U.S. Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.) discussed “Domestic Threats to Our Civil Liberties” in a speech at the Center for Law and Justice April 15. The talk addressed how laws such as the Patriot Act have had a chilling effect on the constitutional rights of American citizens.

“Is the right response to terrorism to start restricting peoples’ freedoms?” Lautenberg asked rhetorically during his comments. “Our civil rights as Americans, like freedom of speech, are such precious things. We shouldn’t be responding by making laws like the Patriot Act – peeking in peoples’ windows, putting them in jail for six months when they haven’t been charged with anything.

“It’s not the way this country should be run.”

The event was sponsored by the Rutgers-Newark Jewish Law Students Association and the Rutgers-Newark American Constitutional Society.

Two $500,000 Gifts Designed to Enhance Library Holdings, Scholarship Funds
The Rutgers School of Law-Newark has been awarded two $500,000 challenge grants – one in memory of alumnus Samuel Foosaner (NLAW ’34) and the other by a benefactor who wishes to remain anonymous. The donors hope that other friends of the university with take up the philanthropic gauntlet hurled by the half-million-dollar grants and meet the challenge by collectively donating an additional $500,000 to the law program by June 30 of this year.

The Foosaner grant, made by his daughter, Dee Negroni-Hendrick, and the Foosaner Foundation will be used to augment the law school library’s collection of print and electronic tax and estate-planning materials. With more than 500,000 volumes, the library is New Jersey’s most comprehensive law library and a major resource for not only the law school’s faculty and students, but for the entire legal community and the public as well.

Foosaner, who passed away in 1988, was a practicing tax attorney for more than 50 years, writing about 500 articles and books on taxes and estate planning during his career.

“My father, who was the first in his family to go to college, was proud of his achievements and would be delighted that we have chosen to create a memorial for him at Rutgers Law School, his alma mater,” Negroni-Hendrick said. “It is the largest single grant that the Foosaner Foundation has ever made, and we want to encourage others to experience the satisfaction that comes with philanthropy as well.”

The second, anonymous gift has been earmarked for student scholarships.
Three faculty members at Rutgers School of Law-Newark are among the inaugural recipients of Rutgers University’s first Academic Excellence Fund (AEF) awards: professors Claire Dickerson, Gregory Mark and Paul Tractenberg. The AEF was created to “provide support for forward-thinking, interdisciplinary proposals that enhance the university’s primary missions of teaching, research and service.”

Dickerson co-directs the Global Legal Studies Program with Professor Saul Mendlovitz, supporting academic study and clinical programs across a broad range of international and comparative law issues.

Mark’s AEF grant will be used to help develop the Center for Institutional Governance, which supports faculty research in governance issues of corporate, non-profit and small public organizations, as well as outreach to legal and governance communities.

Tractenberg is founding director of the interdisciplinary Institute on Education Law and Policy. The AEF grant will fund its most recent project: a study of the elements that characterize successful urban schools and the development of strategies for replicating the models.

**Lawyer for Plaintiffs in Brown v. Board of Education Speaks at R-N**

Jack Greenberg, one of the attorneys who argued for the plaintiffs before the U.S. Supreme Court in the landmark Brown v. the Topeka Board of Education case, shared his memories of the historic case on its 50th anniversary at Rutgers-Newark’s Center for Law and Justice March 8. The Supreme Court’s finding in favor of the plaintiffs meant that public schools had to be desegregated, and is considered one of the most important advances in civil rights in the nation’s history.

Greenberg’s speech, “Fifty Years After Brown: Reflections and Reminiscences,” was sponsored by the Rutgers-Newark Institute on Education Law and Policy and the law school’s Eric R. Neisser Public Interest Program.

In all, Greenberg argued about 40 civil rights cases before the Supreme Court, including the 1954 Brown case, and served as director counsel to the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund 1961-1984. In presenting him with a Presidential Citizens Medal in 2001, President Clinton noted that Greenberg had “helped break down the legal underpinnings of segregation in America” and “helped shape a more just society.”

**Forum Examines Legal Identities of Non-Traditional Families**

A symposium that investigated the legal ramifications of topics ranging from gender identity and estate issues involving same-sex couples to assisted reproduction and post-divorce parenting was held at the Center for Law and Justice April 1.

