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UNIVERSITY GEOLOGIST TO DISCUSS
NEWEST THEORY ABOUT ORIGIN OF THE EARTH'S MOON

University at Albany geologist John Delano will discuss the newest scientific theory about the origin of the earth's moon on Tuesday, July 21 at 8:30 p.m. at the Whiteface Mountain Field Station of the University's Atmospheric Sciences Research Center in Wilmington.

Delano's talk is the third in this summer's series of seven science lectures at Whiteface. The Tuesday evening lectures are free and open to the public. Whiteface Mountain Field Station is located about midway up the almost 5,000-foot-high peak, just off Memorial Highway in Wilmington.

The latest scientific findings indicate that the moon was blasted off the earth by a gigantic collision about 4.5 billion years ago, says Delano. Not only does this theory explain details about the moon itself, but it also explains such seemingly unrelated facts as the tilt of the earth's axis and the source of gold used in jewelry, he adds.

Delano, an assistant professor of geochemistry at the University at Albany, is one of a handful of scientists conducting research on moon rock samples collected by astronauts on the Apollo Space Mission. July 20 is the eighteenth anniversary of the first manned landing on the moon.

This lecture series is sponsored by the Atmospheric Sciences Research Center and organized by well-known meteorologist Ray Falconer. Donations to help sustain the series may be made to the University at Albany Fund and earmarked for the Falconer Fund.

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CONSULTANT ON FORESTRY PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT
TO SHARE LAKE COUNTRY ALBUM

Scenery depicting life in the Adirondacks, including photographs of flowers, wildlife and fish, will be featured in a free slideshow at the Whiteface Mountain Field Station, Tuesday evening, July 28. Following a short discussion of the latest weather beginning at 8:30 pm, Dave Johnson of Rainbow Lake, N.Y. will present his *Lake Country Album: A Duel-Projection, Multimedia Journal of Family Living in the Adirondack Lake Country*.

Johnson, who has previously worked for the state Department of Environmental Conservation, and as an assistant professor of environmental science at the State University College at Plattsburgh, is currently a full-time forester living in the Adirondacks. He and his family run a consulting firm which specializes in forestry planning and timber stand improvement.

This presentation will be the fourth in a series of seven free science lectures sponsored this July and August by the Atmospheric Sciences Research Center of the University at Albany, State University of New York. Donations to help sustain the lecture series, which is now in its 26th season, may be made to the University at Albany Fund: Attention Falconer Fund.

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THE IMPACT OF "EL NINO" ON ONE OF WORLD'S GREAT FISHERIES
IS FOCUS OF LECTURE AT WHITEFACE MOUNTAIN FIELD STATION

Union College biologist Carl George will discuss the impact of "El Nino" on the great fisheries off the west coast of South America on Tuesday, Aug. 4 at 8:30 p.m. at the Whiteface Mountain Field Station of the University at Albany's Atmospheric Sciences Research Center in Wilmington.

George's talk is the fifth in this summer's series of seven science lectures at Whiteface. The Tuesday evening lectures are free and open to the public. Whiteface Mountain Field Station is located about midway up the almost 5,000-foot-high peak, just off Memorial Highway in Wilmington.

"El Nino," named after the Christ Child, is a disturbance of atmospheric and oceanic circulation, manifest during the month of December, along the west coast of South America, says George. The Easterly trade winds slacken and equatorial waters no longer forced westward return to the east to raise the temperature of the coastal waters and to severely influence its aquatic life, he explains. "El Nino" of the winter of 1982-83, one of the most severe on record, is the specific focus of George's lecture.

George teaches ecology, marine biology, agricultural ecology and behavioral ecology at Union. His recent research has focused on the impact of regional development on aquatic ecosystems.

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MITCHEL LIVINGSTON IS UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY'S
NEW VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS

Dr. Mitchel D. Livingston, Dean of Student Life at Ohio State University for the past seven years, has been named the new Vice President for Student Affairs at the University at Albany, State University of New York, by President Vincent O'Leary.

"We are delighted that Dr. Livingston will be joining our campus. He brings an outstanding record of service in large public universities to this vital campus position," said O'Leary. "He has been both an active faculty member in the field of education and a strong, articulate advocate for students. That combination will serve the University at Albany well."

In his new post, Dr. Livingston will be responsible for the Division of Student Affairs, which includes all major student services and a number of academic support activities: admissions; financial aid; records and registration; residential life and housing; disabled, international and minority student services; health and counseling services; judicial services; and campus life. He succeeds Frank G. Pogue, who was recently named Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs at SUNY Central Administration.

