NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM

The University at Albany has a new leadership team arriving on campus this fall.

SUSAN HERBST is the new provost and executive vice president for academic affairs at the University. Prior to joining the University, she was dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Temple University and professor of political science. At Temple, Herbst was responsible for strategic planning, finances, student recruitment, fundraising, and alumni affairs of the college. Herbst also participated in university governance, serving on the Council of Deans and creating the university’s first Board of Visitors for the College of Liberal Arts.

JAMES A. ANDERSON begins as the new vice president for student success and associate provost for institutional assessment and diversity. Anderson, who most recently held the post of vice president and associate provost for institutional assessment and diversity at Texas A&M University, will lead efforts to build on student academic success and learning, create innovative approaches to student affairs, strengthen the University’s relationships with diverse people, and build community relations and outreach. Anderson served as the vice provost for undergraduate affairs at North Carolina State University, and well as on the psychology faculty at Indiana University and Xavier University of New Orleans.

DEBORAH A. W. READ is the new vice president for development at the University. Before coming to UAlbany, Read was vice president for University Advancement at Northern Kentucky University. As the University’s chief development officer, Read works closely with alumni and the University at Albany Foundation to advance the fund-raising and awareness goals of the institution. At Northern Kentucky, Read was responsible for a successful $1 million comprehensive fund-raising campaign that concluded nine months ahead of schedule and $11 million over goal.

CHARLES R. WILLIAMS, formerly the senior manager for government affairs for MCI, is the new vice president for governmental affairs and public relations at the University. As the University’s chief government and public relations officer, Williams will be the architect of the University’s governmental relations and public relations programs. Williams also served as senior staff advisor for education to New York State Governor George Pataki from 1999 through 2004.

WAYNE A. LOCUST, formerly the vice chancellor for enrollment and financial aid officer, Locust will manage and oversee all enrollment and financial assistance programs and scholarships. Locust’s career in university enrollment has been marked by many successful recruitment programs, including significant recruitment of out-of-state students and students from secondary markets, and campaigns for underrepresented populations.

GREAT BEGINNINGS AT UALBANY

On Friday, Aug. 26 President Kermit L. Hall joined with faculty and administrators in welcoming students back to campus for the start of the fall 2005 semester. With the focus on improving the undergraduate experience, the University celebrated with the theme of ‘Great Beginnings.’

Hall enlisted the Faculty Senate, deans and administrators in greeting incoming freshmen as students moved in to State and Indian Quads. Faculty and administrators also joined freshmen the traditional candle lighting ceremony, symbolizing the beginning of their collegiate career in accepting the University flame of knowledge.

About 2,550 freshmen began classes this semester, up from 2,080 in 2004.

HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF FUND

President Kermit L. Hall announced the establishment of the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund, with 100 percent of the proceeds going toward relief efforts for victims of Hurricane Katrina. In addition, University Auxiliary Services, the not-for-profit corporation that provides quality of life services for UAlbany students announced that it will match all funds raised through the fund, which stands at $15,080 to date. UAlbany has also assisted nine college students whose academic plans were disrupted by the devastation on the Gulf Coast.

ATHLETICS

The University at Albany won the 2004-2005 America East Stu- art P. Haskell, Jr. Commissioner’s Cup, awarded to the strongest overall athletic program in the conference’s 22 sports. UAlbany unseated Boston University, which had won the last three Commissioner’s Cups.

The New York Giants and the University at Albany signed an agreement on a two-year contract that will keep the team’s training camp in the Capital Region through the summer of 2008. There is also an option for a third year. 2005 marked the 10th anniversary of the camp at UAlbany.
D’Andraia named Dean and Director of the University Libraries. Frank D’Andraia, dean of library services and professor of library science at the University of Montana, Missoula, has been named dean and director of the University Libraries at the University at Albany. He succeeds Meredith Butler, who will retire at the end of July after heading the UAlbany libraries for 16 years. PHOTO

Death Penalty Archives Open at UAlbany. Death penalty experts from around the country attended the opening of the National Death Penalty Archive (NDPA)-the only archive in the country exclusively dedicated to the death penalty-at the Science Library’s M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives Aug. 9.

UAlbany received a $295,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) to fund Project First STEPS an initiative designed to identify high-risk drinkers among first-year students. The project director and principal investigator is M. Dolores Cimini, psychologist and director of Middle Earth. Project service coordinators and co-principal investigators include: Matthew Martens, assistant professor, department of counseling Psychology; Christine A. Bouchard, associate vice president for student affairs and Estela M. Rivero, director, University Counseling Center.

The Civil Service Employees Agency (CSEA) donated their 95-year historical archives to the M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives at the University at Albany and presented University President Kermit L. Hall with a historical timeline commemorating the event. PHOTO

The University at Albany launched their new College of Computing and Information (CCI) Aug. 29, by connecting a symbolic coaxial cable. From left are Carol A. Doll, CCI; Neil V. Murray, chair, Department of Computer Science; Kermit L. Hall, UAlbany president and professor of history; Peter A. Bloniarz, dean, CCI; David F. Andersen, Department of Public Administration and Policy. PHOTO

Albany Nanotech Announced $600 Million Tech Valley Initiative
A $600 million consortium announced at Albany Nanotech promises to raise New York State’s Tech Valley profile and boost its economy by speeding development of new generations of computer chips and shortening the time it takes to transport them to market. The initiative, the International Venture for Nanolithography, or INVENT, joins the University; state government and four of the world’s largest chip manufacturers - IBM, Advanced Micro Devices Inc., Infineon Technologies AG and Micron Technology Inc. - in a seven-year partnership that will bring an additional 200 jobs to Albany NanoTech.

Inaugural Scholarship Fund
As of today, gifts and pledges to the Inaugural Scholarship Fund total $461,606.

Patrick Sibaya and Janet M. Wagner are serving as American Council on Education fellows at the University at Albany this academic year. Sibaya is deputy vice-chancellor, senior professor, head of the Department of Educational Psychology, and vice-dean of the Faculty of Education at the University of Zululand. At UAlbany, he will observe strategic planning, resource allocation and policy.

Wagner, who will spend an academic year at UAlbany, is associate dean and associate professor of management science at the UMASS Boston College of Management. At UAlbany, she is focusing on learning the University’s compact budgeting system.