Sponsored by Rutgers-Newark’s Women’s Rights Law Reporter – the oldest legal periodical in the United States focusing exclusively on women’s rights law – the conference was built around the theme “From the Margins to the Mainstream: Examining the Impact of Non-Traditional Families and Identities on the Law.”

The keynote speaker was June Carbone, Presidential Professor of Ethics and the Common Good and professor of law at Santa Clara University School of Law, and author of the book is *From Partners to Parents: The Second Revolution in Family Law* (Columbia University Press, 2000).

**Faculty of Arts and Sciences-Newark**

**Josephson Named New R-N Woman’s Studies Program Director**

Jyl Josephson has been tapped as the new director of Rutgers-Newark’s 34-year-old Women’s Studies program – one of the oldest such programs in the country.

“Dr. Josephson’s scholarship and leadership experience will allow her to develop a clear interdisciplinary Women’s Studies program at Rutgers-Newark, with close ties to faculty at the School of Law, the Rutgers Business School, the School of Criminal Justice and the College of Nursing,” said Edward Kirby, dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Newark.

Josephson – and expert in gender and public policy, American politics and political thought, and feminist and democratic political theory – echoed Kirby’s enthusiasm. “I am pleased to be able to work with faculty across the Rutgers University community to build the Women’s Studies program,” she said. “Women’s studies Scholarship has transformed many disciplines, and scholarship and teaching on women, men and gender have become crucial to inquiry in fields across academia.”
Prior to beginning at her present position in January, Josephson was acting assistant director of women’s studies at Illinois State University, where the Illinois State University PRIDE – an organization for lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgendered students – recognized her with its Ally of the Year Award 2001-2002.

Public Symposium Offers Citizens Advice on Shaping Public Policy
How can the average citizen influence the policy decisions made by the congressional and executive branches of the federal government, and help shape legislative actions that often have a profound impact on day-to-day life across the entire nation?

A free public symposium held at Rutgers-Newark March 12 titled “Influencing National Government Policy” attempted to provide answers to this seemingly daunting task. The forum of speeches and discussion panels – sponsored by the R-N Department of Social Work, the R-N Social Work Student Organization and the New Jersey Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Education – examined social welfare issues such child welfare, families, poverty and unemployment, and addressed how these areas can be affected by national policy decisions.

“Too few people, particularly undergraduate students and other young adults, know about and understand what impact federal legislation and executive action have upon their own lives and the welfare of the general public,” said symposium co-coordinator Paul Shane, associate professor of social work at Rutgers-Newark. “That conference has been a crash course in how interested citizens can and do affect legislation that in turn sets national public policy.”

University Faculty Join Forces with Brick City Neighbors
Faculty at University Heights’ four universities and colleges – R-N, NJIT, UMDNJ and Essex County College – are starting a new club for professors and librarians who call Brick City home. A preliminary organizational meeting was held April 15 at the home of history professor Clement Price and his wife, Newark Museum director Mary Sue Sweeney Price. Organizers will focus on encouraging more faculty to live in the city and to put their collective power as Newark voters to work to help with Newark’s revitalization. Any interested faculty (including adjuncts, teaching assistants, instructors and librarians) are encouraged to get in touch with dt ogilvie (dt@business.rutgers.edu) or Glenn Shafer (gshafer@rutgers.edu).

Top NASA Administrator Addresses Columbia Disaster, Future of Agency
The institutional culture at NASA that played a role in the catastrophic break-up of the space shuttle Columbia, as well as projects that the agency has on its plate for the future, were the focus of a speech April 8 at Rutgers-Newark by James Jennings, NASA’s associate deputy administrator of institutions and asset management.

Co-sponsored by Rutgers-Newark’s Graduate Department of Public Administration and the Northern New Jersey Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration, the Jennings’ presentation was titled “NASA: Post Columbia Disaster – Implications for Public Management, Decision-making, Governmental Transparency and Accountability.”

Jennings said the “can-do” attitude that has pervaded NASA since its days of fierce Cold War competition with the USSR in the 1960s has produced spectacular accomplishments, but this mindset has also sometimes led the agency to downplay risks which should have been addressed more rigorously. Future plans to build permanent installations on the moon and to travel to Mars will place safety front and center, he emphasized.

