



RUTGERS RETIREE FACULTY AND STAFF CENTER

The picture above is the nearly completed Retiree Faculty & Staff Center located at the Administrative Services Building II on Route 1 in New Brunswick (adjacent to Sears). The room is quite large with workstations, comfortable seating and a conference table. We will continue to keep you informed and will let you know when the Center is complete and staffed with a full-time staff position.



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“RUTGERS STORIES” TOPIC OF FEATURED SPEAKER DR. ROGER M. LOCANDRO, RETIRED PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY, EVOLUTION AND NATURAL RESOURCES



Dr. Roger M. Locandro
Professor Emeritus

On Thursday, October 17, 2013 we will be honored to have Dr. Roger Locandro, Professor Emeritus in the Department of Ecology, Evolution and Natural Resources as our Guest Speaker.

Born in 1936 in New Brunswick and a graduate of New Brunswick High School, Roger began his career at Rutgers in 1954 as a freshman student at NJCAES (the New Jersey College of Agriculture and Environmental Science) the precursor of Cook College and SEBS. After taking a leave of absence twice to teach in two New Jersey high schools, Roger returned and graduated in 1960 with a BS degree with a background in education, animal science and general agriculture. He joined the CAES staff in 1962 as an Assistant County Agent working out of Flemington, NJ where his

office was located in the old courthouse where the famous Lindbergh trial had taken place. In 1967, he became the Assistant Director of Resident Instruction. In this position, Roger was very involved with the development and expansion of the short courses that CAES and later Cook was offering to professionals in the field who needed to become certified in their areas of expertise. When he began there were about 16 such courses, Roger worked to expand this number to over 90 offerings. Presently, there are over 300 courses being offered. In 1973, Roger received his PH.D. in Botany and Ecology from Rutgers.

With Roger's vast experiences in helping to develop Cook College, in 1981 he moved from the academic area of the college into the Student Life division when he became the first Dean of Students at Cook. Roger basically built up the Student Life program at Cook from scratch. He became a member of the National Student Personnel Administrators, a group that at the time would convene to talk about the needs, programming

and ideas behind developing a comprehensive collegiate Student Life program. With his education background, Roger believed whole heartedly that leadership should come from the students and not from the staff. He felt that it should come from the bottom up and not from the top down. With this concept in mind, he established the Cook Council, which put decision making in the hands of the students rather than the staff. This concept allowed for students to lead and allowed for them to be highly involved in matters regarding their life and experiences as members of the Cook community. Early on, this manifested itself in the students' proposal for the building of the Cook Campus Center and in the design and building of the Voorhees Dormitory.

Roger's career started in 1967 when there was an enrollment of 365 students. This was a time when he could walk the campus and know every student by name. When he retired in 1999, the student enrollment was up to 3100. Knowing every student by name was no longer a possibility, but knowing that he was

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THE NEW RUTGERS, WITH EXPANDED HEALTH SCIENCES MISSION, IS READY TO DELIVER

Rutgers ushered in a new era in New Jersey on July 1, 2013, energized by an expanded mission of medical education that promises to turn the university into an academic powerhouse.

“The limitless future of health care delivery and discovery in New Jersey starts today,” Rutgers President Robert L. Bar-

chi told those gathered at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in Piscataway. Hundreds of guests turned out to celebrate as most of the former University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey became part of Rutgers.

Joined by Governor Chris Christie and legislators from across the state, President

Barchi told the crowd of 600 that the new Rutgers is ready to lead the way in health care education, training and medical research.

“Now there is no excuse for giving New Jersey anything less than a world-class university,” Barchi said. “I can tell you that Rutgers is ready to deliver.”

