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1. MAKE AN IMPACT: FASN UNDERGRADUATE ASSESSMENT

The FASN Undergraduate Assessment 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. This is great opportunity to be heard and contribute to improving our campus for yourself and future students. These kinds of opportunities do not come around often (usually every few decades) so 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. For a direct link to the assessment please visit: <https://blackboard.newark.rutgers.edu/webapps/portal/>.

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2. IMPORTANT: REQUIRED CAPSTONE INFORMATION SESSION

The Honors College will be holding important information sessions concerning the HC Senior Capstone requirement. All Honors College students are invited and encouraged to come, but those who plan to start their Senior Capstone Experience during the summer 06 or fall 06 semesters are required to attend. This presentation is extremely important and will cover the options and processes involved in completing the HC Senior Capstone Experience. Students may attend *either* of the following sessions. The first will be held on Monday, April 3rd at 11:30am (free period) in the Paul Robeson Campus Center, room 217. The second will be held on Wednesday, April 5th at 2:30pm (free period) at the same location. If you are not sure if this applies to you or if you have any further questions, please contact [Dr. Gunkel](#).

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3. YOUR ACADEMIC AUDIT

The academic audit is one of the most valuable tools at your disposal. It enables you to see what requirements you have fulfilled and what requirements you have left. At this time of year it's especially helpful for selecting courses and trying to map out your schedules. To obtain your audit please visit <http://rutgers-newark.rutgers.edu/dsanwk/> and enter in the required information. Keep in mind that your default PAC number is your 4-digit month and day of birth (for example, December 12th would read "1201"). Also keep in mind that when you are inputting your RUID (this is no longer your social security number) to include the letter "I" before any of the numbers.

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4. HONORS COLLEGE CLASS OFFERINGS

The Honors College has posted its fall 2006 course offerings at <http://honorsnewark.rutgers.edu/CurrentClasses>. Please keep in mind that Honors Classes course fill up VERY quickly. To insure your spot in one of our courses – particularly the histories, literatures and seminars – please be sure to request your special permission numbers in Smith 236 as soon as possible.

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5. 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 27th. If you have not signed up then please be sure to come to the Honors College Office (Smith 236) **as soon as possible** to reserve 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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6. FIRST CAMPUS CONFERENCE ON SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Please join Vice Provost Marcia Brown on March 28th to stand together to prevent sexual violence. On that date, Rutgers-Newark will hold its First Campus Conference on Sexual Violence Prevention, from 9:00am – 1:00pm in Room 255-257 of the Paul Robeson Campus Center. In the United States, in a single year, an estimated 300,000 women are raped. Moreover, 5% of college students are victims of rape or attempted rape each year, and 84% of the time, the perpetrator is known to the victim, often as a classmate. Although most victims are female, 3% of men report being sexually assaulted at some point in their lives. And sexual violence doesn't just affect the direct victims - it can also shatter the lives of their loved ones, neighbors and colleagues - the "other victims." The costs and consequences of sexual violence take a heavy toll on physical and emotional health, as well as on academic and work performance. We want our students, our coworkers, and our loved ones to know where to turn for help if they are victims. We want to know how to respond when a survivor tells us his or her experience. We want to stand together as a community that does not tolerate any form of sexual intimidation or violence. The Newark Health Center is spearheading this effort, with the encouragement of the Provost's Office and the support of the Student Health Advocates, the Women's Studies Program, the Essex County Prosecutor's Office, the Essex County Rape Care Center, and the Public Safety Department. Please join all of us at this important campus event on March 28th.

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7. 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/St 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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8. REVIEW OF STUDENT LIFE AND PROGRAMMING FEES

The Office of Student and Community Affairs is currently reviewing student fees related to student life programming for the *FY'06-7 fiscal year*. Student Life areas include the *Paul Robeson Campus Center, Health Services, Psychological Services, Athletic Center, and Residence Life*. We will look at each area to determine whether a recommendation will be made to the Provost for an increase in student fees for one or more of these areas necessary to fund salary and essential services. We are very much aware of what the impact of fee increases would be on the cost of attendance for our students. Therefore, should we even consider a fee increase; it will be only what is necessary to fund salary and other essential programming costs that benefit students and the campus as a whole. We are scheduling a day and evening meeting with students, in coordination with the SGA and other governing organizations to provide information on any proposed increases, solicit your input, and include any formal written comments or statements from students in our recommendation packet to the Provost. The meeting will be held on Wednesday March, 22, 2006 in the following locations:

- A. 2:30pm FREE PERIOD in R Place located on first floor of Robeson next to the ATM
- B. 5:30pm Provost Conference Room, CLJ, 5th floor (entrance at back of hallway)

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9. PSYCHOLOGY RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP

A Professor in the psychology department has a position open for an undergraduate research assistant. The lab's research primarily deals with the nature and management of social and interpersonal conflict, with a particular focus on the use of third party mediation as a method for resolving highly polarized conflicts. In order to study this topic the researcher uses videotaped sessions of mediators who are then asked to review their performance by "thinking aloud" about the process. This stimulated recall procedure has proven effective in getting at the mental models of experts in various fields. Students in the conflict lab will be focusing in helping make sense of the videotape and interview data gathered from professional mediators in the "think aloud" project described above. If you are interested in this excellent opportunity then please contact [Dr. John Gunkel](#).

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10. RESEARCH POSITION AVAILABLE IN BEHAVIORAL NEUROBIOLOGY

A leader in preclinical neurobiology and major provider of drug discovery solutions is seeking summer interns. This company works extensively with pharmaceutical companies and not-for-profit organizations to validate targets and select compounds to advance into clinical trials. As an intern you will have the chance to work on cutting-edge research with industry leaders as they combine their expertise in behavioral neurobiology with state-of-the-art technology to produce proprietary, high-throughput behavioral testing platforms. Research generally addresses such major CNS disorders as ADHD, anxiety, cognitive impairment, depression, eating disorders, pain, and psychosis/schizophrenia. If you are interested in this learning more about this opportunity then please contact [Seth J. Mann](#).

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11. 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/. 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.

12. 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 \$16.00-\$45.00. For more information, e-mail groupsales@njpac.org or call 1-888-GONJPAC. NJPAC is located at 1 Center Street in Newark. To view a promotional flyer visit: <http://www.newark.rutgers.edu/events/ChicagoRutgersDiscount.pdf>.

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13. 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:

Thursday, March 30, 12:30-1:30 p.m.: Jaffna- a unique blend of Indian and Middle Eastern music.

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14. 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/events.html>.

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15. INDIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION MOVIE DAY

The Indian Student Association will present the movie "Munna Bhai M.B.B.S" on Monday, March 27th from 11:30am – 2:30pm in the Commuter Lounge of Paul Robeson Campus Center. Be sure to stop by and bring your friends.

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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.