Rutgers Business School – Newark and New Brunswick
Rutgers Business School Establishes Lab Capable of Continuous Business Reporting and Auditing
In the 21st century financial world, investors are always looking for improvements in corporate transparency and faster, more timely reporting of financial information. Rutgers University has been quick to respond, using a grant from KPMG International to establish a laboratory that will research and test next-generation technologies and methods for continuous business reporting and auditing.

The Continuous Assurance and Reporting Laboratory (CAR-Lab), to be housed at the Rutgers Accounting Research Center (RARC), will develop experiments that use actual corporate information to test continuous auditing techniques. CAR-Lab seeks to improve audit procedures by publishing its findings in research reports, and by presenting live demonstrations of promising new technologies to business executives, policy-makers and regulators.

“While the field of continuous auditing was first proposed in 1990, research on the topic has been mainly conceptual up until now,” said Miklos Vasarhelyi, director CAR-Lab. “This new lab will undertake applied research in the field using real-life data from complex corporate information systems to tests concepts and demonstrate working examples.”

KPMG International is a global network of professional services firms, providing audit, tax and advisory services in 178 cities in 148 countries.
Ethics Conference Addresses Issues Such as Corporate Scandals and Executive Compensation

Topics ranging from executive salaries to the recent spate of corporate scandals were the focus of “Ethics and Corporate Governance: Is There One Best Way?” March 25. The conference, organized by The Prudential Business Ethics Center at Rutgers University and held on the R-N campus, drew about 200 attendees to a series of panels, as business leaders, faculty and students tackled some of the issues that have dominated financial news in recent months.

Lawrence Mitchell, a professor at George Washington Law School, delivered the keynote address, titled, “The Dominance of Finance over Business: The Seed of Corporate Failure.”

Office of the Provost

Ryan, Torres Appointed to Provost’s Office

Two longtime R-N employees have been named to posts in the Provost’s Office. Martin Ryan, who has served as director of the Physical Plant at Rutgers-Newark for the past eight years, has been promoted to Associate Vice Provost for Facilities. Aida Torres will be the new assistant provost of Budget and Administrative Services effective May 17.

In his new position, Ryan will be responsible for all designs, construction and project-management functions for all Rutgers-Newark campus facilities projects.

Currently, Torres serves as associate dean of administration for Rutgers Business School-Newark and New Brunswick. Prior to that, she worked at the College of Nursing as its business manager.

Rutgers University Computing Services-Newark

Updated ‘Blackboard’ Model to be Implemented Campuswide

The Office of Instructional Technology (OIT), working with RUCS-Newark, will be installing and testing powerful new software this summer that will further enhance faculty and students’ ability to use the Web as an extension of the classroom. Blackboard 6 Enterprise, when fully implemented, will incorporate rosters, grades and e-mail lists within an online course template. Professors will be able to post – and students able to access – course information via the Web with greater ease. Access to Blackboard 6 will be available using the standard NetID.

The OIT will work with selected instructors and departments during this year’s summer session and fall semester to test and fine-tune the system.

The new system will be managed and administered by RUCS-Newark. User support will be provided by the OIT, R-N Help Desk and the Rutgers Business School (RBS) Help Desk. Blackboard 5 will remain available on systems hosted by the RBS to give users on campus time to make the transition to the new Blackboard 6 system.

Office of Admissions

‘Open House’ Event Draws 1,500 Prospective Graduate and Undergraduate Students

About 1,500 prospective Rutgers-Newark students attended an informative “Open House” event April 17 sponsored by the university’s admissions office. The program drew high-school students, community-college students seeking a bachelor’s degree, working adults interested in switching careers and people interested in pursuing advanced degrees.

The event provided a one-stop source of information on all of the campus’s academic disciplines. During the Open House, potential applicants interested in attending Rutgers-Newark toured academic buildings, labs, recreational facilities and residence halls; attended informational sessions about academic programs, campus services and student services; consulted with representatives from academic departments; and spoke with R-N representatives about financial aid.

The visitors to campus also were treated to a Scarlet Raiders softball game, a jazz concert, a performance by an improvisational theater group and a barbecue.

