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Dr. Seth W. Spellman, professor in the School of Social Welfare, has been appointed interim chairman of the newly formed Afro-American Studies department in the College of Arts and Sciences. The new chairman came to the University in 1967 following a distinguished career in the U.S. Army. He has been teaching and doing research in the graduate school.

A native of No. Carolina, Dr. Spellman was graduated from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical College and received his graduate degrees from Columbia University. Since arriving in Albany, the new chairman has become active with community groups concerned with poverty, equal opportunity and economic development of the underprivileged. Both his university position and membership on the Speakers Bureau of the Urban League have brought him to many student and community groups. Dr. Spellman has served as chairman of the Education Committee of the Albany Chapter of the NAACP. He is a member of several national professional organizations and has written widely in his special field, the disfunction of the multi-family.

The Spellman family shares his zeal and drive. Mrs. Spellman is deputy director of the Urban League^{*} and his son, Seth III is president of the Human Relations Council in Colonie Central High School, where he is a student.

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Announcement of the appointment of the interim chairman of the newly-established department of Afro-American studies in the College of Arts and Sciences was made at the opening faculty meeting at State University of New York at Albany this morning (February 3) in the Campus Center ballroom. Several hundred faculty in attendance heard President Evan R. Collins name Professor Seth W. Spellman, of the School of Social Welfare, to that post. (See biographical information enclosed). Dr. Collins said the activation of the department and appointment at this time, in accord with recent Faculty Senate action, would expedite the development of courses and the search for students, faculty, and a permanent chairman.

In accepting the appointment, Dr. Spellman said he viewed the assignment as a challenge in an extremely important area. "It will help the black student place his roots and contribution in proper perspective - something current academic programming does not do," he observed.

After considerable discussion of matters related to the establishment of the Afro-American studies department, the faculty voted to continue discussion at a special meeting to be held within the next two weeks. The session will be devoted to the question of student involvement in academic decisions.

Dr. Allan A. Kuusisto, vice president for academic affairs, announced the receipt of the Alberdi prize, Argentina's most coveted literary award, by Professor

Raul Castagnino for his work, Milicia literaria de Mayo (see text attached.) The highly coveted award, granted only once in every 10-year period, covers the period 1955-1965. Professor Castagnino will be honored later in the month by his colleagues.

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In other business handled, Professor J. Ralph Tibbetts presented an amendment to the Faculty Senate By-Laws that would permit the faculty of the University Library to be recognized as a unit of representation and entitled to elect a senator. The step was approved to allow the more than 200 librarians a more direct voice in Faculty Senate affairs.

Dr. Clifton C. Thorne, vice president for student affairs, asked for review of the policy regarding the place of career recruitment on campus. At present the Albany campus is open to all regularly established and legally recognized organizations as a means of providing a student service. The policy is described as compatible with a statement made by the American Civil Liberties Union which sees the service aspect as separate from the central educational purpose of the institution. ACLU says that if recruiting is permitted it must be without discrimination. The matter was referred to the Faculty Senate for review and action on behalf of the faculty.

Among reports heard was a statement regarding the status of the Educational Opportunities Program by its director, Dr. Harry L. Hamilton, Jr. The condition of the university budget as it appears in the recommended Executive Budget was reported by Dr. Milton O. Olson, vice president for business affairs.

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Enclosures: Spellman biography
Castagnino award

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The first conference of the Capital Area Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development will be held Monday, February 10, in the Campus Center assembly room, State University of New York at Albany. The theme of the conference will be "Individualization of Instruction."

The main speaker will be Jack R. Frymier, chairman, department of curriculum and instruction, Ohio State University. His topic will be the same as that of the conference. Dr. Frymier is editor of Theory Into Practice, a curriculum journal published by Ohio State. His most recent book is "The Nature of Educational Method."

