Professor Barry Qualls to Discuss the Transition in Undergraduate Education on the Banks at the Spring Luncheon

A new era has begun at Rutgers with the implementation of the dramatic reshaping of the academic structure and many new options geared to enrich the student experience. The entering class of 2007 is the first to experience the most sweeping and revolutionary changes since Rutgers College became a co-ed college in 1971 and the colleges lost their faculty to the new Faculty of Arts and Sciences in the 1980 reorganization.

Professor Qualls, who spearheaded the University Task Force on Undergraduate Education, will address the Silver Knights at the Spring Luncheon on Thursday, May 8, 2008 at 12:00 noon in Neilson Dining Hall on the Douglass-Cook Campus.

He received his PhD from Northwestern University and is the author of The Secular Pilgrims: The Novel as Book of Life [Cambridge], and of articles and reviews of 19th Century English Literature and on the bible and its literary impact. He specializes in Victorian fiction and poetry and in biblical literatures.

At Rutgers, he is Vice President of Undergraduate Education and earlier served as Dean of Humanities for the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and Chair of the Department of English.

His particular concentration as a member of the Rutgers community has been the ways graduate and undergraduate education work together constructively in a research university. He has also worked to establish closer working relationships between the state’s public schools and its flagship public research university. In this context he has served as chair of the Provost’s Committee on Undergraduate Education in the Context of a Research University and as chair of the University Committee on the Undergraduate Curriculum, which produced the curriculum report Rutgers Dialogues.

He is the winner of both the Susman and FAS awards for outstanding teaching and of the Douglass Medal for service to Douglass College. In 2006 he was named New Jersey Professor of the Year by the Carnegie foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

Rutgers has transformed undergraduate education at the largest campus with a dramatic reshaping of academics and student life. New and returning students are benefitting from a multitude of changes.

Professor Qualls has indicated that the change has not been simple. The work to establish a research culture as the norm for the campus environment at Rutgers-New Brunswick asked more of faculty and staff as well as the students. Both the work of the senate and the faculty council have enriched the process. “I regard the senate recommendations and those of the faculty council as evolutionary, a refinement of the task force report,” he said.

A key goal of the undergraduate education initiative is to enrich campus life by reconnecting and engaging faculty with students; providing students across campuses with equal access to programs, services and facilities; and recruiting high-quality students.

As a result of many factors - including the increased diversity of the student body, the forces known as “globalization” and the need for students to understand various cultures - first-year seminars on topics such as the African immigrant experience and

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C. Vivian Stringer Reaches Milestone with 800th Win and Simultaneous Release of Autobiography

Rutgers women’s head basketball coach, C. Vivian Stringer, joined exclusive company on February 27, earning her 800th career victory as Rutgers defeated DePaul 60-46 at the RAC in Piscataway. She joins Tennessee head coach Pat Summitt and former Texas head coach Jody Conradt to become the third woman among the eight coaches in the elite 800-win club. Stringer is the first African-American Division I head coach to reach the landmark.

In response to the athletic center crowd of nearly 5,000 saluting her with the chant of “CVS,” the Hall of Fame coach had this to say: “I just appreciate that I have the opportunity to do something that few people can do - to work with young people and effect their lives, and to feel success every day when you see them do anything. I’m really, really blessed. I’ve been blessed with great players and coaches. Not only from the players that are here, but the players over the years. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I’ve been the most fortunate person in the world because every day I wake up and I’m so excited to coach basketball.”

You can learn more about this lady and her mission in life as she chronicles her personal triumphs and tragedies in the newly released book, STANDING TALL: A Memoir of Tragedy and Triumph (Random House). The eldest of six children, Stringer grew up a coal miner’s daughter in the tiny town of Edenborn, Pennsylvania. She chose the path of college basketball, rising to the top of her game.

She was the first coach - male or female - to take three different programs to the final four. Her leadership and

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Four Hundred Families Respond to Call to Join Newly Created Rutgers Parents Association

During the month of February 28,000 households of undergraduate students at Rutgers-New Brunswick received a brochure with a shiny card in the mail, identifying them as members of the brand-new Rutgers Parents Association [RPA] and inviting them to present the card for discounts at area restaurants and stores.

Lee Schneider, the former Cook College dean organizing the association, said the office was flooded with calls from parents wondering if the membership was really free. “Many asked, ‘Can I just use this card?’” Schneider noted. “We told them, ‘There’s no fee. You are Rutgers parents and we want to incorporate you into the Rutgers community.”

Within a week of the mass mailing, 400 families had registered at parents.rutgers.edu as members of the new organization. Similar parent organizations for undergraduates in Newark and Camden are under consideration. “It’s a matter of taking one step at a time,” he said.

