

# Livingston College

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## From The President



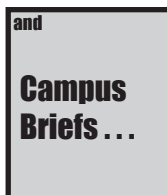
Greetings from the banks of the old Raritan and welcome to the summer 2000 edition of the LAA newsletter! I hope this edition finds everyone in good health. Our numbers are growing!! For the second consecutive year the LAA set an all time record for

membership and we are now nearly 800 strong! I am very proud of this fact, and I would like to thank each and every one of you that was a member this past year for making this accomplishment possible. 1000 members is the goal for this year! I have tweaked the dues structure for our recent grads for this dues year, mainly because of a long lag in the data entry of new grads addresses. Although we have given new grads free first year

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## It's A Big Day Swinging Into The Knight

### September 9

Homecoming is turning into a big event at Rutgers and if you have an anniversary year this year or haven't visited campus for a while, this is a great day and year to come back to campus.

Pick and choose from a menu of events all day long, starting with the LAA's new event to honor Distinguished Livingston Alumni, followed by the Homecoming Festival with the Rutgers Kids Zone. Then you can watch Football as the Knights take on SUNY Buffalo and end the evening with a Fireworks Extravaganza.

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## *Honoring Distinguished Alumni*

The Livingston Alumni Association will inaugurate a new event to kick-off Homecoming 2000. After 30 years, and now with over 15,000 alumni, the LAA

has decided that it is time to begin to recognize Distinguished Livingston Alumni. Outstanding individuals will be recognized for their achievements at a brunch at 11 AM on September 9, becoming the first inductees into Livingston's Alumni Hall of Fame.

The selection of the first group of alumni to be recognized for their achievement proved to be a difficult task. In addition to asking for nominations in the last issue of this newsletter, College faculty and staff were asked to suggest possible honorees. We will continue this process in the future.

The list of this year's honorees was not completed at the time this newsletter went to press, but more information will be available in the near future and will be sent to you in a special mailing. Information on attending the event is listed below.

## *Homecoming Festival*

From 2:30 PM until 5:30 PM, the Homecoming Festival will take place on the fields directly across from the Rutgers Stadium. The Festival features great food and entertainment for the whole family.

## *Rutgers Kids Zone*

The Kids Zone is an interactive playground area that is located on the E-Fields and includes amusement-type games, as well as face painters, clowns, and magicians. Admission is free and the event will be open from 3-6 PM.

## *Scarlet Knights Take On Buffalo*

Watch the Scarlet Knights take on the Bulls from the University at Buffalo (SUNY) in this first ever meeting. Kick-off time is 6 PM. Ticket information below.

## *Fireworks Extravaganza*

Weather permitting, stay in your seats after the game for this tribute to Scarlet Knights fans in celebration of Homecoming.

The Distinguished Alumni Brunch at 11

## *Making Reservations*

AM in the Livingston Student Center. For reservations, send a check (\$15 per person for LAA Members and \$18 for non-members, children under 10, \$7.50, and toddlers free) to the LAA, 7 College Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08903. Please make reservations by August 25.

Order football tickets prior to August 15 and get a discount. To order, call the Rutgers Ticket Office at 732.445.2766 between 8 AM and 5 PM and give the alumni discount passwords, "Swing Into The Knight 2000" (Visa or MasterCard are accepted) and buy one ticket and get one free. If you need a parking pass, it must be purchased at the same time; the fee is \$5. A \$5 handling fee will be charged to all ticket orders. If you are attending the brunch, you can park in the

Student Center lot then take the bus from the RAC to the stadium.

If you plan to stay over night, the Embassy Suites in Piscataway is offering a special discount rate at \$99 single or double. To assure this special rate, make your reservations by August 25 at 1.800.Embassy, mentioning the Livingston Alumni Group.

### **Campus Briefs ...**

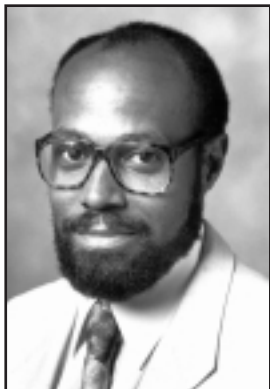
**At the College's 31st Commencement this year four of the many outstanding graduates received special recognition.**

**The Academic Achievement Award, recognized Richard Ferrara of Ridgefield Park, NJ for the highest GPA of students who entered as First Year Students.**

**The Parent's Association Award recipient was Bethany Strong of Berlin, NJ; Geraldine Burgos of Staten Island, NY received the Livingston Pride Award from the LAA; and the Dean's Award was won by Yamalis Diaz from Riverside, NJ**

# From the Dean

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### *An Eye to Tomorrow*

The Dean's Vision for the Future of Livingston College  
Arnold G. Hyndman, Ph.D.  
Dean

Unless one operates with the mantle of a prophet, trying to predict the future can be tenuous. If you have any doubts, a careful review of the career of any weatherman or economist will confirm this. However, I believe that one's future is built on the foundation of the efforts rooted in the toil of today. If you understand fully the objectives of the day, you will be able to know something about tomorrow. I believe that we can affect the future by the nature and quality of our efforts in the here and now.