Council for Higher Education in Newark (CHEN)

CHEN Looks at Universities’ Role in Driving Urban Economic Revitalization

Newark’s municipal and higher-education leaders met at a CHEN third annual summit March 19 to address the topic “Higher Education in Metropolitan Centers: Emerging Partnerships in the 21st Century.”

The summit served as a forum to address how urban universities and colleges can form partnerships with elected officials, business and community leaders to serve as an engine for economic revitalization both within Newark and in other metropolitan centers.

The keynote speaker was Anne Habiby, co-executive director of the Initiative for a Competitive Inner City (ICIC), a national nonprofit organization dedicated to the revitalization of economies in distressed urban neighborhoods. ICIC’s work focuses on helping to build mutually beneficial
public/private partnerships that will strengthen the metropolitan business environment, stimulate investments and create jobs for inner-city residents.

**Faculty News**

**Faculty of Arts and Sciences-Newark**

Melvin Dubnick, political science and public administration, was the featured speaker at the annual Corporate Governance Colloquium April 19-23 at the Utrecht School of Governance, University of Utrecht, The Netherlands.


Alexander Gates, earth and environmental sciences, has been elected president of the National Association of Geology Teachers – Eastern Section, for the 2004-2005 academic year.

Clement Price, history, gave the first ever Black History Month lecture sponsored by the New Jersey State Police (NJSP) Feb. 27 at the NJSP Museum at Division Headquarters in West Trenton. He also will receive an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Drew University at its commencement May 15. In addition, he was quoted in a *Star-Ledger* article (March 28) about a program that is bringing 120 Newark school teachers to R-N for seminars on topics ranging from philosophy to African art.

Lee Slater, earth and environmental sciences, has been awarded a $220,000 grant from the United States Department of Energy for “Investigating the Potential for Long-Term Permeable Reactive Barrier Monitoring the Electrical Signatures Associated with the Reduction in Reactive Iron Performance.”

**School of Law-Newark**


Ester Canty Barnes was honored April 17 by the Association of Black Women Lawyers of New Jersey.

Associate Dean Ronald Chen has been re-elected vice president of the U.S. Rowing Association. Assistant Dean Ken Padilla has been chosen as a New York delegate to the 2004 Democratic National Convention.

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

Dean Howard Tuckman will be inducted into the New Jersey High-Tech Hall of Fame in the Education category April 29. The induction dinner will be hosted by the Biotechnology Council of New Jersey Inc., AeA, Advancing the Business of Technology and the Healthcare Institute of New Jersey.

John Cantwell, organization management, had his papers “Revaluing the Capital Stock of International Production” and “Path Dependency and Coherence in International Networks of Technological Innovation” published in the journals *International Business Review* and *Multinational Enterprises, Innovative Strategies and Systems of Innovation*, respectively. A third article, “Analyzing the Location Pattern of International Corporate Technological Research,” was printed in *Internationalization of Research and Development and the Emergence of Global R&D Networks*.

Lei Lei, MSIS, will serve as chairwoman of the 2005 International Conference on Scheduling: Theory and Applications.

**Rutgers College of Nursing**

Charlotte Thomas-Hawkins has received the prestigious Emerging Nursing Star in Health Disparities Research award from Howard University’s Division of Nursing.

**School of Criminal Justice**

Ko-Lin Chin has received a Fulbright Scholarship. The fellowship will enable him to pursue his research in China.

**Center for Molecular and Behavioral Neuroscience**

Ralph Siegel has received a $438,750 grant from the National Institutes of Health/National Eye Institute for “Neural Circuitry of the Parietal Lobe.” He has also been awarded a second grant from the Whitehall Foundation for $75,000 for “Functional Architecture and Circuits.”
Paula Tallal was an invited speaker at the Oxford-Kobe Symposium: Dyslexia in Japanese and English, held in Kobe, Japan, April 17-21.
Laszlo Zaborsky has been awarded a $339,788 grant from the National Institutes of Health/National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke for “Afferent Regulation of Cholinergic Forebrain Neurons.”

**Newsmakers**

**Faculty of Arts and Sciences-Newark**

Cary Booker was quoted in an NJN News story (Feb. 24) about Rutgers-Newark’s commemoration of the Conklin Hall takeover by protesting students in 1969.

