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COLLEGE PRESIDENT AND THREE OTHER GUESTS

TO RECIEVE HONORARY DEGREES AT UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT

Donna E. Shalala, president of Hunter College, City University of New York, will receive a Doctor of Humane Letters during Albany's 143rd Commencement ceremonies, on May 17. Other honorary degrees will be awarded to Alfred Kazin (Doctor of Letters), author, literary critic, and professor at the City University of New York; Rose Marie Karpinsky (Doctor of Humane Letters), university administrator, scholar, and president of the National Assembly of the Republic of Costa Rica; and Xie Xide (Doctor of Science), president of Fudan University, Shanghai, China, where she is also a physics professor.

Shalala will also be the Commencement speaker. A noted civil rights activist, she is a prominent advocate for the improvement of New York City's public schools. In addition, she has testified before Congress on financial and urban affairs, and has made substantial contributions to political science.

Kazin, a professor of English, Emeritus, is one of the most venerated literary critics in America. His works include On Native Ground, An American Procession, and his autobiography, A Walker in the City. He has taught at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, SUNY at Stony Brook, the University of Puerto Rico, the University of Notre Dame, the

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American Academy in Rome, and other colleges and universities. He is a member of the National Institute of Arts and Letters and of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Karpinsky is the author of three books, and her treatise on general education has become a guiding document to postsecondary learning in Costa Rica.

Madame Xie, world-renowned for her research in semi-conductors, is one of the first scientists to undertake the training of Ph.D. students in China.

Some 2,800 students are eligible for degrees this spring. There are roughly 2,000 bachelor's degree candidates, 700 for the master's, and 100 for the doctoral.

The ceremonies will begin at 1:00 p.m., rain or shine, at University Field.

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EMERSON'S 'INTELLECTUAL DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE'

IS SUBJECT OF SPECIAL UNIVERSITY LECTURE

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Mr. Kazin--Distinguished Professor of English Emeritus at the City University of New York--is perhaps the greatest literary historian of our time. His works include On Native Grounds: An Interpretation of Modern American Prose Literature (1942); Bright Book of Life: American Novelists and Storytellers from Hemingway to Mailer (1973); An American Procession (1984); and A Writer's America (1986). His editorial projects include F. Scott Fitzgerald: The Man and His Work (with Charles Shapiro), Ralph Waldo Emerson: A Modern Anthology (with Daniel Aaron), and Writers at Work: The Paris Review Interviews, Third Series. Mr. Kazin is a frequent contributor to The New Republic, Atlantic Monthly, The New York Review of Books, and other periodicals. He is a member of the National Institute of Arts and Letters, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and Phi Beta Kappa.

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lecture our "intellectual Declaration of Independence," and James Russell Lowell considered the speech "an event without any former parallel in our literary annals,--a scene always to be treasured in the memory for its picturesqueness and its inspiration."

On Sunday, May 17, Mr. Kazin will be among four recipients of honorary degrees, to be awarded during the University at Albany's 143rd Commencement ceremonies. Mr. Kazin will receive a Doctor of Letters. The other honorees are Donna E. Shalala, president of Hunter College; Rose Marie Karpinsky, president of the National Assembly of the Republic of Costa Rica; and Madame Xie Xide, president of Fudan University, Shanghai, People's Republic of China.

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EDUCATING WOMEN IN THE 21ST CENTURY
IS SUBJECT OF PANEL AT UNIVERSITY

How should women be educated to assume leadership roles in the 21st century? Can the shape of women's education change the face of that future?

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Three distinguished women leaders, two of them recipients of honorary degrees at the University at Albany Commencement, will consider these questions in a special Commencement Symposium Saturday, May 16, 1987, at 3:30 p.m. The symposium will be held in the Campus Center Assembly Hall at the University's uptown campus.

Participating in the symposium are Rosemarie Karpinsky, president of the Costa Rica Legislative Assembly; Xie Xide, president of Fudan University of the People's Republic of China; and Judith Ramaley, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University at Albany.

Dr. Karpinsky has achieved recognition in both the academic and political realms in Costa Rica. Elected last March as president of that country's National Legislative Assembly, she is the first woman in all of Latin America to assume such a post. She has also achieved distinction in her academic fields of intellectual history, philosophy and education, and has for many years been Dean of General Education at Costa Rica's major national university, the Universidad de Costa Rica.

