NEWS

Faculty of Arts and Sciences-Newark

Rutgers-Newark’s Outreach Programs Featured on “Days of Learning” Broadcasts

Outreach programs designed by Rutgers-Newark to foster a working partnership between the university and the Newark public schools were featured on three editions of Caucus: New Jersey with Steve Adubato, an Emmy Award-winning public affairs program, in March. The broadcasts are part of “Days of Learning,” an initiative from the provost’s office to promote awareness of the many ways R-N brings educational benefits to the Newark community – especially urban youth.

The first program featured Provost Steven Diner, and the second installment presented a discussion with Jeffrey Kidder and Jamie Lew of the Rutgers-Newark Department of Education and Academic Foundations. The third program, a roundtable discussion of R-N’s Project M.O.S.T., will be broadcast March 22 at 6:30 a.m. on NJN and at noon on CN8, and will repeat March 23 at 10 a.m. on NJN and at 12:30 p.m. on Thirteen/WNET New York. Kidder is the creator and principal grant investigator for Project M.O.S.T. (Middle School Opportunities in Science and Technology), which provides tutoring and science-enrichment activities for Newark middle-school students on the Rutgers-Newark campus. Lew studies social capital and academic achievement among second generation Asian-American students in New York City and northern New Jersey.

Rutgers-Newark Researcher: Brains of Dyslexic Children Can Be “Rewired”

In a scientific first, Paula Tallal, Board of Governors Professor of Neuroscience at Rutgers-Newark, and other members of a multi-university research team have shown that the brains of dyslexic children can be “rewired” through intensive remedial training to function more like those found in normal readers.

The investigators used functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) scans of dyslexic children’s brains to demonstrate that areas of the brain critical to reading skills became activated for the first time and began to function more normally after only eight weeks of special training with Fast ForWord Language, a computer program designed by Tallal and other researchers at Scientific Learning Corporation. The researchers’ groundbreaking findings were published Feb. 24 by the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences Early Edition.

Brain Scans by R-N Scientist Advance Understanding of ADD, Schizophrenia

Stephen Hanson, chair of the psychology department at Rutgers-Newark, is using magnetic imaging to paint a revealing picture of the brain’s activities as it reacts to real-world events.

With support from a $500,000 McDonnell Foundation grant, Hanson is examining the dynamics of how different areas of the brain function cooperatively by monitoring brain activities in real time with both an electroencephalograph (EEG) and a functional magnetic resonance imaging machine (fMRI). An increased understanding of the “underlying grammar that occurs as one area [of the brain] talks to another” will likely lead to new approaches to treating cognitive malfunctions such as attention deficit disorder (ADD) and schizophrenia, Hanson said.

Rutgers University Chorus (Newark Campus) to Tour England

The Rutgers University Chorus (Newark Campus) will kick off a performance tour in England that will run May 14-21. Highlights of the tour will include a concert in the great Ely Cathedral, a joint performance in Slough with the Celebration Brass Ensemble of London, a benefit concert in St. Leonard’s Church, London, to help the poor and an appearance in St. Paul’s Cathedral, London.

The tour has been funded in part by the Rutgers-Newark administration, the Alumni Associations of the Newark College of Arts and Sciences and University College, PSE&G, and gifts from Rutgers alumni and friends. Four pre-tour concerts will be presented in New Jersey on April 28 (noon at the Center for Law and Justice), May 4, May 10 and May 12. For more information on the NJ concerts, contact conductor John Floreen at 973/353-5119 ext. 28 or jfloreen@earthlink.net.

Environmental Activist Addresses Conference on Environmental Justice

Lois Gibbs – the housewife-turned-activist whose crusade to clean up the polluted Love Canal in Niagara Falls, N.Y., led to the creation of the federal environmental Superfund – was the keynote speaker at a March 1 conference jointly sponsored by Rutgers-Newark and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

The theme of the daylong fourth annual Joint Conference on Applied and Urban Ethics was “Our Homes, Our Environment: Sustainability and Justice Where We Live and Work.” The program tackled tough issues such as how people of
color and poor people, who suffer disproportionately from living and working in polluted environments but lack political clout, can get action on their complaints.

