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Valerie Hunter, University Human Resources Benefits Manager, to Discuss Benefit-Related Topics, from Open Enrollment to Retirement at Fall Luncheon Meeting.

Questions! Questions! Silver Knights' retirees are concerned about their medical benefits, dental plan, drug plan and related issues in retirement. We are pleased to have Valerie Hunter, University Human Resources [UHR] Benefits Manager, as our guest speaker at the Fall Luncheon Meeting, Thursday, October 23, 2008-12:00 noon, at Neilson Dining Hall. She will be geared to provide answers to many of the questions and gray areas on the minds of the membership. *The question and answer period will take place at the conclusion of the luncheon.*

Valerie, a graduate of Douglass College with a degree in psychology, sees her knowledge of the university and experience in plan management as serving her well at UHR. As a student she appreciated the diversity of the university community and the intellectual vitality of the collegiate environment. So when the opportunity to join the University Human Resources presented itself, she was eager to return to Rutgers.

She was hired as a benefits Specialist in 2002, assumed the role of Senior Benefits Specialist in 2006, and was recently promoted to Benefits Manager.

Prior to joining UHR, Valerie worked as a Project Manager with PriceWaterhouseCoopers in Fort Lee, NJ where she was responsible for implementing large-scale benefit plans for clients including Bank of America,

Lockheed-Martin and American Express.

As Benefits Manager, she provides expertise on the intricacies of the various health plans and retirement programs and responds to the needs of faculty and staff at many different levels--from senior executives to front-line staff and retirees.

"It is very rewarding to be able to take complex information and convey it so that employees not only understand it, but can use it and apply it to their own situations - so they can take full advantage of the many benefits afforded to them as employees here at Rutgers," she says.

In addition to working with employees one-on-one, Valerie conducts training sessions on a variety of benefit-related topics, from open enrollment to retirement seminars. She also welcomes many of the university's new employees in an orientation session offered each week in New Brunswick.

Among her diverse responsibilities is her role as a liaison to the State of New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits. She tracks potential modifications to the state benefit programs and remains in contact with that office to ensure that the university has the most current health and benefits plan information at all times.

Whether she is wearing the hat of counselor, trainer, or employee advocate, Valerie Hunter's calm demeanor and problem solving skills

New Dean of School of Arts and Sciences Named

Douglas Greenberg, Rutgers Alumnus, Historian, Educator Returns to the 'Banks'

Douglas Greenberg, professor of history at the University of Southern California and executive director of the Shoah Foundation Institute for Visual History and Education, has been appointed the first executive dean of the new School of Arts and Sciences on the New Brunswick campus, President Richard L. McCormick announced.

Greenberg, who grew up in Highland Park and earned a bachelor's degree with highest distinction in history from Rutgers in 1969, is returning to his alma mater to lead the School of Arts and Sciences, the university's largest academic unit and the major component of the transformation of undergraduate education on the New Brunswick campus.

He earned his master's and doctoral degrees at Cornell University and went on to a distinguished academic career at Lawrence University, Princeton University and USC. At Princeton, he served as associate dean of the faculty for four years. From 1987 to 1993, while vice president of the American Council of Learned Societies, he was also visiting professor at Rutgers.

Greenberg has written extensively on the history of early America and American law, and on technology,

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allow her to serve the university community well. "I enjoy the variety of my position and the challenges that each day presents -- no two days are ever the same," she reports. □



CAMPUS NEWS

Newspaper Probes Cost of University's Athletic Program

The Star Ledger, upon filing an Open Public Records Act Request, has outlined in a recent series of articles the increasing cost of athletics at Rutgers and found undisclosed contract subsidies that boosted Coach Schiano's benefits -- including a provision for \$250,000 in additional pay that was funneled through Nelligan Sports Marketing, the University's marketing agent.

The money was deducted from sponsorships revenues collected on the university's behalf by the marketing firm and guaranteed by Rutgers.

Rutgers athletic director Robert Mulcahy said the university was simply "being resourceful" in the way it structured the deal. "we're not paying the money, because it is coming from sponsorships we never had," Mulcahy said. "I think I'm doing the right thing, as many other schools in the country do, by trying to find additional money to cover part of his salary."

The probe not only challenged Schiano's salary components but also questioned the costs of the stadium expansion.

