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## Clark professors teach real New Jersey

Consider the following "New Jersey" recipe: "Throw in some rocks and vegetation, a dash of Indians and New Jersey history. Season with arthropods, amphibians and reptiles. Flavor with a pinch of salt water and a touch of the Jersey Devil. Serve and enjoy with two field trips." The result? Intellectual gourmets are left to savor one of Union County College's most popular biology courses—"National History of New Jersey."

The three-credit course takes students from the state's mysterious Pine Barrens to the rocky plateaus of High Point.

Prof. William Dunscombe of Clark, who helped design the course with Dr. Thomas Ombrello of Clark, said the multi-faceted study is chock full of "intellectual goodies that feed the mind." Offered for the first time in 1980, the unique course was designed to explore New Jersey's flora, fauna, geology and the historical background of its diverse environments.

"It's a course that ultimately stimulates all the senses—sight, touch, sound and smell, and through our New Jersey foods banquet, even taste," Prof. Dunscombe said.

Students seem to agree. "You get a touch of everything in this course. Because it's an overview of the natural sciences, you are introduced to all the courses of the Biology Department," said Mrs. Olga Wolf, a member of the college's staff who took the course with her husband, Howard Wolf, an operation analyst at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey in New Brunswick.

Mr. Wolf said he especially enjoyed the field trips to the Pine Barrens and the Delaware Water Gap. "My wife talked me into taking the course, now I'm

glad she twisted my arm," Mr. Wolf said. Purposely structured to attract an audience different from the traditional student, "Natural History of New Jersey" draws teachers, writers, salesmen, executives and graduate students.

In deciding to take the course, Ruth and Malcolm Pringle followed the interests of their two children, who are both graduate students in geology.

Mr. Pringle, a chemical engineer and graduate of the New Jersey Institute of Technology in Newark, is a former mayor of Cranford.

"I was born and brought up in New Jersey and I'm delighted to learn so much more about my state," said Mr. Pringle, an avid camper.

Georgia Smith, a liberal studies major and commercial property underwriter for the Motor Club of America, was attracted to the course for another reason. "I come from Seattle and I'm taking this course to familiarize myself with New Jersey," she explained.

The course, which utilizes hand-outs instead of textbooks, draws on the expertise of seven instructors, each with a developed specialty.

Prof. Dunscombe lectures on the mammals of New Jersey, while Dr. Ombrello acquaints students with the state's vegetation. Prof. Raymond Daly, a member of the college's Physics and Engineering Department, lectures on the climate, geology and geography of the state, while Prof. Everett Zanes makes presentations on the state's salt and fresh water environments.

Completing the roster of instructors are three "stars" of the natural history class, each a former student. Joan Hoag, a biology teacher at Gov. Livingston Regional High School in Berkeley

Heights, lectures on the birds of New Jersey. Jan McMillin, a member of the Union County College staff, lectures on the history of the state as it developed around its natural resources. Paul Beletz, a Union County College graduate and associate registrar of the Anthropology Department of the American Museum of Natural History in New York City, lectures on the Indians of the state.

As far as the class reading list, there are no dust-covered texts. Instead, students are invited to devour such works as "The Pine Barrens: Legends, Lore and Lies,"

"The Jersey Devil" and "Chicken Foot Soup and Other Recipes from the Pine Barrens," which serves as a guide when students prepare their banquet of foods indigenous to New Jersey.

The trip to the Pine Barrens features the biology segment of the course, while the excursion to High Point and the Delaware Water Gap focuses on the geological portion.

Covered mostly with pine trees, the Barrens are noted for their cedar and cranberry bogs, blueberry fields and mysterious folklore such as the Jersey Devil, a demon reputed to have the head of a horse, the body of a serpent, bat wings and hooved feet.

"We offer students a bonus of 10 points on their

final examination if they bring a picture of the Jersey Devil," Prof. Dunscombe said, adding the offer is still open.

The course attempts to defy New Jersey's stereotype as a crowded industrial center. Originally from New York, Dr. Ombrello's image of the Garden State was the New Jersey Turnpike. Surprised to discover its rich natural history, the biology professor began thinking about developing a course on New Jersey with a laboratory—but using the state's natural settings.