Rutgers timing may be perfect in relationship to this being the era of the hovering “helicopter parents,” rarely out of touch with their college age children and intensely involved in their educational attainment.

Although there are many students who go away to college and do everything on their own, increasingly parents and children are remaining closely connected during the college years. “I know students who call their moms every day - and I really don’t see anything wrong with that,” said Schneider.

While the association, a byproduct of the university’s transformation of undergraduate education, is Rutgers’ first campuswide parents network, it was not the first. There have been other parents associations over the years, notably at Douglass and Cook colleges.

The Cook College Parents’ Association, founded in 1974, lives on today as the Cook Campus Parents’ Association. It supports fundraising for scholarships, holds a monthly meeting with speakers, hosts a summer orientation picnic for new students, and throws itself an annual cocktail party. Its existence will not be threatened by the Rutgers Parents Association. In fact, the RPA may spin off other similar groups, tied to the schools or academic units, according to Schneider.

Rutgers Student Outreach Goes Beyond Campus Borders to Help Needy

Whether it’s inspiring New Jersey’s disenfranchised high school students to further their education or implementing a fundraiser for children battling cancer and blood disorders, Rutgers students on the New Brunswick campus are planning and organizing programs to help the needy.

The highly recognized Dance Marathon is perhaps Rutgers’ signature civic initiative organized by students and undisputedly is New Jersey’s largest student-run philanthropic event. It is a yearlong series of fundraisers that culminates in a 32-hour dance-a-thon where students and the general public support the Embrace Kids Foundation [formerly the Institute for Children with Cancer and Blood Disorders]. More than $1.3 million has been donated to Embrace Kids since 2000.

Among the various community programs organized by Rutgers students are the Center for Latino Arts and Culture’s sponsorship of an alternative spring break to the Dominican Republic where Rutgers students will man six soup kitchens feeding 50 children daily or working with a local school to conduct art projects. Each student will bring slightly used clothes, medicine, toys and other goods to donate to Dominican Communities.

Beards Fork, West Virginia is the site of an alternate spring break activity in which 11 undergraduate students selected from more than 47 applicants will forgo sunbaths on the Florida shores to build houses for underprivileged families and also work with West Virginians similar in age who are working to pass the GED test.

The RU student organization Ubuntu (translation: “humanist or interconnectedness”) is raising $10,000 through the university’s meal sign-away program in which Rutgers students donate the cost of their guests’ meals toward a prearranged charitable fundraiser. Its objective is to purchase nonfiction books for the New Brunswick Middle School whose current book-to-student ratio is 4-to-1 as opposed to the American Library Association’s recommended 20 books per student.

Fifteen Rutgers students will serve as camp counselors to 50 New Brunswick youth ages 10 - 16. The day camp, founded in 1966 by a partnership of four community organizations, including the Center for Latino Arts and Culture at Rutgers - called the Artists Mentoring against Racism, Drugs & Violence(AMARD&V) engages camp participants in activities such as art projects, field trips and recreation, and is free, including all meals. Since the camp began, more than 500 New Brunswick children have gone through the program.

Tej Nuthulaganti
Aspiring Physician, Stem Cell Researcher, Rutgers Student

Not every student conducts stem-cell research and sits on a national board with a $3 million budget. However, Tej isn’t like most students. After earning his undergraduate degree in biology from Rutgers-Camden in 2007, Tej is on track to earn his graduate degree in biology this May, thanks to the five-year combined bachelor and master degree program in biology in Camden. In addition to finalizing his thesis on leeched embryo stem cell research and conducting case studies at a local hospital, he continues to maintain a leadership position representing 68,000 pre-med students in the American Student Medical Association.
The Executive Committee and members of the Silver Knights welcome the following recently retired staff personnel as new members of the Rutgers Staff Retirees Association. We hope your retirement brings you all the joys of fulfillment and may your fulfillment be complete. We look forward to your joining us at the Spring Luncheon on Thursday, May 8, 2008. This is the occasion to think of old friends and colleagues, renewing old acquaintances and sharing in the organization’s plans and activities.

