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"Although small forest fragments were not effective biological reserves in themselves, they maintained populations of ant-following birds when a corridor was present and were used as stepping stones in a larger reserve matrix," reported Harper. He says his research indicates that forest fragments of at least 5,000 hectares are required to maintain the "minimum genetically effective population size of ant-following birds."

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MEDICAL DIRECTOR DR. JOHN H. BOWKER RECEIVES ALUMNI AWARD, JUNE 3

Spinal cord injury specialist and medical director at the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Rehabilitation Center Dr. John H. Bowker received the Distinguished Alumni Award from his alma mater, the University at Albany. The award was presented to him at the Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association. Bowker is also a professor in the department of orthopedics and rehabilitation at the University of Miami School of Medicine.

Bowker was honored for his outstanding contribution to humanity through his work in rehabilitative medicine which earned him an international reputation as an orthopaedic surgeon. He is highly recognized for his work with spinal cord injury and diabetic foot problems. He has held numerous visiting professorships and authored several books and scientific articles in his field of expertise. He has had a distinguished professional career as a physician and orthopedic surgeon spanning 26 years.

Bowker graduated from the University at Albany in 1952 with a bachelor of science degree. Currently he resides in Coral Gables, Florida.

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FORMER DIRECTOR DR. JOHN H. BOWKER RECEIVES ALUMNI AWARD, JUNE 3

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Bowker was also a former professor at the University of Arkansas College of Medicine, department of orthopedic surgery. In addition to his work with spinal cord injury, Bowker is noted for his contributions in the field of diabetic foot problems. He has had a distinguished professional career as a physician and orthopedic surgeon spanning 26 years.

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JUDITH MYSLIBORSKI HONORED, JUNE 3

Former resident Judith A. Mysliborski was honored by her alma mater, the University at Albany, at the Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association. She was presented with the Excellence in Alumni Service Award.

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Mysliborski (class of 1969) is a prominent Albany dermatologist. In addition to her private practice, she holds positions as: clinical assistant professor in the Division of Dermatology, Albany Medical College; assistant attending dermatologist, Albany Medical Center Hospital, and assistant attending physician in the Department of Dermatology at St. Peter's Hospital. She is also consultant to the Departments of Dermatology at Child's Hospital in Albany and St. Clare's Hospital in Schenectady.

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In 1969, Mysliborski received her B.S. degree from the University at Albany.

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SUSAN CARMICHAEL THOMSON HONORED, JUNE 3

Former Scotia resident and business editor of the Pulitzer Prize winning newspaper, the St. Louis Post Dispatch, Susan Carmichael Thomson was honored at the University at Albany Alumni Association's Annual Meeting. She was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award for her achievements in her profession and her involvement in community affairs.

Since joining the St. Louis Post Dispatch, 16 years ago, she rose through the ranks, first as reporter, then editor, and in 1982, business editor. Under her direction the business section became respected reading in the St. Louis area. In 1988 she launched Business Plus, a weekly business publication. She is also vice president of the Society of American Business Editors and Writers.

Thomson graduated with honors from the English department at the University at Albany in 1959.

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NEWSPAPERWOMAN SUSAN THOMSON HONORED, JUNE 3

Former Times Record employee Susan Carmichael Thomson was presented with the University at Albany Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni Award. She was honored for leadership in her profession and the community.

Thomson is business editor for the Pulitzer Prize winning St. Louis Post Dispatch. Since joining the newspaper 16 years ago, she has risen through the ranks, holding jobs as reporter and editor before becoming business editor in 1982. In 1988, Thomson launched Business Plus, a weekly business publication. Thomson is vice president of the Society of American Business Editors and Writers.

Thomson received her B.A. in English with honors from the University at Albany in 1959.

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ENTREPRENEUR ARBIT RECEIVES
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Manhattan resident and entrepreneur Bernard D. Arbit, president of Arbit Trading Corporation of Elizabeth, was presented with the Distinguished Alumni Award by his alma mater, the University at Albany. Arbit was honored by the Alumni Association for his many accomplishments in business and for his unselfish service to the University.

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**BETHLEHEM HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER
THOMAS WATTHEWS HONORED, JUNE 3**

Bethlehem Central High School biology teacher Thomas Watthews received the Excellence in Teaching Award presented to him by the University at Albany Alumni Association at their Annual Meeting.