Leonard Cole, political science, was interviewed in stories about the discovery of the deadly toxin ricin in the U.S. Senate mailroom on NJN News and MSNBC (both Feb. 3).

Dennis Gale, public administration, was quoted in a Star-Ledger article (March 3) about the rising value of Newark’s pre-World War II office buildings.

Lewis Porter, music, was interviewed about jazz legend John Coltrane on WKCR (March 24).

Clement Price, history, was featured in the “People” section in a New Jersey Monthly article (April 7) about the “Best of New Jersey.” He also commented on the history of Newark’s city park system in the Star-Ledger (March 12).

**Rutgers School of Law-Newark**

Frank Askin was quoted by the Record (Jan. 27) about the Paterson City Council’s proposed law allowing the seizure of cars involved in drug sales or solicitation of prostitution. He commented in the Express Times (Jan. 29) on a proposed bill to ban the illicit use of picture phones. Askin also was quoted in the New York Daily News (Feb. 5) on the Massachusetts Supreme Court’s decision legalizing same-sex marriages. He commented about whether grand juries or prosecutors should determine which cases should be capital cases in a Daily Journal story (Feb. 5), and offered his observations in a New York Times article (Feb. 15) about the availability of tire-safety data held by Goodyear in a pending trial in New Jersey. He was quoted about the Constitutional Law Clinic’s challenge to homeowners’ associations in the New Jersey Law Journal (Feb. 23), The New York Times (Feb. 18 and 22), the Star-Ledger and Trenton Times (Feb. 18). Askin offered his thoughts on whether New Jersey law prohibits same-sex marriages in a Star-Ledger piece (March 10), and commented on the constitutionality of requiring school children to say the Pledge of Allegiance in the Asbury Park Press (March 24) and the Home News Tribune (March 25). He provided observations on a new White House education initiative in the Daily News (March 27). He also was quoted in a Daily Record article (April 4) about Gov. James McGreevey’s call for comprehensive ethics and campaign finance reform legislation.

Bernard Bell commented on a congressional report about privacy-infringement concerns in Newsday (Feb. 25).

Thomas Borden was quoted in the Express-Times (Feb. 6) on a judge’s decision in a case involving R-N’s Environmental Law Clinic. He also commented in the Record (Feb. 19) about the addition of “environmental justice” to the list of criteria by which all new permits and site plans in the state are judged.

A New Jersey Law Journal article (March 8) on the salaries paid to assistant prosecutors included a comment by Associate Dean Fran Bouchoux.

The New York Times interviewed Associate Dean Ronald Chen for an article (Feb. 1) about the American Civil Liberties Union, noting that Chen has argued some of the organization’s most prominent cases. Chen also noted that inclusion of the phrase “under God” in the Pledge of Allegiance raises sticky constitutional issues in the Star-Ledger (March 22). An expert on Megan’s Law, Chen said in an Asbury Park Press article (March 21) that attempts by residents of Beachwood to prevent a registered sex offender from moving there could trigger constitutional challenges by those who see limiting where sex offenders can live as a type of quasi-banishment.

Laura Cohen was quoted in a Star-Ledger story (April 1) about a registered nurse who has confessed to killing scores of hospital patients.

Sherry Colb’s work was mentioned in a National Review Online story (Feb. 5) about fetal homicide investigation.

A Denver Post article (Jan. 20) and a New Jersey Law Journal story (March 10) each featured comments on animal rights by Gary Francione.

Helen Garten was quoted in an American Banker article (Jan. 28) about new regulations issued by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.
New Jersey Lawyer (Feb. 23) included comments by **Suzanne Goldberg** about the state’s new domestic partnership law. *Time* magazine (March 8) and California’s *Press Democrat* (March 7) quoted her on legal issues for gay couples who want to dissolve their relationships. WBGO interviewed Goldberg about civil unions (March 4), which she described as conservatives’ fallback position in the *Barre Montpelier Times Argus* (March 6) and the *Bennington Banner* (Vermont) (March 8). She also noted how same-same sex marriages would bring the systematic framework of existing divorce law into play when relationships fall apart in the *Santa Rosa Press Democrat* (March 8). A story in the *Asbury Park Press* (March 15) featured her comments on gay marriage and civil rights.

