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## **University at Albany Students Announce "Giving Day"**

Students on the Dutch Quad Board at the University at Albany have announced the first "Giving Day" to be held in the Campus Center from Dec. 3 through 12. "Giving Day" is a program in which participating student organizations on campus each choose a local charity to sponsor and do whatever is needed to help that charity. During the week, the student groups will be collecting donations and gifts, and/or spending time with the people helped by their chosen charity. On Dec. 13, all the students involved will get together and wrap the gifts that have been received.

Chris Turner, a sophomore English major from Woodbury, N.Y., first initiated the program, which will be an annual event. "I developed the idea because I wanted to get students working together on a charity related event for the holidays," he said. With cooperation from the Student Association, sixteen student groups have volunteered their time and efforts for the project. The Albany Party Warehouse, Krause's Homemade Candy of Albany, and Candy Craft of Guilderland have agreed to donate gifts. "We are also encouraging people in the community to donate new, gender-neutral gifts to students who may be collecting throughout the area," Turner said.

The charities being sponsored are: Colonic Youth Center, Heldburg House, Laboure Emergency Family Shelter, Big Brother/Big Sister, Camary, Catholic

Charities Development, Capital District Center for Independence, Daughters of Sarah Nursing Home, Jansen House, Urban League, Mercy House, Teresian Nursing Home, and the National Association for the Blind in Albany.

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The student effort to support our troops in the Persian Gulf area is sponsored by the campus radio station WCDB, which is also broadcasting live from the Campus Center lobby each day this week, and the Student Association and Theta Chi, a fraternity.

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## **Florence Slepian Receives Distinguished Alumna Award**

**Florence W. Slepian**, assistant vice president for clinical services, Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, Mass., has received the annual Distinguished Alumna Award from the School of Social Welfare of the University at Albany.

Prior to her current position, Slepian was director of the hospital's social work services department, where she held, and continues to hold, responsibility for continuing care, the interpreter program, the employee assistance program, utilization review, and volunteer services.

Slepian has also taught several courses in social work and has authored several journal articles.

The **Distinguished Alumna Award** was presented to Slepian at the annual alumni awards banquet of the Nelson A. Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy. The School of Social Welfare, which is currently celebrating the 25th anniversary of its opening, is one of the schools that comprise Rockefeller College. Slepian, who received her M.S.W. from the School of Social Welfare in 1967, was a member of the school's first graduating class.

In 1984, Slepian received the Distinguished Service to the Profession award given by the Boston University School of Social Work Alumni Association.

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William J. Serafin, deputy director for community services at the Gowanda Psychiatric Center in Helmuth, New York, has received the annual Distinguished Alumnus Award from the School of Social Welfare of the University at Albany.

At the Gowanda Psychiatric Center, Serafin oversees and develops outpatient services and coordinates these with other services in the five-county area that Gowanda serves.

He previously served as St. Lawrence County director of community services and his work there led to the development and certification of a mental health clinic and an alcohol/drug clinic. He also served as director of health/mental health services of St. Lawrence County and as human services commissioner for St. Lawrence County, where he had major responsibility for the \$55 million county budget and managed the day-to-day operations of the Department of Social Services.

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The press is welcome to attend. Moynihan is expected to be available to reporters after the forum at about 1 p.m.

**The United States Department of Energy and  
the People's Republic of China's Academy of Sciences  
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**Meeting Agenda  
(9/23/91 Tentative)**

**Monday (9/30)**

- 12:30-1:30     Registration and Reception Table Open, Lecture Center 19
- 1:30-1:35     Michael Riches (Introduction)
- 1:35-2:20     (Welcome, Opening Remarks)  
USA -- A. Patrinos, Acting Director, Environmental Science Division, Office  
of Health and Environmental Research, Department of Energy  
PRC -- Zhao Jianping, Deputy Director, Bureau of Resources and  
Environment/Chinese Academy of Sciences  
SUNY -- H. Patrick Swygert, University President  
          J. Gullahorn, Vice President for Research  
          K. Demerjian, Director of Atmospheric Sciences Research Center
- 2:20-2:40     Michael Riches: "The Joint Program -- History and Connections to the  
Future"
- 2:40-3:20     Scientific Accomplishments  
USA -- Wei-Chyung Wang  
PRC -- Tao Shiyuan, Director of Institute of Atmospheric Physics (IAP)  
(retired)
- 3:20-3:50     Break
- 3:50-4:30     Bilateral Programs in Global Change  
USA -- Beryl Leach, Program Officer for Science and Technology,  
CSCPRC, National Academy of Sciences: "Global Change in China: The  
Program of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences"  
PRC -- Lin Hai, Deputy Director, Department of Earth Sciences, National  
Natural Science Foundation of China: "Global Change: The Program of  
NNSFC"
- 6:00 p.m.     Reception, University Art Gallery