Robert G. Scanlon, director of instructional systems for Research for Better Schools, a supplementary education center in Philadelphia, will speak in the afternoon on "Individually Prescribed Instruction." Dr. Scanlon has served as principal of the Oakland Elementary School in Pittsburgh, where individualized instruction was developed.

Coordinator of the conference is Thomas E. Curtis of the department of curriculum and instruction, SUNYA. Registration is scheduled for 9 a. m., Dr. Frymier will speak at 9:30, Dr. Scanlon at 1 p. m., and the conference concludes at 3 o'clock.

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Two public lectures are in the offing in the next 10 days at State University of New York at Albany. On Thursday, February 13, at 8 p. m., John C. Overbeck, associate professor of classics at SUNYA, will speak in the Campus Center assembly hall on "Excavations at Tel Anafa, Israel, 1968." His talk is sponsored by the Archaeological Institute of America.

Thomas Szasz, professor of psychiatry at Syracuse University, will speak in room 256 of the social science building at 3:30 p. m. on Monday, February 17. Dr. Szasz, whose topic will be "Crime and Insanity," is the first lecturer in a series of colloquia on "Trends in Criminal Justice," sponsored by the university's School of Criminal Justice.

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The Art Gallery, State University of New York at Albany, has announced a revised schedule of exhibitions for the spring semester. The current show will continue through February 16, featuring a one-man exhibition of paintings by Hyde Park artist Degen Evans and the Alcoa Collection of Contemporary Art being circulated by the American Federation of Arts.

Critic's Choice will open March 3 and continue on exhibition until March 23. Showing concurrently with it March 9-30 will be a collection of contemporary Israeli art.

The State University of New York Convocation of the Arts Exhibition will run in the Art Gallery April 16-May 19. The final show of the school year will be a Faculty-Student Exhibition, which will be on display May 26-June 8.

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The Dramatics Council, State University of New York at Albany, will sponsor a one-night appearance of Barrie Stavis' "Lamp at Midnight" at 8:30 Monday evening, February 17, in Page Hall. The play currently is on a pre-Broadway coast-to-coast tour. Tickets for the exclusive area engagement may be purchased at the Campus Center on the State University campus (phone 457-6926) or at the door. All seats are reserved at \$1.50.

"Lamp at Midnight" is a drama about the 17th century Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei. The production is staged by Sir Tyrone Guthrie, one of the foremost directors in modern English-speaking theater, and stars Morris Carnovsky, a leading American actor. It has been hailed by critics as "a landmark of modern theatre," and "the season's most dazzling theatre event."

Last season, "Lamp at Midnight" was offered in an exclusive television showing on the Hallmark Hall of Fame and was hailed as a dramatic hit by critics. Its video success led to public demand for a live performance.

The theme of the drama centers on Galileo's fear of torture for having what the Catholic Church considered heretical views. A dramatic Inquisition into the astronomer's findings and statements follows. Several Cardinals decline to condemn him and the Pope explains his position regarding Papal infallibility.

Joining Mr. Carnovsky in the cast are Durward McDonald, Gerald Pitman, David Scott Milton, Barbara Tarbuck (who appeared in Albany with "America Hurrah" this fall), Phoebe Brand, John Peter Barrett, and Robert Jundelin.

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"Tambourines to Glory," a musical featuring students in the Educational Opportunities Program (EOP) at State University of New York at Albany, will be presented in the Campus Center ballroom 8:30 Wednesday evening, February 12. Daniel C. A. Barton is directing the production and Carmella J. Breland is assistant director. Both are EOP students.

The play is set in Harlem and concerns the experiences of the members of a community church. The cast consists of some 40 EOP students. The original play was written by the late Langston Hughes, sometimes referred to as the Black Poet Laureate, and recognized as one of the major American writers of the 20th century.

Mr. Hughes won the Witter Bynner Prize for undergraduate poetry while attending Lincoln University and later was awarded the Harman Award for amateur writers and a Guggenheim Fellowship. He spent much of his life writing about the people of Harlem. Mr. Hughes died in 1967.