**Leading Afro-Puerto Rican Writer to be Rutgers-Newark Poet-in-Residence**

Rutgers-Newark and the city of Newark will welcome Afro-Puerto Rican best-selling author Tato Laviera as the university’s poet-in-residence March 25-26.

Laviera, the author of four books of poetry and winner of the Before Columbus Foundation Award, is the premiere innovator of Spanglish poetics in the United States, said Laura Lomas, an assistant professor of English at R-N and one of the event’s organizers. Through workshops, dialogue and a poetry event open to the community, Laviera will speak about the urban Latino experience, bilingual aesthetics, the African diaspora in the Americas and American identity after Sept. 11, 2001.

**Rutgers School of Law-Newark**

**Law Faculty and Students Rally Against Threat to Affirmative Action**

Noting that the Rutgers School of Law-Newark is one of the most diverse law schools in the nation, law faculty and students have organized a series of events at the Center for Law and Justice throughout March related to the University of Michigan affirmative action cases.

Shanta Driver, national director for United for Equality and Affirmative Action (UEAA) Legal Defense Fund, discussed the national effort to support affirmative action. Driver is also national spokesperson for BAMN, the Coalition to Defend Affirmative Actions and Integration and Fight for Equality By Any Means Necessary. Both UEAA and BAMN are the student intervenor organizations in the Michigan cases. Other events included “ Constitutional Perspectives on Affirmative Action: A Debate,” sponsored by the Rutgers chapters of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and Federalist Society, and featuring representatives of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund and the vice president for legal affairs at the Cato Institute.

The activities will culminate on April 1 – the day the Michigan cases are scheduled to be argued before the U.S. Supreme Court – when hundreds of law students, faculty and others from the metropolitan area are expected to board chartered buses and travel to Washington, D.C., for a morning rally at the Supreme Court in support of affirmative action.

**Study Shows Job Discrimination Continues Against Women, Minorities**

A study by law school professors Alfred and Ruth Blumrosen concludes that minority groups and women continue to be deliberately discriminated against by more than one-third of 200,000 large and mid-sized businesses across the United States.

The study is the first to use the Supreme Court’s definition of intentional discrimination as a way of analyzing reports that employers with 100 or more workers must file each year with the federal government. With the help of statistical consultants and Rutgers law students – as well as a grant from the Ford Foundation – the team examined employer reports from more than 200 metropolitan areas across the country. Employers were identified as probable discriminators if their minority and female employment levels were too far below the average used in the same labor market to be accidental. The study can be read in full at law.newark.rutgers.edu/blumrosen-eeo.html.

**Acting NJ Attorney General to Receive First Pashman Award**

Peter Harvey, who has been named acting attorney general by Gov. James McGreevey, will receive the first Justice Morris Pashman Award at an April 28 reception to benefit the Pashman Scholarship.

Pashman, a 1935 graduate of the Rutgers School of Law, served as a justice on the New Jersey Supreme Court for 10 years. The Pashman Award recognizes individuals who exemplify the justice’s view that the law “must reflect a loyalty and reverence for the common man.” The Pashman Scholarship provides full tuition and fees to students, preferably in the Minority Student Program. Harvey will be the first African-American NJ Attorney General in the state’s history.

**Rutgers Business School-Newark and New Brunswick**

**Professor Testifies About Flaws in Postal Service Business Model**

Michael Crew, professor of finance and director of the Rutgers Center for Research in Regulated Industries (CRRI), testified before the President’s Commission on the United States Postal Service that the business model of the Post Office is seriously flawed.

Crew argued that a viable business model for the U.S. Postal Service should include at least four features: a governance structure that attracts highly qualified top management, freedom to introduce new services without excessive regulation, control of labor costs and a regulatory framework that allows for growth and change while protecting small customers.