Watthews was honored for his expertise in the field of biology and for his ability to motivate and inspire his students. He has worked with the New York State Education Department in developing the general syllabus and final examination for biology. In 1984 he received the High School Science Teacher Award from Sigma XI, a scientific society at the University at Albany. Watthews is credited for his work in revising the biology laboratory manual for the Bethlehem Central School District.

His scientific expertise has taken him to Africa, where he was involved in a program sponsored by the World Health Organization to help eradicate diseases associated with the black fly.

Watthews is an 1958 graduate from the University at Albany.

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CORNELL'S ISABEL PEARD HONORED BY ALBANY

Cornell University Professor Emeritus of Education Isabel Peard was honored by her alma mater, the University at Albany at the Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association. She was presented with the Excellence in Teaching Award.

Peard (class of 1932) was recognized for her leadership and service to others.

During her college years she was president of the Student Association at the New York State College for Teachers, now the University at Albany. She began her career as a teacher of English in Millbrook, New York. During World War II she served as program director of U.S.O. clubs in Brazil and Alaska. Peard started at Cornell as an administrative assistant to the Dean of Women at Cornell in 1946. She rose to the title of full professor before retiring in 1971.

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FARMINGDALE ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR JANE ANNIS
RECEIVES HONOR, JUNE 3

Farmingdale College of Technology associate professor and department chairperson Jane G. Annis was honored by her alma mater, the University at Albany. She was presented with the Excellence in Teaching award at the Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association.

Annis was honored as an outstanding business teacher at the high school and college levels. Her students are sought after by industry for their skills and high standard of work performance.

Annis is also founder of Today's Secretary and publisher of Business Education Weekly magazines.

Annis received a B.S. from the University at Albany in 1960.

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WAPPINGERS SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR DENNIS HANNAN

HONORED BY SUNY ALBANY, JUNE 3

Wappingers school administrator Dennis J. Hannan was presented with the Bertha E. Brimmer Medal by his alma mater, the University at Albany at the Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association.

Hannan was honored for his contributions to the teaching profession for over 44 years. He is currently the district department head in English for the Wappingers Central School District, Wappingers Falls, New York.

He also received the Excellence in Administration Award in 1986 from the Mid-Hudson School Study Council. Hannan is a fellow in the New York State English Council.

Hannan was awarded a B.A. degree from the University at Albany in 1941.
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MARILYN A. PENDERGAST RECEIVES ALUMNI AWARD

Former Waterford resident Marilyn A. Pendergast, C.P.A. and shareholder with the Albany accounting firm of Urbach Kahn & Werlin was presented with the University at Albany Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni Award.

Pendergast (class of 1964) was honored for her achievement in business and her continued commitment to the community.

She has recently been appointed as the first woman to chair the Executive Ethics Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. She was selected as an Accounting Alumni of the Year in 1988, and in 1987 was named Outstanding New York State Business Woman.

Pendergast has served on the University Fund Board and on the board of the Benevolent Association. She has also served as president of the board of Cohoes Music Hall, treasurer of the board of Albany Academy for Girls, and on numerous other boards and committees throughout the region.

Marilyn Pendergast is the daughter of Raymond and Frances Anderson, who reside in Waterford.

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**THREE FROM CAPITAL DISTRICT
CHOSEN FOR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS, JUNE 3**

Nine alumni of the University at Albany were honored at the Annual Meeting of the University's Alumni Association on June 3 at the Albany Campus Center.

Those honored included three from the Capital District. The Excellence in Alumni Service was presented to Dr. Judith A. Mysliborski (class of '69) of Voorheesville, a practicing dermatologist and assistant professor at Albany Medical College. The Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to Marilyn Anderson Pendergast (class of '64) of Loudonville, a shareholder at Urbach, Kahn and Werlin. The Excellence in Teaching Award was presented to Thomas Hastings Watthews (class of '58) of Voorheesville, a biology teacher at Bethlehem Central High School.

Others receiving awards as Distinguished Alumni were: Bernard D. Arbit (class of '43) of New York City, president of Arbit Trading; Dr. John Hall Bowker (class of '52) of Coral Gables, Florida, professor of orthopedics and rehabilitation at the University of Miami School of Medicine and medical director at University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Rehabilitation Center; and Susan Carmichael Thomson, (class of '59) business editor of the St Louis Post Dispatch.

