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STUDENTS TO RELEASE BALLOONS TO MARK TELETHON ANNIVERSARY

The nation's largest student-run Telethon is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, so to preview the event, students from State University of New York at Albany will be releasing 300 balloons from the downtown campus Wednesday, April 2, at noon.

The number of balloons honors the city of Albany's Tricentennial Celebration, explain junior Suzanne Murphy and senior Lisa Buitekant, both of Ossining. Of those, 20 will be large silver balloons to honor the 20th anniversary of Telethon.

Joining the organizers of the fundraiser for children's charities will be the event's honorary chairman Mayor Thomas M. Whalen III, University President Vincent O'Leary and the founder of Telethon, John Fotia, '68, of Port Chester.

Also participating in the balloon release will be representatives of the two recipient organizations of this year's Telethon, Parsons Child and Family Center and two units of Albany Medical Center's Pediatrics Unit: the Spina Bifida and Child Cancer Care programs.

Telethon '86 begins Friday, April 11 at 8 p.m. and provides 24 hours of continuous entertainment by students.

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CARNIVAL AT UNIVERSITY TO BENEFIT TELETHON '86

Telethon '86, the annual fundraising event by students at State University of New York at Albany, will sponsor a Carnival this Friday, April 4 from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The event, which is open to the Capital District community as well as students, will be held outside the Campus Center (weather permitting) or in the Campus Center Ballroom, on the main campus at 1400 Washington Ave.

The Carnival will feature games of skill and chance, booths and an ethnic food festival.

Telethon is celebrating its 20th anniversary as a fundraiser for local children's charities with a series of activities culminating in the 24-hour entertainment marathon beginning April 11 at 8 p.m. in the Campus Center Ballroom.

Proceeds from all Telethon activities this year will go to the Parsons Child and Family Center and the Spina Bifida and Child Cancer Care programs at Albany Medical Center.

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BONK WINS UNIVERSITY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN LIBRARIANSHIP

Sharon Bonk, a member of the Library staff at State University of New York at Albany, has received the 1986 University Award for Excellence in Librarianship.

Bonk has been a member of the library faculty since 1978 and has been assistant director of technical services for the Libraries since 1984. She is responsible for coordinating activities of the three departments within the Technical Services Division, which are responsible for purchasing, cataloging and processing library materials.

Bonk has been a guest lecturer for courses in the University's School of Library and Information Science and has served on various University committees including the Professional Activities Committee and the Personnel Policies Committee.

Bonk will receive a \$300 prize by University President Vincent O'Leary at a campus reception on May 9.

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UNIVERSITY LECTURE TO DESCRIBE HUMAN ROLE IN ANIMAL EXTINCTION

University of California Medical Center physiologist and ecologist Jared M. Diamond will discuss the role of human activity on the extinction of animals in exotic environments in the 1986 Paul C. Lemon Lecture Wednesday, April 30 at State University of New York at Albany.

The lecture, which is free and open to the public, will be held at 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall of the Performing Arts Center on the uptown campus, 1400 Washington Ave.

Diamond's lecture, entitled "Exterminations and Environmental Degradation by Pre-Industrial Societies: Trouble in Eden," will discuss his research, which suggests that the extinction of certain species was due to exploitation by humans rather than competition between animals, as was previously thought. Diamond's research has taken him to New Guinea and other southwest Pacific islands as well as the Amazon basin of Peru.

Diamond has had a dual career in ecology and evolutionary biology and in the study of biological membranes, according to Thomas B. Caraco, associate professor of Biological Sciences. He has also rediscovered exotic birds thought to be extinct, such as the famed Bird of Paradise.

Diamond, who is a member of the National Academy of Science and a

MacArthur Foundation Fellow, regularly writes commentary for Nature, the leading British journal of general science, as well as other scientific journals and publications. He is also the author and editor of a number of books.

The Paul C. Lemon Lecture was established in 1973 by Paul Lemon, a former professor and chairman of the University's Department of Biological Sciences. The lecture focuses on environmental topics. A reception will follow in the Futterer Lounge.

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SWISS NOVELLIST JURG FEDERSPIEL IN ALBANY, APRIL 17,18

Jurg Federspiel, author of the widely-acclaimed Ballad of Typhoid Mary, will be in Albany to read from his works at 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, in Humanities 354 at the State University of New York at Albany. His appearance, which is sponsored by the New York State Writers Institute of the State University of New York, is free and open to the public.