Tickets for "Tambourines to Glory" may be purchased for \$1 in the EOP offices, located in room B-94 of the University Library, phone 457-4835.

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Special to the Plattsburgh Press

Miss Mary Anne Poston, of 443 Livingston Avenue, Albany, N. Y., has been awarded a National Defense Education Act fellowship at State University of New York at Albany. She will begin work toward her doctoral degree this month with the department of curriculum and instruction.

Formerly, Miss Poston was an assistant professor at the State University College at Plattsburgh.

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The music department, State University of New York at Albany, will sponsor two concerts next week. Both will be held in Page Hall on the downtown campus at 8:30 p. m.

On Wednesday evening, February 19, as part of the music department's faculty series, Marv in Morgenstern, William Hudson, and Findlay Cockrell, will be heard in a program of music from the twentieth century for violin, clarinet, and piano. They will perform Khachaturian's "Trio," Bartok's "Contrasts," and Stravinsky's "L'Histoire du Soldat."

A concert by the Guarneri String Quartet will be heard on Friday, February 21.

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"Tower Topics," a 15-minute radio program produced by the Community Relations Office, State University of New York at Albany, is being broadcast weekly on WOKO (1460) Albany.

The series, which began February 9 and will run through June 8, is broadcast Sundays from 12:15 to 12:30 p. m. Among topics covered in the program will be university news of the week, coming events of special interest, interviews with campus personnel, and a sports summary.

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A. G. Davis Philip, associate professor of astronomy and space sciences at State University of New York at Albany, is the director of the research project, "Galactic Structure at High Galactic Latitudes," being supported by a \$35,100 grant to the Dudley Observatory of the City of Albany by the National Science Foundation. Effective February 15, the new grant will support the research for a period of approximately two years.

Professor Philip, who joined the Albany faculty in 1966, said the main project will be a continuation of the study of galactic structure perpendicular to the galactic plane to obtain information about changes in stellar density distribution, luminosity function, and interstellar absorption as functions of galactic latitude. Special attention will be given to comparison of areas at the galactic poles.

Two years ago Professor Philip, who is on the staff of the Dudley Observatory, received a grant of \$43,000 from NSF to continue his work in galactic structure. He also received, in 1967, a grant of \$4,908 from the Office of Naval Research, Department of the Navy, for his project, "Low Dispersion Spectroscopy of Galaxies." The astronomer holds a master of science degree in physics from the State University of New Mexico and a doctoral degree from Case Institute of Technology.

As part of his continuing work, under the new grant Professor Philip will investigate the nature of distant A stars. Observations will be obtained at

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Cerro Tololo in Chile, Kitt Peak in Arizona, Tonantzintla in Mexico, and the Bosscha Observation in Indonesia. Finding lists of early type stars in high galactic latitude fields will be published. Selected globular clusters will be searched for blue horizontal-branch stars. The stars will be photometered by means of four-color photo-electric photometry to establish the relationship of field horizontal-branch stars to those in globular clusters.

Following analysis of the accumulated data, two series of papers will be published. They will be concerned with stellar density and luminosity functions in selected regions and with the nature of the faint A stars in each region.

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The International Fire Administration Institute, State University of New York at Albany, has joined with the American Association of Junior Colleges in a cooperative effort to develop a Guideline for Fire Science Education Programs in Junior and Community Colleges. The work will be published under a W. K. Kellogg Foundation grant and the tentative publication date is set for October 1969, to coincide with the annual conference of the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

Donald F. Favreau, associate director, Center for Executive Development, and executive director of the institute, said the project has grown out of increasing requests for assistance by both fire service personnel and junior colleges in establishing fire science programs. Professor Favreau has worked closely with junior colleges and believes there is a need for guidelines in organizing fire science education programs at that level.