## **Tuesday (10/1)**

### ***Modeling***

- 8:30-9:00 Registration and Reception Table Open, Lecture Center 19
- 9:00-9:05 Wei-Chyung Wang/Tao Shiyan (Chair)
- 9:05-9:45 W. Lawrence Gates: "An Overview of GCM Performance"
- 9:45-10:25 Zeng Qingcun, Director of IAP: "Progress of Numerical Climate Simulations in IAP/CAS"
- 10:25-10:45 Break
- 10:45-11:25 Robert Cess: "Radiative Feedback Mechanisms in General Circulation Models"
- 11:25-12:05 Huang Ronghui: "Global Warming-Induced SST and Changes of Circulation Index and Its Impacts on Climate Change in East Asia"
- 12:05 p.m. Lunch, Campus Center Ballroom

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### ***Climate Data Preparation, Validation and Analysis***

- 1:30-1:35 Tao Shiyan/Wei-Chyung Wang (Chair)
- 1:35-2:15 Thomas Karl: "Reconstructing the Instrumental Climate Record: Lessons Learned"
- 2:15-2:55 Zhang Peiyuan: "Reconstruction of Past Climate from Ancient Writings in China"
- 2:55-3:15 Break
- 3:15-3:55 Fu Congbin: "Response of Climate in China to Global Warming"
- 3:55-4:35 Wu Xiangding: "Reconstruction of Past Precipitation in the Middle Reaches of the Yellow River"
- 4:35-4:50 Tom Boden: "The Challenge of Packaging Numeric Data"
- 7:00 p.m. Banquet, Ramada Inn

## **Wednesday (10/2)**

### *Analyze Relationship between Large-scale and Local Climate*

- 8:30-9:00 Registration and Reception Table Open, Lecture Center 19
- 9:00-9:05 Tao Shiyan/Wei-Chyung Wang (Chair)
- 9:05-9:45 Wei-Chyung Wang: "Overview--What do we do with the Data?"
- 9:45-10:25 Tao Shiyan: "Climate Change in China during Recent One Hundred Years"
- 10:25-10:45 Break
- 10:45-11:25 Sultan Hameed: "Comparisons of Climate Patterns between GCM Simulations and Observations"
- 11:25-11:55 Chen Lieten: "Precipitation Regimes and Characteristics of Precipitation Change in Eastern China"
- 11:55-12:25 Zhou Jiabing: "Drought/Floods Prediction Method for North China based on Chaos Theory"
- 12:25 p.m. Lunch, Campus Center Ballroom

## **Wednesday (10/2)**

### *Measurements*

- 2:00-2:05 Wei-Chyung Wang/Tao Shiyan (Chair)
- 2:05-2:45 Rei Rasmussen: "Methane Fluxes from Rice Fields in China: Emission Rates and Variabilities in a Four-Year Record at Tuzu, Sichuan"
- 2:45-3:15 Wang Mingxing/Ren Lixin: "Sources of Methane Emissions in China"
- 3:15-3:45 M. A. K. Khalil: "Sources of Methane in China: Rice Fields, Cattle, Wetlands, Energy Use, and Urban Areas"
- 3:45-4:00 Zhao Jianping/Michael Riches (Closing)

### *Task Group Discussion*

- 5:00-9:00 Future Research Activities (with working dinner)

## **Thursday (10/3)**

### *Field Trip to Whiteface Mountain Observatory*

## **Friday (10/4)**

### *Task Group Discussion*



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## NEWS ADVISORY

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Ehrenhalt will review the implications of changes in the character of work and workers in the New York State labor market, including changes in the industrial and occupational distribution of jobs and the age composition of the labor force. Continued declines in the size of the teenage labor force and a projected turndown in the size of the young adult labor force, most important for entry and developmental positions, will be reviewed. Impacts on important labor market issues such as minority and youth employment and job shortages will be discussed. Ehrenhalt will also report on the current slowdown in New York State job growth in context of the national experience and developments in other states.

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