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Anderson, Cathleen R.
Anderson, Patricia
Anglin, Anne Lougene
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Ashe, Patricia
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Axelrod, Donna F.
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Barber, James S.
Barnes, Roberta D.
Bell, Jeana
Belt, Aldane
Benson, Rodney
Bevere, Camille
Blackstone, Kathryn A.
Blakely, Drew C.
Blessing, Shirley A.
Blom, Linda
Brand, Patricia
Brody, Helena
Brophy, Patricia
Cabrera, Carlos M.
Cain, William J.
Calif, Jane
Caracino, Karen K.
Cardinale, Irma Lucy
Carrone, Justine
Caron, Alice
Carra, Zolia
Cartegena, Marina
Chandler, David R.
Chao, David
Charles, Henry J.
Chenstah, Renza
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Chin, May M.
Chirichillo, Laura
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Clack, Robert
Compo, Diana
Conception, Celia A.
Contes, Matthew
Cougrove, Marge
Cotton, Susan M.
Crawford, Evelyn V.
Creed, Elizabeth
Crockett, Brian S.
Crowe, Robert
D’Ambrosio, Carol A.
Davies, Bertha C.
Davis, Schania
De Grandis, Arthur
Deak, Carol A.
Defede, Claire
Delaney, William F.

Delvecchio, Scott A.
Dennis, Debra
Determinate, Barbara A.
DiMarco, Ella
DiMartini, Angela
DiConstanzo, Anna M.
DiGiorgio, Georgiana
Dollinsky, Elaine B.
Dudik, Elaine
Dyer, Ruth E.
Eren, William Stanley
Edwards, Eleanor J.
Elliot, James J.
Estevez, Alberto
Estevez, Jose G.
Faherty, Eileen
Fanucci, Robert E.
Farr, Rosa Mae
Ferreira, Maria D.
Fegueira, Hector L.
Finnerty, Kathleen
Fisher, David
Fisher, Mary Ann M.
Fleishman, Sheila
Foe, Carol M.
Foster, Donna J.
French, Helen Mary B.
Fu, Helena
Furlong, James
Garmin, James
Gauthier, John A.
Geigelam, Raymond
Ghali, Geetha R.
Gilbertson, William G.
Gilligan, Edward J.
Giske, Alma E.
Goddard, Raymond
Golonch, Carolyn M.
Gomez, Jose M.
Gomez, Maria M.
Goodhart, Fern S.
Gopin, Seth A.
Gorcoso, Joan A.
Graves, Ralph E.
Green, Almanda
Grinme, Muriel
Guarino, Mary T.
Grovenor, Denise
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Guha, Saby Asachi
Haberli, Linda H.
Haines, Noni E.
Hall, John C.
Hardy, Loretta
Haris, B.J. Randall
Hastings, Claire
Hayden, Robert J.
Helmold, John R.
Henrikson, Frank W.
Herbert, Harry

Herman, Susan M.
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Hoden, Roger
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Holm, Robert E.
Hovath, Maria Gigela
Howard, Marie
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Hubbard, Jewel Mae
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Hummel, Jean A.
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Jaquez, Luzia
Jeffreiss, Elta
Jenkins, Bette A.
Jenkins, Cynthia D.
Johnson, Reuben E.
Jones, Philip G.
Kappes, Barbara F.
Keating, Rita M.
Keith, Frank S.
Kennington, Holly S.
Kenny, Richard
Kirchner, Dianne J.
Klau, Susan M.
Knecht, Helen R.
Koh, Robert P.
Kokini, Jozef L.
Kolar, Marc C.
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Kornberg, Eileen Adrian
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Kovac, Barbara A.
Kovach, William M.
Krisantis, Lorraine
Landix, Vivian
Larezzo, Constance
Lawrence, Stephen S.
Leak, Boris D.
Lee, Pei-Lan
Lehnman, Thomas B.
Leontiades, Milton
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Lewis, Alonzo L.
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Lopen, Vitoine, Alina
Loren, Frances
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Lugan, Joan C.
Lukacs, Elza J.
Luong, James
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Mangee, Maureen S.
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Martin, Marlene
McLouth, Barbara J.
McCabe, John R.
McGrath, Dorothy D.
McKay, Michael V.

McKeon, Thomas
Melito, Diane D.
Mergado, Rosa H.
Mickelson, Joanna
Miller, Lillian
Miro, Victoria
Molnar, Julianna
Monroe, Andrea C.
Moore, Juanita
Morey, James K.
Morrell, Janice L.
Moya, Sarah Kobyanski
Mozgai, Sarah Elizabeth
Mullins, Lynn S.
Mun, Charles J.
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O’Neal, John E.
Osuch, Emily
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Parker, Thomas R.
Patrick, Charles T.
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Pellegrino, Patrick A.
Pelletier, Peter K.
Pender, Barbara A.
Petoffrozzo, Frank V.
Phillips, Lee
Pitcher, Lynne H.
Pleconis, Dolores
Podolski, John S.
Price-Holder, Charlene
Ransier, Roseann
Razwiavich, Thomas
Reaves, James C.
Reed, Janet S.
Rekemer, Patricia E.
Reynolds, John A.
Richards, Patricia E.
Richert, Terry L.
Riggs, Cynthia B.
Rinehart, Mark J.
Ritz, Craig E.
Rivera, Luis
Rockaway, John
Rodriguez, Gabriela
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Roper, Charlene S.
Rosario, Ernesto
Rossell, Elwood L.
Rosi, Cosmo C.
Rowe, Charles R.
Roy, Kenneth G.
Rubarski, Karen L.
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Russo, Nancy M.