Claims of impropriety have been refuted by Mulcahy who noted that Rutgers is committed to a successful and accountable athletics program. and stressed the importance of providing facts that some stories did not convey.

The success of the athletics program is a major point of pride for New Jersey and the university. "There is a tremendous sense of pride among students and alumni that wasn't apparent as little as five years ago," said Mulcahy.

The university's national visibility has risen dramatically. University fund

raising is at an all-time high. Tours of Rutgers by prospective students have reached record numbers, resulting in an unprecedented number of applicants.

Mulcahy also lauded the extraordinary changes in the football program in just the past few years. The team has become one of the most televised teams in the country, with record exposure and ratings.

"Coach Schiano has also led the program to success in the classroom," he said, "In the most recent Academic Progress Report, the index established by the NCAA to measure a student-athlete's progress toward graduation, Rutgers was ranked No. 3 nationally in the Football Bowl Subdivision (formerly Division-IA) and was the top-ranked state institution. (Joining Rutgers in the top five of the report were Stanford, Navy, Duke and Air Force.) Additional facts to consider."

Mulcahy also reported a saving of \$1.1 million that would have been spent on the administration of the six varsity sports that were transitioned to club sport status. While Rutgers increased women's athletic scholarships in 2007-2008 because of rising tuitions and increases to meet Title IX standards, the net savings totaled more than \$700,000.

He also addresses Schiano's annual compensation in a Star Ledger Op-Ed piece. He cites Schiano's annual compensation that includes \$250,000 from Nelligan Sports Marketing as common practice throughout the nation in constructing contracts for coaches "This portion of Schiano's compensation comes solely through revenues generated by corporate sponsorships and is a resourceful way to complete the compensation package by tapping into new revenue," he notes.

Mulcahy further indicates that "a purported amendment to the so-called "buyout clause" -- an amendment that would allow him to leave Rutgers without financial penalty if the stadium expansion is not completed on time -- was never finalized as part of the coach's contract. After many discussions and offers, the coach

believed that the university was working with him and was committed to the completion of the stadium . A drafted document was never executed, and there is no such agreement amending the coach's contract."

The stadium expansion is self-supporting -- no taxpayer or tuition dollars are being used. The university will continue to manage the project carefully and make changes to ensure it is completed without exceeding the project budget approved by the Rutgers Board of Governors.

What this all boils down to is the need for reinforcement of the principles of accountability and integrity in all business transactions.

State senator Raymond Lesniak sees the problem with the arrangement to retain Coach Schiano as head coach of Rutgers football program as not the deals themselves but the transparency surrounding them.

"Mulcahy's tapping of a portion of private sponsorship revenues to offset public contract costs was an example of the university being "resourceful," he said, "I think, particularly in an era when public dollars are stretched to the very limit, we need more creative solutions like this one to decrease the need for tax dollars and minimize public spending while maximizing public benefit."

President McCormick has appointed a committee of seven, co-chaired by Al Koepp, CEO of the Newark Alliance and former CEO of Public Service & Gas Co., and Al Gamper, former chairman of the Rutgers Board of Governors, to conduct a "complete and candid review of the athletic department."

The president stated in his charge: "Intercollegiate athletic competition is highly important to Rutgers today and is an integral part of our mission. Thus it is important to take account of the recent events and reports that have questions about the athletics program at Rutgers-New Brunswick."

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Down on the Farm . . .



Reminiscences !!! by Dorothy Gwozdziewicz

We all have memories about our childhood growing up, family and friends and life in a different era. Today I want to share with you a conversation with Marge Kirschman Wavrica.

Marge is an attractive, vital woman with stories that would delight us all. She lived in the Cedar Grove section of Matawan, which is now Old Bridge and was often referred to as Madison Township.

Her parents, Christian and Barbara (Bertha) Kirschman, second generation owners of a forty acre working farm off Route 516, Morganville Road and now Yardley Manor, had two children, Chris and Marge, both born in the farmhouse. The aerial view of the farm shows carefully tended rows and rows of plantings and trees and a beautiful spacious farmhouse, a barn where the hay was kept to feed the animals, a garage for trucks and tractors and a garage for vehicles and storage. There was also a smokehouse to cure their own hams, sausage and kielbasi.