Development of the publication will begin with a conference at Chabot Junior College, Hayward, California, on March 20. The meeting will be the first in a series of regional advisory sub-committee meetings to be held at selected junior and community colleges throughout the United States. Attending the conferences will be college executives, fire service officials, and curriculum development specialists. The project will be coordinated through the offices of the International Fire Administration Institute in cooperation with Mr. James D. Stinchcomb, specialist in public service of the American Association of Junior Colleges. Professor Favreau will be the principal author of the publication.

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Special to SU Newsletter

Irving A. Verschoor, dean of the College of General Studies, State University of New York at Albany, has been elected president of the Capital District Library Council for Reference and Research Resources.

The Library Council, which consists of 30 libraries in 10 counties of the Capital District, has its office on the Union College campus.

Miss Alice T. Hastings, director of libraries at SUNYA, was re-elected vice president. Dr. Allan A. Kuustisto, vice president for academic affairs at SUNYA, was elected to the board of trustees.

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Jerome Eckstein, professor of education at State University of New York at Albany, is the author of "The Platonic Method: An Interpretation of the Dramatic-Philosophic Aspects of the Meno," published in January by Greenwood Press, New York.

Dr. Eckstein, who joined the Albany faculty three years ago, is in the department of foundations of education. His article, "Is It Possible for the Schools to be Neutral?", will appear later this year in the publication, "Educational Theory." Dr. Eckstein holds degrees from Brooklyn College and from Columbia University.

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Dr. Eckstein resides at R.D. 2 in Scotia.

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"Critics Choice" is the title of a new exhibition to open Monday, March 3, in the Art Gallery at State University of New York at Albany. The exhibition consists of 35 works by outstanding artists working in New York.

"Critics Choice" was selected by author and critic, Sam Hunter, who until recently was director of the Jewish Museum. The exhibition is part of a university-wide program which enables students from the schools where "Critics Choice" is being shown to visit the participating artists' studios during a three day program to be held in New York City.

A second March exhibition, a selection of Contemporary Israeli Art, has been cancelled by the gallery as a result of the New York dock strike. In its place will be an exhibit entitled "Architecture without Architects," also opening on March 3. Examples of communal architecture from 60 countries are shown in photographs and on text panels written by architectural historian, Bernard Rudofsky. Mr. Rudofsky writes "what we take to be archaic buildings are often models of true functionalism and timeless modernity..." The exhibition shows among other places that man has lived, troglodyte caves, freestanding buildings cut from rocks, underground towns, and nomad tents. The exhibit is a smaller version of one shown several years ago at the Museum of Modern Art.

Both "Critics Choice" and "Architecture without Architects" will be on view through March 23. The gallery is open from 9 to 5 Monday through Saturday; from 2 to 5 on Sunday; and from 7 to 9 p. m. on Wednesday evening.

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Duncan Chappell, a member of the law faculty and the Institute of Criminology at the University of Sidney, Australia, has arrived at State University of New York at Albany on a Harkness Fund post-doctoral fellowship.

Professor Chappell plans to study contemporary organization and structure of major police forces in the United States with particular reference to the contribution American universities have made to police executive development programs. He is the first post-doctoral fellow to study at the university's School of Criminal Justice.

The Australian, who was born in England, is a graduate of the University of Tasmania where he was awarded a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws with first class honors. In 1966, he received his doctoral degree from the University of Cambridge.

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Applications for the Semester-Abroad program at State University of Guadalajara now are being received by the Center for Inter-American Studies, 145 Draper Hall. All applications must be filed before March 14 to be eligible for the fall term of 1969.

The Semester-Abroad program is open to any student of the university who has the capacity to pursue an academic program conducted entirely in Spanish, who can accept the responsibility for individual study, and is willing to adjust to a social and cultural environment different from his own. An academic average of 3.0 in Spanish and 2.5 overall are considered the general academic standards for acceptance into the program.

The Guadalajara program, now entering its third year, is for the fall semester and students register at both the home campus and the University of Guadalajara. By registering at the home campus, full advantage can be taken of Regents' scholarships, NDEA fellowships, Scholar Incentives and other awards made to students.