Salgado, Carlos A.
Santiago, Felipa
Sanlago, Rosa C.
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Schmidt, Gerda
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Sena, Barbara M.
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Sherman, Stanley
Simson, Elaine K.
Skyta, Elizabeth A.
Small, Leslie
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Socolowski, John E.
Sosnowski, Peter P.
Sorens, David J.
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Stevens, Patrick J.
Sullivan, Jeanne
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Tejada, Ysabel M.
Tepper, Steven
Tesoriero, John V.
Thomas, Shirley A.
Thompson, Ronald S.
Torres, Ana R.
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Temarco, Amelia A.
Umana, Sonia
Vargas, Mariano
Velez, Carmen
Villegas, Altargracia
Von, Joewu, Judy F.
Voorhees, Corr E.
Welch, David
Whang, Kyu-Jung
Widgerson, Susan
Willis, Patricia F.
Winterle, Robert C.
Winzenried, Richard P.
Witte-Garwood, Barbara
Woodland, Richland R.
Yudow, Carol E.
Zamora, Lillian
Zar-Taub, Ann J.
Zheng, Nian Qing
Zlotnik, Barbara S.

VOLUNTEERISM

If you have some free time, why not consider volunteering. Volunteerism is an important need and rewarding experience. There is an enormous range of volunteer opportunities - nursing homes and assisted living facilities, libraries and other educational activities, food banks, recovery efforts, and various religious and community services.

Members of the Silver Knights are currently volunteering at the Parker Homes and Assisted Living Facility. For additional information contact your local county or community volunteer center or visit the web site at www.njvolunteerism.com
Rutgers Kicks Off Stadium Expansion

Construction Underway

Rutgers University’s board of governors, citing the boost in exposure the university has received from the heightened interest in its football program the university approved the $102 million expansion plan for its 43,000-seat stadium.

“It’s a great moment,” athletic director Bob Mulcahy said, “I’m pleased to announce that Rutgers Stadium will expand to include close to 1,000 new mezzanine seats for the 2008 season and 13,000 additional lower level seats for the 2009 season. Construction will start immediately.”

The dramatic resurgence of the Rutgers football program has contributed to greater interest by prospective students, a higher academic profile among admitted students and unprecedented fundraising for academic programs. In 2007, Rutgers received more than 32,000 applications from prospective first-year students, a record number; saw a 65% increase in the number of prospective students and their families taking the admissions tour; and collected more than $100 million in cash donations, a 31% increase over the previous year.

No public money or university funding will be used for the expansion of the stadium. Ticket revenues and support from individuals and corporations will exclusively fund this project. Governor Jon Corzine, who has pledged $1 million of his own money, has promised along with state senator Ray Lesniak, to aid in raising $30 million in private funding.

The stadium expansion will provide thousands of fans on a growing waiting list over 10,000 the opportunity to purchase season tickets in the near future. University officials say that ticket prices may increase. More details about the amount and season ticket opportunities throughout the stadium will be forthcoming.

In addition to the new seating, the expansion will upgrade the stadium’s sound system, scoreboard and video screen; add new elevators, concession stands and restrooms; and upgrade and add player and spectator support facilities.

Seating and parking policies for the 2008 football season will continue to follow current priority point policy. Athletic director Bob Mulcahy also noted, “We will continue to evaluate our priority seating and parking policies to address prudent suggestions we receive from our fans and to evolve with advances made by our peer institutions.”

Football Standouts Invited to 2008 NFL Combine

Ace running back Ray Rice and offensive linemen Pedro Sosa and Jeremy Zuttah who concluded their outstanding collegiate careers at Rutgers in the 52-30 win vs. Ball State in the International Bowl competed in the 2008 NFL Scouting Combine in Indianapolis.

Top executives, coaching staffs, player personnel departments and medical personnel from all 32 NFL teams were on hand to evaluate the nation’s top college players eligible for the upcoming NFL draft. The intense four-day job interview is an exciting time for the athletes and a vital step in achieving their dreams of playing in the NFL.

The players participate in events such as the 40-yard dash, bench press, three cone drill, broad jump, vertical leap, 20-yard shuttle, 60-yard shuttle, position specific drills, physical measurements, team interviews, the Wonderlic Test, the Cybex Test and injury evaluation.

