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JULIAN BOND REMEMBERS MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 1987, renowned civil rights activist Julian Bond will give the keynote address at a luncheon honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in the Campus Center Ballroom of the University at Albany, State University of New York.

Bond is an appropriate speaker for the Eighth Annual Martin Luther King Black History Month Awards Luncheon. A protege of King's, he participated in many civil rights marches and demonstrations with King during the 1960s. And, as did Dr. King, Bond has successfully worked nonviolently to achieve great strides toward his goal of enlightening Americans as to what he describes as "sins against the people."

In 1960, Bond founded and later became executive secretary of the Committee on Appeal for Human Rights, an Atlanta University Center organization that coordinated student anti-segregation protests. Also that year, he helped start the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee for which he travelled throughout the South to civil rights drives and voter registration campaigns. More recently, Bond was Director of the Southern Election Fund, a group instrumental in helping minority candidates win elections.

A successful politician himself, Bond served four terms in the Georgia House of Representatives. In 1974, he became the first black elected to the Georgia State Senate. He served two terms before being defeated this past November by his friend and fellow black activist John Lewis.

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In 1968, although at the time too young to accept, Bond became the first black ever to be nominated for the Vice Presidency.

Today, Bond continues his fight for equality through his involvement with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and volunteer projects such as the Southern Poverty Law Center and Klan Watch. His message reaches millions through his nationally syndicated television interview show, "American Black Forum," and the much-acclaimed PBS documentary series on the Civil Rights Movement, "Eyes on the Prize" (broadcast in Albany on channel 17, Wednesday evenings at 9:00 p.m.).

Bond's address follows lunch which begins at 12:00 noon. The event is free and the public is encouraged to attend; however seating is limited and will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

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SPAC HEAD TO VISIT UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY, FEB. 17 AND 18

Herbert A. Chesbrough, President and Executive Director of the Saratoga Performing Arts Center, will be the first Visiting Fellow in the Executive Seminar Program at the School of Business, University at Albany, State University of New York, on February 17 and 18. His principal address, "Career Choices in the Not-for-Profit World," is free and open to the public and will be given at 8 p.m., Tuesday, February 17, in the Assembly Hall of the Campus Center.

The newly-created Executive Seminar Program is intended to bring to the Business School a series of corporate, government and other leaders to present students with a variety of role models and career choices. It is under the direction of Alexander Aldrich, an attorney and past President of the Brooklyn Center of Long Island University who is Executive in Residence this year at the University.

In addition to heading SPAC, Chesbrough is Executive Vice President of the National Museum of Dance. He is also President of Northern Stars, Ltd., a large talent booking agency. He serves as consultant to the Meadow Brook Music Festival and a talent buyer for the New York State Fair and the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra.

Chesbrough is a director with the Albany League of Arts, the New York State Alliance for Arts Education, and the Concerned Citizens for the Arts in New York State. He is acting chairman of the National Festival Managers

Association and Vice President of the Saratoga Springs Convention and
Tourism Bureau.

Trained as an accountant, he has been auditor with General Electric
and controller for Ter Bush & Powell. He will meet with three classes of
accounting students at the University as well as two classes in business
law. Other activities planned for his stay as Visiting Fellow include
meeting and dinner with business faculty and a campus reception.

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POET CHARLES SIMIC TO READ WORK, FEBRUARY 26

Poet Charles Simic, a finalist in last year's Pulitzer Prize competition and winner of the 1984 MacArthur Foundation "genius" grant, will read from his work at 8 p.m. on Thursday, February 26, in the Assembly Hall of the Campus Center at the University at Albany, State University of New York. Simic's presentation, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the New York State Writers Institute of the State University of New York.

Simic's book Selected Poems: 1963-1983 was nominated and attained consideration in the final round of selection for the 1986 Pulitzer Prize in Poetry. The MacArthur Foundation grants are awarded each year to persons with outstanding promise in their fields. They provide a generous stipend for five years in order to permit recipients to devote more time to their work. Novelist William Kennedy, Director of the Writers Institute, is also a MacArthur Foundation grant recipient.

Simic has produced 12 volumes of poetry including Unending Blues, published by Harcourt Brace Jovanovich in November of last year. Harvard poet Robert B. Shaw described him as "one of the few truly considerable poets of his generation."

A native of Yugoslavia who came to this country in 1954 when he was 15 years old, Simic explains his early years: "I'm the product of chance, the baby of ideologies, the orphan of history. Hitler and Stalin conspired to make me homeless. Well, then, is my situation tragic? No. There's been too much tragedy all around for anyone to feel like Hamlet. More likely my situation is comic."