Living on the farm meant growing up with fresh vegetables and the aroma of bountiful fruits picked from their farm, cooked to perfection by their mother on a wood stove. There were strawberries, blackberries, blueberries, string beans, soybeans, peas, tomatoes, peppers, and other greens and produce from the fertile land and the passion her family had for farming. There were fruit trees, tended lovingly and full of fruit that was fresh and tasteful.

It was a time when the Minister and his family came to dinner on Sundays and other family and friends were included in the activities of family life. A favorite dinner was

stuffed cabbage coupled with the quality produce from the farm.

It was a time when you wore velvet coats in the winter and hats and gloves in the summer for church. It was a time when you treasured a piece of jewelry bought lovingly by your parents and still regret the loss of a favorite initial ring, lost while swimming in a pond on your property. It was a time when you went to the well for water and had a pot-bellied stove for heating.

It was a time when chores included going into the chicken coop for eggs on beautiful sunny days and days that were not so beautiful and getting pecked by the chickens as you reached in to get the eggs. There were pigs, turkeys roosters, cows, goats and a horse.

Bertha and Christian Kirschman were very progressive and installed one of the first irrigation ponds in the area. Her Dad was involved with the Rutgers Cooperative Extension, having dealings with Dr. John Gerwig, Milt Cowan and Warner Thurlow. It was a large and productive farm and during the various busy seasons, when additional help was needed, Mother drove the truck to Fords, Perth Amboy and Newark to hire additional farm workers for the day. They took their produce to Newark and the Bronx, New York.

Marge and her brother Chris attended a one-room schoolhouse at Cedar Grove with grades 1 to 8 taught by one teacher, Bessie Warren Lambertson. Her father and uncles also attended the same one-room schoolhouse when they grew up on the farm and were taught by Mr. Warner, the father of their teacher.

The schoolhouse, now the Thomas Wayne Museum, on Route

516, in Matawan, was some distance away and Marge and Chris made their way riding bicycles. They were driven to get the school bus to attend Matawan High School and had the same driver for four years.

This was a time we cannot visualize today, with thousands of children in one school, dozens of school buses, specialized teachers, computers and air conditioning.

Most weeks Mother picked up Marge and Chris at Matawan High School after school on Fridays for their journey into Perth Amboy to have dinner and go shopping. There were trips to Madison Square Garden, Broadway Shows and Barnum & Bailey's Circus in New York City.

Her Mother was also active in church and participated in the Women's Guild. She also played card games with the wives from neighboring farms and they pooled their weekly savings of ten cents to treat their husbands to dinner and a Broadway show in New York City.

Marge and her brother Chris grew up in a time when they bicycled to go swimming at Cheesequake Park, went sleigh riding in the woods on Flexible Flyers and enjoyed ice skating with friends at Buttonwood Manor on Lake Lefferts.

Marge married John Wavrica on September 2, 1950 at St. Peter's Church in New Brunswick. Their reception was held at the Roger Smith Hotel, a landmark many of us remember from those days.

They had a daughter, Nancy, who sang and performed with her father, John, who played the "Duovox" accordion for nursing homes and parties in many towns around the area. Nancy also remembers life on the farm, her grandparents and extended family through her uncle Chris who is still an important part of their lives.

Marge Wavrica worked at Rutgers University for almost 50 years in various departments. Among her favorites were secretary to Professor Richard West, Forestry Department; secretary in John Gerwig's office, Cooperative Extension; and working

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SPORTS SHORTS

Women's Basketball Announces Coaching Changes

Coach C. Vivian Stringer announced the promotion of assistant coach **Carlene Mitchell** to the position of associate head coach.

"I am very excited, both for Carlene and for the Rutgers Program," Stringer said, "She is an excellent tactician, strategist and outstanding recruiter. I take seriously the title of associate head coach as during my early 40 years I have had only one other individual merit the title. Carlene's hard work at Rutgers has earned her the distinction to be named associate head coach."

Mitchell, a native of Dewitt, Arkansas and a graduate of Kansas State University, recently completed her 7th season on the sidelines wherein she helped direct the Scarlet Knights to a 160-68 record and NCAA berths in six of the last seven seasons. She has served as the program's recruiting coordinator since 2004 and has assembled some of the finest recruiting classes in her time 'On the Banks.'