Livingston College is an academic community that appreciates its historical success in educational innovation and diversity. More importantly we are actively engaged in developing a rich and effective learning experience to meet the needs of students of the 21st century. In the future we will still be known for challenging students to examine contemporary issues, cultural attitudes and their own roles in society. The issues may be different from today's concerns, but the need to have intelligent, thoughtful and moral people address tomorrow's challenges will be no different from what is required today. As a learning community shaped by personalized attention and the pursuit of excellence, Livingston College will have a strong reputation for preparing students for positions of leadership in the local, national and global communities that will constitute the social order of the 21st century. Our

comprehensive Leadership and Internship Programs will continue to develop approaches that nurture the leadership potential of our students in a systematic fashion from their first year to their senior year. Leadership and service will be fully integrated in the curriculum and student life programs to form a comprehensive experience that many other institutions will seek to replicate.

### Campus Briefs ...

**The Class of 2004 has already taken their placement tests, registered for classes, and is now attending the only Summer Orientation program on campus.**

**Livingston was the first of the New Brunswick Colleges to achieve its admissions goal, closing admissions at 122% of the goal. 862 new First Year students selected Livingston.**

**There are several interesting facts about the new class. The class average SAT score is 21 points higher than last year, for an 1121 average. There are one-third more out-of-state students, 39.6% are women, and 57 are children of alumni.**

Within the context of Rutgers University, the mission of Livingston College is to prepare students to understand the local, national and global communities of both our historic and modern social order, and in the future this will become a hallmark of the Rutgers experience. The College will have extensive relationships with several social science departments, all of the Rutgers Cultural Centers, the Township of Piscataway, the state and federal governments, major corporations, and both, public and private agencies.

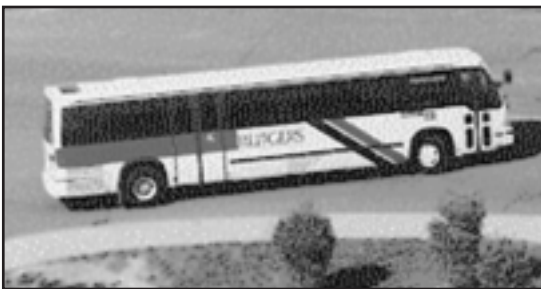
The Livingston Campus will be the focus of many new building initiatives, as the University Community comes to the realization that there is no longer adequate space on the College Avenue Campus. These new building initiatives will serve to solidify Livingston's position at the University as exemplary center for the study social science and cultural with a particular emphasis on community and leadership education.

Finally as I view the future, I am confident of one thing that will remain constant: the twofold belief that Livingston College's most important resources are the students, faculty and staff, and the commitment to the notion that individuals matter. We will always be proud of the lives that we helped shape, careers launched and friends made. By maintaining a learning community that is people-focused, and with the support of our alumni, Livingston College will continue to champion the idea that a life spent in the education and service to others is one

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membership in the Association for the last two years, I have come to realize that because of the data entry lag time, most of the new grads did not receive membership materials until after more than half of the membership year had passed. This could be perceived as a "gyp" and that is the last thing that I want to happen. Starting with this membership year (July 1, 2000), all members of the class of 2000 as well as all members of the class of 1999 that return their post graduation mailing address to us, will receive their LAA membership for free! This also means that the members of the classes of 1998 and 1997 are eligible to receive their membership at the discounted rate of \$15. By now most alumni should have received an invitation to become a member of YOUR Association, and if you haven't become a member yet, please join us now while this is fresh in your mind.



New for this year we are inaugurating a Livingston College Hall of Distinguished Alumni. (please see the related article) Why are we doing this? There are two main reasons. First and foremost, we have some really terrific fellow alums that we would like to honor and recognize, and secondly, there is a University Hall of Distinguished Alumni, and at the present time there is only 1 LC Alumnus enshrined (Avery Brooks '73), and we would like to start building a pool of distinguished LC people that we may nominate and have considered for the University wide honor and recognition. I hope to see a great many of you

come out for the ceremonies and Brunch on September 9th, it is going to be a very special day at Livingston College.

The last topic I would like to cover deals with an issue that I had written about in the Winter 2000 edition, and that has to do with attracting and retaining new members to the Executive Board of the LAA.