Essence Carson, women’s basketball star, was named the Big East Defensive Player of the Year for the third straight year.

Senior guard, Matee Ajavon earned first team All Big East honors along with sophomore Epiphanny Prince, also tabbed the league’s Most Improved Player. Carson also joined junior center Kia Vaughn to the All Big East second team.

Rutgers guard Corey Chandler was named to the 2007-08 Big East Conference All-Rookie basketball team. His 51 steals marked the most for a freshman in Rutgers men’s basketball history. In Big East contests, he averaged a team-best 10.5 points, while also grabbing 4.6 rebounds, which was tops among conference freshman guards. The Newark product scored in double figures 18 times and led the Scarlet Knights in scoring on 10 occasions.

Lamar Brown and Steve Adamski, two members of the Rutgers wrestling team, under the guidance of first-year head coach Scott Goodale, each earned a berth in the NCAA Wrestling Championships. Both wrestlers advanced after successfully competing in the EIWA Championships.

Rutgers head football coach Greg Schiano announced the addition of three coaches to the football staff with two promotions of current staff members. Joining the Rutgers football program are running backs coach Gary Brown, wide receivers coach Kirk Ciarocco and defensive line coach Gary Emanuel.

Brown, a former running back and defensive back at Penn State, replaces former running backs coach Craig Ver Steeg who accepted a coaching position with the Baltimore Ravens. The former eight year veteran of the NFL spent the previous two seasons as offensive coordinator at Susquehanna University.

Ciarocco joins Rutgers as the wide receivers coach and replaces Robert Jackson who retires from his on-field coaching position, but will remain with the program. He was the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Delaware since 2002 and was an integral part in leading the Blue Hens to the 2003 Division I-AA National Championship.

Gary Emanuel, formerly the defensive line coach at San Jose State, returns to his native East Coast to take over as defensive line coach for the retiring Gary Godette. He has more than 20 years of coaching experience, including a two-year stint as the San Francisco 49ers defensive line coach in 2005-2006. A native of Philadelphia, Pa., Emanuel has coached three BCS programs during his career. He spent three seasons coaching the offensive line at Washington State, three at Syracuse and eight years at Purdue.

Kyle Flood has been promoted to assistant head coach and continues as the team’s offensive line coach. Chris Hewitt has also been named Rutgers cornerbacks coach, filling the vacancy created by the resignation of secondary coach Chris Demarest.
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Election of Officers to Take Place at the 2008 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 2008 fall 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.

BEWARE !!! Phishing Scams

What is Phishing? Phishing attacks are ‘spoofed’ e-mails and fraudulent websites designed to fool recipients into divulging personal financial data such as credit card numbers, account usernames and passwords, social security numbers, etc. By hijacking the trusted brands of well-known financial institutions, online retailers, and credit card companies, phishers are able to convince up to 5% of recipients to respond to them.

Ways to Avoid Phishing Scams

Be suspicious of any mail with urgent requests for personal financial information. Don’t use the links in an e-mail to get to any web page if you suspect the message might not be authentic.

Always ensure that you are using a secure website when submitting credit card or other sensitive information via your Web browser. Regularly log into your online accounts and check your financial institution, credit card and debit card statements to make sure that all transactions are legitimate. Make sure that your browser is up to date and security patches applied.

Always report “phishing” or “spoofed” e-mails by forwarding the e-mail to the following groups:

The anti-phishing network at: reportphishing@antiphishing.com

The Federal Trade Commission uce@ftc.gov

The Internet Fraud Complaint Center of the FBI by filing a complaint on their website: www.ifcfsbi.gov

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alternate energy - are forging strong bonds between students and professors in the intellectual life of a great public research university.

In addition, one undergraduate degree-granting unit, the School of Arts and Sciences, now serves new and arts and science undergraduates. Students wishing to live on campus can choose among the residence halls on the Busch, College Avenue, Cook, Douglass or Livingston campuses and even switch campuses from year to year. Arts and sciences student are now served by Academic Advising Centers on each of the campuses at Rutgers-New Brunswick. The Douglass Residential College provides women at Rutgers with a small close-knit community focusing on women’s leadership.

Improved student services, a campus-wide honors program and “discovery houses” on the Livingston Campus are enriching the student experience for Rutgers undergraduates.

Specifically, Professor Qualls concluded, “We need to rethink what we do and how we do it so that we are more effective emissaries of the research mission that defines Rutgers as a great public university. Our work lives are changing. But this change will make a difference in our students’ world at Rutgers for life, as it were. The stress is worth it.”

Brian Spatocco, majoring in materials science and engineering.