**New Scholarship Established for Undergraduate Students**

Alumnus Gary Cohen (BA ’80, MBA ’83), a member of the school’s Board of Advisors, has donated $100,000 to Rutgers Business School to fund creation of the Gary M. Cohen Endowed Scholarship, which will benefit undergraduate business students on both the Newark and New Brunswick campuses.
Rutgers Business School Announces Top First-Round Entries in Business Plan Competition
Rutgers Business School picked the top first-round entries in its 2003 business plan competition at a “1K Ceremony” Feb. 21.

The 10 teams, whose executive summaries were chosen from a field of 87 contenders, each split a $1,000 prize and advanced to the next round March 3, when they submitted their complete business plans. Eight of the 10 teams will be chosen at the end of March to continue to the final round on April 11, when they will compete for a $20,000 first prize. For more information on the competition, contact Tom Bryant, lecturer in organizational management, at tabryant@andromeda.rutgers.edu.

Joseph Cornell Center for Metropolitan Studies/Prudential Business Ethics Center
Rutgers-Newark Conference Addresses Urban Development
Experts from all five of Newark’s universities assembled at Rutgers-Newark Feb. 27 for a conference titled “Ethics and Urban Development: The Role of Higher Education.” The colloquium’s participants explored the ethical responsibilities of universities and other community stakeholders, such as businesses, to take an activist, ongoing role in metropolitan development.

Attendees and speakers included faculty from Rutgers-Newark, the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT), the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ), Essex County College and Seton Hall University. The event was co-sponsored by the Joseph Cornell Center for Metropolitan Studies and the Prudential Business Ethics Center at Rutgers-Newark, as well as the Northern New Jersey Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration.

FACULTY NEWS

Faculty of Arts and Sciences-Newark

Fresh from being named a Board of Governors Professor of Neuroscience, György Buzsaki co-authored an article published in the journal *Science* (Feb. 20) titled “Brain-State-and-Cell-Type-Specific Firing of Hippocampal Interneurons in Vivo.”

Brian Ferguson, sociology and anthropology, is editor of a new book titled *The State, Identity and Violence: Political Disintegration in the Post Cold-War World* (Routledge, 2003).

Karen Guancione, art and design, is spending March 1 through April 13 creating a piece called “The Art of Labor.” The work, created on site at the American Labor Museum Botto House National Landmark, honors the art of the sewing trades. Visitors are invited to meet the artist and provide non-returnable photos and other items related to workers in the sewing trade, which will then be incorporated into the final artwork.

Lewis Porter, music, was a special guest at a performance of his music by student jazz ensembles held at Williams College in Williamstown, Mass., March 14. He spoke about his work and jammed with the students on several of the pieces.

School of Law-Newark

The N.J. General Assembly passed a resolution commending Marilyn Askin, president of the New Jersey A.A.R.P., for her “meritorious record of service, leadership, and commitment in behalf of this State’s and nation’s older citizens.”

The New Jersey Supreme Court has appointed Robert Holmes to the Disciplinary Review Board for a three-year term beginning April 1. Holmes is director of the Community Law Clinic and deputy director of clinical programs.

“Bad Designs, Lethal Profits: The Duty to Protect Other Motorists Against SUV Collision Risks” by Howard Latin and Bobby Kasola (’02) was published in the December 2002 issue of the *Boston University Law Review*.

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Howard Tuckman, dean, Patrali Chatterjee, marketing, and Dave Muha, director of communications, had their paper “Non-profit Websites: Prevalence, Usage, and Commercial Activity” accepted for publication in the *Journal of Non-profit and Public Sector Marketing*.

Theresa Cho, management and global business, had her paper “Exploring Involuntary Executive Turnover Through a Managerial Discretion Framework,” co-authored with W. Shen, accepted for publication in the *Academy of Management Review*.

George Farris, organizational management, was one of 291 scientists elevated to the rank of fellow at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

A new book by Jerry Rosenberg, business environment, titled *Nation Building: A Middle East Recovery Program*, will be published in late spring.