Everything went pretty much as I had outlined in my last message with one exception. It was my hope that we would have an informal, festive gathering to introduce interested Alumni to the current members of the Board, talk about what the Board does and explain the responsibilities of being a Board member. Unfortunately, we were unable to pull this meeting together for the date I had anticipated. My apologies for that. This does not mean, however, that I am abandoning the idea, for I am still very interested in having new people become involved with the LAA. I am rescheduling this meeting for the Fall. If you are interested in becoming involved, and have not been contacted by a member of the Board or received a letter from me, I would very much like to hear from you. Please contact me via telephone at: 732.846.0203 or by email at: [WealthForU@aol.com](mailto:WealthForU@aol.com)

Livingston College is charting new directions and gaining far greater respect for its innovation. Increasing enrollments, higher academic profiles of its students and new programs that enhance the quality of education are changing the College for the better. The LAA can play an important role in supporting these changes. Your help is greatly needed. Until next time, take care.

Jeffrey Isaacs '84

### **Campus Briefs ...**

**Ahena Busia, Director of the Livingston Honors Program and an Associate Professor of English and Women's Studies, was selected as one of a number of contemporary poets whose work was carved into stone discs set into the ground around the Meridian Line at Greenwich, England as part of the UK's celebrations of the year 2000.**

**The New Millennium Experience Company, working in concert with the British Council and the charity Oxfam, sponsored the project.**

**Busia's poem, "Mawu of the Waters," was one of the poems chosen to represent Ghana.**

# Alumni Notes

## LAA Day at the RAC

In February, the LAA held its 3rd annual Day at the RAC. This year we had a slight change in the program and attended a contest between the #5 nationally ranked Ladies of Notre Dame and #8 nationally ranked Lady Knights. Prior to the game,

LC Alumni and their friends met for a catered brunch which was hosted by the Scarlet R Club in the Athletic Center. Special recognition and thanks was given to the LAA contingent that was in attendance by Scarlet R Director Brian Crockett (LC '80). We were also treated to a demonstration of fencing by both mens and ladies fencers. Fencing coaches gave a short introduction to the sport. As for the main attraction of the day, all that were in attendance saw a very exciting game. Rutgers fell behind in the first half by 19 points but only trailed by 8 at half-time, with a 12-3 run to close the first half. In the second half Rutgers fought its way back and after an impressive 21-4 run, led Notre Dame 61-54 with 3:57 left to go in the game. With Rutgers leading 65-59 with 17.3 seconds left in regulation, Notre Dame hit a 3 pointer to get within 3. Tasha Pointer then missed the front end of a 1 and 1 foul shot, Notre Dame recovered the rebound, came down the floor and tied the game at 65 with no time left in regulation. In the OT, the lead seesawed back and forth and the game was tied again

with 46.2 seconds left to go. RU missed field goal attempts on its final two possessions while ND sank 4 free throws to ice the victory 78-74.

## About This Newsletter

The LAA Newsletter is published twice a year by the Livingston Alumni Association. It is mailed to members of the organization, contributors to the College and members of the reunion classes.

### Campus Briefs ...

**Thousands of Students, One Voice--Acting in the Spirit of Democracy. This is the theme of the LCGA's major effort to move the University to EXPAND THE LIVINGSTON STUDENT CENTER.**

**The LCGA led this new initiative which included a petition drive and development of a document to compare student centers at the university. They produced a 200 page document of statistics, argument, and petitions. Then, the document, along with t-shirts supporting the expansion, were sent to the President, every member of the Boards of Governors and Trustees, Governor Whitman and all members of the State Legislature.**

## Pride Award

On May 7th at the Dean's Awards Banquet I had the pleasure of presenting the 11th annual LAA Pride Award. For those of you that are not familiar with this award, it is presented to the graduating Senior who best exemplifies the Livingston College motto "Strength Through Diversity" and/or, has contributed significantly to the College through time and service. This year's recipient was Geraldine Burgos, who graduated with a double major: Journalism and Mass Media and Puerto Rican & Caribbean Studies, along with a minor in Sociology. Geraldine learned early in her Livingston career what is meant by Strength Through Diversity. Gaining insight, confidence and learning how to set goals as her Livingston tenure and relationships grew. She was very involved both in campus organizations and activities as well as to the College. A member of Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, and a LC Platinum Knight award recipient. An Orientation Leader, a participant in Welcome week '98 & '99, Springfest '98 & '99 and the 1997 Aids Walkathon. A member of the Latino Pre-law society '98 & '99, Latino Student Council '98 & '99, and the Black Student Union '96- '98. A participant in the Minority Mentor Program and a Student Safety Officer. Geraldine also was an intern for the Rutgers Sports Media Relations Dept. this past spring, along with her job as a Staff Supervisor at the Division of Housing and Conference services at the University.