As Dean of Student Life at the 52,000-student Ohio State campus, Dr. Livingston was the second-ranking Student Affairs officer on campus. He was responsible for a wide range of student services, and directed Student Life research, a student leadership training and development program and several campus-wide events. He was

also an active researcher and member of the faculty in the Department of Educational Administration and Policy Studies, with a specialization in human development.

"Mitch's concern for the interest of our students and his leadership in student life have been of considerable importance to this university," said Edward H. Jennings, President of Ohio State. "While we will certainly miss him, I am very pleased that he has this opportunity. This loss to Ohio State will be a gain not only for Mitch but also for the University at Albany, which will have the benefit of Mitch's experience in student affairs administration."

Prior to his post at OSU, Dr. Livingston was director of Residence Services at the University of Iowa from 1975-80, assistant director and then director of residence halls at Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan, from 1971-1975, and administrative assistant to the President of Southern Illinois University from 1970-1971.

Dr. Livingston earned a Ph.D. in higher education and college student personnel from Michigan State University, and master of science and bachelor of science degrees from Southern Illinois University.

Dr. Livingston and his wife, Carol, and twin sons, Jeremy and Joshua, will be relocating to the Albany area.

Editor's note: Dr. Livingston's first name is correctly spelled Mitchel.

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MUSEUM DIRECTOR TO TALK ABOUT ADIRONDACK SESQUICENTENNIAL
AT NEXT LECTURE IN SUMMER SERIES

William Verner, director of the Schenectady Museum and Planetarium, will be the featured speaker for the next summer science lecture at Whiteface Mountain. Scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, the presentation is sponsored by the Atmospheric Sciences Research Center of the University at Albany, State University of New York.

An expert on the the Adirondacks, Verner will talk about the first ascent of Mt. Marcy 150 years ago. According to Verner, after that first climb up Mt. Marcy on August 5, 1836, descriptions about the Adirondack mountain range began to appear in print for the first time. His talk will review the research, art and general history of the region.

The lecture will follow a brief discussion of the day's weather, which will begin promptly at 8:30 pm. The presentation is free, and the public is encouraged to attend. To get to the Whiteface Mountain Field Station, participants should take the Memorial Highway, in Wilmington, N.Y., about half way up the 4,867-foot Whiteface Mountain and look for the ASRC facility on the left.

This will be the sixth in a series of seven science lectures organized and officiated by well-known area meteorologist Ray Falconer. Donations to help sustain the series, now in its 26th year, may be made to the University at Albany Fund: Attention Falconer Fund.

Ilchman Named Acting Academic Chief for University at Albany

Warren Ilchman, provost of the Nelson A. Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy at the University at Albany and director of SUNY's Rockefeller Institute of Government, has been named the University's Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Ilchman, who has held the top position at the largest public affairs graduate school in New York State since January of 1983, replaces Judith Ramaley, now chief executive officer of the University of Kansas campus at Lawrence.

President Vincent O'Leary, in announcing the appointment, said, "We are glad to have an experienced person of Dr. Ilchman's caliber available to step in at this time, one who is able to move forward on the undergraduate program and the graduate research initiative."

Ilchman will remain director of Rockefeller Institute, O'Leary said, while Stuart Kirk, currently dean of the School of Social Welfare, will become acting provost of the College and Richard L. Edwards, associate dean of the School of Social Welfare, will now be the School's acting dean. Both moves take effect Aug. 1. The president added that a search committee will be accepting nominations through September 22 for the permanent Academic Affairs position.

Ilchman, a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Brown University with a doctorate from the University of Cambridge, England, has built an international reputation through the publishing of 11 books and numerous essays on policy matters.

Professor of political science at Williams College from 1959-64 and at the University of California, Berkeley from 1964-74, Ilchman served two years as dean of the College of Liberal Arts and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Boston University. In 1976 he became program advisor for the International Division of the Ford Foundation, remaining there until 1980 when he joined the University at Albany as Vice President for Research and Education, as well as professor of public affairs.

During his career in public policy, he has worked on projects for the Agency for International Development, the U.S. Departments of State and Education, the United Nations, the World Bank, the Peace Corps and the Smithsonian Institution.

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Albany Awarded for Cutting Costs

The University at Albany has been awarded third place among 286 institutions in the U.S. which submitted their 1986 cost-savings techniques to the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO)/United States Steel Foundation, Inc.