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FACTS ABOUT THE “NEW RUTGERS”

How long has it been since you retired from Rutgers? One year, five, fifteen, twenty years ago, longer? No matter when it was, the Rutgers we all knew or remember no longer exists. On July 1, 2013, history was made when Rutgers University integrated with UMDNJ establishing Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences. This new school will be led by Brian Strom who effective Dec. 2, 2013 will become the inaugural chancellor reporting directly to President Barchi. Rutgers, which was already known as a leading national research university, now stands as one of America’s largest, most comprehensive university-based centers for studying and improving human health and health care. With this integration, Rutgers now has the advantages of being able to:

- draw more top flight faculty and students
- deepen research collaborations
- optimize the coordination of health care for residents
- accelerate economic growth
- attract even greater public and private support

Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences is the umbrella organization for the following schools and units:

- Cancer Institute of New Jersey
- Center for Advanced Biotechnology and Medicine
- Environmental and Occupational Health Science Institute
- Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy
- Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences
- Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research
- Rutgers School of Dental Medicine
- School of Health Related Professions
- School of Public Health
- University Behavioral Health Care
- **Medical Schools**
 - New Jersey Medical School – Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
- **Nursing Schools**
 - College of Nursing – School of Nursing

The “New Rutgers” is one of 62 schools in the prestigious Association of American Universities, whose members are North America’s leading research universities. Rutgers is a top 25 public university in U.S News and World Report rankings. It is also a member of the Committee on Institutional Cooperation, an academic consortium of 15 top tier American research universities. Effective in 2014 the Athletic Program will become a member of the Big Ten Conference.

The “New Rutgers” will have a student enrollment of over 65,000, 45,000 plus undergraduates and 20,000 plus graduate students. The “New Rutgers” has more than 9,000 full and part-time faculty members and more than 15,400 full and part-time staff members. It consists of 33 Schools and Colleges. It has more than 100 undergraduate majors and more than 200 graduate programs. There are presently 156 residence halls with more in the works, presently housing 17,800 resident students who have eating options in 6 dining halls and 29 plus food courts/cafes serving more than 6 million meals annually.

What an exciting and different Rutgers from when all of us Silver Knights were employees, wouldn’t you say?



RUTGERS UNIVERSITY’S ICONIC GREASE TRUCKS TO BID FAREWELL TO COLLEGE AVENUE LOT

Rutgers University students have returned to campus this month and have found the school’s iconic grease trucks are no longer dishing out “Fat Sandwiches” in their familiar spot on College Avenue.



The semi-permanent trailers are being displaced from Lot 8, located near the corner of College Avenue and Hamilton Street, to make space for an apartment complex that will house 500 students. The \$84 million dollar project will include a 25,000 square-foot public plaza with a 600 foot video screen, boardwalk and retail space, developers said. The complex is part of a larger makeover of the College Avenue campus being built through a public-private partnership between Rutgers and the New Brunswick Development Corporation, known as Devco.

Rutgers officials expect the vendors will be dispersed around Rutgers, which includes campuses in Piscataway and New Brunswick.

REGISTRATION FORM SILVER KNIGHTS RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR • NOVEMBER 8, 2013

The Silver Knights Offers a Spectacular Trip on Friday, Nov. 8th to the “2013 Radio City Christmas Spectacular”. America’s favorite holiday show is back and bigger than ever! The grandest celebration of the holiday season, this year’s Radio City Christmas Spectacular features The Parade of the Wooden Soldiers, New York at Christmas, The Living Nativity, and a dazzling new number by the world-famous Rockettes. Don’t miss out on your only chance to experience it all live and in person.

Total price for package which includes prime orchestra seats, round trip transportation by motor coach and complete luncheon at L’Allegria Restaurant (northern Italian cuisine) is \$130.00 (includes all tax & meal gratuity). Bring a relative or friend. The motor coach will depart from **Lot 98-B on the Cook Campus at 9:00 a.m. and return approximately 4:30 p.m.**

ACT NOW! Note that reservations will be honored on a first-come/first-served basis. Please fill out this form and **return by October 25, 2013.** If you have questions call Mary Rueshoff @ 732-239-3779 or Sally Kitzi @ 908-295-8947.

PLEASE PRINT:

Name _____
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 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 E-Mail: _____ Telephone: _____

Enclosed is my check for _____ tickets at \$130.00 each.