Michael Rothkopf, MSIS, had his paper “Designing Combinational Auctions,” which he co-authored with R. Harstad and Y. Fu, accepted for publication in *Management Science*.

A paper co-authored by Barbara Stern, marketing, and J. Escalas titled “Empathy and Sympathy Responses to Advertising Dramas: Individual Differences and Emotional Effects” was published in the March 2003 issue of *Journal of Consumer Research*.

**Rutgers College of Nursing**

Dean Felissa Lashley received the 2003 Distinguished Alumni Award from Illinois State University for demonstrating outstanding performance in her profession and making outstanding contributions to the community.

Lucille Joel has received the prestigious McManus Medal from Teachers College at Columbia.

Rachel Jones was named a Sigma Theta Tau/American Nurses Foundation Scholar in the January/February issue of *American Nurse*.

Judy Pollack is the author of a chapter titled "Starting a Practice and Practice Management" in *Advanced Practice Nursing* (F.A. Davis Co.). Lucille Joel is editor of the book.

Nancy Redeker, along with R. Musanti, R. Atkins, T. Ramahi and R. Hilbert, co-authored “Sleep Deprivation Contributes to Functional Capacity in Chronic Stable Heart Failure Patients.” The article was published in the journal *Circulation*.

### NEWSMAKERS

**Faculty of Arts and Sciences-Newark**

Provost Steven Diner was the subject of an extensive profile in *New Jersey Jewish News* (Feb. 20).

Barbara Foley, English, had a letter published in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* (Jan. 10) offering her views on the 1960s and current anti-war movements.

Rachel Hadas, English, was interviewed on RU-TV Network Channel 8’s (Mar. 3) *By the Book* program.

Barry Komisaruk, psychology, and Professor Emeritus Beverly Whipple (College of Nursing) were both quoted in an article about how warm and fuzzy feelings can boost one’s immunity and improve health in *NowToronto.com* (Feb. 6).

Clement Price, history, was interviewed on WBGO Radio’s *WBGO Magazine* (Feb. 7) in connection with events celebrating Black History Month. He also participated in a live interview on News 12 New Jersey’s *Daytime Edition* (Feb. 10) and a joint interview with Pulitzer Prize-winning author David Levering Lewis on WNYC’s *NY & Company* (Feb. 12). Price was quoted in a *Star-Ledger* article (Jan. 20) as saying that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was an ardent pacifist who likely would have opposed the idea of an American attack on Iraq. In addition, a story in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* (Jan. 17) included comments by Price that one cannot look at the Founding Fathers without also examining the role of some as slave owners. Price also offered his recommendations for the five most significant books about the black experience in a *Star-Ledger* article (Feb. 27).

Robert Snyder, journalism, wrote an article for the online publication *openDemocracy* (Jan. 24) criticizing director Martin Scorsese’s film *Gangs of New York* for depicting the city as being built on violence rather than solidarity among citizens.

**School of Criminal Justice**

George Kelling co-wrote a commentary with Los Angeles Police Chief William Bratton in the *Los Angeles Times* (Mar. 11) arguing that the LAPD was targeting crime in the “skid row” sections of the city, not the homeless.

Michael Maxfield was quoted extensively in *NJ COPS: New Jersey’s Law Enforcement Journal* (March 2003) in a cover story titled “College Degrees an Option for Officers: More Departments Encourage Higher Education.” Maxfield discussed Rutgers-Newark’s criminal justice programs. Graduate student and lecturer Michele Grillo was shown teaching a Criminology class at the Center for Law and Justice in the cover photo and photos illustrating the article.
School of Law-Newark

Frank Askin was quoted in a Star-Ledger article (Mar. 9) about a defamation suit brought by Stevens Institute of Technology against the organization Members of a Fund for a Better Waterfront; the group has argued that construction blasting by the university for a new building overlooking the Hudson River is causing extensive environmental harm.

Karima Bennoune was interviewed about the potential U.S.-led war against Iraq and international law by the Australian Radio Network and Pacifica Network. She and Saul Mendlovitz were quoted about the same topic in the Daily Targum (Feb. 21).