More than 30 Albany students now on campus have participated in the program.

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Edward Berg, professor of biological sciences at State University of New York at Albany, is the recipient of a National Science Foundation grant of \$10,800 for his research project, "Ontogeny of Functional Antigens." The award will support Dr. Berg's research for a two-year period.

Currently the scientist is at State University at Buffalo as a participant in the American Council on Education's Academic Administration Internship Program. At the university he is working primarily with Peter F. Regan, III, executive vice president, and J. Warren Perry, dean of the School of Health Related Professions. He is co-author with Robert D. Beck of an article, "Possible Role of a Sex Factor in Rabbit Hosts Naturally Infected with *Taenia Pisiformis Cysticerci*", appearing in the December 1968 issue of the Journal of Parasitology.

Dr. Berg received his bachelor degree from Brooklyn College and a doctorate from Cornell University. He joined the Albany faculty in 1956 after having taught previously at Cornell University Medical College and at Manhattan Medical Assistant's School.

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Patrick B. Moscaritolo of 62 Orient Avenue, East Boston, Mass., has been elected vice-president of the Graduate Student Association at the Graduate School of Public Affairs of State University of New York at Albany.

Mr. Moscaritolo, a doctoral candidate in political science, is a 1966 graduate of Boston College, magna cum laude, and has received his master's degree from the London School of Economics.

While at GSPA, he has represented the graduate school at a Washington conference on international order and world peace. Last summer he was one of six students chosen from throughout the United States to participate in the United Nations Student Internship Program. The United Nations program had student representatives from 33 countries.

Mr. Moscaritolo has been designated a National Defense Fellow. He also is a teaching assistant in American government. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas J. Moscaritolo and attended the Boston Latin School.

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The Faculty Senate of the State University of New York at Albany, in an expression of opposition to the State Senate bill (S524) affecting eligibility of students for financial assistance, is urging members of the Assembly of New York State Legislature to defeat the bill. In action taken at a special meeting late Tuesday (February 18) afternoon, the faculty body adopted a motion pointing to what it described as a basic defect in the measure; namely, "that it represents a punitive rather than a constructive approach to the problems occasioned by the expression of dissent in a free society."

Indicating that it shares the concern for resolving problems which sometimes arise from expressed dissent, the Faculty Senate gave five reasons for its opposition to the bill. The measure would rescind, on grounds of legal offense, financial aid originally awarded for academic promise; would infringe upon the right of universities to govern themselves in academic affairs since it would mandate that university officials implement its provisions and prescribe a criterion for administration of scholarships; would discriminate against economically disadvantaged students since it would threaten only those students whose need requires them to use scholarship aid; and would subject students to more extreme penalties than

others who come into conflict with the law. The motion stated that the measure is ambiguous and its enforcement could involve universities in endless conflicts with students, since the offenses requiring action are so broadly defined in the measure.

A copy of the motion approved by the 66-member body was delivered today by J. Ralph Tibbetts, vice president of the Faculty Senate, to the office of the Speaker of the Assembly, Perry B. Duryea, and to the Clerk of the Assembly.

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See attached copy of motion adopted by
Faculty Senate.

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Motion adopted by Faculty Senate
at special meeting February 18, 1969

On Wednesday, February 12, 1969, the New York State Senate by vote of 38 to 15 passed the following bill:

"To amend the education law, in relation to eligibility for scholarships, scholar incentive programs and state and federal aid. The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The education law is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section, to be section six hundred thirty-four, to read as follows:

634. Ineligibility. No person shall be eligible to receive any benefits under this article who has been convicted, without subsequent pardon, by a court of the United States or any state or territory thereof, of any felony or of the misdemeanor of criminal trespass in the first or second degree, unlawful assembly, aggravated harassment, criminal nuisance, falsely reporting an incident or unlawfully possessing noxious material, and the accusatory instrument alleges that the crime was committed on the premises of any college. The commissioner of education, in his discretion, may remove the ineligibility imposed by this section upon receipt of satisfactory evidence of good conduct by such person for a period of not less than two years after the date of the payment of any fine imposed upon such person, or, the suspension of sentence, or, from the date of his unrevoked release from custody by parole, commutation or termination of his sentence, whichever last occurs.