The trio have applied to pursue Master of Philosophy degrees at Cambridge: Hayoun in bioscience enterprise, Pilaar in archaeological science and Spatocco in micro-and nanotechnology.

President Richard L. McCormick praised the students for demonstrating what Rutgers undergraduates can achieve when they take full advantage of the opportunities that the university has to offer. “These outstanding students are being recognized not only for their outstanding course work,” he said, “but also for their leadership roles on campus and the contributions they’ve made to individuals and community groups where they’ve lived, worked and studied. We are proud of their accomplishments, and we look forward to great achievements from each of them throughout their lives.”

Rutgers Trio Win Gates Scholarships

Three RU students were among 45 graduating college seniors to earn Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation scholarships to pursue graduate studies at England’s University of Cambridge.

Rutgers had more recipients of the Gates Cambridge Scholarships than any other public university in the United States. The scholarships which could exceed $50,000 annually cover all fees and living expenses for a student’s full-time master’s or doctoral studies at Cambridge.

Rutgers’ 2008 Gates Cambridge scholars are Michael Hayoun of Margate, N.J., majoring in cell biology and neuroscience and in psychology, with a certificate in behavioral pharmacology, Suzanne Pilaar of Haledon, N.J., majoring in paleoecology and in evolutionary anthropology and

drive took Cheyney State to the first-ever NCAA championship in 1982. She followed with a visit to the Final Four in 1993 while at Iowa and at Rutgers in 2000 and 2007. Many of her accomplishments include induction into the Women’s Basketball Hall of Fame and being named by Sports Illustrated as one of the 101 Most Influential Minorities in Sports.

Through it all Stringer has battled back from tragedy - a toddler daughter stricken with meningitis, widowed in her early 40’s when her college sweetheart died suddenly and aiding a son as he coped after a horrific car accident.

You get to learn more about the force of her personality; the strength in her own struggle, the defensiveness that comes through at times in dealing with outsiders and the tremendous impact she has had on hundreds of women over her career.

She sees herself as the last stop before the young women she coaches take their place in society, and it is a responsibility she takes seriously.

“My goal,” she says, “is to give them the confidence to dream big and the skills to overcome any challenge they face. There’s always a larger prize at stake than any individual win or season. By the time one of my players throws her cap in the air on graduation day, I want her to know that she is a true winner in every sense of the word.”

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Stand Tall Ye Silver Knight
by
Dorothy Gwozdiewicz

Yes Virginia, there is a real Silver Knight among the members of the Rutgers Staff Retirees Association. He formerly stood guard at the Scarlet Fever Store in New Brunswick and was donated to the organization by Steve Ostergren, through the efforts of his father George, when this magnificent statue was in need of larger quarters.

The Silver Knight is now located at ASB II on the Cook College Campus. He is visible upon entering the lobby, straight down the corridor. His current home is perfect, allowing him the homage due his majestic appearance.

He commands your attention as you enter the lobby. He makes a striking impression, standing tall in the hallway, in full splendor, in his place of honor.

Our Silver Knight reigns there, except for special occasions. He is escorted to the semi-annual luncheons of the Silver Knights where he is a welcome guest. He adorns the room with his solid presence and is happy to pose for pictures among the ladies of the court.

ASB personnel and visitors are informed of his whereabouts via a sign indicating that he is “Out to lunch” and will return soon.

The Silver Knight is also one of the popular additions to the Association's booth at the annual Rutgers Homecoming football game. His imposing figure is readily available for pictures. He stands there for hours, never complaining about the weather, the crowds, the touching and the hugs he receives. He has photo shoots with President Richard McCormick, children of all ages, multitudes of students, adults of sizes, ready upon call to accommodate their every wish. A member of the Silver Knights is always available to photograph the attendees with a ready camera and happy smiles. Some days he wears his red sash, some times decorated with Rutgers jewelry, but always available, rain or shine, cold or hot. He is a welcome addition to the Silver Knights Booth at Homecoming.

There are rumors that the Silver Knight is preparing for an additional outing this year, possibly on a float, to march with the Silver Knights at the annual Reunion weekend at Rutgers. This would be a first for the Silver Knight, but he is such a popular Knight, handsome and dashing with his silver armor, sword and sash. He reminds us of the strength and substance of the Silver Knights Association and the dependability and loyalty of the Rutgers staff Retirees.

Silver Knights and Parker Home Unite in Volunteerism

Parker Homes and Rutgers University have been affiliated through volunteerism for many years. Each year Parker welcomes Rutgers students from different programs and organizations such as the Citizenship and Service Education (CASE), Internships, Douglass Externships, as well as members of a variety of campus organizations seeking to perform community service.