Based on reaction from students, it appears Dr. Ombrello has succeeded. "I recommend this course to everyone," remarked one Cranford resident, "especially New Yorkers."

## Regional Board adopts work-stoppage policy

The Union County Regional High School District No. 1 Board of Education, which governs Clark's Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School, on Aug. 7 adopted a policy to follow in the event of a threatened work stoppage by employees.

The policy adopted "to protect against illegal and/or unwarranted pressures that threaten to adversely affect a wholesome learning environment for students of the regional district," provides:

- Schools will be kept open regardless of any illegal work stoppage caused by any employee unit.
- The Board of Education is committed to taking such measures deemed legal and appropriate in the face of an illegal work stoppage called by any employee group and to prepare such papers and documents in advance to obtain appropriate court sanctions.
- The Board will utilize appropriate means to inform the community of action taken during an illegal work stoppage.
- The superintendent of schools is charged by the school body to plan appropriate procedures for keeping the schools open with the right to arrange for the hiring of appropriate personnel to maintain proper classroom activity and transportation of personnel to and from school facilities and to arrange for the protection of students, personnel and facilities.

Board members also approved the attendance of 44 students for regular vocational programs and 26 students to participate in the special needs vocational experiences at the Union County Vocational Center in Scotch Plains during the 1984-1985 school year.

All vocational tuition will be \$757 and the total cost to the education body will be \$22,990.

The education body also authorized the appointment of Mary Fogarty as the English Department Supervisor at Johnson for the 1984-1985 school year at a salary of \$33,300 plus a

\$4,000 stipend, to be adjusted to the 1984-1985 salary guide when the new salary schedule is adopted.

Appointments made by the school body at the Clark school include: Fall Intramurals Coaches, Robert Lummer and Steve Petruzzelli; Fall Cheerleader Coaches, Kathy Mahon and Sandy Whiteford; Fall Intramurals Coach, Paula Burkhardt; Winter Intramurals Coach, Emmalyne Williams; Winter Intramurals Aide, Emmalyne Williams; Fall Intramurals Aide, Alice Leshick; Winter Intramurals Aide, Alice Leshick; Head Gymnastics Coach, Victor A. Jones; Coach, and Assistant Football Coach, Edward Ward.

The following amounts of payments for unused vacation days were okayed for the following employees and former employees: Robert Whelan, Department Supervisor, \$7,479.36; Aldo Collura, Department Supervisor, \$8,272.40; Dorothea Hooper, Department Supervisor, \$9,037.56; Emma Massey, Co-ordinator, \$5,069; Margaret Habey, Clerk, \$1,391.50; Henry Leib, Custodian, \$1,160.33; David Panzarino, Audio-Video Technician, \$824.94; and Leona Street, Clerk, \$1,798.

The following Mountain Valley Conference Officials schedule for 1984-1985 was okayed: Football, varsity, \$40, junior varsity and freshman, \$22.50, and timer, \$40 and \$42.50 for Thanksgiving; cross-country, boys and girls, starter, dual meet, \$20, and timer, \$27.50; soccer, varsity, \$32.50, and junior varsity and freshman, \$22.50; boys and girls, basketball, varsity, \$37.50, and junior varsity and freshman, \$22.50; wrestling, varsity, \$37.50, and junior varsity and freshman, \$22.50; baseball, varsity, \$32.50, and junior varsity and freshman, \$22.50; gymnasium, varsity, \$32.50, and junior varsity, \$22.50; track, star-

ter, dual meet, \$27.50, double dual or tri-meet, \$35, timer and field judge, dual meet, \$32.50, double dual or tri-meet, \$27.50; swimming, starter, two officials for double dual meet, \$38, softball, varsity, \$32.50, and junior varsity and freshman, \$22.50; volleyball, varsity and junior varsity, \$32.50; lacrosse, varsity, \$37.50, and junior varsity, \$25, and field hockey, varsity, \$32.50, and junior varsity, \$22.50, and varsity and junior varsity, \$50.

Board members okayed the payment of \$300 in longevity payments to the following staff members for completion of 20 years in the district: Ariene Allen, Patricia Cio, Ariene Della Corra, Richard Esandino, William Jones, Mary Plant and Robert Nadasky.

The following were authorized to receive \$500 longevity payments for completion of 25 years of service: Jean Cusumano, Evelyn McGill and Tina Tripodi.