Excellence in Teaching Awards were given to: Jane Graham Annis, (class of '60) associate professor, SUNY College of Technology at Farmingdale; and Isabel J. Peard, (class of '32) a retired professor of education at Cornell University.

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The Bertha Brimmer Medal, given for outstanding teaching at the secondary school level in New York State, was presented to Dennis J. Hannan, (class of '41) district department head for English, Wappingers Central School District in Wappingers Falls, New York.

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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ANNOUNCES 1989 EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Eighteen employees of the University at Albany have been named recipients of the 1989 Awards for Excellence by University President Vincent O'Leary. These awards recognize the recipient's high standard of professionalism in six different categories.

Excellence in Academic Service Awards are given in recognition of extraordinary faculty leadership and service to the University over an extended period of time. This year's winners are: Vincent J. Aceto of Albany, associate dean for the School of Information Science and Policy; Helen Desfosses also of Albany, director of the Public Policy Program of Rockefeller College and associate professor of African and Afro-American Studies; and Paul D. Marr of Glenmont, director of the Urban and Regional Planning Program and associate professor of Geography and Planning.

This year's winners of the Excellence in Librarianship Awards are: Judith A. Hudson, of Delmar, head of the cataloging department and Marjorie A. Benedict, of Loudonville, associate librarian.

Excellence in Professional Service Awards are given in recognition of extraordinary professional achievement. This year's winners are: Georgiana M. Cietek of Schenectady, project manager in Administrative Systems Development; John A. Martone of Wynantskill, assistant vice president for Residential Life and Gregory I. Stevens of Blinglands, assistant dean for the College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

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Excellence in Research Awards recognizes faculty who demonstrate outstanding research and scholarship over a period of years. This year's winners are: Alicia de Colombi-Monguio of Clifton Park, professor of Hispanic Studies; John Kekes of Albany, professor of public policy for Rockefeller College; Nan Lin of Albany, sociology professor and Charles Scholes of Delmar, professor of physics.

Excellence in Support Services Awards are given in recognition of those who have shown superior performance in a classified or non-exempt position. This year's winners are: Catherine M. Cackowski of Ballston Lake, secretary for the undergraduate program office of Rockefeller College; Michelle A. Christie of Rensselaer, member of the records and registration staff and Diane G. Potts of Altamont, senior data entry machine operator in the purchasing department.

This year's winners for the Excellence in Teaching and Advising Awards are: Phillip J. Cooper of Delmar, associate professor of political science; Peter A. Bloniarz of Albany, associate professor of computer science and Marvin D. Krohn of Richmondville, associate professor of sociology.

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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY AWARDED RESEARCH GRANT

The University at Albany Department of Accounting has received a research grant of \$4,600 from the nation's ninth largest accounting firm to allow faculty members time for research during the summer months.

Leventhal Horwath, in bestowing the grant, has indicated an interest in continuing it for the next three years, according to Enrico Petri, chair of the University's Department of Accounting.

Petri said that Blue Cross of Northeastern New York Inc. has also agreed to continue its grant of \$5,000 for accounting research seminars held every week at the University. These seminars bring together top faculty and industry leaders.

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ATHLETIC COMMISSION NAMED

A special Commission on University Athletics has been appointed by President Vincent O'Leary of the University at Albany. The Commission, consisting of ten faculty members, five students, four administrators and two alumni will consider whether the University should advance the level at which it competes in intercollegiate athletics.

The University athletic program has been conducted within Division III of the National Collegiate Athletic Association for many years. Division III rules do not permit grants in aid for athletes, while Division II and Division I do.

The SUNY Board of Trustees revised its policies on athletic grants in 1986 which now allow SUNY campuses to request approval to participate at Division II and I. The University at Buffalo has secured SUNY authorization to move to Division I and currently competes at Division II.

President O'Leary asked the Commission on University Athletics to weigh carefully the benefits and costs of an upgraded athletic program, especially in terms of its impact on the educational program. "This campus is well positioned to consider a more prominent athletic program as part of its total development as a major university," said O'Leary. "With the construction of our new field house and the Knickerbocker Arena in Albany, facilities will be available for major athletic events, particularly men's and women's basketball. The academic quality of the institution has become clearly established and we need to determine if an enhanced athletic program could further help identify this campus with that select circle of national universities which almost uniformly have Division I athletics."

