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Scientists Unveil Revolutionary X-ray Optics Technology

A Soviet physicist, Muradin A. Kumakhov of the I.V. Kurchatov Institute of Atomic Energy in Moscow, and an American physicist, Walter Gibson of the University at Albany, unveiled on Tuesday, April 2 a new technology for focusing and controlling X-rays and neutrons. This technology, in the physicists' view, has the potential to revolutionize the diagnosis and treatment of localized tumors, to dramatically advance efforts to make the next generation of computer chips, and to improve many other processes in which X-rays and neutrons are used.

The scientists unveiled the technology at a news conference on the University at Albany campus.

The basic technology was developed over the last five years by Kumakhov and fellow researchers at the I.V. Kurchatov Institute. Kumakhov and Gibson, who have collaborated on various research projects for 20 years, recently formed a partnership to further develop the X-ray optics technology and demonstrate its feasibility for commercial applications. A joint research program will be carried out by the newly formed Center for X-ray Optics at the University at Albany and the Institute for Roentgen Optical Systems in Moscow.

The critical element in this new technology is a "lens" consisting of thousands of tiny hollow glass capillaries that guide X-rays down their lengths. Without such a lens, X-rays tend to diverge outward from the source and lose intensity as the distance from the source increases. Light is similarly divergent without a lens. But with the Kumakhov lens, X-ray beams with a large initial divergence and a broad energy range can for the first time be transformed into converging beams or approximately parallel beams. A Kumakhov lens with 2,000 capillaries was on display on April 2.

Scientists have long known that X-rays, best known for medical and dental

diagnostic applications, can be reflected off solid, smooth surfaces at a very low angle, and that, thus, a single capillary can guide an X-ray through many such small angle reflections. But Kumakhov was the first to suggest "bundling," in effect, thousands of capillaries together to focus and control X-rays. Kumakhov and his colleagues have made capillaries smaller than a human hair.

The prototype lenses constructed by Kumakhov and his colleagues have succeeded in concentrating extremely high densities of X-rays in small spots. Current X-ray equipment used for medical applications does not have that capability and thus, for example, healthy tissue often receives more radiation than the cancerous tissue that's being treated. The new technology holds the potential for far more precise irradiation of inoperable tumors and Soviet scientists have been actively researching that and other medical applications.

The new technology, says Gibson and Kumakhov, may also have far-reaching implications for the computer industry. A major thrust of the industry now is reducing the size of integrated circuit components in order to produce more powerful computer chips, and computer manufacturers have been exploring the use of X-rays to produce narrower circuit lines. But the approaches they've taken thus far have serious drawbacks.

Synchrotrons, for example, can produce powerful, parallel X-ray beams. (A synchrotron is an accelerator and storage ring which guides electrons around an oval or circular path.) But synchrotrons cost from \$25 to \$50 million, and they require high vacuums and can only produce horizontal beams -- two aspects that can slow production processes. X-ray optical devices, coupled with simpler x-ray sources, by contrast, can easily produce intense vertical beams, do not require high vacuums and are expected to cost much less than synchrotrons.

"Computer chip manufacturers are at a critical juncture now in terms of making decisions about the technology they'll use for the next generation of chips. Our research is expected to provide the option for an easy and cost-effective transition to advanced high-density electronic and optical circuit designs," says Gibson.

To launch the new Center for X-ray Optics, the University is providing support for Soviet scientists who will work closely with Albany scientists at the center for the next year. Although initially optical components and measurement techniques will draw strongly from the experience and expertise in Moscow, it is expected that the strong surface and interface characterization program, the thin film fabrication and

study program and the strong advanced materials physics program at Albany will be crucial to further development. This will be especially true as neutron and higher energy X-ray applications are explored.

"The power of the program will be in the continued close collaboration between the University at Albany faculty and students with Soviet scientists," said Gibson.

"This will be particularly true in development of scientific and medical applications."

Gibson says the center will explore such matters as new fiber designs and non-fiber structures and will conduct comprehensive tests of the performance and components of the Kumakhov lenses.