He will be at the Boulevard Bookstore on Northern Boulevard, Friday, April 18, from 4-6:30 p.m. to sign his new book of short stories An Earthquake in My Family and talk with his readers. The new collection of short stories was translated from the German by a resident of Albany, Eveline L. Kanes.

A native of Davos, Switzerland, Federspiel divides his time among Switzerland, the South of France and New York City. He has written three novels, several volumes of short stories, plays, poetry, and commentary. He is the recipient of many literary awards in Switzerland and Germany.

His work has appeared in English in numerous small magazines. The Ballad of Typhoid Mary was his first book to appear in English. It was selected by the New York Times Book Review Section as one of the best books of 1984.

Critic J.M. Coetzee said of the book, "The image of the obscure woman Mary Mallon, passing through the streets of snowbound New York like a specter, dealing death with a touch of her contaminated hands, remained with me long after I had closed the book."

Robert Wilson in USA Today describes the author as "an existential Dickens: That's J.F. Federspiel."

Commenting on An Earthquake in My Family in the March 30, 1986, New York Times Book Review Section, Critic Angela Carter said, "This writer can achieve extraordinary effects and has the capacity to move the intellect as forcefully as the heart."

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PROGRAM FOR OVERWEIGHT TEENAGE GIRLS SEEKING APPLICANTS

Applications are now being accepted for a program sponsored by State University of New York at Albany's Psychology Department for overweight teenage girls and their parents.

Like all programs under the direction of Associate Professor Allen Israel, the program's focus is on behavior modification -- teaching permanent changes in exercise and eating habits of overweight children -- with an emphasis on counseling for the parents as well. Israel is coauthor of Behavior Disorders of Childhood.

The program features weekly meetings for 16 weeks and requires one parent to attend. The program is free of charge and is sponsored by the National Institute of Health and the University.

For further information, call 442-4859.

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SCHOOL OF BUSINESS PRESENTS ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The School of Business at State University of New York at Albany will present Barry L. Gold with the Alumni Achievement Award on Saturday, April 19, at its Fourth Annual Spring Banquet. The award recognizes outstanding professional achievement by an alumnus.

Barry Gold received his M.B.A. from Albany's School of Business in 1974 after earning an undergraduate degree in marketing at Northern Illinois University and several years' experience in retailing. At Albany, he specialized in human resources and organizational administration.

After graduation, Gold became director of Business and Finance Affairs for the Albany College of Pharmacy, where he was responsible for the day-to-day operations of the college. In 1979, Gold founded and became president of the Business Brokerage Group, Inc., which functions as a broker in the sale of closely held businesses in the Albany area.

Gold is a member of the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce and is the former chair of the Small Business Council. He has also served as chairman of the New York State Guardian Advisory Council and Political Action Committee for the National Federation of Independent Business.

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PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING POET JOINS CHINESE POET HERE, APRIL 28

Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Carolyn Kizer and the most famous of China's new poets, Shu Ting, will read from and comment upon their works at 8 p.m., Monday, April 28, in the Recital Hall of the Performing Arts Center at the State University of New York at Albany. Their appearance, which is sponsored by the New York State Writers Institute of the State University of New York, is free and open to the public.

Kizer, who won the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry in 1985 for her book Yin, has a particular interest in Asian poetry. She was a Fellow of Chinese Comparative Literature at Columbia University and later lived in Nationalist China for a year.

Shu Ting is the most acclaimed poet of the entire generation of Chinese young poets who have emerged in the post-Mao years. Born in 1952 in a small town, she was only a 14-year-old girl when the Cultural Revolution began in 1966. She was forced to quit school and moved to a mountain village three years later where she lived as a peasant.

She began writing poetry in 1971, and in 1978 was first published in the underground magazines produced by young poets in Peking. She attracted wide attention for her poems, and was chosen for publication in the national poetry magazine in 1979. She received China's National Award for Poetry in 1981 and again in 1983.

A native of Spokane and graduate of Sarah Lawrence College, Carolyn Kizer has had a long and distinguished career in letters. She was the first Director of the Literature Program for the National Endowment for the Arts from 1966 to 1970.