"However," O'Leary added, "the University is not prepared to sacrifice any part of its present resource base to build an athletic program. In athletics as in academics, our approach must be selective. Private financial support -- from alumni and the community -- must also be a key ingredient of any upgraded athletic program at this University."

The Commission on University Athletics will carry out its work during the Fall semester and is expected to report its findings and recommendations by December. The process of reclassifying an athletic program from Division III to Division I requires at least four years, including three years of competition at Division II.

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Summer Public Science Lecture Series Returns to Whiteface Mountain

The global greenhouse effect, earthquakes in the East and mining in New York state are among the topics scheduled for the summer Public Science Lecture Series when it returns to the University at Albany's Whiteface Mountain Field Station in July.

In its 28th season, the series will open Tuesday evening, July 11, with a presentation by Bruce W. Piasecki, associate director of the Hazardous Waste and Toxic Substances Research and Management Center and a professor in the Center for Liberal Studies at Clarkson University in Potsdam, N.Y. Dr. Piasecki will discuss how energy policies can help counteract the greenhouse effect.

Seven lectures are planned for the series which will be held on consecutive Tuesdays through August 22. All presentations will begin at 8 p.m. at the field station located on Memorial Highway in Wilmington, N.Y. The talks are free and open to the public.

The popular series is sponsored by the university's Atmospheric Sciences Research Center and organized by well-known area meteorologist Ray Falconer. It features leading scientists and authorities--experts in their field--interpreting some of the many facets of modern science and of Whiteface Mountain. A report on the latest weather, using color projections, begins each lecture.

Here is the complete schedule:

--July 11: **Beyond Blame--Securing Alternatives to Fossil Fuel to Help Counteract the Global Greenhouse Effect**, by Bruce Piasecki, professor, Center for Liberal Studies, Clarkson University.

--July 18: **A Tribute to the Wilderness**, by Carl Heilman of Brant Lake,

N.Y. A professional maker of hand-split snowshoes and an accomplished photographer, Mr. Heilman will present a computerized, dual-projection, sound-synchronized visual tour of the Adirondacks using spectacular color slides.

--July 25: **An Update on the Life of the Loon from Alaska to the Adirondacks**, by Judith MacIntyre, well-known author and lecturer and professor of biology at Utica College, Utica, N.Y. Dr. MacIntyre, author of an article on loons that appeared in the March 1989 issue of Smithsonian magazine, will include slides from a just completed trip to Alaska in her presentation.

--August 1: **Earthquakes in the Eastern United States and New York State**, by Michael O'Rourke, associate professor of civil engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. With some experts forecasting a catastrophic earthquake for the East in the early 21st century, Dr. O'Rourke will look at the prediction for the next 50 to 500 years while examining the causes, consequences and how one might minimize the damage of earthquakes.

--August 8: ~~Exploring Glacier Bay Alaska by Kayak~~, by Rick Strimbeck, project manager, Branch Project, Whiteface Mountain Field Station. A kayak voyage up the 40-mile long bay is a trip back in time--10- to 10,000-year-old landscapes, creatures of the intertidal, whales, wolves, bears, an enchanted valley and an abandoned gold mine.

--August 15: **Mines and Mineral Resources of New York State**, by Donald Potter, professor of geology, emeritus, Hamilton College, Clinton, N.Y. An investigation of the history of mining and ore deposits in New York state, including some of the operating mines.

--August 22: **The Adirondack Wildlife Program Including the Canada Lynx Restoration Project**, by Rainer Brocke, co-director, The Adirondack Wildlife Program and professor at State University College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Syracuse, N.Y. An illustrated lecture on efforts to restore the lynx to the Adirondack High Peaks Region.

Donations to sustain the Public Science Lecture Series may be made to the University Fund at Albany, "Attention: Ray Falconer Fund." Such gifts are tax deductible.

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Lightning and Electrical Discharges Will Be Focus Of Conference

Scientists from Canada, Sweden and the United States will gather in Lake Placid for three days starting Wednesday, June 21 for the 17th Annual Conference on Electrostatics. Electrostatics is the study of charges that accumulate on conducting and nonconducting surfaces, and among the phenomena included in that study are sparks, lightning, xerography, and electrostatic spraying of paints and pesticides.

The conference will include presentations on thunderstorm electricity, the triggering of lightning by aerospace vehicles, the use of electrostatic precipitators in modern air pollution control, and the contribution of electrostatics to the finishing industry.

