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### University Foundation Elects Officers, New Directors

ALBANY - The **University at Albany Foundation** elected officers and welcomed new directors for 1993-94 at its recent annual meeting.

**J. Spencer Standish**, chairman of Albany International Corp. in Menands, was elected president of the foundation for the third consecutive year. The other officers are:

- Vice President **Lawrence A. Shore**, a Loudonville resident;
- Treasurer **Daniel J. Hogarty, Jr.**, president of Troy Savings Bank; and
- Secretary **George R. Hearst III**, director of operations for Capital Newspapers.

Newly elected directors include:

- **Gary R. Allen**, executive vice president and chief banking officer of KeyCorp. Allen, a 1970 University at Albany graduate, also serves as campaign chair of the Campaign for Albany, the University's first comprehensive capital drive.
- **Bernard F. Connors**, president of British American Realty Ltd. in Latham.
- **David A. Gellman**, program director for Independence Technologies in New York City. Gellman received bachelor's and master's degrees from the University in 1978 and 1979, respectively.
- **Erland Kailbourne**, chairman and CEO of Fleet Bank of New York.
- **Luz H. Molina Malaret** of Schenectady. Malaret earned her bachelor's degree from the University in 1977 and her master's in 1991.

**Roberta Bastow**, a 1981 Albany graduate and president of the University's Alumni Association, was named ex-officio member of the board. Bastow is vice president of the Government & Corporate Services Department at Fleet Bank of New York.

The University at Albany Foundation, a not-for-profit corporation, devises and executes community programming activities that enhance the University's relationship with its Capital Region neighbors. The foundation is also responsible for Albany's fundraising and fiscal accountability needs. During the coming year, the foundation will continue to develop close ties between the University and the community, and assist with the Campaign for Albany, an initiative that seeks to raise \$55 million in private support by December 1999; \$25 million of that amount will be realized by the end of 1994, the University's Sesquicentennial year. The Campaign for Albany total already stands at more than \$20.1 million; that figure represents 36 percent of the overall goal and 80 percent of the Phase I objective. Foundation members will also help to plan and carry out special events that will be held to observe the University at Albany's 150th anniversary in 1994.

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**University Student Selected for International Conference in Africa**

ALBANY - **Venita Whidbee**, a junior at the University at Albany and the daughter of Jerome and Ramona Whidbee of Spring Valley, N.Y., has been selected to present a paper during an international conference of the National Council for Black Studies, which will be held in Accra, Ghana, West Africa, July 30 through Aug. 8. Whidbee was selected from among students submitting papers in the course "The Black Community."

Her paper is titled "Defeating the Myths About the Unwed Black Father." Her trip will be sponsored, in part, by a special grant from the office of University President H. Patrick Swygert, and by private donations from Charles Touhey of Albany, and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Minniefield of Central Nyack. A donation was also made by SABOSA, an African-American singles organization.

In addition to Whidbee, faculty members Vivian Gordon and Joseph Sarfoh of the Department of Africana Studies are scheduled to give conference presentations. A third faculty member, Marcia Sutherland, is expected to attend as well. The subject of Gordon's presentation is "Approaches to the Teaching of Africana Studies in Traditionally Urban Universities." During a pre-conference forum, Gordon will also do a presentation on "The Impact of the Criminal Justice System on the African-American Family."

Sarfoh's paper is titled "Immigrants from Africa and the Future of the African-American Population."

The theme of the conference, which is co-sponsored by the W.E.B. DuBois Centre, the Universities of Ghana and the Association of African Universities, is "Uniting African World Scholars and Communities: Global Realities and Social Transformation."

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*Natural  
History  
Lecture*

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Summer Science Lecture Series**

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**UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY HOSTS HUMANITIES TEACHERS  
INSTITUTE BEGINNING SATURDAY**

This is a reminder that the University at Albany will host nearly 100 New York State teachers beginning this Saturday at the New York Council for the Humanities' 1993 **Humanities Teacher Institute (HTI)**.

The intensive, eight-day program focuses this year on "Islam and World History." The teachers will discuss Islamic history, culture and politics with distinguished scholars and attend lectures, films, a concert and a presentation by members of the Schoharie Islamic Center. The teachers are selected competitively from schools throughout New York.

The program addresses increased public interest in Moslem cultures and recent revisions to New York State's curriculum stressing multicultural and interdisciplinary approaches to education.

University at Albany President H. Patrick Swygert, who was appointed to the Council for the Humanities by Gov. Mario Cuomo in 1991, will give the welcome address at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 10 at Recital Hall of the Performing Arts Center.

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Reporters are welcome to attend Institute programs or seminars. For a schedule of events or to arrange interviews with participating scholars or organizers, contact the New York Council for the Humanities (NYCH) at 212-233-1131.

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**Attention: Editors, Science and Education Reporters, Photographers**

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for location. The classroom will be open to reporters  
and photographers Friday, July 23, from 1  
to 3 p.m.