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## Celebrating 30 years

By Ruby Keise, Rutgers News Service

Faculty, staff and students at Livingston College wrapped up the celebration of the college's 30th anniversary on April 18, by filling and closing a time capsule during a ceremony in The Great Hall in Tillet.

Among the items in the capsule are photographs of students dating back to the 1970s; an old term bill from 1969 indicating a tuition of \$280 for the semester (Spring '00 tuition was \$2,381); old student ID cards; and a 1973 recording by the Liberated Gospel Choir, a Livingston student group. The choir, which has continued to grow throughout the years, sang two selections for the capsule-closing ceremony.



Several personal items left by students were added to the capsule during the ceremony. Students also left messages written on archival-quality, acid-free postcards that were made available by the Time Capsule Committee, headed by students Michelle Massie, Melissa Carpini and Marcella DiBenedetto (pictured opposite).

"When Livingston opened its doors in 1969 with some 800 students, the university very much needed the social and intellectual jolt that Livingston was to supply," stated Martin Gliserman, an associ-

ate professor of English and an early faculty member at Livingston, who was among the speakers at the ceremony. There have been great changes at Livingston over the years, he reflected, both in the physical plant -- in the beginning there was "one elevator on campus that my 90-year-old father could beat any day" -- and in academics.

Programs such as urban studies, Africana studies, anthropology, Puerto Rican studies, computer science, marketing, and women's studies originated at Livingston and have all now been integrated into the general university curriculum.

The closed capsule will be housed on a specially built shelf on the wall of The Great Hall. It will be opened in 30 years when the college celebrates its 60th anniversary.

Photo: Jody Somers



### Campus Briefs ...

**If you make a tour around the outside of the Recreation Center you can see some obvious changes. Rebuilt tennis courts, and a hockey playing surface are now lighted for full time use. Adjacent to the tennis courts is beach volleyball, and a new baseball field, resurfaced softball field and a reseeded soccer field complete the improvements.**

**Architectural discussions are in progress to construct a new cardio room and improve the multi-purpose room.**

## Internship Program

Over the past year, Livingston has teamed up with the Office of Career Services to establish a college wide internship program. The objective of the program is to provide students with the opportunity to engage in practical high-quality experiences to enhance their undergraduate education while preparing them for life beyond their college years. The college encourages students to participate in internship experiences regardless of major.

The internship program endeavors to move students beyond vicarious experiences to practical experiences which will enable them to make well informed career choices. Toward this end, participation in real work situations provided by government, business and industry, educational institutions and community based organizations provide students with an opportunity to develop skills in communications, supervision, leadership, problem solving, critical thinking, planning, and organization. Beyond all this, the opportunity to hear from, talk with, and work beside seasoned professionals undoubtedly enriches the quality of the educational experience for those who participate.

While there are always complications and technical difficulties in developing internship programs, the College is actively seeking many new internship possibilities from a wide range of areas. Some of those problems include credit versus no credit, pay versus no pay, and scheduling and transportation problems. However, there are always ways to work through these problems.

Can you help? Could you make internship opportunities available to Livingston undergraduates? Generally internships are ninety hours of genuine learning opportunities in a non-classroom setting related to their academic or career interests. If you have an opportunity at your place of employment, contact Dean Eddie Manning at 732.445.4085, x849 or email him at emanning@rci.rutgers.edu.



## Campus Briefs ...

**Remember how bad TV reception was in the Residence Halls? This Fall, that problem will be gone. RUTV, a part of the RUNet 2000 project will bring cable TV to every Residence Hall on the Livingston Campus beginning this Fall.**

**RUNet 2000 is a major initiative of the University to connect every room in every building with the fiber optic computer network on campus. Livingston will be the first campus completely wired and work here will be completed during this summer. Now you will move on campus and plug in your computer to the network and your TV to cable.**

## *Minor in Organizational Leadership*

When Dean Arnold Hyndman selected Anne Ashbaugh as Associate Dean of the College, his charge was to develop a significant leadership program for Livingston. This program has taken form over the past year, and culminated in the Fellows approval of a Livingston College Minor in Organizational Leadership. The program will begin in the Fall 2000 semester.

In her proposal to the Fellows, Dean Ashbaugh defined Organizational Leadership as "a process of influencing the behavior of groups. It entails setting goals and achieving them. Leaders are persons of vision who readily understand the needs of organizations, gain allegiances, and respond creatively. Collaboratively, leaders guide groups and individuals to reach excellence and success."

The new minor will focus on both theoretical and extracurricular experiences. Theory courses will focus on formulating an ethically responsible vision that promotes organizational excellence; understanding change: how it occurs, when it is needed, and how it affects a group; and persuading individuals and groups to work toward a common goal.

In order to ensure the coherence of the program, theoretical courses will be supplemented by a series of extra curricular programs.





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