The Record (Feb. 20) reported that Thomas Borden, acting director of the Environmental Law Clinic, had filed an appeal on behalf of the Pequannock River Coalition of the approval of a storm-water management system for a townhouse development by the state Department of Environmental Protection. Borden also commented in the Hunterdon Democrat (Feb. 20) about the Clinton Township Community Coalition’s case against a developer’s planned sewage treatment plant.

Suzanne Goldberg commented about the possibility of the U.S. Supreme Court overturning Roe v. Wade in the Asbury Park Press (Jan. 22). A Daily Targum (Feb. 14) article that was picked up by the University Wire service featured quotes by Goldberg about the impact of Title IX.

Tanya Hernandez was quoted extensively in an Asbury Park Press (Feb. 2) article about institutional racism.

Susan Kraham commented in The Record (Jan. 27) on the Environmental Law Clinic’s representation of Hackensack Riverkeeper in its efforts to protect wetlands in the Meadowlands from development.

John Leubsdorf was quoted in the New Jersey Law Journal (Feb. 7) and the Legal Intelligencer (Feb. 13) about an American Bar Association draft Model Definition of the Practice of Law.

Articles in the Star-Ledger and Home News Tribune (both Jan. 25) both noted that Marcia Levy and the Innocence Project at Rutgers were among the groups that had filed papers in a case of possible wrongful conviction.

San Francisco radio station KQED had Gregory Mark as a guest on an hourlong Forum program addressing jurisprudence and the corporation.

Carter Strickland was quoted in the Star-Ledger (Jan. 9) about federal legal action taken against a New Jersey municipality over a protected species.

Comments by George Thomas about the Jayson Williams manslaughter case appeared in articles that ran in the Asbury Park Press, Courier-News and Home News Tribune (all Feb. 5). Thomas also was quoted in a Star-Ledger article (Feb. 9) about the delay in sentencing in a sex offense trial.

Paul Tractenberg commented on President Bush’s opposition to affirmative action in an article in The Record (Jan. 16).

Judith Weinstock was interviewed in an NBC Channel 4 report (Feb. 27) about the clean-up of hazardous waste left by a coal gas manufacturing plant in Long Branch. The Environmental Law Clinic represents the Edison Wetlands Association and the Concerned Citizens Coalition made up of nearby public-housing residents.

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Chao-Chuan Chen, management and global business, was quoted in a Home News Tribune article (Feb. 3) about the morale of surviving employees left behind after many co-workers have been laid off.

Mahmud Hassan, finance and economics, was quoted in a Star-Ledger story (Feb. 25) titled “Rising Sun: Japanese Drug Makers Look for Profits in the United States.”

Donald McCabe, management and global business, discussed a survey he had conducted about which actions students believe constitute cheating in The New York Times (Feb. 2).

Paul Nadler, finance and economics, commented on how well different banks follow the spirit of lending laws designed to mandate reinvestment in their surrounding communities in a Star-Ledger article (Feb. 2).

An article in The Record (Feb. 2) titled “Big Deal? Not Very Likely This Year” featured comments by Avri Ravid, finance and economics, about potential merger activity in 2003.

Glenn Shafer, accounting and information systems, had a letter published in the Star-Ledger (March 12) arguing that Newark needs investments that attract people with money, and the city’s suburbs should house more of the poor.

Howard Tuckman, dean, was featured in the Star-Ledger business section (Feb. 14) in a column titled “What I Bookmark.” He was also quoted in The Record (Feb. 2) in a story titled “Investors Wary of a Fourth Down Year: Unclear View for Stocks” and in the article (Feb. 14) “Beyond the Fuelishness,” which focused on the impact of rising fuel prices on the economy.

