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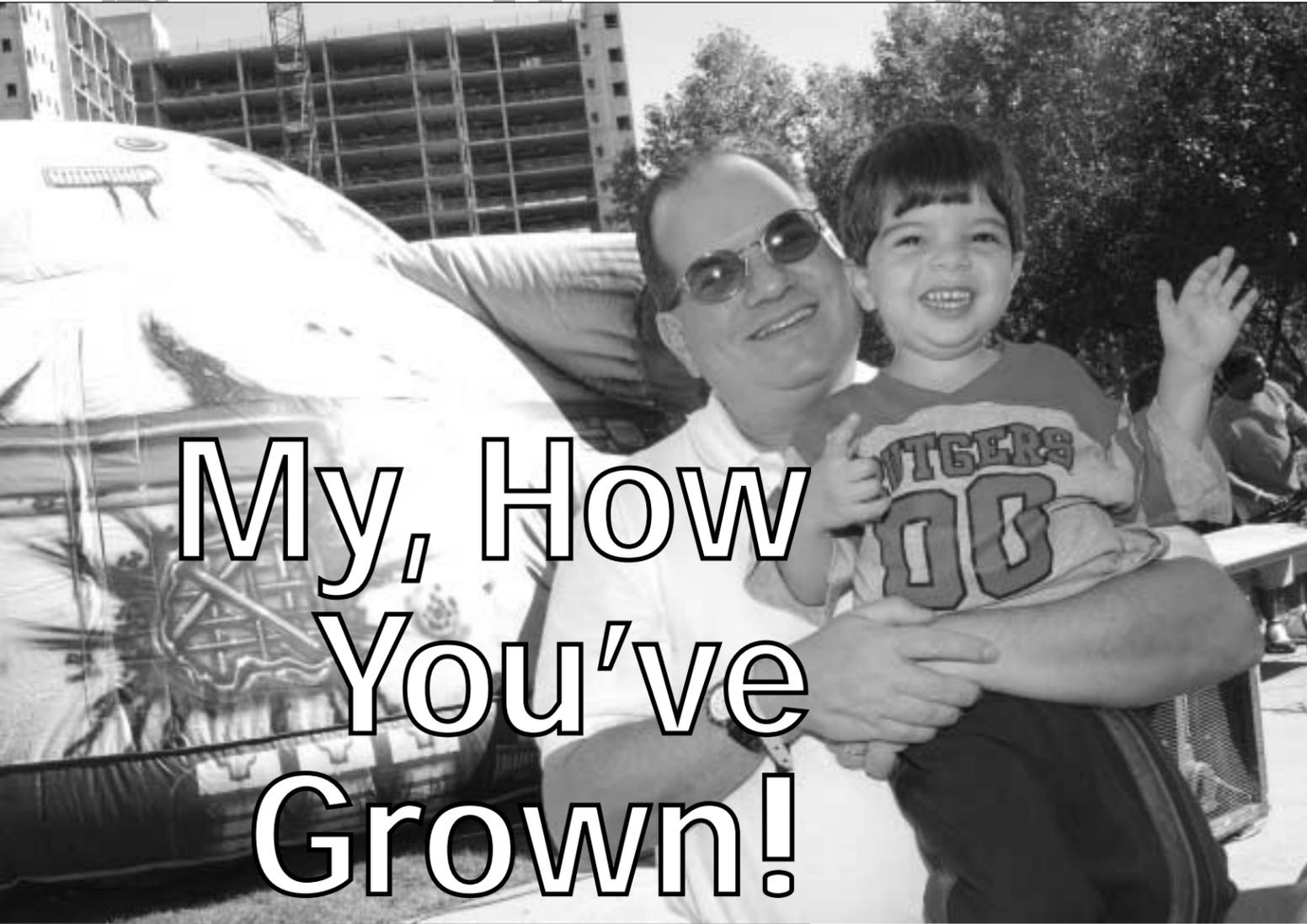


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Steve Sabel (NCAS '79) and his son Jordan enjoy Fall Fest during Homecoming.

Homecoming Highlights Dynamic Campus

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By Carla Capizzi

Celebration was the word of the day as members of the campus community, along with their families and alumni, came together to celebrate the spirit of Rutgers-Newark during its first Homecoming in a decade.

"Experience the Renaissance: A Homecoming Celebration" was a four-day festival, beginning Sept. 29, that included volleyball and soccer games, a fall festival, a tailgate party, a Mr. and Ms. Rutgers-Newark competition, live entertainment and a barbecue, among other events. Rutgers Law School class of 1979 alumnus Rep. Robert Menendez (D-13), speaker at Sunday brunch, discussed education issues. He recently introduced the College Access and Affordability Act.