In addition to Yin (1984), her books of poetry include The Ungrateful Garden (1961), Knock Upon Silence (1965), Midnight Was My Cry: New and Selected Poems (1971), and Mermaids in the Basement: Poems for Women (1984).

She has been poet-in-residence and visiting professor of poetry at nine universities including Columbia University, Washington University and North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

One of Shu Ting's poems is reprinted here:

Perhaps...

for the loneliness of an author

Perhaps these thoughts of ours
 will never find an audience
Perhaps the mistaken road
 will end in a mistake
Perhaps the lamps we light one at a time
 will be blown out, one at a time
Perhaps the candles of our lives will gutter out
 without lighting a fire to warm us

Perhaps when all the tears have been shed
 the earth will be more fertile
Perhaps when we sing praises to the sun
 the sun will praise us in return
Perhaps these heavy burdens
 will strengthen our philosophy
Perhaps when we weep for those in misery
 we must be silent about miseries of our own

Perhaps
Because of our irresistable sense of mission
We have no choice

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EVOLUTION AND EXTINCTION OF BIRDS TO BE FOCUS OF LECTURE

Dr. David Steadman, senior scientist at the New York State Museum, will interpret cataclysmic and subtle events that produced spectacular bird life on the Galapagos Islands on Tuesday, April 22, at 8 p.m. in Lecture Center 7 on the main campus.

In his discussion, entitled "Evolution and Extinction of Birds of the Galapagos Islands," Steadman will examine fossil records of species of extinct birds to help clarify our understanding of evolution and extinction on the Galapagos.

Steadman's presentation is the fourth in a series of five natural history lectures that will be held on consecutive Tuesdays at the University. The lectures are free and open to the public.

The lectures begin at 8 p.m. in Lecture Center 7 and are preceded by an illustrated weather briefing. The series is jointly sponsored by the University's Atmospheric Sciences Research Center and the Department of Environmental Conservation's Five Rivers Environmental Education Center.

Donations to the lecture series, made possible in part by gifts to the University at Albany Fund, are appreciated.

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EQUATOR WILDLIFE TO BE FOCUS OF LECTURE

Wayne Trimm, art director for Conservationist magazine published by the state Department of Environment Conservation, will explore equator wildlife on Tuesday, April 29, at 8 p.m. in Lecture Center 7 on the main campus of State University of New York at Albany.

In his presentation, entitled "Wildlife of the Equator: Poles Apart," Trimm will discuss the profound behavioral and adaptative similarities and differences of animals in Kenya and the Galapagos Islands.

Trimm's lecture is the last in a series of five natural history lectures held on consecutive Tuesdays at the University. The lecture is free and open to the public and will be preceded by an illustrated weather briefing.

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PILOT FRESHMAN SEMINAR PROGRAM AT ALBANY THIS FALL

Freshmen at the State University of New York at Albany will have the opportunity to exchange ideas directly and informally with faculty through a freshman seminar program which will get underway this fall. The new program is being supported by the University Parents' Program Fund.

"Opportunities for informal personal contact with faculty members to discuss intellectual matters and educational goals have a significant influence on students' development and attitudes toward their educational experience," Dr. John Shumaker, Vice President for Academic Planning and Development at Albany, said. "The program will encourage group discussion and free exchange of ideas and should foster a sense of academic community among freshmen during their first few weeks at Albany."

Modelled after similar initiatives at other universities, the Freshman Seminar Pilot Program joins faculty mentors and first-semester freshmen in groups no larger than 15 students. During the first quarter (eight weeks) of the academic year in weekly, two-hour sessions, faculty mentors will offer a one-credit course on a topic of their choosing designed to appeal to first-year students. They will emphasize especially the University Libraries as an academic resource for students.

Freshmen will be graded without examinations based upon class participation, oral presentations and short papers. Detailed course descriptions are being compiled and will be available to incoming freshmen during orientation sessions this summer. A sample of courses offered includes such titles as: "Science and Society: Ethical Issues,"

"Manners and Civilization," "Myths of the Modern World," and "Human Behavior in Extreme Situations."

The program, which could involve more than 1000 freshmen in 75 seminars this fall, will be evaluated and if found successful will be expanded during the 1987-88 academic year to accommodate all freshmen.

To promote informality, mentors are encouraged to hold their seminars during evenings and on weekends if appropriate as well as during regular class hours. Forums for the seminars will be equally informal in locations such as lounge areas, the homes of faculty, and residence halls as well as the more traditional classrooms and seminar rooms.