**Susan Graham** of R-N’s Environmental Law Clinic was quoted by the *East Brunswick Sentinel* (Feb. 5) about the clinic’s representation of groups opposed to the proposed construction of a school in an environmentally sensitive area. An article in the *Record* (March 4) included her comments about the review process for a proposed sports and entertainment complex to be built in the Meadowlands.

**Brenda Liss** commented on the job security of embattled Paterson Schools Superintendent Edwin Duroy in a *Herald News* (April 1) story.

**Gregory Mark** was quoted in a *Star-Ledger* article (Feb. 19) about a woman who is countersuing record companies after her teenaged daughter was sued for downloading music from the Internet.

**George Thomas** commented about jury selection in the Jayson Williams manslaughter trial in the *Courier News* and *Home News Tribune* (Feb. 15).

A *Baltimore Sun* article (Feb. 25) on state and city takeovers of troubled school districts included quotes by **Paul Tractenberg** on New Jersey’s takeover of the Newark school system.

**Mark Weiner** was awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship to help him complete his forthcoming book from Knopf, tentatively titled *Black Trials: The Legal Drama of Race and Citizenship from the Beginnings of Slavery to the End of Caste*.

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

**Dean Howard Tuckman** was featured in an NJN news segment (March 4) about New Jersey’s credit rating. He also was quoted in *Star-Ledger* article (March 13) about the impact of the Martha Stewart verdict on Stewart’s company.

**Sandy Becker**, marketing, commented about innovative businesses in a *Star-Ledger* story (Feb. 10) titled “Why Didn’t I Think of That?”

**Farok Contractor**, management and global business, and **Mahmud Hassan**, finance and economics, were both quoted in a *Star-Ledger* article (March 3) titled “Drug Makers Jump Into Indian Market.”

**Brenda Hopper**, director, N.J. Small Business Development Center, offered her observations in a *Star-Ledger* story (Feb. 8) titled “Microlions Facing Budget’s Ax.”

The “GlassRoots” program developed by **Patricia Kettenring**, business and the arts, was featured on radio station WBGO’s *Journal* (March 5).

**Lei Lei**, MSIS, was interviewed about supply chain management in an *NJ Biz* Q&A piece (March 22) titled “On Getting Goods to Market Without Delay.”

Studies of student plagiarism by **Don McCabe**, management and global business, were mentioned in *Courier News* and *Morning Journal.com* (Cleveland) stories (both April 7), and he was quoted on the topic in the *Hartford Courant* (March 20). McCabe’s work was also cited in stories about new software designed to detect passages pilfered from Internet sources that appeared in the *Los Angeles Times*, *Kansas City Star*, *Orlando Sentinel*, the *Baltimore Sun* and an Associated Press article (all April 7).

**dt ogilvie**, management and global business, was quoted in a *Daily Record* article (Jan. 25) titled “Diversity a Vital Element: Companies Want Workforce to Reflect Changing Demographics.”

Comments by **Avri Ravid**, finance and economics, about online music distribution appeared in a *Star-Ledger* article (March 31) in the “Big Buzz” section.

**Jay Soled**, accounting, was quoted in a *New York Times* story (Feb. 15) titled “Outsourcing Applies to Tax Returns, Too.”

**Rutgers College of Nursing**

**Dean Felissa Lashley** commented on the growing number of male nurses – in what was once considered an almost exclusively female profession – in the *Star-Ledger* (Feb. 9).

**Lucille Joel** noted that nurses act as unofficial monitors for colleagues in a *Star-Ledger* article (March 14) about a string of killings allegedly committed by a nurse at various regional hospitals.

**Beverly Whipple** observed that chemicals called endorphins released in the brain during sexual activity can elevate a woman’s pain threshold by as much as 40 percent in the *New York Daily News* (March 9).
School of Criminal Justice
Michael Wagers commented on a new criminal justice program designed to focus on violent repeat offenders in a Star-Ledger article (March 28).

Center for Global Change and Governance
Richard Langhorne was interviewed on National Public Radio (March 2) about diplomacy and espionage.

Joseph C. Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Studies
Stephanie Bush-Baskette commented on redevelopment in East Orange in an NJN News story (Feb. 4). She also was interviewed on the NJN public affairs programs Due Process (Feb. 4) and Another View (3/16).

