



H E A D L I N E S

Academic Freedom

Clements Scholarships help make unusual internships possible.

Since 1991, Clements Intern Scholarships have permitted Syracuse University students to work at the Supreme Court of India in New Delhi, attend an international women's conference in Bolivia, and research drug abuse in Berlin. Open to juniors, seniors, and graduate students, the scholarships pay for travel, accommodations, and required materials for summer or semester-long internships throughout the world.

Students make all arrangements themselves. This proved to be the first of many challenges facing recent recipient Cassandra Gilbert, who spent last summer in Lesotho, a former British protectorate of 1.5 million people in southern Africa.

Before leaving to work with programs that provide women's services, health care, immunizations, and AIDS education and treatment, the School of

in May, she was still unsure whether anyone would meet her upon arrival or where she would live; she left for Africa, she says, on "blind faith."

Two days and 12 time zones later, she arrived in the capital city of Maseru in winter. A woman from the social welfare department immediately whisked her to a week-long conference (and subsequently took her into her home for a month). Soon after, Gilbert began a research project she knew nothing about, disabilities in Lesotho.

Overcoming institutional and bureaucratic hurdles, she persevered and completed a project on the disabilities suffered by workers repatriated from South African mines. In the process, Gilbert found within herself new reserves of confidence, persistence, and independence. The summer's strongest impact, however, came from the friendships she formed and her immersion into a communal lifestyle.

"The people are extremely friendly and kind," she says. "It was wonderful to be part of a community where people look out for one another. We could learn a thing or two from their culture. This was clearly the best experience of my life."

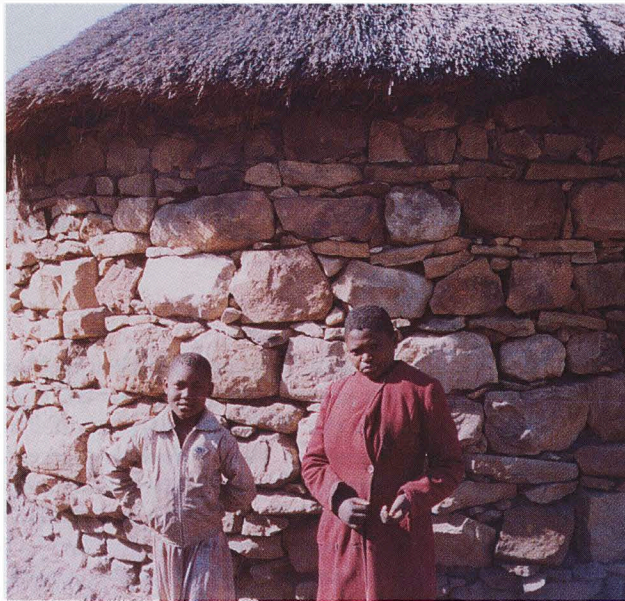
Clements Intern Scholarships are provided through the donations of Mark A. Clements, a 1936 graduate of Syracuse, and his late wife, Pearle Ness Clements, who, in 1935, became the first woman to earn a journalism degree from SU.

"I received financial help as a freshman and as a junior, and those were Depression times," says Mark Clements. "My advice to students is: You obviously have the talent and you owe it to yourself, and to all of us, to pursue excellence."

While hundreds of SU students complete internship experiences each year in locations near the University or their home communities, Clements Intern Scholarships make possible creative and unusual internship opportunities that would not otherwise be financially feasible. Applicants must create the particulars of their internship—the whats, wheres, and hows—and



Clements Intern Scholarship recipient Cassandra Gilbert (above) spent last summer with the social welfare department in Lesotho, Africa.



Social Work senior endured a three-month marathon of unanswered phone calls and faxes to various organizations. One travel agent didn't know where Lesotho was. The health department was unsure which shots she needed.

A United Nations official intervened on Gilbert's behalf to arrange the internship through Lesotho's social welfare department. But when Gilbert left

outline its purpose and application to their course of study.

Thirty-five students applied for the 1994 scholarships; six were awarded. Including Gilbert, five of the students completed their internships last summer.

Cheryl Hoffman, a senior in child and family studies in the College for Human Development, interned with Mercy Ministries of America in Nashville, Tennessee, planning, implementing, and evaluating counseling programs for teen mothers and their children. Troy Thompson, a second-year student in the College of Law, collaborated with the staff of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, conducting research on the repatriation and reintegration of refugees in South Africa.

Scott Withers Jr., a senior majoring in international relations and broadcast journalism, worked at Cable News Network's London bureau, which is CNN's largest overseas news-gathering operation. Chinedu Echeruo, a senior finance major in the School of Management, helped simplify loan programs with the Rural Banking Program in Umunumo, Nigeria.

Completing an internship this semester is Jamie Kaplan, a 1994 graduate of the College of Visual and Performing Arts. Her degree is in metalsmithing, a craft encompassing everything that can be fashioned of metal—flatware, sculpture, hollowware, and jewelry. She's working with artists and jewelry designers in Schoonhoven, the Netherlands.

"Holland is noted for stone setting, diamond dealing, and crazy designs that almost cross the line of being functional," she says. "You find yourself asking, 'Is it a necklace, or is it a piece of sculpture?' I admire their design sense and technical ability."

Following her internship, Kaplan will study at the Schoonhoven Academy, a rigorous metalsmithing school. "This is an opportunity I would never have been able to finance myself," says Kaplan. "The travel and exposure to other artists has been invaluable."

—GEORGE LOWERY

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➤ ***All Aboard!*** Commuter train service between the University, Armory Square, and the Carousel Center began in September. The City Express, featuring a forties' and fifties' era self-propelled Budd diesel car, runs each day from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The SU platform is located on Fineview Place, just past the parking lots west of the Carrier Dome. Cost is \$1 each way. There is also a \$2 round-trip shuttle from Armory Square to SU for Carrier Dome events.



➤ ***Maxwell Receives Aging Grants.*** The Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs recently received \$5 million in grants to advance research, teaching, and public policies in aging. The funds, which come from several sources, will be used to strengthen the school's Aging Studies Program. A donation from the National Institute on Aging (NIA) has already allowed Maxwell to create a Center for Demography and Economics of Aging.

Syracuse is one of nine institutions to receive funding for an NIA-sponsored center this year. The others include the University of Michigan, Duke University, the University of Pennsylvania, Johns Hopkins University, the University of California, and the University of Chicago.

➤ ***SU Awarded Grant to Improve Energy Efficiency.*** The New York State Energy Office's Institutional Conservation Program has given the University \$1.1 million to help improve energy efficiency on campus. The funds will help upgrade the campus's heating system and provide new equipment to improve the energy efficiency of the University's chilled water plant, reducing SU's total energy use by 8 percent and the University's annual energy costs by \$925,000.

➤ ***Asian Center Planned.*** In an effort to create a communications base between the University and Asian alumni and students, SU is planning the creation of a Hong Kong-based Asian Center, which it hopes to open within a year. "There are a multiplicity of missions in Asia for SU," says Thomas F. Cummings Jr., SU's vice president for enrollment management and continuing education.

The Center will permit the University to provide year-round programming for Asian-based alumni and Asian-born students and establish a new destination for SU's Division of International Programs Abroad, which allows students to spend a semester or year abroad studying in such places as London and Madrid. In addition, the Center will serve as a focal point for student recruitment efforts in the region. "This is an opportunity for SU to be connected to new major markets," says Cummings.

—Jim Sackel