Parker Home has now had the good fortune to welcome seven new group volunteers from the Rutgers Staff Retirees Association, better known as the Silver Knights. This special group of flexible and talented individuals has filled newly created volunteer opportunities that were created with the expansion of Parker at Stonegate. The new positions include helping in the country Store, assisting administratively in various departments, as well assisting Stonegate residents with the computer. A few of our Silver Knights have also assisted in special events such as the Grand Opening of Stonegate at the recent All-Hazard exercise held at Parker at River Road.

We are proud of our connection with Rutgers University, and we are grateful to the many dedicated individuals we have united with through the association. We look forward to strengthening this relationship and hope to welcome more volunteers of all ages in the future.

The Christmas Trip

On a beautiful sunny November 7th, 2007 forty three Silver Knights and friends boarded a bus on the Cook campus and traveled to the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse for their Christmas Program.

What a delightful way to begin the season! We were first treated to a wonderful luncheon with our choice of Yankee pot roast, lemon chicken, catch of the day, ham or fried shrimp and scallops.

We were able to order the special drink of the day, a “Mistletoe,” which was delicious. After lunch we had a selection of deserts from a room full of them, one more delicious than the other, including cheesecake, chocolate brownies, pudding, cookies and on and on. Yummy! What fun!

The opening number, “Christmas Around the World,” which began with “O Tannenbaum” and finished with “Feliz Navidad” set the mood and was followed by dancing, more singing, skits, simulated skating, and more singing and dancing. Every Christmas song imaginable was presented in a fanciful way!

The stars received many, many well deserved extended curtain calls and we all went home happy, singing the many songs of Christmas. It was a wonderful experience and a great way to start the holiday season. Wish you all were there to join in the fun and joy of the festivities. Perhaps you’ll join us in our next scheduled bus trip.
Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of NJ Security Breach Hits RU Employees

Recently, Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey reported the theft of a laptop computer resulting in a security breach that may have affected about 10% of Rutgers personnel enrolled in the Traditional Plan and NJPlus medical plans.

Individual letters were sent to employees who were impacted, detailing information security procedures and explaining that at this time there is no reason to believe confidential information on the laptop has been accessed.

All personal information including names, addresses and social security numbers is password protected and confidential information is also encrypted, plus additional security features on Horizon’s computers are designed to delete all information on the laptop if it is connected to the internet. T

Horizon is also offering one year of free credit monitoring service through ConsumerInfo.com to any member who received notification concerning the event. To contact Horizon for more information regarding the matter, call 800-447-3798. ❑

Center for Women and Work Promotes Leadership Development

The Center for Women and Work, founded in 1993, addresses the needs of working women by studying public policies in the field, fostering research on areas of concern, and sponsoring educational programs for working women, policy makers, corporate leaders, students and community organizers.

It is part of the School of Management and Labor Relations and is a unit of the Institute for Women’s Leadership, a consortium of six women’s programs created to study and promote how and why women lead, and to develop programs that prepare women of all ages to lead efficiently.

The Center, led by professor Eileen Applebaum, the current director, encourages the study of women and workplace issues and promotes dialogue among decision-makers in corporations, government, labor and community organizations to develop public policies and company practices that promote women’s advancement. The Center disseminates research findings and benchmarks best practices in the workplace with the goal of improving outcomes for working women.

In addition, the Center draws on the substantive faculty expertise on women and work within the Rutgers community to carry out the long-standing School of Management and Labor Relations tradition of delivering quality educational programs to the labor and management communities of New Jersey and the nation. ❑

Rutgers Gardens Call for Volunteers

The Rutgers Gardens has put out a call for volunteers. Over 70 members strong, the volunteer workforce are noteworthy members of the staff team, working together to provide the best possible experiences aimed at furthering the Gardens’ mission to educate both students and the public alike.

 Volunteer opportunities include assisting the staff horticulturist, administrative help in the office, special events including the Annual Spring Flower Fair, Open House and more. However you decide to help, your time with us will be greatly appreciated as together we enjoy watching the Rutgers Gardens grow.

For further information contact Mary Anne McMillan, volunteer coordinator at 732-932-8451 or mcmillian@aesop.rutgers.edu

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

**SILVER KNIGHTS SPRING LUNCHEON - MAY 8, 2008**

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**PLEASE PRINT**

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

E-MAIL TELEPHONE

❑ I have enclosed my check or money order for $28.00 [$18.00 for the cost of the luncheon plus $10.00 for the annual membership dues]. No refunds.

❑ Sorry, I am unable to attend the luncheon. However, I have enclosed $10.00 for active membership in the organization, entitling me to participate in all activities and events and to receive all future mailings and newsletters.