"I am extremely thrilled to be awarded this position, Mitchell said, "I am honored to work for a Hall of Fame coach and be a member of a staff for an esteemed program like Rutgers."

Former National Player of the Year, USA Olympian, All-American and Hall of Famer **Clarissa Davis-Wrightsel** has joined C. Vivian Stringer's staff as assistant coach.

"Clarissa is an amazing addition to our staff," said Stringer, "She comes from a rich background, having played and worked for my close coaching confidante, Jody Conrath. Her resume is simply put, mind blowing. She has achieved feats many only dream about during both her playing, coaching and professional careers. We are very excited to have

her join our basketball family at Rutgers."

She played professionally in Europe and Asia where she led her respective teams to five league championships. She starred for the now defunct American Basketball League, the first professional league for women's basketball, for 2 seasons where she was selected as a "premier player" and an ABL All-Star. She then joined the Phoenix Mercury of the WNBA in 1999, completing a 10-year pro playing career.

Davis-Wrightsel recently was a member of the coaching staff at her alma mater, the University of Texas. Previously she served as the Women's Basketball Director of Development for the San Antonio Spurs organization. She was promoted to serve as Chief Operating Officer for the WNBA's San Antonio Silver Stars where she oversaw Spurs Sports & Entertainment in its successful campaign for a WNBA franchise as well as the day-to-day business and basketball operations for the franchise. □

Mike Teel, Scarlet Knights senior quarterback, was named to the watch list for Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award, presented by Transamerica Insurance and Investment Group. This prestigious award bears the name referred to by many as the finest quarterback to ever play the game.

Teel directed an offense that was the first in NCAA history to have a 3,000-yard passer, 2,000-yard rusher and two 1,000-yard receivers in the same season.

The award takes into consideration his impressive collegiate career to this point, as well as his off-the-field values of good character, citizenship, scholastic achievement, and strong leadership qualities.

Kenny Britt, **Courtney Greene** and **Tiquan Underwood** garner pre-

season All-America honors by National Champs.net.

Britt returns for his junior season as the nation's fourth-leading receiver in terms of receiving yardage last year. The New Jersey native set a Rutgers single-season record and finished 5th in Big East history with 1,232 yards in 2007 including 62 receptions and 8 touchdowns and averaged 19.8 yards per reception.

Underwood totaled 1,100 yards receiving to rank second in Rutgers single-season history en route to First Team All-Big East honors.

Greene collected second team All-Big East accolades after leading Rutgers in tackles for the second time in 3 years with 101 stops. The New York product has started all 38 games in his career and ranks 8th in school history with 299 tackles.

Wide receivers **Kenny Britt** and **Tiquan Underwood**, have also been named to watch lists for college football's 72nd *Maxwell Award*. Free safety **Courtney Greene** has been named by the *Chuck Bednarik*, *Jim Thorpe*, the *Lott* and *Nagurski* awards watch lists while defensive lineman **Jamaal Westerman** was named to the watch list for the *Chuck Bednarik Award*.

Justin Pennington, was selected as one of the Top 10 midfielders in the 2009 rankings in Division I men's lacrosse by Inside Lacrosse.com. An honorable mention All-American and first team All-ECAC selection in 2008, Pennington was ranked No. 7 on the list. He led the team with 32 points on 22 goals and 10 assists and was ranked 11th in the country, averaging 5.15 ground balls per game. While handling a majority of RU's face-off duties, he won 53.8 percent of his attempts, ranking him 24th in the nation.

Rutgers first baseman **Jaren Matthews** was named a Freshman All American by *Baseball America*. It marks the second All-American honor for him following his standout rookie season with the Scarlet Knights. The power hitter was also named a Louisville Slugger Freshman All-American by *Collegiate Baseball*.

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"In the spirit of transparency and to ensure our adherence to sound business practices, I am asking you to undertake a review of, and to probe deeply, all the issues that arise in the course of this examination."

The review will include an examination of the "contracts and relationships" with Nelligan Sports Marketing as well as the internal controls within the athletic division.

The committee is expected to release its findings to President McCormick, the Rutgers Board of Governors, the university community and the public in early fall.