2. This act shall take effect on the first day of September next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law."

In response to the State Senate bill and in anticipation of the consideration of the bill by the Assembly the following statement is offered as a motion for action by the Faculty Senate.

"The Faculty Senate of the State University of New York at Albany shares the general concern to find ways to resolve the problems that sometimes arise when dissent is expressed in a free society. However, after careful consideration of the Senate Bill (S524) that would require cancellation of state financial aid to university students convicted of felonies and misdemeanors as a result of demonstrations or disturbances on campus, the Faculty Senate of the State University of New York at Albany states its opposition to the bill for these reasons: (1) it would rescind, on grounds of legal offense, financial aid originally awarded for academic promise; (2) because it mandates that university

officials implement its provisions and prescribes a criterion for administration of scholarships, the bill would infringe upon the right of universities to govern themselves in academic affairs; (3) because it would threaten only those students whose need requires them to use scholarship aid, the bill would discriminate against economically disadvantaged students; (4) the bill would subject students to more extreme penalties than others who come into conflict with the law; (5) because the offenses requiring action are so broadly defined in it, the bill is ambiguous and its enforcement could involve universities in endless conflicts with students.

The basic defect of this bill, however, lies in the fact that it represents a punitive rather than a constructive approach to the problems occasioned by the expression of dissent in a free society. Therefore, the Faculty Senate of the State University of New York at Albany strongly urges the members of the Assembly of the New York State Legislature to defeat this bill.

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Mojmir Frinta, associate professor of the history of art at State University of New York at Albany, will give an illustrated public lecture, "The 'Beautiful Style' in Sculpture and Painting in Central-Eastern Europe Circa 1400." His talk, sponsored by the university's Eastern European Area Studies Committee and the department of history, will take place at 3:30 p. m. in room 145 of the Social Sciences Building.

Professor Frinta began his university training at Charles University, Prague, then studied for four years in Paris. He received his doctoral degree in the history of art from the University of Michigan in 1960. A native Czech, he also has traveled widely in Central and Western Europe. His special research interest is the art of Central and Eastern Europe.

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Professor Frinta resides at 150 Maple Ave., Altamont.

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Melvin Belli, noted trial lawyer, will speak at State University of New York at Albany Wednesday evening, February 26, under the sponsorship of the student organization, Forum of Politics. His topic will be "The Law Revolt."

Mr. Belli, who served at one time as the attorney for the late Jack Ruby in Dallas, will begin his talk at 8 o'clock in the Campus Center ballroom. General admission is 50 cents for the public. Tax cards will admit students.

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Dennis Helmrich, pianist, will give his first solo recital in Albany Friday evening, February 28, at 8:30 in Page Hall. The concert is in the current series being offered by the music department faculty of State University of New York at Albany.

The program will include works by Schumann, Debussy, and J.S. Bach. Featured will be the first performance of "Clausulae", a new work by Alejandro Planchart.

Mr. Helmrich, pianist and theory teacher, did undergraduate work at Yale College and graduate work at Yale University School of Music and at the Boston University School of Fine and Applied Arts. He has appeared frequently in the East and Southwest with orchestras, in solos, as an accompanist, and in chamber music. Prior to coming to Albany, Mr. Helmrich taught at Antioch College.

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Arthur Danto, professor of philosophy at Columbia University, will give a public lecture Wednesday evening, February 26, at State University of New York at Albany. His subject will be "What Philosophy Is."

The program is sponsored by The Zetetiks, philosophy club at the university. It will take place in the Campus Center assembly hall beginning at 8 o'clock.