"Although our alumni feel warmly about the education they received here, many had not been back on campus for many years until this Homecoming," observed Provost Steven Diner. "It ...continued on page 4

They've Got the Whole World in Their Hands

by Mike Sutton

As economic globalization and transnational organizations make the world seem smaller, Rutgers-Newark's Center for Global Change and Governance (CGCG) has just become a larger and even more valuable resource for scholars, aspiring diplomats and others determined to have a positive impact on the world's future.

This semester marks the center's evolution into the Division of Global Affairs. The division's two-pronged goal will be to continue studying the factors shaping human society and politics through the Research Center for Global Change and Governance, and to expand its educational mission. About 130 master's and doctoral students are enrolled in the division's global affairs degree program this semester. There is a core faculty, and a very active Research Center plans to build on the \$3 million research funding that its faculty have recently generated. The multidisciplinary nature of

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Visions of Newark

by Mike Sutton

As a vital, metropolitan, multicultural crossroads, Newark has always had its share of dreamers – architects and artists and executives both within the city and beyond – who've thought big, envisioning the city's vast potential given its prime location and talent pool.

have been a hallmark of Newark as imagined by a host of talented visionaries. The exhibit at Robeson will run through Dec. 15 and the show at Dana will run through Jan. 10. The exhibit also will feature a panel discussion to be held in the Dana Room on Nov. 30.

Marc Holzer, professor of public administration and chair of the department, developed the exhibit with political science professor Elizabeth Strom and public administration doctoral student Lois Redman-



A major center for the performing arts was proposed for Newark in the early 1960s. The New Jersey Performing Arts Center opened in 1997.

Over the past century, ideas for ambitious municipal projects have come and gone repeatedly – as in any major city – and some, after decades of proposals, have reached fruition, such as the New Jersey Performing Arts Center and the upcoming hockey arena.

“Reinventing Newark: Visions of the City from the Twentieth Century” will feature an exhibit of those ideas whose time may yet come amid Newark’s renaissance. Opening with a reception at Robeson Art Gallery on Nov. 2 – and including a special exhibit by architects Troy and Anker West in Dana Library – the two galleries will highlight the inventive concepts that

Simmons, with the support of the New Jersey Council on the Humanities. The intent of the exhibits in Robeson and Dana is to examine some of these plans to see if these ideas could be useful for contemporary planning in Newark, he said.

“We’re looking to formulate a forward-looking dialogue,” noted Holzer. “I hope the several dozen sketches and plans in the show will get people thinking about what might be done today based on ideas from past decades.”

For additional information on the exhibits and the conference, go to <http://pubadmin.newark.rutgers.edu/ReinventingNewark/index.htm>.

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global affairs research – which may team political science, economics, anthropology, law, business and biology to investigate climate change issues, for example – led to positioning the new division under the umbrella of the Graduate School.

“We’re doing the right thing at the right time and we started doing it sooner than others did,” observes Richard Langhorne, who founded the CGCG in 1996 and, until his retirement at the end of this year, will serve as the center’s co-director and a professor of political science.

Langhorne notes that “global affairs” is a new field distinct from international affairs, which typically focuses on interactions between nations. Global affairs addresses factors such as the significance of the independent role of the global economy and the influence of independent non-governmental organizations, such as Oxfam, and global inter-governmental organizations such as the World Bank.

Kudos for a Job Well Done

Music, food, festivities and thanks set the tone for June 16 as Provost Steven Diner once again acknowledged the dedication and service of Rutgers-Newark’s staff during the annual Staff Recognition ceremony and reception. The event climaxed with the announcement of individual service awards to five employees, singled out for their outstanding contributions to their departments and R-N.

Norman Samuels’ Award for Outstanding Service to Students: Bil Leipold, assistant dean, Rutgers School of Criminal Justice

Secretary of the Year: Jean Webster, principal secretary, Faculty of Arts and Sciences-Newark, Classical and Modern Languages

Law Clinic Tallies A Victory for Voters

by Janet Donohue and Mike Sutton

Judicial and legislative efforts led by the Constitutional Litigation Clinic at Rutgers School of Law-Newark, and signed into law by Acting Gov. Richard Codey in July, mean that by 2008 all electronic voting machines used in New Jersey will be required to produce a paper record that will be available for immediate verification by each voter and preserved for later use in any manual audit. The clinic fought for these new protections due to the shortcomings inherent in un-auditable electronic voting machines.

“The voter-verified paper ballot will ensure that there is an auditable paper ballot that will count as the actual ballot in the event of a recount, machine malfunction or machine manipulation,” said Penny Venetis, associate director of the Constitutional Litigation Clinic and a clinical professor at the law school. In a lawsuit, Venetis argued that electronic voting machines cannot be entrusted to count votes accurately. The plaintiffs included Assemblyman Reed Gusciara (D-15), a co-sponsor of the bill. Co-sponsors of the measure in the Senate included Nia Gill (D-34), a 1975 graduate of the law school.