Senate President Richard Codey said he "appreciates the university's decision to open the compensation process to public scrutiny." He further stressed that Schiano was worth every penny Rutgers is paying him. "What he's done for Rutgers University has been tremendous," Codey said. "The number of applicants is way up. The quality of students has always been good, but it's better. It's been great. I think Bob Mulcahy needs a lot of credit for selecting someone who's done so much for Rutgers University, making it a great brand name in both academics and athletics." □

Rutgers Reaccredited by Middle States Commission on Higher Education

University Earns High Marks for Undergraduate Education, Student Engagement.

The Middle States Commission on Higher Education--a voluntary, nongovernmental association that promotes standards of excellence in higher education--confirmed the value of a Rutgers diploma and qualifies the university for federal grants and student aid through its reaccreditation.

The process started in 2006 when more than 200 members of the university community began an exhaustive institutional self-study which culminated in March with the visit of commission officials to Rutgers' three campuses.

On June 26 the Evaluation Team formally reaccredited Rutgers for the next 10 years with an overwhelmingly positive assessment of the university.

The team commended the implementation of learning communities and first-year seminars that connect faculty and students, and praised the efforts to enhance student engagement with faculty research mentors through such initiatives as the Aresty Research Center for Undergraduates.

Student services won high marks for the depth and breadth of undergraduate student services, including residential life and academic advising.

The report noted the special characteristics of Camden and Newark as major urban campuses intricately linked to their cities and fulfilling their distinctive urban missions.

"The accreditation team's visit, along with careful consideration of the the university's self-study report," the review stated, "made clear to the Evaluation Team that the institution's efforts over the last several years have resulted in significant progress toward its goal of integrating the undergraduate programs.

The team was impressed by the overall quality of Rutgers and the candor of the self-study process. "This is an extraordinary result, particularly in today's national environment of deep scrutiny of higher education," President McCormick declared. □

Rutgers and StemCyte Inc. Form Partnership to Develop Therapies to Remedy Spinal Cord Injuries

Rutgers and StemCyte Inc, have entered a research and licensing agreement for creating a therapy for spinal cord injuries under development by Wise Young, the director of the W.M. Keck Center for Collaborative Neuroscience in New Brunswick.

The therapy uses StemCyte's proprietary human umbilical cord blood stem cells. Under the pact, StemCyte will underwrite Young's research and receive exclusive commercialization rights. Rutgers will share in the royalties that come with any successful sale of Young's products. □

Election of Officers Scheduled for Fall Luncheon

In accordance with the by-laws of the Silver Knights association, officers serve for terms of two years and until their successors are duly qualified and elected.

The current slate of officers will complete their terms of service at the 2008 fall luncheon. Hence, Joan DeBoer, chair of the nominating committee, has indicated that new officers are scheduled for election at the luncheon. The bylaws also provide for the officers to succeed themselves in office if reelected.

The membership shall be asked to vote on the slate submitted by the nominating committee. Nominations, of course, may be submitted by the membership at large at any time prior to the fall luncheon. Nominations may also be accepted from the floor. However, please note that anyone planning to nominate a member of the association for office is required to obtain the approval of the individual prior to submitting the person for nomination to office at the fall luncheon..

Should there not be any additional nominees put forth the Secretary shall cast the affirmative vote confirming the acceptance of the slate of officers submitted by the nominating committee for a new 2-year term. □

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with assistant dean Joan DeBoer in the Student Services Department; all on the Cook College Campus. She also served as secretary to Joseph Hart in Theatre Arts at Douglass College and then as secretary to Dean Mary Davidson of Social Work on the Queen's Campus in 1993. Marge tried to retire in 1995 but came out of retirement to continue to work for Dr. Davidson through July of 2006.

There are a lot of stories about growing up in New Jersey and working at Rutgers University and Marge was willing to share her story. The farm is no longer there, but the wonderful memories continue. □

Rutgers-Newark Offers First Undergraduate Major in Public Service

The Board of Governors of Rutgers University has approved a proposal to offer a new undergraduate major in public service at the School of Public Affairs and Administration in Newark. It will be an interdisciplinary degree designed to bring students to deeper understanding of their roles as public servants, in the context of civic engagement. The program will provide undergraduates with the substantive knowledge, analytical skills and perspectives needed to respond effectively and fairly to major contemporary social problems.

"This innovative undergraduate major may well define a national model of public service education for other colleges and universities," said Dr. Steven J. Diner, Rutgers-Newark Chancellor.