Madame Xie is a world renowned physicist, educator and leader in the progress of her country. One of the first scientists to assume the

training of Ph.D. students in China, she has also made Fudan University into one of the world's premier centers for the study of semiconductor surfaces through her research. Rising through the academic ranks to the position of President of Fudan and to the highest circles of government, Madame Xie is a role model for women from her country and abroad.

Dr. Ramaley, academic vice president at the University since 1982, directs the academic policy development as well as planning and budgeting for the 10 schools and colleges that comprise the University at Albany. She also served as acting president of Albany during the study leave of President Vincent O'Leary in the fall semester, 1984. Active in the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges and the Commission on Women in Higher Education of the American Council on Education, she has authored among other works Covert Discrimination, Women in the Sciences. Dr. Ramaley earned a Ph.D. in anatomy and is an expert in reproductive biology.

Dr. Karpinsky and Madame Xie are among four who will receive honorary degrees at the University's Commencement Sunday, May 17. Author Alfred Kazin and Hunter College President Donna E. Shalala will also receive degrees.

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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ART PROFESSOR WINS FULBRIGHT AWARD

Art History Professor Mojmir S. Frinta of the University at Albany, State University of New York, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar Grant for 1987-88. Professor Frinta's grant is for research at the University of Belgrade in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, from May to September, 1987.

Dr. Frinta, who joined the University at Albany in 1963, specializes in the painting and sculpture of the medieval, Byzantine and early Renaissance period. His research in Yugoslavia will involve a technical evaluation of Byzantine icon paintings from the Balkan region.

Frinta is one of approximately 1,000 Americans who will go abroad as Fulbright Scholars to lecture or conduct research during the 1987-88 academic year. Established in 1946 under Congressional legislation introduced by former Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, the program is designed "to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries."

Grants are awarded to Americans to lecture and to conduct research abroad and to foreign nationals to engage in similar activities in the U.S. Individuals are selected on the basis of academic and professional qualifications. More than 22,000 American scholars have participated in the Fulbright Program since it began over 40 years ago.

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A D V I S O R Y

UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY COMMENCEMENT IS SUNDAY, MAY 17

Donna E. Shalala, president of Hunter College and a well-known advocate of educational reform, will deliver the Commencement address at the University at Albany's 143rd Commencement Sunday, May 17 beginning at 1 p.m.

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Dr. Shalala was the youngest woman ever to hold the rank of assistant secretary at the federal level -- in the Department of Housing and Urban Development from 1977-1980. Since assuming the presidency of Hunter College in 1980, Dr. Shalala has overseen improvements in the curriculum, scholarly standards and enrollment that have made Hunter College a model for urban education. In recent years, she has also served as a most persistent and vocal force in the improvement of elementary and secondary public schools in New York City. A scholar of political science, she is an authority on school finance and urban affairs.

The Commencement ceremony will take place on University Field, rain or shine, with the Processional beginning at 1 p.m. The ceremony will begin at about 1:20 p.m. and the Commencement Address about 1:40 p.m. Additional details about Commencement are included in the attached fact sheet. Members of the media should allow time for traffic congestion on University roadways when planning for coverage of Commencement.

Press packets will be available in Room 135 of the Physical Education Building, and in the special section reserved for the press in that area to the left of the stage. Members of the media are asked to show identification and to wear special University press tags if they must move around in front of the stage. These will be available with press packets.

UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY 143rd COMMENCEMENT

DATE	Sunday, May 17, 1987	
TIME	Academic Procession begins at 1 p.m.; ceremony begins at 1:20 p.m.	Administration 233 Albany, New York 12222
PLACE	University Field, Rain or Shine	
COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER	Donna Shalala, president of Hunter College, City University of New York; a civil rights activist, and vocal and influential advocate for improvement of New York City's public schools.	
HONORARY DEGREES	Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees will be awarded to <u>Donna E. Shalala</u> , <u>Rose Marie Karpinsky</u> , university administrator, scholar, and president of the National Assembly of the Republic of Costa Rica; and <u>Alfred Kazin</u> , author, literary critic, and English professor at the City University of New York. Honorary Doctor of Science degree will be awarded to <u>Xie Xide</u> , physics professor and president of Fudan University, Shanghai, China.	
MEDALLION OF THE UNIVERSITY	The highest award given by the University in recognition of distinguished service. Recipient will be announced at Commencement.	
THE GRADUATING CLASS	There are some 3,700 degree candidates: 2,500 bachelor's, 1,000 master's, and 162 doctoral candidates, including those who finished in August and December.	
COLLINS FELLOWS	<u>Shirley C. Brown</u> , associate professor of psychology and member of the New York State Board of Regents; and <u>R. Findley Cockrell</u> , assistant professor of music, will receive Collins Fellow medals, honoring longtime service and "extraordinary devotion" to the University. The award is named for former University President Evan R. Collins, who served from 1949 to 1969	
PARTICIPANTS	SUNY Trustee <u>Edgar A. Sandman</u> will confer honorary degrees. University at Albany President <u>Vincent O'Leary</u> will preside. <u>Sister Nancy Langhart</u> , co-chaplain, Chapel House, will give the invocation and benediction. Music will be provided by the Albany High School Concert Band. The student welcome will be provided by <u>Deborah Kestin</u> , a senior from New York.	

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Note to Editors: The public ceremony described below will be preceded by a private luncheon which is, however, open to the media and will begin at noon in the Rockefeller Institute of Government of the State University of New York, 411 State Street in Albany. Kenneth Buhrmaster, Chairman of the Board of First National Bank of Scotia and leader of the Levitt memorial fund-raising efforts, will speak. Walter J. Holmes, 80, long-time press secretary to Comptroller Levitt will offer tribute to his former boss in rhyme. And a message from Comptroller Edward V. Regan will be read.

COMPTROLLER ARTHUR LEVITT TO BE HONORED AT THE UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ON MAY 15



The late Arthur Levitt, for 24 years "guardian of the public purse" as New York State's 50th Comptroller, used to fondly quote Frank C. Moore, then Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York, for sound political advice given early in the comptroller's first term: "Arthur, two plus two is equal to four whether you are a Republican or a Democrat."

Levitt always held to that. He always felt that the office of Comptroller of the State of New York held a "fiduciary responsibility" which transcended politics. Now the University at Albany of the State University of New York is creating a permanent memorial to Arthur Levitt with the inauguration of Arthur Levitt Fellowships and the dedication of the Arthur Levitt Executive Seminar Room on Friday, May 15.



At ceremonies featuring participation by his son, Arthur Levitt, Jr., President of the American Stock Exchange; John J. Feeney, Director of the Governor's Office of Management and Productivity and former Levitt aide; and Vincent O'Leary, President of the University at Albany, the University's Nelson A. Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy will honor one of the state's greatest public servants. The ceremonies will begin at 1:15 p.m. in the Levitt Seminar Room located in Draper Hall, 135 Western Avenue, on the downtown campus of the University at Albany.

"What better example of public service can we bring before our students than the career of Arthur Levitt?" Warren Ilchman, Provost of Rockefeller College, said. "The legacy of Comptroller Levitt has set the national standard for rigorous and responsive state fiscal management."

The Arthur Levitt Fellowships (Graduate students Barbara Gillett in the School of Social Welfare and Jose Gomez in the Department of Public Administration are the first Levitt Fellows) are intended to provide support to current and former state employees for graduate education in government at Rockefeller College; and the Levitt Executive Seminar Room there is designed for continuing education conferences and seminars for state managers. Rockefeller College includes schools of criminal justice, social welfare, information science and policy and a graduate school of public affairs with departments of public administration, public policy and political science.

Arthur Levitt died at 79 years of age in 1980. A graduate of Columbia College and Columbia Law School, he served in both world wars and began his career in public service in 1952 as a member of the New York City School Board. He was president of the board in 1954 when future Governor Averill Harriman asked him to run for comptroller. Levitt won six statewide elections including his record-setting plurality of more than 2 million votes in 1974. He did not run in the 1978 election and stepped down as comptroller in early 1979.