Albany's Department of Physics is renowned for its expertise in the physics of solids, particularly the interaction of radiation with solids, and that expertise, along with Albany's nuclear accelerators and other advanced equipment, will be harnessed to support the new center. In addition to Gibson, seven other Albany scientists will be associated with the center.

U.S. and international patents have been applied for on the work done so far by the Soviet scientists. A company, X-Ray Optical Systems, Inc., of Voorheesville, N.Y., of which Gibson is a director and his son David is president, has been established to pursue commercial applications and to provide a means of manufacturing optical components and systems for scientific as well as commercial use. Kumakhov is a consultant to the company. Patents based on work done at the University will be controlled by the Research Foundation of SUNY.

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MURADIN A. KUMAKHOV

Muradin A. Kumakhov, the inventor of the special X-ray optical system, is the head of the laboratory for the study of crystals with radiation at the I.V. Kurchatov Institute of Atomic Energy in Moscow. For over 20 years, he has been researching different aspects of ion channeling and he is regarded as one of the world's experts in channeling radiation, the emission of radiation from channeled particles.

In 1986, in an article on radiation of channeled particles, Kumakhov suggested the possibility for a new X-ray, neutron and charged particle optics based on multiple scattering between solid curved surfaces. During the research that followed, he designed and manufactured the X-ray lenses that could revolutionize many applications of X-rays.

WALTER M. GIBSON

Walter M. Gibson, director of the Center for X-ray Optics at the University at Albany, has been a professor of physics at Albany since 1976. Prior to that, he was a research scientist for 19 years at AT&T's Bell Laboratories.

Since 1964, Gibson has been active in studies of particle channeling and has published over 150 papers on the topic. His interest in channeling phenomena led to discussions and collaboration with Kumakhov beginning in about 1970. In May 1990, during a visit by Gibson to the Soviet Union to attend two conferences on ion channeling and channeling radiation, Kumakhov suggested that a collaborative program be established to study and develop the new X-ray optics technology.

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"Recycling! Why Should We? How Should We?"

Debbie Jackson, a solid waste specialist at the state Department of Environmental Conservation, will discuss why everyone is hearing so much about recycling on Tuesday, April 16, as the University at Albany's Natural History Lecture Series continues.

With many of New York State's landfills expected to close soon, Jackson's talk, entitled "Recycling! Why Should We? How Should We?", will give some practical ways to reduce solid waste, as well as ways to make recycling easier. Her presentation, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 8 p.m. in Lecture Center 7 on the University's uptown campus at 1400 Washington Ave., preceded by an illustrated weather briefing.

The lecture series, sponsored by the University's Atmospheric Sciences Research Center and the DEC, will continue April 16 with a presentation on Alaska and conclude April 23 with a talk focused on the state's freshwater wetlands.

Donations to sustain the Natural History Lecture Series may be sent to the University at Albany Fund, Inc., AD 231, University at Albany, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12222, "Attention Ray Falconer Fund."

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Alaska, By Land, Sea and Air, Will Be Featured in April 16 Natural History Lecture Series

The majestic scenery of Alaska will be featured on Tuesday, April 16 as the University at Albany's Natural History Lecture Series continues. The slide show presentation will feature the separate trips to Alaska last summer of Kay Teale and Alan Mapes, who visited coastal areas and wildlife refuges by boat and plane. Teale is a professor in the Natural Sciences Division of the College of St. Rose, while Mapes is director of the state Department of Environmental Conservation's Five Rivers Environmental Education Center.

The talk, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 8 p.m. in Lecture Center 7 on the uptown campus of the University at Albany, 1400 Washington Ave.

The Natural History Lecture Series, which is co-sponsored by the University's Atmospheric Sciences Research Center and DEC, will conclude April 23 with a presentation on the state's freshwater wetlands. Kathryn Schneider, coordinator and zoologist at DEC's Natural Heritage Program, will examine the intricate biology of the state's freshwater wetlands and discuss research which uses freshwater mussels as indicators of wetlands pollution.

An illustrated weather briefing will precede each lecture. Donations to sustain the Natural History Lecture Series may be sent to the University at Albany Fund, Inc., AD 231, University at Albany, State University of New York, Albany, NY 12222, "Attention Ray Falconer Fund."