The Center for Management Development’s Mini MBA program, which was piloted on the Rutgers-Newark campus over the winter, was featured in a Star-Ledger article (March 9). The Associated Press wire service picked up the story, and it was subsequently mentioned on CNN Headline News, WCBS, WPIX, two television stations in Philadelphia and one in Phoenix. The Trenton Times also covered the program (March 10). The Center for Management Development is the executive education arm of Rutgers Business School and the School of Management and Labor Relations.
**Rutgers College of Nursing**

Dean Felissa Lashley was quoted in a *Home News Tribune* article (Feb. 13) titled: “Health Workers: Smallpox Shot Worth the Risk.”

Geri Dickson’s comments on the nursing shortage forecast for New Jersey aired on NJN Television News (Feb. 26).

Professor Emeritus Beverly Whipple was quoted in a column in *The Record* (Jan. 12) as saying that sex among senior citizens was healthy and normal.

**John Cotton Dana Library**

An article in *New Jersey Monthly* titled “New Jerseyans We Love” (January 2003) included a section on Dan Morgenstern, director of the Rutgers Institute of Jazz Studies.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS/CONFERENCES**

For more events: [www.newark.rutgers.edu/events](http://www.newark.rutgers.edu/events)

**Concert at Center for Law and Justice, March 26, 12:30 p.m.,** Atrium, Center for Law and Justice, 123 Washington St. The second event in series of free lunch hour concerts features traditional and contemporary African-American music performed by the Return to the Source vocal ensemble.

**“Women’s International Human Rights: Challenges to Physical and Economic Integrity in a Globalized World” March 27, 12:30-5 p.m.,** Center for Law and Justice, 123 Washington St. Organized by the *Women’s Rights Law Reporter*, the program will focus on the intersection between women’s exploitation in the marketplace and their personal safety. Radhika Coomaraswamy, Special Rapporteur on Women and Violence for the United Nations, will deliver a keynote address on trafficking in women. For more information, contact the *Women’s Rights Law Reporter* staff at 973/353-5320.

**Fifth Annual Northern Tournament of the Rutgers Academic Challenge March 29, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.,** team registration at Paul Robeson Campus Center, 350 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd., Multi-purpose Room: 232. Teams from almost 40 New Jersey high schools will gather on the Rutgers-Newark campus to face off in a collective show of brainpower. The students – drawn from Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex and Warren counties – will vie for the opportunity to square off with the winning teams from the Central and Southern tournaments in the semi-finals.

**Faculty Jazz Series April 2, time to be announced,** Norman Samuels Plaza, in front of the Paul Robeson Campus Center, 350 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd. The Kenny Wessel Group will perform.

**“Cybersmear” Symposium April 3, 6-8 p.m.,** Center for Law and Justice, 123 Washington St., Room 70. Speakers such as Alan Hyde, a professor in the Rutgers-Newark School of Law, and representatives of the Public Citizen Litigation Group will discuss issues such as privacy and free speech, and address questions such as whether employees and complain online about employers without being sued.

**“Welcoming our Future: A Celebration for Dr. Richard McCormick” April 8, 2:30-6 p.m.** A spirited colloquium and reception will mark the inauguration of Rutgers’ 19th president. “Urban Research Universities and the Future of Metropolitan America,” 2:30-4:30 p.m., Baker Trial Courtroom, Center for Law and Justice, 123 Washington St. A multidisciplinary panel will discuss the responsibilities of urban research universities in shaping the future of American cities. Marc Holzer will moderate, and Richard McCormick will be the responder. Reception for Dr. McCormick, 4:30-6 p.m., Center for Law and Justice Atrium, with performances by the Rutgers University Chorus and The Jazz Mosaic.

**Terry Teachout, author of The Skeptic: A Life of H.L. Mencken, speaks on Mencken April 9, 5 p.m.,** John Cotton Dana Library, 185 University Ave., Dana Room, 4th floor. Terry Teachout will discuss the legendarily cantankerous journalist whose acerbic commentary on everything from the American middle class (whom he dubbed the “boob-oisie” instead of the bourgeoisie) to the famous Scopes monkey trial led contemporaries and readers to refer to him as the “Sage of Baltimore.”