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SIDMAN SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO STUDENT VOLUNTEER

University at Albany junior Dawn Traver has been awarded the Ralph Sidman Memorial Scholarship in recognition of her year of service to teenagers and young adults in Albany and Rensselaer.

The annual competitive scholarship is given to an Albany student whose volunteer work in the community through the University's Community and Public Services courses has been deemed outstanding by the University and the sponsoring community organizations. In cooperation with the the New York State Department of Corrections and the Rensselaer County Probation Department, Dawn Traver worked this past academic year with probation officers, teenagers and young adults in the two-county area.

The Sidman family of Schenectady established the scholarship in memory of the late Ralph Sidman, past leasing manager for the State University of New York. Mr. Sidman was dedicated to community service and expanding educational opportunities. Among his accomplishments was site selection and leasing arrangements for SUNY's nine Educational Opportunity Centers which provide a path to higher education for disadvantaged youth in the major population centers of the state.

A native of Ravena, Dawn Travers has been involved in ongoing volunteer activities in her hometown since her graduation from Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School in 1984. She is a criminal justice major at Albany and plans to pursue graduate studies at the University's School of Criminal Justice.

The University's Community and Public Service courses provide an opportunity for up to 500 students each semester to gain academic credit and real-world experience through volunteer service with Capital District governmental and community organizations.

This is the third Sidman Scholarship awarded. Last year, Jeffrey MacEachron won and the first scholarship was won by Adam Chaiken.

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HARNETT TO SPEAK, AWARDS GIVEN, MAY 15, AT ROCKEFELLER COLLEGE

Thomas F. Harnett, Director of the Governor's Office of Employee Relations, will deliver the third annual John E. Burton Lecture at 4 p.m. and five state leaders will be honored at 5 p.m. on Friday, May 15, at the Nelson A. Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, the University at Albany, State University of New York. The ceremonies will be held in the Arthur Levitt Executive Seminar Room, Draper Hall, 135 Western Avenue, on the University's downtown campus.

Mr. Harnett's Burton Lecture at 4 p.m. is entitled, "The Knowledge Needs of a Maturing Public Work Force." The John E. Burton Lecture was established in 1985 to honor the past head of the state's division of the budget. He initiated an internship program there which evolved over many years into what today is the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy.

Recipients of the Distinguished Public Service Awards at 5 p.m. will be Eugene S. Callender, Director of the Office for the Aging; Fred A. Newdom, Executive Director of the New York State Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers; John J. McNulty, Jr., a Commissioner on the New York State Commission of Correction; Joseph F. Shubert, State Librarian; and Arthur Y. Webb, Commissioner of the New York State Office of Mental Retardation.

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Callender headed the "Cities in Schools" experimental program in the early 80's which coordinated the delivery of social services to "disruptive" and "emotionally disturbed" students to determine whether such counseling would help them in school. He is past President and Chief Executive Officer of the New York Urban Coalition and past Executive Director of the New York Urban League.

Fred A. Newdom has directed legislative and member services for the 7,000-member state chapter of NASW since 1977. He is co-founder of the Statewide Emergency Network for Social and Economic Security (SENSES), a coalition of 60 organizations working for a more progressive governmental program in social welfare.

Newdom taught at the School of Social Work at SUNY-Buffalo for five years and Daemen College for a year. He was interim Executive Director of the HOPE Organization of Northwest Buffalo, Branch Director of the Wel-Met/Child Study Association of New York City; and Director of Community Services for the Hamilton-Madison House of New York City.

A member of the New York State Commission of Correction since 1985, John J. McNulty, Jr., is past Mayor of the Village of Green Island and Sheriff of Albany County. He was supervisor of the Town of Green Island for eight years and is currently chairman of the Village of Green Island Industrial Development Agency. He served as an aide to State Senator Howard C. Nolan for a year.

Commissioner McNulty is a Trustee of the Pioneer Savings Bank and a real estate broker. He served in the Navy during World War II. He is a Director and past President of the Albany County Unit of the American Cancer Society and past Grand Knight of the Green Island Council of the Knights of Columbus.

