cancer research fund-raiser in Stony Brook [which she helped organize with University Medical Center and the Stony Brook Community Fund].

10/4/95: Appeared with Senator Kenneth LaValle and Joan Hudson, director of Suffolk County Breast Health Partnership, on Brookhaven Cable's *Spotlight*, to discuss breast cancer issues on Long Island.

10/25/95: Participated in breast cancer panel discussion sponsored by Long Island's "B-103 Radio" and held at Stony Brook (since its inception three years ago).

11/1/95: Participated as member of peer-review panel for the Department of Defense in Washington, DC, to critique breast cancer research proposals.



Lorraine Pace (fourth from left) at ribbon-cutting ceremony for opening of Stony Brook's Breast Care Center in East Setauket in November, with fellow breast cancer activists and Dr. Najji N. Abumrad, former chairman of the Department.

11/10/95: Participated in the opening of Stony Brook's Breast Care Center, at Tech Park in East Setauket.

11/16/95: Participated in roundtable discussion at the Copiague Library led by Assemblyman Robert Sweeney—focused on new and emerging technologies for the detection and treatment of breast cancer: the information provided at the roundtable will further assist the Legislative Commission on Science

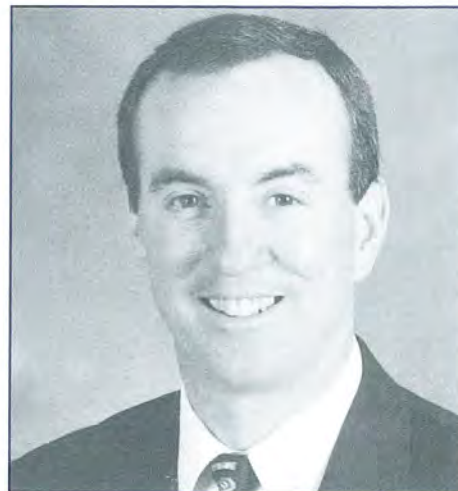
and Technology in examining current state and federal policies, and to recommend a possible legislative agenda that would advance this area of biomedical research and high technology.

11/30/95: Was panel member in NYPIRG forum on breast cancer and the environment, at Stony Brook.

12/7-13/95: Met with San Francisco Bay Area Study Group in San Francisco and Marin County

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NEW BREAST SURGEON ARRIVES



Dr. Brian J. O'Hea

We are pleased to announce that Brian J. O'Hea, MD, has just joined our faculty as an assistant professor of surgery, starting on July 15.

Dr. O'Hea comes to Stony Brook from Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, where he has just completed a fellowship in intensive breast cancer management. A board-certified general surgeon with clinical and research interests in the diseases and surgery of the breast, he will make a major contribution to our comprehensive breast care service and the Stony Brook Breast Care Center in East Setauket.

The next issue of POST-OP will feature a profile of Dr. O'Hea and his new practice at Stony Brook.

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breast cancer activists—along with representatives from the University of California-Berkeley, Stanford University, the University of San Francisco, and California's Department of Health—to discuss mapping projects and surveys for breast cancer.

1/24/96: Participated in Governor's Suffolk County Advisory Council to the Division for Women, which met in Ronkonkoma—advocated for policy changes related to breast cancer.

2/8/96: Participated in committee meeting, in Albany, as member of Cornell University's ad hoc discussion group on breast cancer and environmental risk factors in New York State.

2/16/96: Was panel member in Women's Forum on Breast Health, sponsored by Congressman Mike Forbes, and held at Suffolk County Legislative Building in Riverhead.

2/28/96: Testified (again) regarding use of pesticides on golf courses, at the Legislative Building in Hauppauge.

3/6-8/96: Participated in Mystic Charles Community Health Foundation's Conference, "Medicine on the Move . . . But Where is It Going?," in Woburn, MA—spoke about breast cancer activism, on panel called "Militant Medicine: Consumers Fighting Back."

3/23-30/96: Participated in meeting, in San Francisco, with the Breast Cancer Fund and also met with the Marin County breast cancer activists (members of Marin Breast Cancer Watch) to discuss mapping projects and surveys of breast cancer in Marin County—also, gave keynote talk at Marin General Hospital, titled "The Silence Is Over: The Power of Breast Cancer Activism."

4/11-12/96: Participated in Second Annual Advisory Committee Meeting of the Long Island Breast

Cancer Study Group, sponsored by NCI's Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics, held in Manhattan—discussion focused on the environmental and occupational factors that may be related to the cause of breast cancer.

4/24/96: Participated in national interactive teleconference called "Building Partnerships for Breast Health Outreach," sponsored by Avon's Breast Cancer Awareness Crusade, the CDC National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, and New York State's Department of Health; held at Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center in East Patchogue, this event strengthened the nation's network of organizations dedicated to optimizing breast health.



Pace was a VIP participant in the celebration of the First-Day Issue Ceremony for the new "Breast Cancer Awareness" postage stamp, held at the Staller Center Plaza of Stony Brook's campus, featuring a unique Long Island postal cancellation, on June 15.

Among her many current projects,

Lorraine Pace is lobbying for a novel funding source which was brought to her attention during her recent trip to Marin County, California, where she spoke about the mapping of breast cancer.

There, she learned that in 1993 the California Legislature passed the Breast Cancer Act thanks to the efforts of breast cancer activists with whom she has joined forces. Authored by Assemblywoman Barbara Friedman, this legislation increased the state's cigarette tax by two cents per pack and specified that 45% of the revenue be allocated to the Breast Cancer Research Program (BCRP), which is administered by the University of California.

BCRP receives direction and oversight from the Breast Cancer Research Council, which consists of 16 members representing breast cancer survivor advocacy groups, medical specialists, scientists, volunteer health organizations, and private industry. This council develops the priorities of the BCRP and makes final recommendations to the University on which applications should be funded.

Now Pace is actively promoting similar legislation for New York as well as for the nation, contacting many of our state/county legislators and congressmen/women to bring California's initiative to their attention.

She wants them all to consider supporting a bill like California's, and strongly feels that once such a bill is drafted, the public will support it to create this novel form of raising additional funds to eradicate breast cancer and other cancers.