The conference will be held at the Lake Placid Hilton and the Whiteface Mountain Facility of the Atmospheric Sciences Research Center (ASRC) at the University at Albany. The conference is sponsored by the ASRC and the Electrostatics Society of America.

For additional information, please contact Ernesto Barreto, conference chairman and ASRC researcher, at (518) 442-3814 or, starting June 20, at (518) 523-4411.

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"Although small forest fragments were not effective biological reserves in themselves, they maintained populations of ant-following birds when a corridor was present and were used as stepping stones in a larger reserve matrix," reported Harper. He says his research indicates that forest fragments of at least 5,000 hectares are required to maintain the "minimum genetically effective population size of ant-following birds."

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MEDICAL DIRECTOR DR. JOHN H. BOWKER RECEIVES ALUMNI AWARD, JUNE 3

Spinal cord injury specialist and medical director at the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Rehabilitation Center Dr. John H. Bowker received the Distinguished Alumni Award from his alma mater, the University at Albany. The award was presented to him at the Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association. Bowker is also a professor in the department of orthopedics and rehabilitation at the University of Miami School of Medicine.

Bowker was honored for his outstanding contribution to humanity through his work in rehabilitative medicine which earned him an international reputation as an orthopaedic surgeon. He is highly recognized for his work with spinal cord injury and diabetic foot problems. He has held numerous visiting professorships and authored several books and scientific articles in his field of expertise. He has had a distinguished professional career as a physician and orthopedic surgeon spanning 26 years.

Bowker graduated from the University at Albany in 1952 with a bachelor of science degree. Currently he resides in Coral Gables, Florida.

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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ANNOUNCES 1989 EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Eighteen employees of the University at Albany have been named recipients of the 1989 Awards for Excellence by University President Vincent O'Leary. These awards recognize the recipient's high standard of professionalism in six different categories.

Excellence in Academic Service Awards are given in recognition of extraordinary faculty leadership and service to the University over an extended period of time. This year's winners are: Vincent J. Aceto of Albany, associate dean for the School of Information Science and Policy; Helen Desfosses also of Albany, director of the Public Policy Program of Rockefeller College and associate professor of African and Afro-American Studies; and Paul D. Marr of Glenmont, director of the Urban and Regional Planning Program and associate professor of Geography and Planning.

This year's winners of the Excellence in Librarianship Awards are: Judith A. Hudson, of Delmar, head of the cataloging department and Marjorie A. Benedict, of Loudonville, associate librarian.

Excellence in Professional Service Awards are given in recognition of extraordinary professional achievement. This year's winners are: Georgiana M. Cietek of Schenectady, project manager in Administrative Systems Development; John A. Martone of Wynantskill, assistant vice president for Residential Life and Gregory I. Stevens of Slingerlands, assistant dean for the College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

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Excellence in Research Awards recognizes faculty who demonstrate outstanding research and scholarship over a period of years. This year's winners are: Alicia de Colombi-Monguio of Clifton Park, professor of Hispanic Studies; John Kekes of Albany, professor of public policy for Rockefeller College; Nan Lin of Albany, sociology professor and Charles Scholes of Delmar, professor of physics.

Excellence in Support Services Awards are given in recognition of those who have shown superior performance in a classified or non-exempt position. This year's winners are: Catherine M. Cackowski of Ballston Lake, secretary for the undergraduate program office of Rockefeller College; Michelle A. Christie of Rensselaer, member of the records and registration staff and Diane G. Potts of Altamont, senior data entry machine operator in the purchasing department.

This year's winners for the Excellence in Teaching and Advising Awards are: Phillip J. Cooper of Delmar, associate professor of political science; Peter A. Bloniarz of Albany, associate professor of computer science and Marvin D. Krohn of Richmondville, associate professor of sociology.

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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY AWARDED RESEARCH GRANT

The University at Albany Department of Accounting has received a research grant of \$4,600 from the nation's ninth largest accounting firm to allow faculty members time for research during the summer months.

Leventhal Horwath, in bestowing the grant, has indicated an interest in continuing it for the next three years, according to Enrico Petri, chair of the University's Department of Accounting.

Petri said that Blue Cross of Northeastern New York Inc. has also agreed to continue its grant of \$5,000 for accounting research seminars held every week at the University. These seminars bring together top faculty and industry leaders.