The courses can be team-taught by two or more faculty members; retired faculty members may also participate; and students will be encouraged to meet individually with their mentor at least twice during the semester to discuss the student's overall academic experience and objectives for further study at the University.

The Freshmen Seminar Pilot Program was developed by the University's committee to study the freshman year experience, chaired by Vice President Shumaker. Members include Harry Hamilton, Dean of Undergraduate Studies; Meredith Butler, Associate for Academic Development; Barbara Schoonmaker, Director of Research and Educational Development; Paul Wallace, Dean of the College of Humanities and Fine Arts; John Webb, Dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences; and Daniel Wulff, Dean of the College of Science and Mathematics.

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FILM ARTIST AUGUST COPPOLA HERE MAY 2

August Coppola, Dean of San Francisco State University's School of Creative Arts and the film artist who recut the epic French silent film, Napoleon, will be in Albany on Friday, May 2, 1986, to offer film clips and commentary on the history of film at 7:30 p.m. in the Large Auditorium of the New York State Museum. Dean Coppola'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 and the New York State Museum.

An executive at Zoetrope Studios, August Coppola collaborated on the films Apocalypse Now, Hammett, One From the Heart and Rumblefish. The latter film was dedicated to him by director Francis Ford Coppola with the inscription "To my elder brother---my first and best teacher."

Before moving to San Francisco in 1984, August Coppola was chairman of comparative literature at California State University at Long Beach. He is an experimental writer and an inventor with a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature and Interdisciplinary Studies from Occidental College in Los Angeles.

Coppola, much of whose career has centered around the visual arts, has taken a special interest in the problems of the visually impaired. He invented the Tactile Dome in 1971. Located in San Francisco's famed science museum, the Exploratorium, the Tactile Dome presents the world of total darkness to thousands of visitors each year. In 1979, Grove Press published his experimental novel, The Intimacy, which is also set in total darkness.

The brothers Coppola and their sister, actress Talia Shire, were raised in an artistically stimulating if hectic environment. August attended 17

public schools, many in the New York City area, where his father, Carmine, was alternately chief musical arranger for the Radio City Music Hall, first flute under Toscanini, and musical conductor. In 1985, Carmine was still active conducting live orchestral accompaniment in Paris to Napoleon, the classic 1927 film epic which August recut in 1981.

The father of three grown sons, August Coppola has imparted the artistic tradition to another generation of Coppolas. His eldest, Marc, is a disk jockey in New York City; his second, Christopher, makes experimental films; and his youngest, who uses the stage name Nicolas Cage, is an actor.

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CHURCH-STATE CONSTITUTIONAL LAWYER TO SPEAK, APRIL 28

James M. Smart, Jr., a constitutional lawyer and an authority on the Supreme Court's recent consideration of Church-State issues will speak on "The Supreme Court and Official Orthodoxy" at 8 p.m., Monday, April 28, in the Campus Center Assembly Hall at the uptown campus of the University at Albany, the State University of New York.

Sponsored by Albany's School of Education and its chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, the education honorary society, as part of their colloquia program, Smart's presentation is free and open to the public.

Smart is senior litigation attorney for a Kansas City, Missouri, law firm. He has argued a number of cases before the Supreme Court including one concerning voluntary student prayer groups in public schools in which he presented his position from the perspective of the rights of free speech.

His current interest is the constitutionality of the 1984 Equal Access Act, which provides that secondary schools may not discriminate against student-initiated extracurricular activities which may have a religious or metaphysical area of interest.

A graduate of the College of William and Mary and the University of Missouri Law School, Smart has been an assistant prosecuting attorney in Jackson County Missouri.

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UNIVERSITY ARCHEOLOGIST TO DISCUSS DETAILS
OF ROYAL MAYAN TOMB DISCOVERED IN BELIZE

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ASSIGNMENT EDITORS, REPORTERS:

Richard Leventhal, an archeologist at State University of New York at Albany, will discuss on Wednesday, April 23, details of an important archeological find in Belize, Central America.

Leventhal has just returned from Belize, where he discovered and excavated what appears to be a royal Maya tomb dating back to between 650 and 800 A.D. He describes the tomb as a significant find which will help anthropologists interpret what was going on in the New World during the classic Maya period of civilization. The excavation was completed only two weeks ago, and this is the first time the archeologist is outlining details of the dig. Leventhal will return to Belize later in the day Wednesday.