In addition to faculty and students in the Constitutional Litigation Clinic, the advocacy team consisted of the New Jersey Coalition for Peace Action, other public interest organizations and computer security experts.



Enjoying festivities at Staff Recognition Day.

APS Staff Excellence Award: Christina Strasburger, administrative assistant, Faculty of Arts & Sciences-Newark, History, Afro-American and African Studies

Staff Excellence Award, Clerical, Laboratory and Technical: Ed Oksienik, Instrument Maker/Repairer, Faculty of Arts and Sciences-Newark, Machine Shop

Staff Excellence Award Physical Plant/Security: Fleming Pierce, Custodian PP



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On The Plaza

Lattimore chats with R-N students in his office.

New Public Safety Director on the Beat at R-N

Michael Lattimore has been named the new director of public safety for Rutgers-Newark.

Lattimore earned his bachelors degree from Rutgers University, New Brunswick, in 1976 and joined the Plainfield police department as a patrolman in 1978, rising through the ranks to captain in 1995. He served as that city's director of public safety for nine years, until August 2004, and during that period Plainfield saw its crime rate drop to its lowest rate in 30 years.

"Michael Lattimore brings to Rutgers-Newark a strong commitment to community policing coupled with hands-on policework and administrative experience," said Provost Steven Diner. "His experience makes him an excellent fit for our highly diverse urban campus."

A Healthy Dose of Excellent Teaching

College of Nursing associate professor Mary Ann Scoloveno received the 2005 Governor's Nursing Merit Award for excellence as a nurse educator at a ceremony June 8. Scoloveno was one of only 12 nurses statewide selected to receive the award by the Nursing Merit Advisory Committee of the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services.

"Mary Ann is a superb teacher, and she has touched the lives of many students," said Felissa Lashley, dean and professor at the College of Nursing.

Byron Has a Ball at World University Games

Rutgers-Newark men's head volleyball coach Sean Byron traveled to Turkey as assistant coach of the U.S. indoor men's volleyball team at the 2005 World University Games in August.

"It's the second biggest sports event outside the Olympic Games," he said. About 8,000 athletes

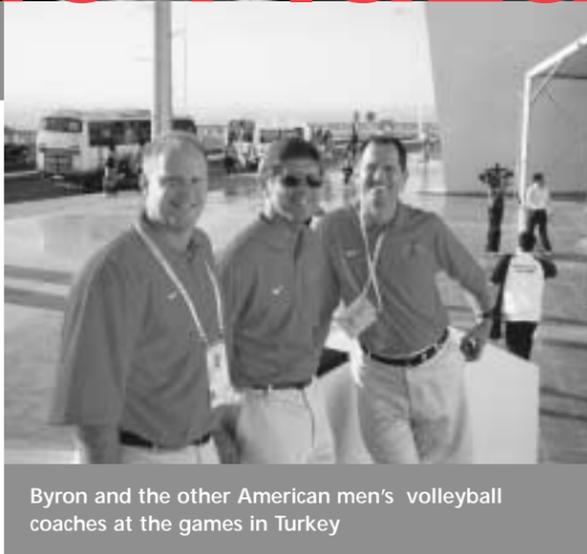


Photo courtesy Sean Byron

Byron and the other American men's volleyball coaches at the games in Turkey

from 170 countries gathered in Izmir, Turkey to compete; with coaches and support staff, about 30,000 people participated in the event, which is held every other year.

Roth Named Vice Provost for Academic Programs and Services

Gary Roth has been promoted to vice provost for academic programs and services. For the past three years, he has served as associate provost for graduate studies and enrollment management.

The primary focus of his new position will be to enhance the quality of undergraduate education at Rutgers-Newark and the academic success of R-N students.

New names, same commitment to excellence

Two offices at Rutgers-Newark are sporting new names this fall. The Office of Campus Communications is now the Rutgers-Newark Office of Communications, and the Office of Campus Information and Conference Services is now the Office of Campus and Community Relations. Both offices report to Marcia Brown, vice provost for student and community affairs.

R-N Lauds a Golden Career of Scholarship

by Carla Capizzi

History professor Peter Golden's expertise in medieval Eurasian history has earned him international recognition and even television exposure on PBS. Now it has earned the history professor another honor: Golden is the first recipient of the Provost's Distinguished Research Award for the Rutgers-Newark campus.

Golden will receive an honorarium of \$5,000 and present a lecture on his research during the Oct. 20 awards ceremony.

The Provost's Distinguished Research Award singles out professors who have done "exceptional scholarly work on a subject of fundamental intellectual importance," according to R-N Provost Steven Diner. Another requirement is that recipients demonstrate the ability to speak about their research, no matter how technical it might be, in terms understandable to a broad general audience.