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Summer Public Science Lecture Series Returns to Whiteface Mountain

The global greenhouse effect, earthquakes in the East and mining in New York state are among the topics scheduled for the summer Public Science Lecture Series when it returns to the University at Albany's Whiteface Mountain Field Station in July.

In its 28th season, the series will open Tuesday evening, July 11, with a presentation by Bruce W. Piasecki, associate director of the Hazardous Waste and Toxic Substances Research and Management Center and a professor in the Center for Liberal Studies at Clarkson University in Potsdam, N.Y. Dr. Piasecki will discuss how energy policies can help counteract the greenhouse effect.

Seven lectures are planned for the series which will be held on consecutive Tuesdays through August 22. All presentations will begin at 8 p.m. at the field station located on Memorial Highway in Wilmington, N.Y. The talks are free and open to the public.

The popular series is sponsored by the university's Atmospheric Sciences Research Center and organized by well-known area meteorologist Ray Falconer. It features leading scientists and authorities--experts in their field--interpreting some of the many facets of modern science and of Whiteface Mountain. A report on the latest weather, using color projections, begins each lecture.

Here is the complete schedule:

--July 11: **Beyond Blame--Securing Alternatives to Fossil Fuel to Help Counteract the Global Greenhouse Effect**, by Bruce Piasecki, professor, Center for Liberal Studies, Clarkson University.

--July 18: **A Tribute to the Wilderness**, by Carl Heilman of Brant Lake,



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**THREE FROM CAPITAL DISTRICT
CHOSEN FOR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS, JUNE 3**

Nine alumni of the University at Albany were honored at the Annual Meeting of the University's Alumni Association on June 3 at the Albany Campus Center.

Those honored included three from the Capital District. The Excellence in Alumni Service was presented to Dr. Judith A. Mysliborski (class of '69) of Voorheesville, a practicing dermatologist and assistant professor at Albany Medical College. The Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to Marilyn Anderson Pendergast (class of '64) of Loudonville, a shareholder at Urbach, Kahn and Werlin. The Excellence in Teaching Award was presented to Thomas Hastings Watthews (class of '58) of Voorheesville, a biology teacher at Bethlehem Central High School.

Others receiving awards as Distinguished Alumni were: Bernard D. Arbit (class of '43) of New York City, president of Arbit Trading; Dr. John Hall Bowker (class of '52) of Coral Gables, Florida, professor of orthopedics and rehabilitation at the University of Miami School of Medicine and medical director at University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Rehabilitation Center; and Susan Carmichael Thomson, (class of '59) business editor of the St Louis Post Dispatch.

Excellence in Teaching Awards were given to: Jane Graham Annis, (class of '60) associate professor, SUNY College of Technology at Farmingdale; and Isabel J. Peard, (class of '32) a retired professor of education at Cornell University.

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MARILYN A. PENDERGAST RECEIVES ALUMNI AWARD

Former Waterford resident Marilyn A. Pendergast, C.P.A. and shareholder with the Albany accounting firm of Urbach Kahn & Werlin was presented with the University at Albany Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni Award.

Pendergast (class of 1964) was honored for her achievement in business and her continued commitment to the community.

She has recently been appointed as the first woman to chair the Executive Ethics Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. She was selected as an Accounting Alumni of the Year in 1988, and in 1987 was named Outstanding New York State Business Woman.

Pendergast has served on the University Fund Board and on the board of the Benevolent Association. She has also served as president of the board of Cohoes Music Hall, treasurer of the board of Albany Academy for Girls, and on numerous other boards and committees throughout the region.

Marilyn Pendergast is the daughter of Raymond and Frances Anderson, who reside in Waterford.

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The Bertha Brimmer Medal, given for outstanding teaching at the secondary school level in New York State, was presented to Dennis J. Hannan, (class of '41) district department head for English, Wappingers Central School District in Wappingers Falls, New York.

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WAPPINGERS SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR DENNIS HANNAN

HONORED BY SUNY ALBANY, JUNE 3

Wappingers school administrator Dennis J. Hannan was presented with the Bertha E. Brimmer Medal by his alma mater, the University at Albany at the Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association.

Hannan was honored for his contributions to the teaching profession for over 44 years. He is currently the district department head in English for the Wappingers Central School District, Wappingers Falls, New York.