Albany was awarded for its Missing-Asset Management System (MAMS), which has yielded an annual savings of more than \$39,800.

MAMS grew out of the University's Physical-Asset-Reconciliation System (PARS), an automated, bar-coded, laser-reader inventory that tracks assets missing from various departments of the University. MAMS determines whether items are truly missing, or simply relocated temporarily for other departments' uses. It then performs the master filing function.

NACUBO/U.S. Steel's Cost Reduction Incentive Awards, now in its 12th year, was begun in 1976 as a means of recognizing nationally successful cost-reduction ventures at colleges and universities. It carries cash awards to the top 48 institutions chosen, with Albany receiving \$1,000.

One of the criteria for judging was the cost-saving venture's potential use by other campuses. Albany was cited as "the first SUNY campus to use a PARS."

"The award recognizes the Albany campus's constant effort to reduce costs in a multivaried university complex," said John A. Hartigan, vice president for Finance and Business. "It brings additional prestige in noting that Albany's innovation can be implemented at other campuses of the State University."

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ALBANY PROFESSOR RECEIVES NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE AWARD

Dr. David Barlow, psychology professor at the University at Albany and co-director of the University's Center for Stress and Anxiety Disorders, has received a National Institute of Mental Health MERIT (Method to Extend Research in Time) award for his research on agoraphobia. The prestigious award provides up to 10 years of financial support and reflects major recognition by a national panel of peers, including members of the National Advisory Mental Health Council, for scholars who have "demonstrated superior competence and outstanding productivity during their previous research endeavors."

Barlow, who has been at Albany for eight years and is world-known as a therapist for anxiety disorders, was given a MERIT award as a result of his successful non-drug treatment of agoraphobia (fear of leaving a safe place, such as a home, or a safe person, such as a spouse). The most severe of all anxiety disorders, agoraphobia afflicts about 10 to 20 million Americans.

Barlow and Dr. Edward Blanchard, another University psychologist, founded the University's Center for Stress and Anxiety Disorders in 1982. The Center, under a \$130,000 grant from the National Institute of Mental Health, treated patients not with tranquilizers--the most frequently prescribed treatment--but with relaxation training, cognitive therapy, or a combination of both. The patients were gradually exposed to feared situations until the fears were eventually overcome.

In 1984 Barlow received another grant from NIMH--this one for \$800,000, making the Center for Stress and Anxiety Disorders the top-funded research unit in the country for the study of anxiety. That year, Barlow's successful drug-free treatment of agoraphobia gained not only

national but world-wide recognition.

The Center for Stress and Anxiety Disorders continues to treat patients in the Capital District for agoraphobia, panic disorder, and other remaining anxiety disorders, including chronic anxiety, social phobia (fear of interaction with other people), and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (which often afflicts combat veterans).

Before coming to Albany, Barlow taught at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, where he directed the Clinical Psychology Internship Program. He was also the director of psychology at Providence's Butler Hospital. From 1977 to 1978 he was chairman of the American Psychological Association. Barlow is a former consultant for the National Science Foundation and for President Jimmy Carter's mental health commission.

For additional information about the Center and its programs, call the Center at (518) 456-4127. Barlow may be reached at that number or at (518) 442-4822.

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FINAL 1987 SCIENCE LECTURE AT WHITEFACE MOUNTAIN
SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 18

Plant ecologist Dr. Nancy Slack will take you on a slide trip to the lush Alaskan temperate rain forests and through Alaska's treeless tundra during her presentation for the popular summertime Science Lecture Series at Whiteface Mountain on August 18. Entitled *Alaskan and Adirondack Forests and Tundra*, Slack's talk will contrast these Alaskan environments with the forests and the alpine tundra of the Adirondack High Peaks, beginning just after a brief discussion of the day's weather that starts at 8:30 pm.

Slack, who holds degrees in plant taxonomy and biology from Cornell University and who holds a Ph.D. in ecology from the University at Albany, is currently a biology professor at Russell Sage College in Troy. She has done several educational and ecological consulting studies on vegetation and wildlife in a variety of habitats.

This lecture will be the last in the 1987 summertime series at Whiteface Mountain, sponsored each year by the University at Albany's Atmospheric Sciences Research Center. Plans for a fall lecture series at the University at Albany are underway; speakers and the dates they will appear will be announced shortly.

Organized for the past 26 years by well-known area meteorologist Ray Falconer, donations to help sustain the series next year should be sent to the University at Albany Fund: Attention Falconer Fund.
