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1. **DID YOU KNOW THAT** you can receive 25% discounts on monthly NJ Transit tickets? For more details about the program visit [www.njtransit.com](http://www.njtransit.com). To sign up visit [parktran.rutgers.edu](http://parktran.rutgers.edu).

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2. **ATTENTION FRESHMAN: FALL ADVISEMENT INFORMATION**

Please be aware that Honors College advisement for freshmen (those who will be sophomores beginning fall 2006) will take place during the week of March 27<sup>th</sup>. Please come to the Honors College Office (Smith 236) **as soon as possible** to sign up for an advisement period. Remember, Dr. Gunkel is the academic advisor for all Honors College freshmen, who therefore should sign up for advisement through the Honors College rather than through the Dean of Student Affairs Office. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact [Seth Mann](#). *Note: Upper-level students naturally also may receive advisement through the Honors College.* Please contact [Dr. Gunkel](#) or [Seth Mann](#) for an appointment.

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3. **HONORS COLLEGE ADVISORS NEEDED**

The HC needs advisors for freshmen advisement the week of March 28<sup>th</sup>. To be an advisor, students must be in at least their third year of study at university. Sign-up for particular advisement time periods will begin on Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> in the HC Office (Smith Hall, Room 236). *Note: advisors will be paid \$10.00/hour for their time.* If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact [Dr. Gunkel](#).

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4. **SIGN UP TODAY FOR OUR EARTH DAY CELEBRATION AND VOLUNTEER EVENT**

The Honors College and the Greater Newark Conservancy is proud to announce "Celebrate Earth Day: A Day of Service to our City of Newark from the People of Rutgers". We want you to join the concerted effort of RU-N students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends for a day of community service, fun and ice cream provided by Ben & Jerry's! As of this morning only 17 of the more than 400 HC students have signed up for this event - Needless to say we'd like to see many more of you take part. Please be sure to check out all the exciting details and sign up at [www.newark.rutgers.edu/earthday](http://www.newark.rutgers.edu/earthday). Hurry and join the growing number of students, faculty and staff that have dedicated their time to this important day of service. If you have any further questions about the event please contact [Seth Mann](#). Hope to see you there.

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## 5. NJIT TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY FORUM SERIES: ROBOTICS

Join Cynthia Breazeal for an odyssey into the world of robots when she comes to the NJIT campus to help celebrate Women's History Month with a joint Lillian Gilbreth Colloquium and Technology and Society Forum presentation. Breazeal, who was an expert consultant for the Steven Spielberg/Stanley Kubrick film *A.I. Artificial Intelligence*, works on this technological and social frontier as director of the Robotic Life Group at MIT. Breazeal, who is also an associate professor of media arts and sciences at MIT, has been building autonomous robots for over a decade. These range from insect-like planetary micro-rovers to highly expressive anthropomorphic robots. Her work is informed by scientific theories of natural behavior and incorporates artistic insights to create capable and appealing robots that can socially interact and communicate with people in a manner that intrigues us intellectually and touches us emotionally. Breazeal's talk will take place at the NJIT Campus Center Ballroom on Monday, March 29 from 11:30am – 1:00pm.

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## 6. FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE INTERNSHIPS

The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) offers a number of exciting paid internship opportunities in Washington D.C. and abroad. They have two main programs: 1) their Summer Internship Program (SIP) provides participants with an excellent opportunity to learn about issues, programs, and activities related to international agricultural trade. Students gain a broader view of U.S. agricultural interests through FAS's interaction with the other USDA agencies. A broader perspective on U.S. international trade and development interests is achieved through interaction with FAS's 90 overseas offices and other federal agencies such as the State Department, U.S. Agency for International Development, the Department of Commerce, and the U.S. Trade Representative. 2) The International Agricultural Internship Program (IAIP) provides college students the opportunity to live and work in a paid internship at an American Embassy overseas. Through work assignments participants learn various aspects of international trade, trade policy, international relations, diplomacy, regional and cultural considerations, etc. Positions are available in Western Europe, Latin America, and Asia. For more information visit their web site at [www.fas.usda.gov/admin/student](http://www.fas.usda.gov/admin/student) and contact [Seth Mann](#).

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## 7. FASN UNDERGRADUATE ASSESSMENT

Many of you may have noticed that there is a link on your main Blackboard page to something called the FASN Undergraduate Assessment Committee. This was developed as a way to get input from all members of the campus community about undergraduate education at Rutgers-Newark and encourages you to submit your opinions, concerns, ideas, etc. Please take a moment to click on this link and add your comments to the appropriate discussion board and they will be directed to the relevant subcommittee. This is great opportunity to be heard and contribute to improving our campus for yourself and future students.

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## 8. RUTGERS NIGHT AT NJPAC: DISCOUNTED TICKETS FOR CHICAGO

Discount tickets will be available for Rutgers students, faculty, staff and alumni for the March 29 performance of the musical *Chicago* at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC). The performance begins at 7:30pm followed by a free post-performance reception with the cast. The cost of tickets ranges from \$16-\$45. For more information, e-mail [groupsales@njpac.org](mailto:groupsales@njpac.org) or call 1-888-GONJPAC. NJPAC is located at 1 Center Street in Newark. To view a promotional flyer visit: [www.newark.rutgers.edu/events/ChicagoRutgersDiscount.pdf](http://www.newark.rutgers.edu/events/ChicagoRutgersDiscount.pdf).

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## 9. UPCOMING FREE CONCERTS IN DANA LIBRARY

All students are invited to attend the 2005-06 schedule of free concerts sponsored by the Cultural Arts Programming Fund at Rutgers-Newark and the Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation and

Cultural Affairs. All performances take place in the Dana Room on the fourth floor of the John Cotton Dana Library. Upcoming concerts include:

- *Wednesday, March 22, 2:30pm – 4:00pm: Lewis Porter:* Piano recital of jazz and improvisations, Dana Room of the Dana Library
- *Thursday, March 30, 12:30pm – 1:30pm: Jaffna-* a unique blend of Indian and Middle Eastern music

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#### **10. WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

Women's History Month is in full swing at Rutgers-Newark. For a complete listing of the rest of the month's activities please visit <http://womenstudies.newark.rutgers.edu/>.

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The Newsletter is published every week to provide timely information about events and opportunities of particular interest or benefit to Rutgers-Newark Honors College Students. Be sure to read carefully each week for important announcements and opportunities such as scholarships, internships, and research positions. Furthermore, we recommend that you create a folder on your hard drive or on your e-mail account to save all the newsletters for future reference. For additional information on what appears above please follow links listed with individual items or contact the parties listed to learn more about a particular opportunity. Please do not reply directly to this e-mail.

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