He also received the Excellence in Administration Award in 1986 from the Mid-Hudson School Study Council. Hannan is a fellow in the New York State English Council.

Hannan was awarded a B.A. degree from the University at Albany in 1941.

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FARMINGDALE ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR JANE ANNIS
RECEIVES HONOR, JUNE 3

Farmingdale College of Technology associate professor and department chairperson Jane G. Annis was honored by her alma mater, the University at Albany. She was presented with the Excellence in Teaching award at the Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association.

Annis was honored as an outstanding business teacher at the high school and college levels. Her students are sought after by industry for their skills and high standard of work performance.

Annis is also founder of Today's Secretary and publisher of Business Education Weekly magazines.

Annis received a B.S. from the University at Albany in 1960.

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CORNELL'S ISABEL PEARD HONORED BY ALBANY

Cornell University Professor Emeritus of Education Isabel Peard was honored by her alma mater, the University at Albany at the Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association. She was presented with the Excellence in Teaching Award.

Peard (class of 1932) was recognized for her leadership and service to others. During her college years she was president of the Student Association at the New York State College for Teachers, now the University at Albany. She began her career as a teacher of English in Millbrook, New York. During World War II she served as program director of U.S.O. clubs in Brazil and Alaska. Peard started at Cornell as an administrative assistant to the Dean of Women at Cornell in 1946. She rose to the title of full professor before retiring in 1971.

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**BETHLEHEM HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER
THOMAS WATTHEWS HONORED, JUNE 3**

Bethlehem Central High School biology teacher Thomas Watthews received the Excellence in Teaching Award presented to him by the University at Albany Alumni Association at their Annual Meeting.

Watthews was honored for his expertise in the field of biology and for his ability to motivate and inspire his students. He has worked with the New York State Education Department in developing the general syllabus and final examination for biology. In 1984 he received the High School Science Teacher Award from Sigma XI, a scientific society at the University at Albany. Watthews is credited for his work in revising the biology laboratory manual for the Bethlehem Central School District.

His scientific expertise has taken him to Africa, where he was involved in a program sponsored by the World Health Organization to help eradicate diseases associated with the black fly.

Watthews is an 1958 graduate from the University at Albany.

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**LOCAL ENTREPRENEUR RECEIVES
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD, JUNE 3**

Entrepreneur Bernard D. Arbit, president of Arbit Trading Corporation of Elizabeth, was presented with the Distinguished Alumni Award by his alma mater, the University at Albany. Arbit was honored by the Alumni Association for his many accomplishments in business and for his unselfish service to the University.

Arbit (Class of '43) is a member of the board for the University at Albany Fund. From 1978 to 1983 he had served as a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors. In these positions Arbit has had wide-reaching influence on the University at Albany.

In 1987, Arbit was knighted by the President of Finland for his participation in the economic and cultural life of Finland. His support several years ago for a woman's choral group, which performed at the University at Albany and around the country, had earlier earned him an honorary citizenship of the city, Lahti, Finland.

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SUSAN CARMICHAEL THOMSON HONORED, JUNE 3

Former Scotia resident and business editor of the Pulitzer Prize winning newspaper, the St. Louis Post Dispatch, Susan Carmichael Thomson was honored at the University at Albany Alumni Association's Annual Meeting. She was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award for her achievements in her profession and her involvement in community affairs.

Since joining the St. Louis Post Dispatch, 16 years ago, she rose through the ranks, first as reporter, then editor, and in 1982, business editor. Under her direction the business section became respected reading in the St. Louis area. In 1988 she launched Business Plus, a weekly business publication. She is also vice president of the Society of American Business Editors and Writers.

Thomson graduated with honors from the English department at the University at Albany in 1959.

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NEWSPAPERWOMAN SUSAN THOMSON HONORED, JUNE 3

Former Times Record employee Susan Carmichael Thomson was presented with the University at Albany Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni Award. She was honored for leadership in her profession and the community.

Thomson is business editor for the Pulitzer Prize winning St. Louis Post Dispatch. Since joining the newspaper 16 years ago, she has risen through the ranks, holding jobs as reporter and editor before becoming business editor in 1982. In 1988, Thomson launched Business Plus, a weekly business publication. Thomson is vice president of the Society of American Business Editors and Writers.

Thomson received her B.A. in English with honors from the University at Albany in 1959.