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REGISTRATION FORM SILVER KNIGHTS FALL LUNCHEON - OCTOBER 17, 2013



You are invited to attend the Silver Knights Fall Luncheon which will be held **Thursday, October 17, 2013 at 12:00 noon** in Neilson Dining Hall on the Douglass-Cook Campus New Brunswick.

ACT NOW!

Please fill out this form and **return by October 10, 2013** 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.** Sorry no refunds.

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SENIOR HUMOR

Answering machine message: "I am not available right now, but thank you for caring enough to call. I am making some changes in my life. Please leave a message after the beep. If I do not return your call, you are one of the changes."

Ever walk into a room with some purpose in mind, only to forget what that purpose was? Turns out, doors themselves are to blame for these strange memory lapses. Psychologists at the University of Notre Dame have discovered that passing through a doorway triggers what's known as an event boundary in the mind, separating one set of thoughts and memories from the next. Your brain files away the thoughts you had in the previous room and prepares a blank slate for the new locale. So, it's not aging, it's the damn door! Thank goodness for studies like this.

I just took a leaflet out of my mailbox, informing me that I can have sex at 79. I'm so happy, because I live at number 71. So it's not too far to walk home afterwards. And it's the same side of the street – I don't even have to cross the road!

OVERHEARD



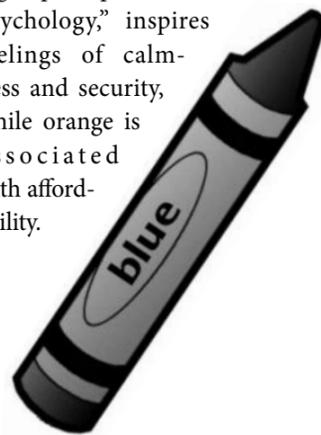
AT RUTGERS

"Already 80 percent of [baby] boomers in New Jersey have received a letter from AARP. As a result, the generation that once was alleged to have dropped acid in order to escape reality is now rapidly dropping antacids in order to cope with it."

– James W. Hughes, Dean of the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, addressing NAIOP New Jersey, a commercial real estate group, in New Brunswick on March 20.

TRUE TO BLUE

Shoppers are 15 percent more likely to return to stores with a blue rather than orange color scheme, a study in the Journal of Business Research finds. Blue, according to principles of "color psychology," inspires feelings of calmness and security, while orange is associated with affordability.



[Boomers come full circle on pot legalization]

We were in it before we were against it. In 1978, 47 percent of people born between 1946 and 1964 favored legalizing marijuana. But support plummeted as the boomer generation aged, reaching a low of 17 percent in 1990. Now boomers have reconsidered – again. A new Pew Research Center poll finds that half think pot should be legal. Nationally that support has reached 52 percent, the first time in four decades that a majority of Americans favor decriminalization. Why the change of heart? The widespread acceptance of medical marijuana may be one factor: 77 percent of those ages 50 to 64 agree that marijuana has legitimate medical uses.

Looking for Information

We are trying to add articles of interest to future editions of *The Herald*. So if you would like to share a favorite recipe, vacation spot, senior deal, event, hobby or anything else that you think would be of interest to your fellow Silver Knights or something we might enjoy reading about, please e-mail the info/article to sknights@rci.rutgers.edu.



EDDIE JORDAN RETURNS TO COACH THE MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

Returning to the scene of his success as both a star player on the 1975-76 Scarlet Knights basketball team and later as an assistant coach, Eddie Jordan was again the center of attention at the College Avenue Gymnasium in New Brunswick when he was introduced on April 23, 2013 as the team's new head coach. Jordan, an integral part of the team that appeared in the 1976 Final Four NCAA tournament and a 2004 inductee into the Rutgers Hall of Distinguished Alumni, returns with 28 seasons of coaching experience, including eight of them in the college ranks and 19 with the National Basketball Association (NBA). He was an assistant coach this past season for the Los Angeles Lakers, with whom he won a championship as a player in 1982, one of four teams that he played for during a seven-year career that began in 1977 after being the second-round draft pick of the Cleveland Cavaliers. Jordan has served as the head coach of the Sacramento Kings, Washington Wizards, and Philadelphia 76ers.