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H. PATRICK SWYGERT -- BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

ALBANY -- Haywood Patrick Swygert, 48, brings 20 years combined service in higher education and government to his position as the fifteenth President of the University at Albany, State University of New York.

Since August 1990, when he became the first African-American to serve as President of a State University of New York University Center, President Swygert has articulated a new vision of the University at Albany's multifaceted mission as a mature public research university. Key elements of that mission include strengthening undergraduate level academic programs, pursuing research and graduate education that will prepare the professoriate of the 21st Century, and forging new linkages with business, government, and community organizations.

From 1988 until he arrived at Albany, President Swygert was Executive Vice President of Temple University in Philadelphia, a comprehensive, state-related research university of thirteen schools and colleges, including law, medicine and dentistry, and a tertiary care hospital. He had been associated with Temple since 1972, serving as a Professor of Law, Acting Dean of the Law School, Special Counsel to the President and Vice President for University Administration. He has also been a Visiting Professor on the law faculties of Tel Aviv University and the University of Ghana.

In 1977, President Swygert was named General Counsel to the US Civil Service Commission, where he received the Commissioner's Award for Distinguished Federal Service. In 1979, President Jimmy Carter appointed him Special Counsel to the Merit Systems Protection Board. He had previously served as Law Clerk to Chief Judge William H. Hastie of the US. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit; Administrative Assistant to Congressman Charles B. Rangel of New York; a Special District Attorney in Philadelphia; and an associate in a New York City law firm.

At Albany, President Swygert has called for public higher education funding reform within a context of fiscal responsibility and accountability. He has led a movement encouraging SUNY trustees to adopt a "mission-based tuition" policy that links what students pay to the type of institution they attend. Citing the need to preserve academic programs and standards, he implemented a holiday campus closing that saved the University nearly \$800,000 in direct and indirect costs, and indefinitely postponed a decision to move University athletics from NCAA Division III to Division I.

President Swygert was born in Philadelphia and graduated from Howard University with an A.B. in history. He received a J.D. cum laude from the Howard University School of Law in 1968, and was notes editor of the Howard Law Review, James A. Cobb Fellow and a Ford Foundation Urban Affairs Research Fellow. He and his wife Sonja Elizabeth Branson Swygert have two sons, Haywood Patrick Swygert Jr. and Michael Branson Swygert.

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School of Social Welfare Celebrates 25th Anniversary

The University at Albany's School of Social Welfare will celebrate its 25th anniversary on Thursday, April 11, with a day-long celebration featuring discussions of America's families and children, as well as other major social welfare issues.

An honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree will be presented to Barbara Blum, president of the New York-based Foundation for Child Development and former commissioner of social services in New York State, in recognition of her contributions to social welfare policy.

U.S. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan is scheduled to deliver the keynote address on families and children if his Senate schedule permits. Barbara Blum will assume those honors if Moynihan must remain in Washington, D.C.

The keynote address and honorary degree presentation will take place during the morning session beginning at 9:15 a.m. in Page Hall on the University's downtown campus.

Also during the morning session, the University Excelsior award will be presented to Elizabeth Heinmiller, who was instrumental in the establishment of the School of Social Welfare. In the early 1960s, Heinmiller headed a committee of social workers that researched social welfare needs in the region and made the case for a master's of social work program at Albany. The school opened its doors to its first 27 students in September 1965, and it hasn't stopped growing since.

The school added a doctoral program in 1984 and the school is now "widely recognized as one of the nation's best social welfare programs," says Dean Lynn Videka-Sherman. In several reviews of scholarly productivity, Albany ranks among the top five schools of social work.

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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY PRESIDENT PROMISES
TO 'SEEK GREATNESS' FOR UNIVERSITY

In remarks prepared for his inaugural address as the 15th President of the University at Albany, H. Patrick Swygert calls upon students, faculty and the citizens of New York to look beyond the fiscal constraints which the economy has imposed on state finances to the University's "tradition of excellence and our promise for greatness."