The discovery is important not only because it has escaped grave robbers, but because it appears to be that of a Maya ruler. While there were once hundreds of burial tombs which were part of Mayan city architecture, nearly all have been consumed by the jungle or dug up by illegal looters. The discovery of a royal tomb is relatively rare.

Leventhal will be available to reporters at 11 a.m. in Room 262 of the University's Social Sciences Building, which is at the west end of the podium on the uptown campus, 1400 Washington Avenue. Black and white pictures and color slides of the site, in the ancient Maya city of Nim Li Punit, are expected to be available Wednesday. For more information, contact Christine Hanson McKnight in the University Relations office at 442-3091.

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NORMAN MAILER AT WRITERS INSTITUTE, MAY 1

Norman Mailer, certainly America's most eclectic and controversial author, will speak in Albany at 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 1, 1986, in Page Hall, 135 Western Avenue, on the downtown campus of the University at Albany, State University of New York. His appearance in Albany, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the New York State Writers Institute of the State University of New York.

Not since Hemingway has a writer so captured the imagination of the nation. The 63-year-old novelist, dramatist, journalist, essayist, self-publicist, socialist, existentialist and movie director has written more than 22 books, and been an ever more recognizable personality since the publication in 1948 of The Naked and the Dead, which one critic called "the greatest war novel produced in this century." "Among the generation of writers who emerged from the war and devoted their lives to the creation of a body of literature, he is one of the very few who have grown into a permanent, irreversibly realized presence," wrote Robert F. Lucid, editor of Norman Mailer, the Man and His Work.

Mailer's book about the 1967 anti-Vietnam War march to the Pentagon, Armies of the Night, won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction in 1969 as well as the National Book Award. His book about the execution of Gary Gilmore, The Executioner's Song, won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction in 1980.

When Lucid assembled his anthology of writings on Norman Mailer, he was able to choose chapters of effusive praise or damning criticism from a star-studded roster of writers including Tom Wolfe, James Baldwin, Dwight

Macdonald, Dianna Trilling, Midge Decter, Norman Podhoretz, Gore Vidal, and Alfred Kazin. Everyone was on record on the subject of Mailer.

A Harvard engineer, Mailer has run for mayor of New York City. He has trained with boxer Jose Torres, fathered eight children, and traded punches with the sharpest tongues of his generation including William Buckley and Gore Vidal.

But always he has had the stamina to write and keep on writing. One of his charms is a learned, eloquent and thoroughly disarming introspection, as illustrated by an excerpt from his collection of essays Pieces and

Pontifications:

"We will never know if primitive artists painted their caves to show a representation, or whether the moving hand was looking to placate the forces above and the forces below. Sometimes, I think the novelist fashions a totem just as much as an aesthetic, and his real aim, not even known necessarily to himself, is to create a diversion in the fields of dread, a sanctuary in some of the arenas of magic. The flaws of his work can even be a part of his magical strength, as if his real intent in writing is to alter the determinations of that invisible finger which has written and moved on."

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FOR RELEASE ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 1986 at 11 a.m.

DISCOVERY OF ROYAL MAYA TOMB

ANNOUNCED BY ALBANY ARCHEOLOGIST

The discovery of a royal Maya burial tomb, located in the Central American nation of Belize and dating back to between 700 and 800 A.D., was announced today by Richard M. Leventhal, an archeologist at the University at Albany. The intact tomb, in the ancient Maya city of Nim Li Punit in southern Belize, offers anthropologists a new opportunity to interpret more clearly what was going on in the New World during the Classic Maya period, Leventhal said.

Leventhal, head of the Southern Belize Archeological Project whose members discovered and excavated the site, said the tomb is important not only because it appears to be that of a city ruler, but because it has escaped looters.

"There were once hundreds of tombs and graves which were placed within various buildings in every city," Leventhal explained. "But they have nearly all been lost to the jungle or dug up by illegal looters. The discovery of any tomb in such good shape is a wonderful find, but a royal tomb like this is especially significant. We already have an understanding of the general culture. This gives us a more personalized glimpse into the past which allows us to focus on individual participants."