Professor Danto, author of "Analytical Philosophy of History," will show how philosophy differs from other human activities, and, particularly how it differs from science, investigating the relationship between thought and reality rather than the nature of the world.

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Future lecturers for "The Scientific Revolution and Man's Situation," a non-credit course for clergy at the College of General Studies, State University of New York at Albany, are scheduled through March.

The speaker Tuesday afternoon, February 25, will be Harold H. Blum, professor of biological sciences, whose topic will be "Evolution of Man and of Humanity." Other lectures will include "Atmospheric Pollution," Vincent J. Schaefer, director of Atmospheric Sciences Research Center, March 4; "Revolution in Productivity," Louis R. Salkever, chairman of the economics department, March 11; "Reconceptualizing Human Intelligence and Its Social Implications," Morris E. Eson, professor of psychology, March 18; and "Science and the New Human Image," Paul Meadows, chairman of the department of sociology and anthropology, March 25.

Eugene R. Rabinowitch is coordinator for the course which is conducted in two-hour sessions starting at 3:30 p. m. in room 121 of business administration building.

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John M. Bird, associate professor of geology, department of geological sciences at State University of New York at Albany, has received a two-year grant of \$33,500 from the National Science Foundation. The award is for continuation of studies in the Appalachian and Caledonian Mountains initiated several years ago under a \$27,500 NSF grant.

The main object of the research is to reconstruct events of crustal deformation through detailed analysis of related sediments. Ultimately, it is expected that the origin of the mountain belts can be determined and fitted to events of sea-floor spreading and continental drift that occurred in Paleozoic time. More recent crustal deformation, as expressed by the Apennine, Alpine, and Carpathian Mountain belts, is being compared with that of the Appalachian-Caledonian System. Part of the study, involving interpretation of orogenic belts in terms of mantle-plate tectonic theory, is being done in collaboration with J. F. Dewey of Cambridge University.

Results of Dr. Bird's research currently are being published by the Geological Society of America, The American Association of Petroleum Geologists and The Geological Society of London. He recently presented results of his Appalachian studies at invited talks to the Faculty Research Discussion Group of Cambridge University and the Lamont Geological Observatory at Columbia University.

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State University Theatre will present "Fairy Tales of New York" by J.P. Donleavy as its second major offering of the season. Opening on Wednesday, March 12, the play will be performed a total of eight evenings - 4 evenings each week for two consecutive weeks in Richardson 291 at 8:30 p. m.

Paul Bruce Pettit, chairman of the department of speech and dramatic art at SUNYA, is director of the current production. Dr. Pettit also directed the American premiere of the play when it was produced by the Arena Summer Theatre in 1962.

"Fairy Tales of New York" is a series of sketches concerned with death, big business, he-man syndrome and social acceptance. The bite and hilarity of the scenes merge with heart and truth to successfully capture the essence of the American ethic.

The play was produced first at the Pembroke Theatre in England. It was an immediate success and Donleavy received the Evening Standard Most Promising Playwright Award. Milton Shulman wrote of it "The writing is witty and sharp, the characters are brilliantly observed and the situations ping with authenticity."

Mr. Donleavy's first novel, "The Ginger Man," was published in Paris and later in England. Last fall his newest book, "The Beastly Beatitudes of Balthazar B." was published in this country. Today the author lives in

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England with his wife and two children.

The designers of the State University Theatres' production of "Fairy Tales of New York" include Robert Donnelly, Arlene DuMond, and Jerome Hanley, all members of the faculty at the university.

The cast of four includes students from the Capital District. They are Robert Clayton, William Snyder, John Koethen and Mary Eileen O'Donnell. Edward Kramer is stage manager.

Tickets for the show will be on sale in the Campus Center beginning March 6 for \$1.50. The box office is open weekdays from 10 to 4 p.m.