"It is our challenge to have a vision that looks beyond today to a University that represents greatness," Swygert, the first African-American president of a SUNY university center, says. "Our faculty and students---past, present, and future--and you, the citizens of New York, deserve a public university bold enough and confident enough in itself to seek greatness.

"Because for many of you, access to greatness in higher education will only come about through public higher education."

Swygert will be formally inaugurated as president of the oldest state-chartered institution of higher education in New York at ceremonies in the University Gymnasium at 4 p.m. on Friday, April 5. SUNY Chancellor D. Bruce Johnstone will perform the formal installation at the ceremony.

Before assuming his current duties on August 1, 1990, Mr. Swygert, 48, was Executive Vice President of Temple University.

Despite "challenging times for higher education, nowhere more so than in New York State," President Swygert's address will present four themes central to the University's progress:

"First, we will seek to provide students with a significant research, creative or other experience appropriate to their disciplines, as undergraduates...
Second, we will redouble our efforts to retain our talented faculty and to recruit others...
Third, we must proceed in a manner that ensures that our mission truly reflects who we are and our promise for the future...
And, finally, we must energetically pursue private resources to help us meet these challenges."

The inaugural events, which were supported entirely by private funding, included a symposium, "Public Higher Education in 1990s: The Role of the University in New York State's Plan for Scientific and Technological Competitiveness."

Established in 1844, Albany will celebrate its Sesquicentennial in 1994. Designated as a University Center of the State University of New York in 1962, Albany has a broad mission of undergraduate and graduate education, research, and public service. More than 16,000 students are enrolled in the 10 schools and colleges of the University.

(Text of President Swygert's inaugural address enclosed)

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NEW DEATH PENALTY POLLS SHOW LAWMAKER MISCONCEPTIONS

There is less support among New York State voters for the death penalty and its harsher alternatives than the state's legislators believe.

That is the finding of two new opinion surveys, which produce the most extensive assessments to date of the attitudes of New York State voters and the state's legislature toward the death penalty and its alternatives.

The studies, conducted by Professor William Bowers and Dr. Margaret Vandiver, both of the College of Criminal Justice at Northeastern University, Jonathan Gradess, Esq., of the New York State Defenders Association, and Professor Timothy Flanagan of the School of Criminal Justice of the University at Albany, were released today at a press conference at the University at Albany's School of Criminal Justice.

In addition to presenting the latest statistics on legislators' and voters' opinions on capital punishment, the two studies present a reflection on how the each group perceives the other's views, and how those ultimately effect their own. In some cases, the findings indicate large misconceptions.

"The survey shows that legislators dramatically misread public sentiments on punishments for convicted murderers," said Vandiver. "For instance, less than 20 percent want the Death Penalty for convicted murderers if they could have life without parole plus restitution on the part of the inmates for the victims' families. There is no political constituency for the Death Penalty when voters are offered alternatives."

Vandiver and Bowers' findings fly in the face of the state legislators' perceptions, as surveyed by Flanagan. "Fully 70 percent believe that their constituents would favor the death penalty for convicted murderers," said Flanagan. "This is despite the fact that the survey indicates the legislators' own inclinations would be far more lenient."

According to Gradess, "New Yorkers, given the choice, reject both the Death Penalty and Governor Mario Cuomo's alternative Life Without Parole (LWOP) bill. What New Yorkers are saying is that full employment, better housing, improved nutrition for children and the improvement of our schools, are far more important anti-crime strategies than the Death Penalty or LWOP."

The studies will be part of a two-day seminar, "The Death Penalty: Perspectives on the Past and Future in New York State," co-sponsored by *Albany Law Review* of Albany Law School and the University's School of Criminal Justice.

Starting Friday from 1 - 5:15 p.m. and continuing Saturday from 9 - 5:30 p.m. at the Dean Alexander Moot Courtroom, 4th Floor, Albany Law School, 80 New Scotland Ave., the conference brings together 32 of the most highly respected legal and social science scholars from around the country. Together, they will address a number of historical, philosophical, jurisprudential and empirical issues that surround the contemporary debate.