Joseph F. Shubert, State Librarian, is also Assistant Commissioner for Libraries in New York State. He is responsible for the research division of

the New York State Library with some 4.5 million volumes and a library development program for 7,700 libraries across the state. Shubert came to New York in 1977. For 11 years earlier he was State Librarian of Ohio.

Shubert has been a librarian for 36 years serving as State Librarian for Nevada and Assistant Director of the International Relations Office of the American Library Association. He is a graduate of SUNY College at Geneseo and the University of Denver's Graduate School of Librarianship with a master's degree.

Arthur Y. Webb has served as Commissioner of the New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities since 1983. For six months, he was acting Commissioner at the New York State Department of Social Services. In the Cuomo administration, he has also served as a member of the executive staff of the New York State Department of Correctional Services, first as Assistant Commissioner for Health and Mental Health Services, and then as Deputy Commissioner for Programs.

Webb was Executive Director of the New York State Health Planning Commission from 1977-79. He served as a senior budget examiner in the Division of the Budget from 1974 to 1976. He graduated from New York University's Department of Politics and has completed his course work and examinations for a Ph.D. there.

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COLLEGE GRADUATE FROM NEW HYDE PARK SEEKS HIGH-TECH FUTURE

New Hyde Park's Julie McNamara has a lot to be proud of. For one thing, she graduated from the University at Albany, State University of New York, this past May 17. For another, she took her college education into her own hands, molded it to suit her needs, and is now ready to launch her career.

McNamara, 21, daughter of Eileen McNamara of 1410 Belmont Avenue, majored in communications. Eager for hands-on training in her specialty--telecommunications--she arranged two internships on her own initiative.

"I listened to a telecom lecture and I spoke to the professor afterwards," said McNamara. "He gave me some sources to look at--different trade journals--and I went through them and just wrote away to telecommunications companies, asking if they took interns for the summer. And they did."

McNamara interned first at a telecommunications agency in Manhattan, and then at the University at Albany's Telephone Systems Office. During both internships she worked with microwave relays and fiber optics--two of high-tech's most sophisticated methods of transmitting communications. She intends to become a sales representative of either fiber optics or microwave technology.

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"I'll most likely be selling service, not equipment," said McNamara.

But first there is marketing school--in Spain. McNamara minored in Spanish and speaks the language fluently. And so this summer she will spend three months on the Costa del Sol ("Coast of the Sun") learning how to sell in the world of high-tech and enjoying the sunshine, the Mediterranean, and Spanish culture.

McNamara could end up working in any one of America's major cities, but her sights are set elsewhere.

"I really want an international job," she said. "I'd love to work in Spain."

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TIMELY NEW GRADUATE PROGRAM IN TAXATION
OFFERED AT THE UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY

A state-of-the-art program for graduate study in accounting at the University at Albany, State University of New York, will be supplemented this fall by a new Master of Science program in Taxation. Establishment of this 30-credit-hour, specialized course of study was appropriately timed with the implementation of major changes in federal and state tax laws.

Individuals can enroll in the M.S. in Taxation program on a full-time or part-time basis. Although students can earn the degree in one year attending classes full-time, the curriculum has been designed to allow working people an opportunity to take courses part-time in late afternoon and evening classes.

Geared primarily toward accountants and tax attorneys, graduates of the M.S. in Taxation program get credit for one year of the required two-year internship in a public accounting capacity needed to become a Certified Public Accountant. In addition, an application has been submitted by the University to the State Education Department to qualify individual courses in the program for continuing education credits.

The M.S. in Taxation program will include classes on state and interstate taxation, corporate taxation, taxation of estates and trusts, deferred compensation and profit-sharing, and tax research. Considered a specialized track within the University's Master of Science in Accounting program, the M.S. in Taxation will require at least 15 credit hours of business and other accounting classes as well. A well-respected and

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nationally-renowned program, graduates of the University at Albany's Accounting Department were ranked fifth in the country last year based on their performance on the Uniform CPA Examination.

The Director of the new M.S. in Taxation program will be Elaine Gelber. A specialist on pensions and employee benefits, Gelber is currently involved in the preparation of a three-volume reference on the subject with attorney Harvey L. Frutkin, J.D., of Cleveland, Ohio. Gelber is a practicing attorney in Albany; she holds a J.D. degree from Howard University in Washington, D.C., and a B.A. in Political Science from Syracuse University.