"The proposed undergraduate major in public service, the first of its kind in the nation, responds to the growing global demand for competent, strong managers and leaders," commented Dr. Marc Holzer, dean and professor of SPAA.

As the only four-year major in public service within the state, the proposed undergraduate major will attract new students to SPAA and the Rutgers campus at Newark. The program, offering an innovative and attractive pathway to public service at the bachelor's level, will open opportunities in not-for-profit, federal, state and local public service. Additionally, the proposed program will highlight a broad array of graduate degrees: master of public administration, master of arts in criminal justice, master of business administration, master of arts in political science, and juris doctor. □

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scholarship, and libraries. He also lectures and writes about the Holocaust, comparative genocide and Jewish identity in the post-Holocaust United States.

Over the past two decades, Greenberg also has provided leadership and direction for major organizations focused on academic research and outreach, serving as president and director of the Chicago Historical Society, president and CEO of the survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation and vice president of ACLS. He also is a former chair of the New Jersey Historical Commission and California Council for the Humanities.

"The professional opportunity to assume leadership of the School of Arts and Sciences is also a deeply personal opportunity for me to return to both my personal and academic roots," Greenberg said. "I look forward to the challenge ahead and to joining the distinguished faculty of the school in pursuing new achievements in research and education." □

Progress for the Hearing Impaired

After six years of research, neuroscientist Robin Davis, a professor in the Department of Cell Biology and Neuroscience, and her Rutgers team are making promising progress in understanding how to improve hearing for the congenitally or profoundly deaf.

The group's findings—pinpointing the role of two neurotrophin proteins in the cochlea, the snail-shell shaped structure in the inner ear—could help engineers design a new generation of cochlea implants by allowing the user to hear the full range of sounds instead of the limited number provided by present implants.

Their studies have been supported by a grant from *The National Institute of Health* and a *Gates Millennium Scholarship*.

Rutgers Grad Wins Pulitzer Prize

Junot Diaz, RC'92, acclaimed short story writer and novelist, won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction in April for *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao*. The novel, much of it set at Rutgers also won a *National Book Critics Circle Award* in March. Diaz, a native of the Dominican Republic who moved to the United States in 1974 noted, "When I got to Rutgers, it was the first time I felt safe since I left the Dominican Republic. A moment like that is hard to forget."

Duckweed Genome Sequencing Has Global Implications

Three plant biologists, professors Todd Michael, Randall Kerstetter and Joachim Messing, at the Waksman Institute of Microbiology, are obsessed with duckweed (pond scum), a tiny aquatic plant. Now they have convinced the federal government to focus its attention on its tremendous potential for cleaning up pollution, combating global warming and feeding the world.

According to the researchers, duckweed plants can extract nitrogen and phosphate pollutants from agricultural and municipal wastewater. They can reduce algae growth, coliform bacterial counts and mosquito larvae on ponds, while concentrating heavy metals, capturing or degrading toxic chemicals, and encourage the growth of other aquatic animals such as frogs and fowl. These plants produce biomass faster than any other flowering plant, serve as a high-protein feed for domestic animals and show clear potential as an alternative for biofuel production. □

Jorge Reina Schement Named SCILS Dean

Jorge Reina Schement, most recently distinguished professor of telecommunications at Penn State and a renowned expert on communications and information policy, became the dean of the School of Communication, Information and Library Science (SCILS), on July 1, 2008.

A graduate of Southern Methodist University, Schement earned his doctorate in communication at Stanford and his master's degree at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

His research and scholarship address issues of information policy, global communications, the social aspects of the information age, Spanish-language media, and information consumer behavior. More specifically, he has focused on the social and policy consequences of the production and consumption of information, with a special interest in policy as it relates to ethnic minorities.

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Silver Knights Sponsor Day Trip to Radio City Music Hall's "CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR"

The Silver Knights offers a spectacular trip on **Thursday, November 13th** to the Radio City "Christmas Spectacular" featuring the famed Rockettes.

The Radio City Christmas Spectacular starring the world famous Rockettes is an unparalleled show featuring the signature eye-high kicks, and precision choreography in multiple show-stopping numbers including the legendary "Parade of the

Wooden Soldiers" and "New York at Christmas," a dynamic holiday celebration." All will be delighted as Santa flies high above the crowd and touched as the true meaning of Christmas is brought to life in the awe-inspiring "Living Nativity."