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Governor Appoints Two New Members to the University Council

Gov. Mario M. Cuomo has named Steven N. Fischer of Loudonville and Carolyn Gillis of Rensselaer to the University Council of the University at Albany, State University of New York.

Fischer, a certified public accountant and attorney, is president and chief executive officer of Urbach Kahn & Werlin PC (UKW) in Albany. A frequent speaker in the U.S. and abroad on issues affecting business and the accounting profession, he is a member of the New York State Board of Public Accountancy, a former member of the Council of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and a past vice president of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants.

In addition, Fischer served on the Commissioner's Task Force on Reorganization of the New York State Education Department and the Governor's Advisory Panel on the Financial Services Industry in New York State.

Albany Mayor Thomas M. Whalen III recently appointed Fischer to head the newly established Albany Arts Commission. Fischer has a long history of involvement with the Albany community, including having served as chair of the Mayor's Advisory Committee for the Future of Downtown Albany and president of Capital City Renaissance Corp. He is also a member of the City of Albany's Waterfront Advisory Committee, and serves on a number of community boards.

Carolyn Gillis is director of government and community affairs for Empire Blue Cross and Blue Shield. The recipient of a Governor's citation for outstanding contribution in community service, she serves on a host of community boards, including: the Private Industry Council, representing the City of Albany; the Palace Theater; the Lupus Foundation, of which she is also president; the Center for Counseling; Senior Service Centers of Albany; the Eddy; the Next Step Foundation; the Capital Leadership Steering Committee; and the Task Force on Arts and Cultural Events for the Christopher Columbus Quincentennial.

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She is a member of the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Ulster County Chamber of Commerce and the Orange County Chamber of Commerce, as well as the Women's Business Development Center Inc. and the Capital Investment Club.

The Governor also recently appointed Gillis to the Committee for Accessible Transportation for the Capital District Transportation Authority.

Fischer and Gillis have been appointed to seven-year terms on the Council, the legislatively established local governing body of the Albany campus. The Council consists of 10 members. The governor appoints nine of them, all prominent citizens from the Capital Region; and the 10th member, a student, is elected annually by the student body to serve a one-year term.

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Rensselaer Resident Receives Award

Louise Cardinale, a resident of Rensselaer, received an Achievement Award from the Disabled Student Award Program at the University at Albany. The award was presented at the Disabled Student Services Awards Luncheon on April 3, which was the opening event of Abilities Awareness Month at the University. It is given to disabled students who have made outstanding contributions to the University and the community.

Cardinale, a mother of seven and new grandmother of two, is a social welfare major. Having degenerative arthritis has not stopped her from working 20 hours a week with families in crisis at St. Catherine's hospital, helping the mentally ill at the 5th Avenue Social Club or maintaining a 3.45 grade point average out of a possible 4.0.

A transfer student from Mohawk Valley Community College in Utica, New York, Cardinale completed a two-year course on counseling others through the Albany Catholic Diocese for Ministry. She says one of her future goals is to create a program at her church which will link elderly people with young people for support and friendship.

Cardinale also plans to enter the Master's of Social Welfare program at the University.

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Pomona Native Receives Award

Larry Bortstein, a native of Pomona, received an Achievement Award from the Disabled Student Award Program at the University at Albany. The award was presented at the Disabled Student Services Awards Luncheon on April 3, which was the opening event of Abilities Awareness Month at the University. The award is given to disabled students who have made outstanding contributions to the University and the community.

Bortstein, who is legally blind, is a senior political science major at the University. His long list of activities includes being co-chair for the Disabled Student Services Scholarship Fund-raising Committee and a peer counselor for other visually impaired young people. Also, he has been a member of Sigma Nu fraternity for four years and plays intramural football and basketball.

In addition to his participation in organizations on campus, Bortstein is also a member of the Gold Key National Honor Society and has been on the Dean's List for his entire college career.

At the luncheon, it was also announced that Bortstein won the Stephen W. Hawking Prize, which recognizes outstanding achievement by a student with an impairment and carries a cash award of \$500. The prize will be presented at the Honors Convocation in May.

Bortstein has been accepted at both the Brooklyn and Fordham University Law Schools.