**Influencing State Policy Symposium April 11, 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.,** Paul Robeson Campus Center, 350 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd., Multi-purpose Room: 232. This event, which includes a panel lecture and interactive workshops, is designed to inspire ordinary citizens to become involved in the process of creating or changing public policy. Topics
will include grassroots organizing and professional lobbying, as well as issues related to child welfare and race, gender and economic justice. Speakers will include the New Jersey Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, The Green Party of New Jersey, The National Organization for Women and Rutgers-Newark faculty.

Campus Open House Event April 12, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., sign-in tables between Conklin and Boyden halls, 175-195 University Ave. High-school, transfer and graduate students and their parents are invited to visit the Rutgers-Newark campus to learn about the university’s academic offerings, meet faculty and staff, tour facilities and experience R-N student life. A full listing of events can be viewed at openhouse.rutgers.edu. For more information, contact Michael Liloia in the Office of Admissions at liloia@ugadm.rutgers.edu or 973/353-5205 ext. 24.

Concert at Center for Law and Justice, April 28, noon, Atrium, Center for Law and Justice, 123 Washington St. The final event in series of free lunch hour concerts showcases the Rutgers University Chorus (Newark Campus) shortly before it departs for a tour of England. Conductor John Flooren, of R-N’s Department of Visual and Performing Arts, will present works by Hovhaness, Berger, Franck, Rutter and Hancock, as well as arrangements of folk songs and spirituals.

Provost’s Research Day April 29, 2:30-5:30 p.m., University Club, Paul Robeson Campus Center, 350 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. About a dozen new faculty at Rutgers-Newark – as well as guest researchers from NJIT, UMDNJ and the Public Health Research Institute – will present summaries of their work in a manner accessible to a general audience. Presentations will run the spectrum of scholarly study, from an analysis of whether an attack on Iraq without UN sanction violates both international law and the principles inherent in a democracy to an examination of developments in nanotechnology.

STUDENT NEWS

Faculty of Arts and Sciences-Newark

Crystal Chan, NJ Community Water Watch (CWW) organizer at Rutgers-Newark, and two CWW interns received a public approbation and an official resolution from the town of Garfield, N.J., March 11 at city hall. They were commended for their work in guiding a March 1 clean-up effort and their performance in helping to preserve the community’s environment throughout the year. Many of the volunteers involved were R-N students.

Rutgers College of Nursing

EOF students Lola Oriowo, Harriet Mugwanya, Ramona Smith and Michele Tinglin were each awarded a $2,500 scholarship by the United Negro College Fund and the Walter and Louise Sutcliff Foundation.

Four other EOF students – Shalmirah El-Amin, Nicole Glover, Evelyn Isedeh and Jacqueline Rodriguez – participated in a student mentorship program with the New Brunswick Science and Technology High School, where they cooperatively run a future nurses club. The R-N students meet monthly with high school students in grades 10-12 and provide interactive, hands-on opportunities for the high school students to learn about nursing.

The College of Nursing EOF Program Leadership Board held a Valentine’s Day bake sale to benefit brothers Tyrone Hill and Raheem Williams, who were hospitalized as victims of abuse and neglect in the highly publicized DYFS scandal in Newark. The boys were presented with a $300 gift certificate.

Rutgers Business School – Newark and New Brunswick

A team comprised of Terry Davidson, Ian Karp and Gregg Ruppersberger (all MBA ’04) took third place in the 4th annual “Owen@Vanderbilt eStrategy Contest.” They were asked to develop a strategy for advancing an e-health growth strategy for Roche Diagnostics, one of the competition’s sponsors. Teams from Harvard and Wharton took first and second places, respectively. Teams from MIT, Duke and Maryland also competed in the contest’s final round Feb. 15. The three Rutgers students are Industry Scholars in the Rutgers MBA in Pharmaceutical Management program.

Elaine Henry, a doctoral student in accounting, has been named a 2003 “Deloitte & Touche Doctoral Fellow.” She was one of 10 students to be selected nationally. Henry will receive $5,000 during her final year of course work and $20,000 during the subsequent year as she completes her dissertation.

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