JULIE HERMANN APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Appointed Director of Intercollegiate Athletics effective June 17, 2013, Julie Hermann leads Rutgers athletics transition in 2014 to the nation's premier academic and athletic conference, the Big Ten. Hermann came to Rutgers after serving previously as the executive senior associate director of athletics for the University of Louisville. She spent 15 years at Louisville as the Cardinals built one of the nation's most competitive athletic programs across the board.

Following a national search, Hermann was selected from a pool of 63 candidates. She is the first woman to serve in this capacity at Rutgers and will become the second female athletic director in Big Ten history.

"It's a pleasure to welcome Julie Hermann to the Rutgers community," said President Robert L. Barchi. "She is one of the most respected athletics administrators in the country, and she was deeply involved in moving Louisville from Conference USA to the Big East and from the Big East to the Atlantic Coast Conference. Her 15 years of leadership experience will be an invaluable asset to the university as we prepare to enter the Big Ten."

Hermann is immediate past president of the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletics Administrators. She is the former chair of the NCAA Division 1 Women's Volleyball Committee. Hermann has served on numerous boards, including the Frazier Rehab Institute, the Louisville Sports Commission and the Kentucky Sports Commission.

She and her partner Dr. Leslie Danehy are the proud parents of a seven-year old son, Aidan.

RUTGERS ATHLETICS RECOGNIZED BY NCAA FOR TOP ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Three Rutgers teams – football, women's golf and women's lacrosse – received public recognition from the NCAA for top academic performance for their multi-year Academic Progress Rate scores, the NCAA announced. It marked the sixth consecutive year that the Scarlet Knights football program was cited by the NCAA. It also marks the fourth year in a row Rutgers women's lacrosse was recognized for a perfect APR score. These awards are given each year to teams scoring in the top 10 percent in each sport with their APRs.

The APR provides a real-time look at a team's academic success each semester by tracking the academic progress of each student-athlete on scholarship. The APR accounts for eligibility, retention and graduation and provides a measure of each team's academic performance.

PLUMMER QUALIFIES FOR TEAM USA

Rutgers' James Plummer took third place in the discus at the 2013 USA Outdoor Track and Field Championships to qualify as a member of Team USA. Plummer, a First Team All-American and Big East Champion in the event, set a new lifetime best by a little over two feet.

LEGRAND'S NO. 52 TO BE RETIRED BY RUTGERS FOOTBALL

Continuing to persevere and provide an inspiration to all, Eric LeGrand's No. 52 will be retired by Rutgers football in a ceremony on September 14 at High Point Solutions Stadium. It will be the first number raised in the 144-year history of the program. Rehabbing since suffering a career-ending injury in a game in 2010, LeGrand has set a goal of walking once again – inspiring many along the way.

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EMAIL ACCOUNT

Retirees with at least 10 years of pension-credit service at Rutgers University may be granted access to a guest email account, which includes a listing in the Rutgers Online Directory. For an application, please visit the Campus Computing Services website at <http://www.nbcs.rutgers.edu/newdocs/for00202/acct.php>. Applications should be returned to University Human Resources, 57 U.S. Route #1, New Brunswick, NJ 08901. Applications may be faxed to University Human Resources at 848-932-3020.

EMAIL RENEWAL

Your Rutgers guest email account expires on September 30 every year. Please make sure to submit the RCI Guest Account Application/ Renewal Form when you receive the email from the Accounts Office.

RETIREE PARKING PERMIT

All retired New Brunswick faculty and staff members are eligible to receive a Retiree Parking Permit at no cost. Remember your retiree permit must be renewed every two (2) years. Please call 732-932-7744 for more information. (Newark) 973-353-1818, (Camden) 609-225-6021.