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All of his poetry has been written in English ("The language I dream and know best I speak with an accent"). He has translated extensively from French, Russian and Yugoslav poetry.

In addition to the MacArthur grant and the Pulitzer nomination, Simic has received the Edgar Allan Poe Award, the P.E.N. Translation Prize, and a Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship. Married and the father of two children, Simic teaches at the University of New Hampshire. He lives in Strafford, New Hampshire.

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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY STUDENT RECEIVES MA

In December 1986, Donald Garth LaVada of Gloversville, N.Y. was awarded a Master of Arts Degree in Rhetoric and Communication from the University at Albany, State University of New York.

LaVada graduated from Gloversville High School in 1977, and earned an undergraduate degree from the State University College at Geneseo. He is currently residing in Albany.

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Following the identification of four cases of measles among students at the University at Albany, University President Vincent O'Leary and Albany County Health Commissioner William Grattan announced a series of steps aimed at preventing additional cases on campus or in the community.

"In the past five years, the major incidents of measles have been at high schools and colleges. So, although there have only been four cases, we want to act quickly to prevent its spread, because this age group is particularly susceptible to measles," said Dr. Grattan. "The general principle involved in preventing its spread is simple. First identify those at risk and second either vaccinate them or exclude them from the campus," he added.

Also appearing at the press conference were State Health Department Regional Deputy Director Thaddeus Murawski, M.D., and University Health Director Norman Dennis, M.D.

"As of Wednesday, Feb. 18, all young children enrolled in day care and the pre-kindergarten programs conducted by the College of Education will be required to present medical proof of immunization or they will be immediately sent home," Dr. Dennis said.

University students, faculty and staff under 30 years of age must have medical proof of immunity to measles by Tuesday, the 24th of February. "Medical proof," Dr. Dennis said, "is a vaccination record that shows vaccination after 12 months of age, and after 1968, or a statement from a physician that the individual has had regular or red measles. We are not talking about German measles or rubella. That's something different."

The State Health Department is making vaccine available free and those who need to be vaccinated can have it done on campus without cost. Public Health nurses from the Albany County Department of Health will assist University Health Services nurses in administering the vaccine. Details on where and when this program will be done will be announced on Tuesday, O'Leary said. "Intercollegiate athletics are being suspended. Other activities that will be curtailed will be announced later in the week. Persons under 30, and especially children, who are not immune should defer any planned visit to the campus until later." O'Leary said.

According to Commissioner Grattan, high risk individuals, such as those suffering from cancer or who have had organ transplants or are undergoing chemotherapy should stay away from the campus until it is certain there is no danger to them.

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SIXTH ANNUAL "WORLD WEEK"

The University at Albany, State University of New York, will host its sixth annual "World Week," March 2 through March 7, 1987.

"World Week" is a celebration of the University's cultural diversity and a promotion of human understanding. There will be music, exhibits, lectures, dances, films, and international cuisines.

The theme for World Week VI is "Children of the World: Implications for the Future."

World Week VI will begin at 12:15 P.M., on Monday, March 2, in the University's Campus Center Ballroom. University President Vincent O'Leary will open the celebration. There will be musical performances by children from the Pierce Hall Day Care Center and by the University Chorale. Dr. Tarzie Vittachi, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations and Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), will be the keynote speaker. The topic of Dr. Vittachi's address will be "Children in Trouble: What Can You Do?"

Highlights of the week include an Ethnic Block Party (March 3), in which over 30 organizations display varieties of food, arts & crafts, dance, and music; an International Careers Forum (March 3); an International Buffet (March 5), in the University's Patroon Room; a Multi-Cultural Talent Show (March 6), which includes songs and festivities organized by the University's student organizations; and an International Concert (March 7), featuring performances by the University's international student groups.

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SCHOLAR ON EARLY JEWISH LIFE IN AMERICA TO SPEAK, MARCH 2

Abraham Karp, Professor of History and Religion and Phillip S. Bernstein Professor of Jewish Studies at the University of Rochester, will lecture on "A New Look at Some Old Letters --- What They Tell Us of Jewish Life in America" at 8 p.m. on Monday, March 2, in Lecture Center 21 at the University at Albany, State University of New York.

Professor Karp is a distinguished historian of the American Jewish community and the author of Haven and Home, recognized to be perhaps the best current text on the history of the Jews in America. His lecture will explain how certain primary sources help us understand the nuances of American Jewish history.

The Judaic Studies Department of the University at Albany is sponsoring the lecture in honor of Professor Sefton Temkin on his retirement