Office of the Provost
Provost Steven Diner was quoted in a Star-Ledger article (April 13) about how future cooperative ventures among Rutgers-Newark, NJIT and UMDNJ may result from the now-shelved plans to combine the three institutions into one entity. He also spoke about the evolution of Newark as a “college town” in the Record (March 23), and commented on the growing attractiveness of Newark as a place for students to live in a Star-Ledger story (March 21). Diner was quoted in a New York Times article (March 7) about R-N’s new $51 million residence hall project.
Gene Vincenti was quoted in a Star-Ledger article (April 14) about preliminary negotiations to turn the old law school building into a hotel and conference center. He also commented on Rutgers-Newark’s recent spike in enrollment and financing a new student residence hall under construction in a New York Times story (March 7).

John Cotton Dana Library
Dan Morgenstern’s comments were included in a Chronicle of Higher Education story (April 2) about the Louis Armstrong House & Archives.

Upcoming Events/Conferences
For more events: www.newark.rutgers.edu/events

Voices of the City – Newark Reads Poetry, April 3-29 (please go to http://ethnicity.rutgers.edu for locations and times of programs on specific days). Sponsored by Rutgers-Newark’s Institute on Ethnicity, Culture and the Modern Experience (IECME), this monthlong series celebrates National Poetry Month. Free copies of an anthology of urban poetry published especially for the event are available at any branch of the Newark Public Library and at all Voices of the City events. Admission: All events are free and open to the public. Co-sponsors include the Newark Public Library and Newark Public Schools, and the project is funded by the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, the J.P Morgan Chase Foundation, Independence Bank and PSE&G. For more information, call 973/353-1871 ext. 37.

Rutgers University Chorus (Newark Campus), April 25, 3 p.m., St. Roman’s Catholic Church, 528 Dr Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd; April 26, noon, Center for Law and Justice Atrium, 123 Washington St.; May 3, 11:45 a.m., Bradley Hall Lounge, 110 Warren St. Admission: For the April 25 concert, $25 preferred seating, $10 general admission, $5 students/senior citizens. For the April 26 and May 3 concerts, free. The April 25 concert will be professionally recorded to be included on a CD. Because a nursery service is not available, please leave babies and small children at home. Support for these concerts has been provided by the Cultural Programming Committee of Rutgers-Newark. For additional information, contact John Floreen at 973/353-5119 ext. 28 or jfloreen@earthlink.net.
“The Joint is Jumping: A Celebration of Fats Waller’s Centennial,” May 8, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., John Cotton Dana Library, 185 University Ave. This daylong symposium – sponsored by Rutgers-Newark’s Institute of Jazz Studies and the Friends of the Rutgers University Libraries, will feature live music, lectures and film clips celebrating the life of the famed composer, performer and bandleader. **Admission:** Free and open to the public. Seating is limited and reservations are required. For more information, contact the event organizers at 973-353-5595 or eberger@andromeda.rutgers.edu.

Scene 1: Take 1 – Rutgers-Newark Student Film Screening, May 3, 7-9 p.m., Bradley Hall Theatre, Bradley Hall, 3rd floor, 110 Warren St. Want to catch a glimpse of the next generation of aspiring Spielbergs? “Scene 1: Take 1” offers R-N student directors a forum to screen and share their short films and documentaries with audiences and each other. All proceeds from the event benefit the program in Television in Rutgers-Newark’s Department of Visual and Performing Arts. **Admission:** general $5, students $3. For more information, contact Valdeta Sinanovic at 646/302-9729, valdeta@pegasus.rutgers.edu or vsinanovic@hotmail.com, or Eliana Cruz at elianabag@aol.com.

**Student News**

**Faculty of Arts and Sciences-Newark**

Honors College member **Stephanie Lazzaro** (’06) was one of only 310 college undergraduates nationwide to receive a $15,000, two-year Barry Goldwater Scholarship this year. The Goldwater Scholarship, named for the late U.S. senator, is considered the country’s premier undergraduate award for students studying mathematics, science and engineering. Lazzaro is studying neuroscience, focusing on learning and memory.

**School of Law-Newark**

The North Jersey Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates has awarded civil trial practice scholarships to **Fei Cheuk** (’04) and **Terry Johnson** (’04).

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