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Binghamton Native Receives Award

Tana Rozelle, a native of Binghamton, received an Achievement Award from the Disabled Student Award Program at the University at Albany. The award was presented at the Disabled Student Services Awards Luncheon on April 3, which was the opening event of Abilities Awareness Month at the University. The award is given to disabled students who have made outstanding contributions to the University and the community.

Rozelle, who transferred from Broome Community College, is a senior psychology major with a 3.4 grade point average out of a possible 4.0. Being dyslexic and recovering from alcohol and drug addiction has not stopped her from actively participating in many programs and organizations. A survivor of child abuse and neglect, Rozelle is a volunteer at the New York State Federation for Child Abuse and Neglect, and treasurer of University Action for the Disabled, a student activist group.

In addition to her activities, Rozelle also received the Educational Opportunity Program Dean's List Award and is a member of the Gold Key National Honor Society. One of her long term goals is to obtain her Ph.D. in counseling.

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Dix Hills Native Receives Award

Jeffrey Weissman, a native of Dix Hills, received an Achievement Award from the Disabled Student Award Program at the University at Albany. The award was presented at the Disabled Student Services Awards Luncheon on April 3, which was the opening event of Abilities Awareness Month at the University. The award is given to disabled students who have made outstanding contributions to the University and the community.

Weissman, a senior English major/political science minor at the University, has a grade point average of 3.7 out of a possible 4.0. Having dyslexia has not stopped him from being involved in many organizations and programs. He has been a member of Sigma Nu fraternity for four years, and co-chair of the fund raising committee for the Disabled Student Services Scholarship Fund.

In addition to his activities, Weissman is a member of the Signum Laudis Honor Society, an honor which only three percent of students receive. After achieving a high grade on the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT), on which he scored a 47 out of a possible 48, Weissman was asked to teach a Kaplan LSAT course this summer.

Weissman plans to go on to law school after graduation but has not decided which school he would like to attend.

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Parent/Child Pairings Needed for Research Project at CSAD

Lisa Scharff, a Ph.D. candidate at the Center for Stress and Anxiety Disorders Clinic (CSAD) at the University at Albany, State University of New York is conducting studies into stress-related stomach pain and would like to recruit 12 to 16 parent/child pairings to participate in a research project.

The child must be diagnosed by a physician as having abdominal pains that have no known organic basis in order to be considered for selection in the research project. Free treatment will be given in exchange for participation.

The hours of research can be designed to fit the participants' schedules to a large degree. Some sessions will be with parent in attendance only, some with child in attendance only and some with both child and parent in attendance.

Please call Lisa Scharff at the Center for Stress and Anxiety Disorders at (518) 456-4143 with inquiries.

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State Social Services Commissioner to Keynote Rockefeller College Commencement Ceremonies

Cesar A. Perales, commissioner of the New York State Department of Social Services, will deliver the seventh annual John E. Burton Lecture on Friday, May 24, to lead off a weekend of commencement-related activities at the University at Albany's Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy.

Perales, the recipient of the John E. Burton Lecture Award and Distinguished Public Service Award from the Professional Development Program at Rockefeller College, will discuss "Government Changing Attitudes - True Welfare Reform." The lecture will begin at 4 p.m. in the Arthur Levitt Executive Seminar Room, Draper 313, on the Rockefeller College Campus at 135 Western Avenue in Albany.

The Burton Lecture will be followed by the Distinguished Public Service Awards ceremony for outstanding contributions to New York State Public Service. Award recipients will include Karen Burstein, judge of the Kings County Family Court; John Herritage, deputy commissioner for the Bureau of Municipal Police; Barbara J. Morrison, associate commissioner in the New York State Office of Mental Health; and Assemblyman Edward C. Sullivan, D-Manhattan, and chair of the Assembly Committee on Higher Education.

The awards ceremony will be followed by Rockefeller College Graduate School Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 25, at 11 a.m. at the following locations:

School of Criminal Justice: Draper 313, Rockefeller College.

Graduate School of Public Affairs: Rockefeller Institute of Government, 411 State Street.

School of Social Welfare: Page Hall, Rockefeller College.