Make checks payable to Silver Knights and mail to:

SILVER KNIGHTS
Rutgers Staff Retirees Association
RUTGERS UNIVERSITY HUMAN RESOURCES
57 U.S. Highway 1
New Brunswick, NJ 08901

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**ACT NOW !**

Fill out this form and return it by April 28, 2008 so that we may plan for the number attending and for updating the retiree membership list and data bank.
Following is a list of deceased Rutgers staff retirees taken from the data base maintained by the Division of
Human Resources. If you know of the death of a friend or colleague please advise us by calling Joan DeBoer at
732-257-3017 or write to her at 11 Watchung Road, East Brunswick, NJ 08816.

Akerstrom, Robert E.
Allen, Sophie
Aumack, Joan M.
Balaam, Benjamin
Barclay, John C.
Basamda, Charles, Jr.
Bataglia, Clementine M.
Bell, Alexander M.
Berman, Harriet
Berth, William W.
Blatt, Phyllis
Bleaman, Benjamin H.
Boschino, Frank
Bosko, Nicholas
Buckley, Daniel F.
Bucko, Margaret
Buntele, Louise
Cromie, Elizabeth
Curry, Cecelia
Daniels, Mattie L.
Dauglia, Dorothy
Davenport, Gideon A.
DeCarli, Josephine
Delves, Eileen
Di Bella, Sebastiano
Di Lalo, Alfred A.
Dillard, Viola
Donnelly, Helen
Donnelly, John A.
Donnelly, Helen
Dority, Irene
Duffy, Grace D.
Eason, Andrew
Eaton, Caarton J.
Eckstein, Sadie P.
Erhart, Marion F.
Etheridge, John W.
Farkas, Joyce
Fiddler, Hannah
Finklea, James
Finley, Loreen
Fitchett, Gilmer T.
Gabinelli, Joanna
Galea, Mary
Goldberg, Ethel W.
Gold, Ruth
Greiner, William R.
Gross, Irene T.
Grossman, Irene
Guizzo, Joseph N.
Hammond, Lanell
Hansen, Jack L.
Haring, Anna
Harmon, Shirley R.
Hendricks, Elizabeth
James, Charlotte L.
Jordan, Anne
Kane, Frances K.
Kass, Mildred
Keller, Anne H.
Kilin, Kathleen
Kociolek, Frank E.
Korkin Beatrice
Koskulics, John
Kourkounakis, Frances
Latshaw, Esther J.
Lau, Anna
Lauzon, William K.
Leach, Helen
Lences, Joseph
Lester, Genevieve E.
Levin, S. Carol
Linder, Barbara
Logan, Kenneth I.
Lynch, Beatrice
Lyons, Marjorie
Maggio, Vincent
Marcil, Nancy
Marguccio, Robert G.
Marlow, Elizabeth
McFarlane, Isolyn
Menges, Anna M.
Mickalowski, Catherine
Miller, Eunice
Miller, Janet E.
Miller, John G.
Mitchell, Thomas, E.
Mondello, Cecile V.
Mullen, Evelyn
Moroz, Judith C.
Myer, William, Jr.
Munson, Elizabeth M.
Nemetz, Mark S.
Opher, Betty Ann
Pailay, Margaret
Pancza, Mary Ann
Parra, Marian L.
Pelletier, Maddalena
Perry, Edward W.
Pektus, George
Petrecu, Olimpia
Petrsky, Samuel
Pinatsek, Ann
Porter, Albert F.
Potter, Neil L.
Reed, Grace
Rea, Frank
Reil, Sharon L.
Roberts, Margaret
Rosario, Ernesto
Rosoluk, Thomas
Rossi, Ann B.
Sano, Mary
Schuman, Julia
Scott, Rose C.
Sebastian, George J.
Seldner, Esther
Shalayda, Dorothy K.
Shivers, Mildred
Shriber, Tjelma
Siconolfi, Angela
Sicurella, Belle M.
Skaff, Bernadine C.
Skelly, John E.
Skilfiski, Edward W.
Stanley, Jackie Jr.
Stanley, William F.
Sutton, Minnie
Szeles, Rosemary
Szwarc, Bernardina J.
Taigia, James J.
Tanasso, John
Temporado, Doris
Thomas, William H.
Tighe, Frances G.
Tracy, Philomena
Traficante, Josephine
Treuman, Jennie
Van Liew, Joseph Jr.
Van Voorhis, Olive
Vennie, Joseph Jr.
Waite, Meta
Walker, Robert
Weiner, Norma
Weinstein, Irene
Wermudsen, Ingbritt E.
White, Wilburt Gus Jr.
Winch, Winifred
Yale, Winnie P.
Yarus, Veronica
Young, Adele N.