

Defense Department Aids Research

Albany Weather Study Gets \$600,000 Grant

State University in Albany announced today that one of its atmospheric research programs will be supported by a Department of Defense grant of approximately \$600,000.

The research involves studies in how man can alter or modify the weather to suit his needs. Part of it will take place at the former General Electric Flight Center at the Schenectady Airport where a facility is to be constructed for fog study.

The program is one of 50 university research projects selected by Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara for financial support under Project Themis. Given a \$20 million authorization from Congress, Project Themis aims to strengthen scientific and engineering capabilities of universities carrying out research on problems related to national defense.

The Albany university weather research, to be monitored by the Air Force Research Laboratory at Cambridge, Mass., will be carried out by the university's Atmospheric Sciences Research Center (ACRC). Other facilities to be used in addition to the Schenectady airport, include the old Prospect Hill reservoir on Manning Boulevard; the Atmospheric Science Research Center laboratory at 10 Waller Road, Colonie and the center's field station on Whiteface Mountain.

The research project, under the direction of Dr. Bernard Vonnegut, senior scientist at ASRC will bring several prominent scientists to Albany. Dr. Duncan Blanchard, currently at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, will be associated with the program on a full time basis. He is primarily Continued on Page 2-B



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