For more details on the M.S. in Taxation Program call the Accounting Department at the University at Albany at (518)442-4979.

To be accepted in the taxation program, applicants must have an undergraduate degree in accounting, or a degree in business with an accounting minor. Candidates holding a Masters in Business Administration with a concentration in accounting, or those who demonstrate an interest in remediating deficiencies in required accounting courses, will also be considered for acceptance.

Courses will be open to non-matriculated students on an individual basis.

For more information about requirements for acceptance to the program, or for an application form, contact Michael DeRensis, Office of Graduate Admissions, ADM Room 112, 1400 Washington Avenue, University at Albany, State University of New York, Albany, N.Y. 12222 (518)442-3955.

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**UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY PROFESSOR AWARDED
FULBRIGHT GRANT TO LECTURE IN ZIMBABWE**

An assistant professor at the University at Albany, State University of New York, has been awarded a Fulbright grant to lecture in Zimbabwe between September 1987 and June 1988. Julius E. Thompson, an expert in Afro-American history from 1860 on, has published three books on the topic with a fourth, *A Directory of the Black Press in Mississippi, 1865-1985*, to be released this fall.

Author of the books, *Hiram R. Revels, 1827-1901: A Biography*; *Blues Said: Walk On*; and *Hopes Tied Up in Promises*; Thompson has also published several articles and poems on blacks, and the social and political climate in the south before, during and after the Civil War. In addition, he has reviewed numerous works by prominent scholars in black history.

A member of the University at Albany faculty since 1983, Thompson teaches in the Department of African and Afro-American Studies. Prior to his arrival at Albany, he worked at Jackson State University in Mississippi for nine years, and served as the chair of the History Department at Florida Memorial College in Miami for two years. He is affiliated with many professional organizations in his field and has been involved in a number of public service projects, including the production of films on black history and culture in the United States. He currently serves on the Board of both the Crenshaw Memorial Development Corporation and the American-South African Peoples' Friendship Association.

Thompson holds a B.S. degree in history from Alcorn State University in Mississippi. He has both an M.A. and a Ph.D. in American History from Princeton University. He will be one of approximately 2,500 U.S. grantees sent abroad for the 1987-88 academic year under the Fulbright exchange program. About 7,000 such grants are awarded each year to students, teachers and scholars to study, teach and conduct research abroad, and to foreign nationals to engage in similar activities in the U.S.

Designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries, the Fulbright exchange program was established by Congress in 1946.

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ACTOR GOULD COMES HOME

Actor Harold Gould, famed as Rhoda Morgenstern's father in the hit series *Rhoda*, and as Katherine Hepburn's suitor in the TV movie *Mrs. Delafield Wants to Marry*, will return to his alma mater June 5-7 for the University at Albany's Alumni Weekend '87.

In addition to enjoying the festivities -- which include a reunion of his old fraternity, Kappa Beta -- Gould will pay tribute to his college acting teacher, Agnes Futterer, with a reading from one of her favorites, George Bernard Shaw.

Gould will read from *Man and Superman* at 10:45 a.m. in the Recital Hall of the Performing Arts Center on Saturday, June 6. Alumni, friends and the press are invited.

The Albany native, who entered the State Teachers College in 1942 and, after two years in the army, graduated in the Class of '47, gained fame in his school days for portraying the Sheridan Whiteside role in *The Man Who Came to Dinner*.

His career has blossomed in films (*The Sting*, *Love and Death* and *Harper*) and on stage, where he introduced the roles of Artie Shaughnessy in John Guare's *House of Blue Leaves* and the lead of *I'm Not Rappaport*. He has also performed several roles in his now home state of California, including Edmond in *King Lear*, Goldberg in Harold Pinter's *The Birthday Party*, and leads in *Skin of Our Teeth* and *Prometheus Bound*.

In July, he will take on another lead locally: the father in *I Never Sang for My Father* at the Berkshire Theatre Festival in Stockbridge, Mass.

Gould remembers his acting here as including presentations of his class's weekly agenda through skits and jingles. "I've since recognized those skits at old Page Hall as the first satisfaction of a need I had to be recognized in a crowd," he says.

