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1. ACT NOW TO REDUCE PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS

By now, many of you may have received or seen President McCormick's message about the state budget proposed by Governor Corzine, or you may have read about the proposal in the papers (see <http://www.rutgers.edu/FY2007Budget/> for those who haven't). The budget, as written, would seriously impact all areas of Rutgers operation, including the number and size of courses offered and the various academic and non-academic support services offered to students. It is important to emphasize, however, that this budget only represents the Governor's proposal to the legislature. Between now and June 30, legislators will be debating all aspects of the budget, and their constituents will be weighing in with their legislators in an effort to sway their vote one way or another. If you are concerned about the potential impact of the proposed cuts to Rutgers' funding, I strongly urge you to take action, either by contacting your elected officials (<http://capwiz.com/for/issues/alert/?alertid=8685546&type=ST>) or by attending the student rally in Trenton next week (<http://rustudentrally.com/>) or both.

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2. SCHOLARSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE

Students receiving any form of need-based scholarship must have completed their FAFSA renewal and any additional information requested by the Financial Aid Office by July 1, 2006 in order to be eligible for renewal for the 2006-2007 academic year. Students receiving state, university, or college merit scholarships must attain a minimum of a 3.0 cumulative GPA at the end of the spring term in order to be eligible for renewal for the 2006-2007 academic year. Students receiving any form of scholarship support must be registered as full-time students (12 credits or more) by July 1, 2006 in order to be eligible for renewal for the 2006-2007 academic year. Please be sure to adhere to criteria above to insure the continuation of your present scholarships. If you have any questions about the above please contact [Dr. John Gunkel](#).

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3. HC STUDENT STEPHANIE LAZZARO AWARDED FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP

Please join the Honors College in congratulating Honors College senior, Ms. Stephanie Lazzaro, for being awarded the prestigious Fulbright Scholarship award. Starting after graduation, this award will allow Ms. Lazzaro to conduct cutting-edge neuroscience in France. The Fulbright is awarded by a presidentially appointed twelve-member Board that selects students like Ms. Lazzaro to serve abroad as a representatives of the United States with the aim of helping to increase mutual understanding between countries. Former Fulbright recipients have gone on to become heads of states, ambassadors, cabinet ministers, CEOs, and awardees of the Nobel Prize. Once again, congratulations to Ms. Lazzaro on becoming a Fulbright scholar. We wish you the best of luck in France.

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4. STREET FIGHT SCREENING

The Academy Award-nominated documentary, "Street Fight," will be shown at 7:00pm on Wednesday, April 26 in Ackerson Hall room 123. Directed by Marshall Curry, "Street Fight" chronicles the Newark Mayoral Election of 2002, which was a hard-fought contest between incumbent Mayor Sharpe James and his challenger Corey Booker. The Rutgers-Newark screening marks the first time the documentary has been shown to a public audience in the city of Newark. After the screening, there will be a question and answer session with Curry. The event is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the Institute on Ethnicity, Culture and the Modern Experience along with the Urban Studies Program.

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5. AVAILABLE RESEARCH ASSISTANT POSITION

A faculty member in the Public Administration department is looking for a research assistant to work on a study which focuses on governmental transparency of New Jersey municipalities. Transparency is the ability to find out what is going on inside of governments through information posted on websites, freedom of information act requests for documents, open public meetings, whistle blowing, and information leaked to the press. The focus of this project is to determine the levels of openness of New Jersey local governments (towns, cities, boroughs, etc.). A research assistant will be active in all aspects of the research process including: data gathering, performing content analysis of websites, searching local newspapers for relevant articles, transcribing interviews, performing literature reviews, and proofreading.

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6. 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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7. SENIORS! JOIN YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TODAY

Those of you who are graduating this May should be sure to join the Rutgers-Newark Alumni Association (<http://andromeda.rutgers.edu/~alum/alumni.html>). Your first year is free! Being a member of your Alumni Association will provide you with discounts, opportunities to attend social outings, networking events and more.

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8. SENIORS: PHILIP MORRIS USA INFORMATION SESSION - JOB OPPORTUNITY

Attention Seniors, still looking for the right job? Good news! Philip Morris USA will be hosting an information session about their full time entry level job opportunity this Monday, April 24th, during free period (11:30am - 12:50pm) in Engelhard Room 211. Lunch & refreshments will be served. Philip Morris USA is the core operating company of Altria Group Inc., which is the world's largest producer of consumer packaged goods and is ranked #15 on the Fortune 500 list. Although this is a sales management position, it does NOT involve cold-calling. It is open to seniors and alumni of ALL majors. A detailed job description, directions about how to apply, and a helpful document of frequently asked questions will be available at the information session on Monday. All three steps of the application process (which we will discuss) must be completed by Thursday, April 27th in order to be considered for the upcoming on-campus screening interviews taking place on Tuesday, May 2nd.

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9. RED CROSS 2ND ANNUAL LUAU: PARTY AND SAVE A CHILD'S LIFE

Everyone is invited to come to the 2nd Annual Rutgers Red Cross Luau on Saturday, April 22nd from 7:00pm – 11:00pm in Robeson Campus Center's Multi-Purpose room. The Luau is not only fun (and the answer to all those requests out there that the university hold more social events on campus) but it also helps support the Red Cross Measles Initiative. Every \$1 raised allows 1 child to get vaccinated from getting Measles in Africa, the leading cause of death for children on that continent. Your \$5 entry fee can save 5 children! Come out and support! Hawaiian Attire a MUST! For more information, please contact Rutgers Red Cross President, Jen Perozzi at 973-747-6970 or by e-mail at jenperozzi@hotmail.com.

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