**Local High School Students to Do DNA Research on University Campus**

ALBANY - Twenty-one local high school students will have the opportunity to work on a DNA project at the University at Albany July 22 to July 30, through a course called **DNA Science and Technology**.

Sponsored by the University at Albany's summer session, this innovative course will introduce students to the latest technology in DNA science. The theory behind DNA fingerprinting and its uses will be covered. The students, each of whom has been recommended by his or her school, pay tuition for one credit hour for the laboratory course. Course hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Through this course, high school students will have the opportunity to work with state-of-the-art genetic engineering equipment. The equipment was purchased through a grant written by teachers for the Greater Capital Region Teacher Center.

From July 5 to 16, this same equipment is being used by area high school biology teachers for a three-credit graduate level course on Molecular Biology for Teachers. Tuition and fees for the teachers were funded through a grant from the Howard Hughes Foundation. In this course, teachers are exposed to many of the latest research techniques used in DNA and molecular biology research labs.

Joan Wagner of Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Central Schools and George Seymour of Watervliet Central Schools are the instructors for the high school students. Both are members of the Capital District DNA Group.

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## **Biodiversity Endowment Established at the University at Albany**

The University at Albany has received an endowment from alumna and former library faculty member **Harriet Dyer Adams** to support the new Program in Biodiversity, Conservation and Policy. The endowment recognizes the pioneering work done by her late father, noted ecologist Dr. Charles C. Adams, in the first half of this century.

The fund will underwrite graduate fellowships, visiting lecturers, student research and other educational activities associated with the University's new master's degree program in Biodiversity, Conservation and Policy. Based in the Department of Biology, the program will be on the forefront of addressing worldwide concerns about the destruction of animal and plant habitats, the extinction of rare species and the erosion of our environment.

University President H. Patrick Swygert said, "We deeply appreciate Ms. Adams' generosity and her vision for the future. This endowment will truly be on the cutting edge of education and research. It will permit us to educate the next generation of leaders in this important area."

Adams added, "Scientists and policy-makers alike have to understand ecology. We must all be interested and become involved."

Charles C. Adams was a pioneer in the field of ecology and an environmental activist who is recognized as one of the fathers of the modern environmental movement. He served as director of the New York State Museum from 1926 to 1943. Harriet Dyer

Adams received her master's in library science from the University in 1960. She returned to work as a reference librarian in the Graduate School of Public Affairs and then as a rare book librarian until her retirement in 1977.

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**Vincent J. Schaefer, Founder of ASRC, Dies at 87**

**Vincent J. Schaefer**, 87, the founder of the University's Atmospheric Sciences Research Center and the father of modern-day cloud physics, died July 25 at Ellis Hospital in Schenectady.

Known worldwide for his discovery in 1946 that the dry ice seeding of supercooled clouds could lead to the production of snow and rain, Schaefer founded the ASRC after an illustrious collaboration at the General Electric Co. Research Lab with Nobel Laureate Irving Langmuir. At the GE lab, Schaefer and Langmuir were co-inventors of the high-efficiency artificial fog smoke screen generator widely used during World War II.

This partnership - which produced a brilliant string of scientific discoveries - began when Schaefer, an instrument maker, was assigned to be Langmuir's research assistant. Schaefer had dropped out of Schenectady High School at the age of 15 to help support his family, but found his way into a career in science through the apprenticeship program at General Electric.

Founding the ASRC in 1960 with \$50,000 from an Albany dean, Schaefer went on to build the organization into one of the most prestigious centers of its kind in the nation.

July 26, 1993

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*Natural  
History Lecture  
Series*

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A presentation on "An East African Adventure; Through the Lens of Gerry Lemmo," will be the topic of the University at Albany's next Summer Science Lecture Series. The event will be held on Tuesday, August 10, at 8 p.m., at the Whiteface Mountain Field Station which is located on Memorial Highway in Wilmington, N.Y. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Gerry Lemmo, a freelance photographer from Glens Falls, is the featured speaker. He recently returned from an exciting Safari into the big game country of East Africa. His lecture will be highlighted by slides of that experience among the elephants, lions, tigers, rhinoceros and other big game animals in that area.

The Summer Science Lecture Series, now in its 31st year, is sponsored by the University's Atmospheric Sciences Research Center and organized by well-known area meteorologist Ray Falconer. This is the sixth lecture in the seven-part series. The lectures will be presented by leading scientists and other authorities, experts in their field, who will interpret some of the many facets of modern science and of beautiful Whiteface Mountain. A report on the latest weather, using colored projections, will be presented before each lecture.

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**Talk Show Investigates Social Phobia in Teens**

Dr. Anne Marie Albano, an expert in shyness in children and assistant director of the University's Phobia & Anxiety Disorders Clinic, will be the featured guest on WQBK-Radio on Sunday, Aug. 1, from 7:05 to 8 p.m., when host Desare Frazier leads a discussion on "Adolescent Social Phobia."

Also on the show will be two former adolescent socialphobics, who will supply first-hand accounts of a condition that plagues tens of thousands of teenagers in America each year.

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