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He said that while the find doesn't change archeologists' over-all view of Maya civilization, it does "reinforce the conclusions we've already drawn about this sophisticated New World culture."

Leventhal, who is also director of Albany's internationally regarded Institute for Mesoamerican Studies, said he believes the tomb is royal for several reasons: its location in front of what appears to be a private shrine of the ruling family, the large size of the tomb (nine feet long by three-and-a-half feet wide), and the quantity of artifacts found within it.

It is the first tomb excavated at the site, which was discovered in 1974 by an oil company. The Southern Belize Archeological Project has been working in this area for the past four years and has completely mapped Nim Li Punit, whose residents probably numbered between 5,000 and 7,000. Carved monuments at the site are some of the finest in Belize and date it between 700 and 800 A.D., Leventhal said.

"This is roughly the date we can assign to the tomb, based upon a quick examination of the pottery inside," he said.

The tomb, located within the central precinct of the city, had been placed in front of what appears to have been the private shrine of a ruler of Nim Li Punit. This name means Big Hat in the modern Mayan language of Kekchi, and refers to a large headdress portrayed on one of the carved monuments at the site.

The excavation team with the Southern Belize Archeological Project was excavating a small pit in front of this structure, looking for a dedicatory cache when they realized on March 15 that they were in the middle of a tomb.

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"It totally surprised us," said Leventhal, who will return to Belize later this week to begin cleaning and analyzing the artifacts in an attempt to date and identify them more specifically. He will return to Albany the end of May.

Leventhal and his team spent the next four weeks clearing the top of the tomb and then cleaning the interior. The stone slabs which made up the roof of the tomb had apparently collapsed in ancient times. The Maya had dug out part of this collapse, and then, perhaps finding it impossible to clear completely, simply rededicated the tomb with two ceramic vessels and then filled in the collapsed area completely.

"Because of the collapse and the great quantity of dirt which had washed into the tomb, the excavation took almost four weeks," Leventhal said.

The completed excavation revealed what had once been an elaborate royal tomb, the anthropologist said. Scattered throughout the floor of the tomb were 39 ceramic vessels, many of them painted with designs, perhaps scenes of royal life and hieroglyphs. Because of the collapse, all of the vessels are broken, although Leventhal said it will be possible to restore many of them.

Numerous other artifacts were also recovered. These include a variety of ornaments for necklaces -- jade beads, carved jade pendants, stone (diorite) beads, jaguar teeth and shell beads.

"We also recovered several pieces of sting ray spines which were probably used as perforators in personal bloodletting, so important for the legitimatization of power among the Maya elite," Leventhal said.

Fragmentary pieces of worked and incised bone were also found and were probably the handle for the various perforators in the tomb.

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One of the most important unanswered questions is what Maya ruler was buried in the tomb.

"We're not sure whose tomb it is," said Leventhal. "If we're able to establish that, this will be a major find."

The Albany anthropologist, who discovered the ruins of an entire Maya city two summers ago in Belize, said it is clear the tomb had been used several times for ancient royal burials. He has been able to identify the remains of at least four individuals, although he does not yet know their sex or age.

The archeological dig is supported by Albany's College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, the Department of Anthropology, and Key Bank, NA, headquartered in Albany. The work is being carried out in cooperation with the Belize Department of Archeology.

Leventhal, 34, joined the University at Albany in 1982 after earning his Ph.D. in anthropology from Harvard University. A native of Boston, Mass., he now resides in Albany.

The Institute for Mesoamerican Studies was established in 1975 to promote research and cooperation among scholars interested in present and pre-Columbian cultures of Middle America.

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TWO UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY STUDENTS WIN

PRESTIGIOUS LEHMAN FELLOWSHIPS

Two University at Albany seniors are among 30 winners of Herbert H. Lehman Fellowships in Social Sciences and Public and International Affairs announced today by Commissioner of Education Gordon M. Ambach.

The Albany students are Thaddeus F. Heitmann of Ossining, N.Y., and Allison M. Percy of Kenmore, N.Y., both 21. Recipients of the fellowships, described as the most prestigious awarded by New York State, may receive up to \$19,000 for four years of graduate study beginning in September of 1986.

Heitmann, a double major in anthropology and English, has been accepted into the Ph.D. program in anthropology at Cornell University. Percy, who is majoring in political science, will attend Columbia University in the fall to study for her master's in public administration.