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Immediate

Walter E. Knotts has been appointed chairman of the department of English at State University of New York at Albany for a three-year term beginning September 1. He will succeed Townsend Rich who became department chairman in April 1958.

Professor Knotts has been director of the graduate program in the English department since its inception in 1962. He joined the faculty at the university in 1953. The recommendation for his being named department chairman originated in the department, in consultation with the student advisory committee.

The chairman-designate holds degrees from the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, and from Harvard University where he received his doctorate in 1951. His field of concentration is 18th Century English literature. Most recently he has been teaching the Age of Pope, the Age of Johnson, and a seminar on Victorian literature, all graduate courses.

Prior to coming to Albany, Professor Knotts was an instructor at the University of British Columbia, a teaching fellow at Harvard, and an instructor in English literature and composition at Ohio State University.

Dr. Rich, who came to the Albany campus in 1948, plans to continue teaching for a few years. Most recently he has taught courses in Shakespeare, modern British novels, and Old Testament narratives. Last May a collection of his rubbings of English monumental brass was exhibited at the university's Art Gallery. He holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from Yale University.

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Paul C. Lemon, professor of biological sciences at State University of New York at Albany, has received a Fulbright grant to lecture in science education in the Philippines. He will divide his time between Ateneo de Davao, Davao City, and Notre Dame Colleges, Cotabato City, from July until May of next year.

Dr. Lemon, who joined the Albany faculty in 1948, is one of 500 faculty members from throughout the country selected for lecturing assignments abroad by The Board of Foreign Scholarships of the Department of State. The award is made under the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, known as the Fulbright-Hays Act. In 1963-64, Dr. Lemon was a Fulbright Senior Research Scholar in Malawi in that African nation's Ministry of Natural Resources.

While in Africa the SUNYA professor continued his active ecological investigations. A number of his studies have been reported in various learned journals published in Africa as well as in the United States. Dr. Lemon also has carried on ecological and climatological research on Whiteface Mountain in cooperation with the Atmospheric Sciences Research Center.

The scientist is an alumnus of the University of Newbraska and received his graduate degrees from the University of Illinois and the University of Minnesota.

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P. Alistair MacKinnon, of State University of New York at Albany, has received a grant of \$17,185 through The Research Foundation of State University of New York from the Department of Education in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for a program designed to provide educational consultative assistance and cooperation with the Guide Districts Program's Demonstration and Distribution Center of Puerto Rico.

The project, which Mr. MacKinnon heads, is an outgrowth of the educator's work for the United States Office of Education with Puerto Rico's education department. Mr. MacKinnon is providing guidance to the department in its relation with the USOE and in the development of funding for various projects. The innovative program seeks to present a modern educational experience from kindergarten through grade 12 and to bring in as interns students in the colleges and universities of Puerto Rico, beginning as early as the sophomore year, with the aim of providing such interesting experiences that more young people will enter teaching, particularly in the highlands and other rural areas.

Mr. MacKinnon, administrator of the Two-Year College Student Development Center and a specialist in educational financing and management of resources at SUNYA, visits Puerto Rico each month. He came to the Albany campus after having served for more than five years as consultant to Puerto Rico's Secretary of Education under an exchange program with USOE. From 1960-63 he was chief of the Bureau of Research and Statistics in Maine's Department of Education.

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Daniel Nimetz, of the music department faculty at State University of New York at Albany, will be heard in a French horn recital Tuesday evening, March 11, at Page Hall. The concert, to begin at 8:30, is the third in the current music faculty series.

Original works for horn, including sonatas by Beethoven, Rheinberger, and Szentkiralyi, will be featured. In addition, there will be chamber music involving the horn. Assisting performers will be Janice Nimetz, pianist, and members of the music department faculty.

Dr. Nimetz is a graduate of Alfred University and of the Eastman School of Music where he earned his doctorate in musicology. He also has studied at the University of Vienna. As a French horn player, his experience includes solo, chamber, and symphony activity.

The public is invited to attend the program for which there is no admission fee.

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