OLLI-RU

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Rutgers University (OLLI-RU) is for individuals over 50 who are looking for an opportunity to expand their horizons, learn in an engaging environment, and meet new friends. OLLI-RU offers noncredit education that is stimulating, friendly, and informal. There are no tests and no grades! You will be part of a learning community that is full of diversity, insight, wisdom, intellectual and cultural stimulation, and friendship.

Classes meet at the Reformed Church of Highland Park, on the Rutgers-New Brunswick Campus, and The Pavilion at The Parker Home, Highland Park and at the Western Monmouth Higher Education Center at Brookdale Community College, Freehold.

If you are interested in further information about OLLI-RU, call 732-932-7233, ext. 4202 or go to their website www.olliru.rutgers.edu.

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involved in establishing many of the groundbreaking policies and programs over a 38 year career at Cook certainly made up for that inability. Throughout his tenure, Roger kept his hand in teaching, continuing to teach such diverse classes as "Interesting and Edible Meats" to "Edible Plants".

Over the years, Roger has been honored with many awards including the University Teaching Excellence Award (The Sussman Award) and The Distinguished Leadership Award. He is also an Honorary Member of The Glee Club. Roger has also been honored by the University with the establishment of "The Roger Locandro Award for Academic Innovation and Creativity", a faculty award created to honor Roger who throughout his career made sustained and significant contributions to education.

Roger met his late wife Marilyn while an undergraduate working on the dairy farm. They were married in 1960. Their daughters attended Douglass and their son attended Cook.

Just because Roger spent his entire life in the New Brunswick area does not mean that he never got away from New Brunswick. Through courses that he developed and taught, Roger has spent extensive time in Newfoundland, Alaska and Puerto Rico. He also taught 18 week extension programs in Student Life that took him to Europe and Africa. He has represented Rutgers at the United Nations Environment Program in Nairobi, Kenya and has spoken at conferences in Paris. So for a local son who never left the New Brunswick area, he has certainly managed to see the world. And the many, many students that he has taught can also be found throughout the world paying forward what they learned from this very special educator. With all of Roger's expertise and experiences, his presentation at our luncheon should prove to be quite interesting. 🍷

SILVER KNIGHTS ACTIVITIES



REUNION WEEKEND PARADE

Members of the Silver Knights participated in the All-Alumni Parade on Saturday, May 18, 2013. This has become an annual event for the Silver Knights. *Pictured are left to right:* Ed Byrne, Betsy Winchester, Sally Kitzi, Clare Laskoski, Maria Lund, Connie Vassanella, and Sandy Suseck.

PARKER VOLUNTEERS HONORED

The Francis E. Parker Annual Volunteer Recognition Reception was held on April 25, 2013 at the Imperia in Somerset. Members of the Silver Knights honored that evening were Clare Laskoski, Eileen Roberts, Dolores Sherwood, Marie Short, Virginia Vetrecin, and Irene Wanzie. Volunteers received certificates of appreciation and potted plants.

HOMECOMING

If you are going to the homecoming game on Saturday, October 26 (Rutgers vs. Houston), you are invited to join the festivities located along Scarlet Way where Rutgers fans of all ages celebrate Scarlet Knights football. The Silver Knights will be participating in the event and will be located at RUA's alumni appreciation tent. Join us, there will be free giveaways. The festivities are prior to the start of the game.

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MICHELLE EDWARDS TO BE INDUCTED INTO THE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME

Rutgers Director of Women's Basketball Operations Michelle Edwards will be among the 214 inductees to the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in Knoxville, Tennessee. Edwards is a part of the six-member 2014 class that also includes Indiana Fever head coach Lin Dunn, former WNBA star Yolanda Griffith, former collegiate All-American Jasmina Perazic, former TV analyst Mimi Griffin, and former coach/athletic director Charlotte West. 🍷

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Our website is an ideal source of information concerning upcoming events, obtaining forms, viewing The Herald, and accessing links to University, N.J. Division of Pensions/Benefits, Social Security, State of New Jersey, and other things of interest to retirees. Visit the website at <http://silverknights.rutgers.edu>.

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