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**ALBANY MEDICAL COLLEGE ASSISTANT
PROFESSOR JUDITH MYSLIBORSKI HONORED, JUNE 3**

Albany Medical College assistant professor Judith Mysliborski was awarded the Excellence in Alumni Service Award presented to her by the University at Albany's Alumni Association.

Mysliborski was recognized for her many years of service to the Alumni Association. She was vice president and president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, chair of the Nominating Committee, and member of the Finance and Memorabilia Committees. She sits on the Board of Directors of the University at Albany Fund and the University Athletic Hall of Fame Selection Committee. Mysliborski received the Distinguished Service Medal from the University Council. She is currently working on strengthening the system of alumni chapters in the Association.

Mysliborski is a prominent Albany dermatologist. In addition to her private practice, she holds positions as: clinical assistant professor in the Division of Dermatology, Albany Medical College; assistant attending dermatologist, Albany Medical Center Hospital, and assistant attending physician in the Department of Dermatology at St. Peter's Hospital. She is also consultant to the Departments of Dermatology at Child's Hospital in Albany and St. Clare's Hospital in Schenectady.

In 1969, Mysliborski received her B.S. degree from the University at Albany.

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JUDITH MYSLIBORSKI HONORED, JUNE 3

Former resident Judith A. Mysliborski was honored by her alma mater, the University at Albany, at the Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association. She was presented with the Excellence in Alumni Service Award.

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N.Y. A professional maker of hand-split snowshoes and an accomplished photographer, Mr. Heilman will present a computerized, dual-projection, sound-synchronized visual tour of the Adirondacks using spectacular color slides.

--July 25: **An Update on the Life of the Loon from Alaska to the Adirondacks**, by Judith MacIntyre, well-known author and lecturer and professor of biology at Utica College, Utica, N.Y. Dr. MacIntyre, author of an article on loons that appeared in the March 1989 issue of Smithsonian magazine, will include slides from a just completed trip to Alaska in her presentation.

--August 1: **Earthquakes in the Eastern United States and New York State**, by Michael O'Rourke, associate professor of civil engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. With some experts forecasting a catastrophic earthquake for the East in the early 21st century, Dr. O'Rourke will look at the prediction for the next 50 to 500 years while examining the causes, consequences and how one might minimize the damage of earthquakes.

--August 8: **Exploring Glacier Bay Alaska by Kayak**, by Rick Strimbeck, project manager, Branch Project, Whiteface Mountain Field Station. A kayak voyage up the 40-mile long bay is a trip back in time--10- to 10,000-year-old landscapes, creatures of the intertidal, whales, wolves, bears, an enchanted valley and an abandoned gold mine.

--August 15: **Mines and Mineral Resources of New York State**, by Donald Potter, professor of geology, emeritus, Hamilton College, Clinton, N.Y. An investigation of the history of mining and ore deposits in New York state, including some of the operating mines.

--August 22: **The Adirondack Wildlife Program Including the Canada Lynx Restoration Project**, by Rainer Brocke, co-director, The Adirondack Wildlife Program and professor at State University College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Syracuse, N.Y. An illustrated lecture on efforts to restore the lynx to the Adirondack High Peaks Region.

Donations to sustain the Public Science Lecture Series may be made to the University Fund at Albany, "Attention: Ray Falconer Fund." Such gifts are tax deductible.

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Lightning and Electrical Discharges Will Be Focus Of Conference

Scientists from Canada, Sweden and the United States will gather in Lake Placid for three days starting Wednesday, June 21 for the 17th Annual Conference on Electrostatics. Electrostatics is the study of charges that accumulate on conducting and nonconducting surfaces, and among the phenomena included in that study are sparks, lightning, xerography, and electrostatic spraying of paints and pesticides.

The conference will include presentations on thunderstorm electricity, the triggering of lightning by aerospace vehicles, the use of electrostatic precipitators in modern air pollution control, and the contribution of electrostatics to the finishing industry.

The conference will be held at the Lake Placid Hilton and the Whiteface Mountain Facility of the Atmospheric Sciences Research Center (ASRC) at the University at Albany. The conference is sponsored by the ASRC and the Electrostatics Society of America.

For additional information, please contact Ernesto Barreto, conference chairman and ASRC researcher, at (518) 442-3814 or, starting June 20, at (518) 523-4411.

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