Diner describes the award as an opportunity to "strengthen the intellectual community" within R-N by giving professors a forum to share their research with colleagues in a wide range of disciplines, as well as the public.



R-N Calendar

What's Going On at R-N? www.newark.rutgers.edu/events

October 19

Return to the Source. A vocal musical exploration of the African-American experience. **LOCATION:** Center for Law and Justice Atrium, 123 Washington St., 12:30 p.m.

October 31

Vampire Day Blood Drive. Celebrate Halloween by donating much-needed blood. **LOCATION:** Multi-Purpose Room, 2nd floor, Paul Robeson Campus Center, 350 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. **INFO:** Jen Perozzi, 201/452-0859.



November 2 – December 15

RUMBLE ROOM. An art installation utilizing a combination of video art, audio, digital and other media to create a meditative space for visitors based on the guttural sounds and vibrations of an actual building. **LOCATION:** Robeson Art Gallery, Paul Robeson Campus Center, 350 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Free admission. **INFO:** Jorge Daniel Veneciano, 973/353-1610.

A Rewarding Life of Public Advocacy

by Carla Capizzi

What goes around, comes around.

Fifteen years ago, Rutgers School of Law-Newark alumna Marilyn Askin, class of 1970, made a proposal to the school's alumni association: Honor Fannie Bear Besser – one of the school's first female graduates and a lawyer who dedicated herself to public service – by establishing an award in her honor. Besser herself was the first recipient of the Fannie Bear Besser Award for Public Service in fall 1990.

Fast forward 15 years to the announcement of the 2005 Besser award, to be given this October, and the recipient's name is a familiar one: Marilyn Askin. Askin is being honored for her public service to the state's citizens as a legal services attorney, as a pioneer in elder law and as president of AARP New Jersey, an unpaid position in which she served for six years.

She has used the immense lobbying power of AARP-NJ's 1.35 million members to advocate – among many other things – “do not call” predatory lending and long-term care legislation. Askin will continue her work for AARP-NJ after her presidency expires at year's end.

Askin, who became a lawyer to “effect positive change,” was raised by parents who urged her to forego material gains but rather work to make the world a better place. She was further inspired by Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren's declaration that an individual who wants to change the world should go to law school.

She hopes to continue teaching her Rutgers Law seminar on elder law, which she established in 1984. When her students make an impact, it's just another way for Askin to make a difference.

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Marilyn Askin (N-Law '70) is the recipient of this year's Fannie Bear Besser Award for Public Service.

Getting Town and Gown Together in the Big City

by Carla Capizzi

Rutgers-Newark administrators, staff and students are becoming a rich resource on the ways that urban universities can develop meaningful community relationships that are directly related to R-N's mission and ultimately benefit both town and gown.

RR-N students and personnel have made several high-profile presentations at national higher education programs, including the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education (NCORE), the Trinity College Institute for Urban Action and Learning, and the Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities (CUMU).

“Rutgers-Newark is moving into a new period of engagement and social purpose,” explains Marcia Brown, vice provost for community and student affairs. “These presentations allow us to transfer these activities to the conference sphere.”

Provost Steven Diner is the impetus for this emerging trend on campus, encouraging staff

members to share their first-hand knowledge with other urban universities, and in the process, distinguishing R-N as a leader in using its resources to meet community needs.

Rutgers-Newark presenters draw upon their experiences at the university. For instance, graduate fellow Sarah Slaiman presented on “Understanding Islam and the African-American Experience” at NCORE. Cary Booker, associate dean and director, Academic Foundations, presented on the University Heights Civic Engagement Initiative – a partnership with Urban League, St. James Preparatory school, Academic Foundations and Office of Campus and Community Relations (OCCR) – for the Trinity College Institute. He was joined by Diane Hill and Rolando Herts (OCCR).

Several R-N presentations are planned for CUMU's fall conference:

- Using a diversity-based strategy for urban revitalization (Executive Vice Provost for Administration Gene Vincenti)
- Assessing academic progress by tracking cohorts through a sequence of courses (Vice Provost for Academic Programs and Services Gary Roth)
- Reimagining the Urban University through Campus Information, Events and Outreach Services (Diane Hill and Rolando Herts)

But the interaction is not merely a one-way exchange. “Urban universities face similar challenges, so you can learn from them while you also share with them,” Roth explains.

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was particularly exciting to show our alumni the dramatic transformation of both the city of Newark and the campus. I know they were impressed and delighted by the changes that have occurred.”

Walking tours showed off the campus's growth and its newest additions, the Life Sciences Center and the new University Square residence hall, both well under construction. The city's renaissance was evident during bus tours, which offered a chance to see both the new Newark, such as the New Jersey Performing Arts Center and the Bears and Eagles Riverfront Stadium, and its historic sites.

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