School of Information Science and Policy: Unitarian Church, 405 Washington Avenue.

A college-wide reception will follow at noon in the Page Hall courtyard.

The University at Albany will hold its University commencement ceremony at 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 26, in the Knickerbocker Arena in downtown Albany. There will be a reception for Rockefeller College students in the Page Hall courtyard following the ceremony. All of the events scheduled for commencement weekend are open to the public.

The Burton Lecture was established in 1985 in honor of John E. Burton, who served as director of the state Division of the Budget from 1943 to 1950 under Governor Thomas E. Dewey. In addition to modernizing the state budget process, he was a key member of the special committee which recommended the creation of the State University system. Burton also initiated an internship program in the 1940s which evolved into what today is the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy.

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University at Albany Showcases Undergraduate Research in Math and Science

Two juniors and six seniors at the University at Albany will discuss their research on Thursday, April 25, at the Eleventh Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium sponsored by the College of Science and Mathematics.

The press is invited to attend this "poster" session, during which students will discuss their work one-on-one with interested visitors from noon to 2 p.m. The session will take place in the first floor corridor of the Chemistry Building on the uptown campus, 1400 Washington Ave.

The projects are in physics, chemistry, public health, biology and mathematics.

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Knickerbocker Regatta April 27 to Draw Top Rowing Teams

Crews from more than two dozen schools are expected to compete on the Hudson River at Albany on Saturday, April 27, in the third annual Knickerbocker Regatta, the premier intercollegiate rowing competition for small college and university rowing programs in New York State.

Many of the races in the Regatta, which is hosted by the University at Albany, serve as qualifying events for Philadelphia's Vail Regatta, the largest intercollegiate rowing event in the world. Sponsoring the event are the University at Albany Foundation and Community Health Plan, a not-for-profit health maintenance organization based in Latham.

Among the crews expected to return this year are defending champion Ithaca College, which won the All Points Trophy in 1990, as well as the women's varsity eights competition. Other defending teams include Rochester University (women's lightweight fours and men's varsity eights), Vassar College (women's varsity fours and men's varsity fours) and SUNY-Maritime (men's lightweight fours).

Also expected to compete will be Canisius College, Colgate University, Dowling College, Fordham University, Hamilton College, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Hofstra University, Iona College, Manhattan College, Marist College, New York University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Saint John's University, Sarah Lawrence College, Skidmore College, the SUNY campuses at Binghamton, Buffalo and Oswego, Union College, the United States Merchant Marine Academy, and the U.S. Military Academy.

The Regatta, which will be staged off Albany's Corning Preserve on the Hudson, will begin at 8 a.m., with events running all day. The awards ceremony will be at 5 p.m. All events are free and open to the public. Ample free parking will be available.

"The Regatta revives a great Hudson River tradition dating back to the 19th century, when the greatest oarsmen in the country competed on the Hudson River," said Robert A. Fortune, chairman of the Foundation's Council for Intercollegiate Sports and president of Sweet Associates. "All of this activity had a wonderful rippling effect along the shores of the Hudson, with picnics and community gatherings." Fortune said that, similarly, one of the goals of the Foundation's 130 members is to enhance the quality of life of the Capital Region. The Foundation's Council for Intercollegiate Sports works to build the University's rowing program and promote the Hudson River as a recreational resource.

Community Health Plan (CHP), which has served the Capital Region since its founding in 1977, today cares for 200,000 people at 24 CHP health centers and dozens of affiliated physicians' offices throughout upstate New York, western Massachusetts and Vermont. Locally, CHP has facilities in Canaan, Clifton Park, Copake, Delmar, Glens Falls, Gloversville, Hoosick Falls, Hudson, Latham, Saratoga Springs, Schenectady, Rotterdam and Troy, N.Y., as well as Bennington, Vt., and North Adams, Pittsfield, Lee and Great Barrington, Mass.

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Second University at Albany Professor Gets Fulbright Honor

Lucig Danielian, an assistant professor of communication at the University at Albany, State University of New York, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to lecture in public opinion polling methods in the Soviet Union in the 1991-92 academic year. She is the second University faculty member to receive a Fulbright this year and one of only 37 American professors selected for a Fulbright lectureship in the U.S.S.R. for the coming year.