The Christmas Spectacular has dazzled and inspired over 65 million people for more than 75 years and continues to create memories that last a lifetime.

Total price for the package which includes a show ticket, round trip transportation by motor coach and complete luncheon at *Carmine's Restaurant* is \$130.00. *Bring a relative or friend.* The motor coach which seats 50 people will depart from **Lot 98-B on the Cook Campus at 8:45 a.m.** Hence, reservations will be honored on a first-come / first-served basis. Payment is due by Tuesday, October 14, 2008.



ACT NOW !

Note that reservations will be honored on a first-come / first-served basis. Please fill out the form and return it by **October 14 , 2008** to the address shown on the form.

RESERVATION FORM

SILVER KNIGHTS RADIO CITY "CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR"

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Enclosed is my check - payable to **Silver Knights** - for _____ tickets at **\$130.00** each.

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 New Brunswick, NJ 08901

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You are invited to attend the Silver Knights Spring Luncheon which will be held **Thursday, October 23, 2008 at 12:00 noon** in Neilson Dining Hall on the Douglass-Cook Campus, New Brunswick.

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Fill out this form and return it by **October 14, 2008** so that we may plan for the number attending and for updating the retiree membership list and data bank.

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I have enclosed my check or money order for **\$20.00** to cover the cost of the luncheon.

Make checks payable to **Silver Knights** and mail to:

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SNY New Official TV Home of Rutgers Athletics

SNY, the television home of the Mets and *Jets*, is the new exclusive TV home Rutgers football, which encompasses a weekly sit-down interview with head football coach Greg Schiano, his Monday morning press conference, the Rutgers coach's show entitled "Inside Rutgers Football with Greg Schiano" as well as re-air rights to Rutgers games. Both of Rutgers official coaches shows, "Inside Rutgers Football with Greg Schiano" and "Inside Rutgers Basketball with Fred Hill," will air on SNY in the New York television market and on Comcast SportsNet in the Philadelphia television market, which includes all of south Jersey.

This agreement is significant for Rutgers, its fans and the state of New Jersey," said Director of Athletics Bob Mulcahy. "For the first time ever, our football and men's basketball coaches shows will be available throughout the Garden State. The ability to deliver this product in the nation's largest and fourth largest markets is a considerable step forward. We look forward to a very productive relationship with SNY and appreciate the tremendous opportunity that has been provided to us both by the SNY and the Big East Conference."

As the exclusive TV home of Big East football SNY will air a minimum of 16 games per season, including the Saturday afternoon-"Game of the Week" which will be wrapped by in depth pre, halftime and post-game shows, produced by SNY.

When the college basketball season tips off, SNY will continue as "the official TV home of Big East basketball" - airing more than 100 Big East contests each season. The package includes the production of men's and women's "Game of the Week" and in depth pre-halftime and post game shows, surrounding all intra conference primetime basketball match-ups that will air on the network □.

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He is the author of 10 books, with two additional volumes in preparation, 100 articles and reports, and a substantial list of corporate and foundation grants. He has served on the editorial boards of 7 academic journals and is editor-in-chief of the MacMillan Encyclopedia of Communication and Information.

In addition to teaching at Rutgers, he has held positions at Stanford University, the University of Texas, the Annenberg School for

Communication at USC and the Graduate School of Library and Information Studies at UCLA. He has been a Ford Foundation Fellow and a Fulbright Senior Research Fellow at the University of Helsinki.

"I am excited to be returning to Rutgers to build on the retiring Gus Friedrich's accomplishments," Schement stated, "SCILS scholars are trying to understand how information is developed, communicated and perceived, and it's hard to imagine work more essential to human progress than that." □

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The Freshman, who was also named a Third Team All Big East selection by the league's coaches finished the season with a team-best 10 home runs and 54 RBIs. He hit .294 overall a team-best 63 hits, including 11 doubles and 2 triples. He also had 21 walks and was successful in 8 of his 9 stolen base attempts. Matthews is the first Scarlet Knight to be named to the Freshman All-American team since Todd Frazier earned consensus Freshman All-America Honors in 2005. □



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