The University at Albany was the only institution which produced two winners and the only campus in the SUNY system to be represented among the Lehman fellows.

"These are prestigious awards for which there is heavy competition in the fields of social science and political affairs," said Harry L. Hamilton, dean of undergraduate studies and associate vice president for academic affairs.

"This is another sign of the growing recognition this institution is gaining for quality in its academic programs."

The Lehman fellowships were established by the Legislature in 1966 in

honor of the former governor of New York State. The competition is open to outstanding graduates throughout the nation who plan to pursue graduate study at a college in New York State. Applications were received from 210 candidates, of whom 85 are residents of other states. Of the 30 winners, 11 were residents of New York State.

Named as an alternate from the Albany campus was Thomas J. Iurino of Camillus, a sociology major. Alternates may receive an offer of a fellowship if an original winner declines the award.

Heitmann's home address in Ossining is 355 Croton Dam Road. Percy's home address in Kenmore is 62 Devonshire Road.

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PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE SPEAKER IRVIS AND ALBANY ARCHITECT MESICK
TO RECEIVE HONORARY DEGREES AT UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT

A University at Albany alumnus who is now Speaker of the House of Representatives in Pennsylvania and the Albany architect who restored the Senate Chamber of the New York State Capitol are among four people who will receive honorary degrees at the University at Albany's 142nd Commencement ceremonies May 18.

K. Leroy Irvis, a graduate of the University's predecessor, the State College for Teachers and now Speaker of the Pennsylvania House, will be presented with an honorary Doctor of Laws degree to recognize his distinguished public service. John Mesick, a partner in the firm of Mendel, Mesick, Cohen, Waite, Hall Architects, will receive an honorary Doctor of Fine Arts degree to highlight his contribution to the city during the Tricentennial.

Also scheduled to receive honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees are two renowned scholars of public policy: noted economist Charles Lindblom, Sterling Professor of Economics and Political Science and William Clyde DeVane Professor at Yale University; and Robert K. Merton, Professor Emeritus at Columbia University and one of the world's best known sociologists.

Gov. Mario M. Cuomo will be the main speaker at the Commencement, at which his daughter Madeline will receive her bachelor of arts degree in English. Ceremonies begin at 1 p.m. on University Field, rain or shine.

Irvis, a native of Saugerties and summa cum laude graduate of Albany's class of 1934, has been a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives since 1958 for 14 consecutive terms. He was the first black representative elected to house leadership and was unanimously elected Speaker in 1977 -- the highest elected position ever held at that time by a black in that state. He has sponsored more than 1,600 pieces of legislation on civil rights, health, consumer protection, prison reform, housing and governmental reform. He is also credited with the creation of the community college system. Convention Co-Chairman of the 1980 Democratic National Convention in 1980, Irvis was elected a member of the Democratic National Committee in 1982.

Mesick has achieved an international reputation in architectural preservation, and is especially noted for his painstaking restoration of the

Senate Chamber of the New York State Capitol. His firm is restoring Blair House in Washington, D.C., and Mesick has also restored several 19th century Albany buildings including 411 State Street, which now houses the Rockefeller Institute of the State University of New York, and the Thomson Littlefield house of Chestnut Street. A native of Schodack, he studied at the Royal Academy of Arts in Copenhagen under a Fulbright Scholarship.

Merton, perhaps the best known sociologist in the scientific community, is credited with the notion of the "self-fulfilling prophecy." He is an exponent of the functional school of sociology, which studies social phenomena as effects of specific social arrangements such as class or kinship systems. Author of On the Shoulders of Giants, Merton has been a prolific and influential writer, and his work provides practitioners with an understanding of the application of sociology to real-world problems in the fields of housing, medical education and bureaucracy.

Lindblom has studied the effect of policy-making and the connection between political and economic systems. His book, Politics and Markets (1977) was the culmination of a decade of scholarly work, winning the distinguished Woodrow Wilson prize from the American Political Science Association. In addition, Lindblom has served as special advisor to Connecticut Governor Chester Bowles in 1955, and to the director of the U.S. Agency for International Development Mission to India in the early 1960s. In the late 1960s he also was a frequent consultant to the Rand Corporation on the national defense problems. He was recipient of Guggenheim Fellowships in 1961 and 1985 and was a Fellow of the Center for Advanced Study.

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