Danielian, whose research focuses on political communication, more specifically, on how special interest groups use mass media to affect public opinion, will be lecturing to undergraduates and graduates at Yerevan State University, in the capital of the Republic of Armenia, U.S.S.R. She has also been awarded a \$27,000 postdoctoral fellowship from the Joint Committee on Soviet Studies of the American Council of Learned Societies and the Social Science Research Council for field research on the media and lobbying practices of the democratic movements in the Armenian republic. She is one of only eight faculty members nationally to receive the postdoctoral fellowship.

"The field research is an extension of the research I am doing here, but in an international arena," Danielian said. "I will be making participant observations on the new democratically elected governments' lobbying with the West, observing the strategies and tactics new governments of the Soviet Union use in order to gain access to Western government leaders and Western opinion elites. These governments need assistance and technology from the West. Learning to lobby the West and use Western media is going to be essential for them," she added.

Danielian, an Armenian American, holds a doctorate from the University of Texas, Austin, and has been at Albany since fall 1988. She is currently co-authoring a book on the Armenian national movement and other democratic movements in Armenia in the last three years.

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ALBANY POET WINS NATIONAL PRIZE

The Poetry Society of America has awarded Judith Johnson, Associate Professor of English at the University at Albany, its Di Castagnola Prize for Poetry in recognition of the best book-length manuscript of poetry in America for 1991.

Johnson's "Cities of Mathematics and Desire," a 90-page, unpublished manuscript was selected as the sole prize winner among more than 80 entrants. The works are judged anonymously, this year by Robert Creeley, the New York State Poet and Professor of English at the State University at Buffalo.

The Di Castagnola Prize for Poetry includes a \$2,000 stipend and was awarded to Johnson in ceremonies in New York City on April 26. Johnson has six previous volumes of poetry published by Norton and Countryman Press and a volume of short fiction by Atheneum.

A resident of Albany, Johnson won a Playboy Prize for fiction and was for two terms President of the Poetry Society of America in the 1970's.

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Fountain Day at University Marks Arrival of Spring

Spring officially arrives at the University at Albany on Wednesday, May 1, at noon when the campus's main fountain at 1400 Washington Ave. is turned on for the first time this year.

This annual rite attracts thousands of students, faculty, staff and alumni and should provide the same excellent photo opportunities it has in the past. The weather is expected to be sunny and clear with a high in the mid-70's. President H. Patrick Swygert will be on hand to throw out the ceremonial first frisbee.

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STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT ALBANY TO AWARD
HONORARY DEGREE TO VENEZUELAN CONSERVATIONIST TOMAS BLOHM

The State University of New York at Albany will award Tomas Blohm, Venezuelan conservationist and philanthropist, its highest recognition, the honorary degree Doctor of Humane Letters, at its 147th commencement on Sunday, May 26.

Described as "the major voice speaking for conservation and environmental preservation in Venezuela," Sr. Blohm has provided major resources and facilities for the education and research in tropical biology of scholars from all over the world.

In the early 1970's he established Hato Masaguaral, an 11,000 hectare private preserve near Calabozo in Guarico State, dedicated to the preservation, study and captive breeding of endangered species. Last year he provided housing and research facilities free of charge for more than 90 scientific investigators, students and senior scientists. Five graduate students from the University at Albany have used his preserve as a field site for their research.

He has been a founding member of several important conservation groups in Venezuela and has advised that nation's president on efforts that led to the establishment of Venezuela's national parks and reserves.

The Smithsonian Institution awarded Sr. Blohm its Centennial Medal for his efforts in conservation. Sr. Blohm earned his bachelor of science degree in animal husbandry from Cornell University in 1952.

Five other persons will receive honorary degrees at the May 26 ceremonies. They are Turgut Ozal, President of Turkey; Robert M. Solow, Nobel Prize-winning economist from MIT, Joanne Simpson, Chief Scientist for Meteorology for NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center; Houston Baker, Albert M. Greenfield Professor English at the University

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