He also recalls fondly the Jewish fraternity, Kappa Beta. "Some great guys -- good on scholarship, great in tennis."

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ALBANY GRAD STUDENT WINS DOCTORAL DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP

The University at Albany's David G. Scotchmer is among 44 outstanding graduate students who won Charlotte W. Newcombe Dissertation Year Fellowships for 1987.

The Newcombe Fellowships are the major national source of financial support for dissertations in the humanities and social sciences.

Administered by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation in Princeton, N.J., they provide financial support for a full year of uninterrupted research and writing for students whose doctoral dissertations concern ethical and religious values as they relate to important social, historical, or literary events. This year's winners were chosen from 436 applicants from 90 graduate schools.

Scotchmer's dissertation, "Peasants, Protestants, and Progress: Religious Change Among the Mam-Maya," is in anthropology. Ordained to the Presbyterian Church in 1969, Scotchmer spent 13 years doing missionary work among the Mam-Maya Indians in Guatemala.

Scotchmer completed his undergraduate studies at Maryville College, in his home town of St. Louis, Mo., in 1965. His awards and honors include Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, 1965; a Higgins Scholarship from the Presbytery of Chicago, 1983-87; and a Christopher Decormier Scholarship from the University at Albany, 1986.

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BULLFROGS CAN RECOGNIZE THEIR NEIGHBORS

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Those bullfrogs bellowing in your backyard aren't just hoarsing around.

New research reveals that male bullfrogs can distinguish calls made by their "neighbors" from those made by unfamiliar frogs. The calls, therefore, serve an important biological purpose, enabling the bullfrog to establish a territory, to invite females into that territory, and to warn other males to stay away or risk a wrestling match.

These findings, which offer the first evidence that amphibians recognize other individual bullfrogs via sound, are among the fascinating scientific results to be presented in Albany June 21-26 at the 67th annual meeting of the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists. One of the oldest scientific societies in the nation, the ASIH is the only one devoted to all of the cold-blooded vertebrates. This is the first time the society's meeting will be held in Albany.

More than 350 papers, from fish, reptile and amphibian experts specializing in ecology, animal behavior, physiology, morphology, molecular biology and taxonomy, will be presented at the international conference, sponsored by the University at Albany, State University of New York; Siena College; and the New York State Museum and Science Service. The conferees represent 18 foreign countries and are reporting on research performed in at least 25 different nations.

Besides the research on bullfrogs, other papers will deal with the subject of endangered species, particularly fish, and the effect of introduced species on species native to an ecosystem.

The latter topic is particularly relevant to Lake George, where a controversy has erupted over whether to introduce a new fish, called the grass carp, into the lake to control the weed population. The problem with introducing a new species like the carp is that it is typically vigorous, aggressive and lacking in natural predators. Thus, the new species acts like a weed in a garden, taking over and destroying the natural habitat.

Another series of papers at the conference will deal with shark biology, including behavior, and unusual reproductive behavior of some of New York state's fresh water fish, such as the brook silversides.

Scientists have found that these local fish display the same brilliant colors and fascinating behaviors as more exotic fish that inhabit tropical coral reefs. Among the papers dealing with the local fish are reports on internal fertilization, sex changes, and unisexuality that occur in species in the Northeast. One paper, for instance, will deal with internal fertilization in the brook silversides, a small fish which resembles a minnow.

Conference attendees will include distinguished ichthyologists and herpetologists from universities, major museums and other institutions all over the world. Eugenie Clark, a shark biologist whose work has appeared in many popular magazines, including National Geographic, is among those scheduled to attend.

All sessions, symposia and workshops will be presented at the New York State Museum, located in Empire State Plaza in downtown Albany. There will also be special exhibits and displays set up for the duration of the meetings.

The work on bullfrogs, to be presented by Mark S. Davis, a behavioral biologist from the University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri, was done using speakers to broadcast the frogs' calls. The researcher recorded the sounds made by one male bullfrog and replaced that frog with a speaker. From the speaker was broadcast the original frog's voice or the voice of an unfamiliar frog.

The researcher then measured the frogs' responses to the original neighbor's call and