Board members gave their approval for an increase in the clerical work schedule of Mrs. Karen McNeece from half-time to full-time and an adjustment in her salary from \$4,741 to \$11,378, effective on Aug. 13 of this year, with a further adjustment to be made when the 1984-1985 salary guide is established. Mrs. McNeece is now a part-time clerical employee in the auditorily-handicapped program at Gov. Livingston Regional High School in Berkeley Heights. She will become a full-time employee and replace Mrs. Josephine DiBella in the Main Office at Gov. Livingston.

Mrs. DiBella has transferred to Johnson.

John White of New York University—in New York City was given permission to take his supervised field experience in guidance counseling at the township school from Monday, Sept. 10, of this year to Thursday, Jan. 31, of next year.

School body members agreed to an increase in the daily work schedule of Mrs.

Ann Gaffney, an Administrative Assistant in the Personnel Office, from four to six hours and to the adjustment of her 1983-1984 salary rate from \$9,000 to \$13,500, effective on Aug. 8 of this year.

They also authorized the acceptance of a student from Roselle Park into the special class for emotionally disturbed students at Johnson.

Board members also agreed to employ Gloria Sern as a vocational instructor and William Miskowitz as a site supervisor in the funded Union County Adult Education Advisory Council Job Training Partnership Act Project.

## SUMMIT income jumps 14%

The chairman and president of the Summit Bancorporation, Thomas D. Sayles, Jr., reported net income for the second quarter was \$3,669,000, up 14% from the same period in 1983 and up 6% from the first quarter.

Per share, fully diluted results were also favorable, 80¢ versus 71¢, up 12.7%. Six month net income was \$7,110,000, up 17% from 1983, with comparable per share results of \$1.54 versus \$1.38, an 11.6% increase.

Mr. Sayles also noted deposit growth and loan demand have continued at satisfactory levels.

The Bancorporation is based in Summit and is comprised of five member banks: The Summit Trust, The Chatham Trust, The Maplewood Bank and Trust, The Town and Country Bank and The Ocean County National Bank.

The Summit Trust Co. has two offices in Clark.

Diane Wilkoc Patton will give a watercolor demonstration at the first association meeting, to be held on Thursday, Oct. 4, it was announced.

The Wednesday morning workshops will continue through the summer and all members may participate. For more information please telephone Claire Bennett at 494-9029.

## Dorothy Wilkinson in bank exhibit

A spokeswoman for the Clark Art Assn. announced Dorothy Wilkinson as the featured artist for August at the United Counties Trust Co. in Clark.

She was the United Counties Award winner at the association's annual art show held in June. On display are etchings, collages and oil paintings.

## ART ASSOCIATION

## Papers set holiday deadline

The offices of The Rahway News-Record and The Clark Patriot will be closed for the labor day holiday, on Monday, Sept. 3. So that our staff members may enjoy the holiday all day, the summits, 1987, 6, EDITIONS OF

## Tufts honors Susan Britman

Included among Tufts University of Medford, Mass., students recently named to the Dean's List was Susan A. Britman of 318 Willow Way, Clark.

Each contestant will be judged in swimming, evening gown and personal interviews. The winner will represent the Garden State at the Miss Teen-U.S.A. Pageant to be nationally televised early in 1985.

Among her state prizes will be \$1,000 in cash, a fur jacket, a \$500 retail wardrobe, a model's portfolio of photographs, a modeling scholarship and the all expense-paid trip to the telecast for the opportunity to compete for the title of Miss Teen-U.S.A. 1985 and over \$100,000 in cash and prizes.

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## Miss Kuznitz Seeks Miss Teen

A Clark resident, Kim Kuznitz, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Kuznitz, was selected to participate in the 1985 Miss New Jersey Teen-U.S.A. Pageant being held at the Americana Great Gorge Resort in McAfee from Sunday to Tuesday, Aug. 26 to 28.

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## FLASHBACK

THE ONLY ONE - When Clark was a rural community about the turn of the century, Patch's general store was the only one in the township which had become an independent municipality in 1884. The store was on Valley Rd. at Bloodgood's Mill. The store's proprietor was known by the children for her co-operation in teaching them to make good selections of candy in exchange for their pennies.