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County college offers quality at bargain prices

"Many parents don't realize the tremendous financial savings available to them if their children attend Union County College rather than an out-of-state, four-year college or university," Dr. Leonard T. Kreisman, vice president for academic affairs, said today.

"For example, a family in Union County might realize a savings of \$18,500 in its child's college education based on the difference between attending Union County College at an annual tuition of \$750 rather than an out-of-state four-year college or university with a tuition cost of \$10,000 a year."

Dr. Kreisman pointed out these figures are real numbers in today's higher education picture.

"Our data show our introductory courses in liberal arts, general education and specialized fields are the equivalent of those offered by four-year colleges and universities. Our faculty is also totally committed to teaching rather than publishing or research," the college vice president added.

Dr. Kreisman pointed out the college cannot provide an "away-from-home" experience but the money saved in the first two years might make it possible for

many students to "go away to college" for their junior and senior years and for graduate work.

"This is a real possibility because our graduates have transferred and had the credits they earned accepted at more than 500 colleges and universities in all 50 states — colleges of all types, sizes, and programmatic emphasis," he noted.

"While most of our graduates transfer to Rutgers, Kean College of New Jersey and Seton Hall and Fairleigh Dickinson Universities, many of them over the years have been accepted by, done well in the classroom and been graduated from Princeton, Dew-Bucknell, Amherst, Lehigh, NYIT, Brown, Stevens, Georgetown, Hofstra, St. Peter's, Boston College, Muhlenberg,

NYU, Vassar, Temple, Delaware, Oklahoma, Utah, Trenton State, Duke, Bates, Monmouth, Wagner, Alaska, Cornell, Miami, MIT, Colgate, Maryland, Michigan State, Albright and Marquette and many, many more."

A study conducted by the New Jersey Dept. of Higher Education shows 83 percent of the graduates of community colleges in general do as well or better at the receiving institution. Also, those who transfer in to four-year schools with associate degrees "perform slightly better academically" than those known as "native students" — students who have spent their freshman and sophomore years at that four-year school.

According to Mrs. Patricia Bidar of Rahway,

director of institutional research at Union County College graduates of Union fare "even better" academically than the state report shows as an average for community college graduates.

"This success rate," Dr. Kreisman said, "shows education at a community college — and especially at Union — is high quality. To know our graduates do even better at receiving colleges and universities than students who have been there for two years makes

us proud. It should be noted they achieve well academically despite the inevitable adjustments they must make to the new institution."

James Kane, Union's director of admissions, records and registration, emphasized the "economic sense" of attending a community college.

"When you consider the savings involved in completing the first two years in a community college, it makes sense to do it this way. Further, more, many of our students

work part-time and live at home during their time at Union, giving them a chance to save money for the more expensive second two years at a four-year institution."

Starting at a community college is a "wise move" from the personal point of view, according to Ronald Nakashima, director of counseling at Union.

"Many of our students are unsure about what to do in college, and a community college gives them a chance to explore

several subject areas without spending huge amounts of money. And some of our students aren't sure they want to go to college at all, so a two-year college helps them test the college waters without giving up home, work or their savings for tuition, room and board."

Mr. Nakashima added

the smallness of Union — 8,600 students spread over three campuses — allows for a great deal of personal interaction between students and faculty, students and staff.

"The personal quality of the education and guidance at Union is a tremendous plus, an indispensable one to many students. For

anyone who has a problem, and many students do — uncertainties, indecision about careers, academic and social difficulties — it's always best to iron out those problems early in one's college career, and the special 'closeness' that exists at a school like Union can make that happen," Mr. Nakashima concluded.

Committee seeks street paving input

At a recent meeting of the Clark Public Works Committee, chaired by Councilman-at-Large Bernie Hayden and attended by Councilman-at-Large Fred Eckel, Fourth Ward Councilman Brian Tol and Business Administrator,

Public Works Director Joseph Monaco several areas of concern were discussed. The major issues were the planning for the fall leaf pickup and the winter snow-removal programs.

Last disposal still remains the top priority and a cost-effective program is being explored. Schedules for street leaf and snow removal will be available shortly and all needed equipment is in good working condition, reports Councilman Hayden.

The committee has planned open meetings for all Clark residents to participate in rap sessions every Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock beginning on Sept. 12 in the Municipal Building (Brewer School) on Westfield Ave.

Councilman Hayden said he hopes Clark residents will be available to offer constructive ideas. The committee is also

looking for four residents to act as volunteer advisors, one person from each ward, to offer input on what streets are priority streets for road repaving in 1986.

Those interested are asked to write Councilman Bernie Hayden, 133 Stonehenge Terr., Clark, N.J. 07065 by 5 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 22.

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Kiwanians donate to handicapped

The Clark Kiwanis Club had as its speaker at its regular meeting, held July 30 at the Ramada Inn, Mrs. Martha DeNoble, assistant Director of the Assn. for the Advancement of the Mentally Handicapped of Elizabeth.

President, George Sanghulano, presented Mrs.

DeNoble with a check for \$300 to be used by the association in its work with the handicapped.

The association is a New Jersey incorporated, not-for-profit agency that provides support services to help handicapped individuals learn to live productive and meaningful lives in the community.

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Emil F. Golias vies for million

A Clark resident, Emil F. Golias, will be in the running for a top prize of \$1 million, payable over 20 years, when the New Jersey Lottery holds a "Pick-6 Lotto" Bonus Drawing at the Garden State Park Race Track in Cherry Hill in conjunction with Jersey Jubilee and the New Jersey State Fair today.

In addition to the top prize of \$1 million (\$50,000 a year for 20 years), the Cherry Hill drawing will decide a second cash prize of \$50,000, one third prize of \$25,000, one fourth prize of \$10,000 and fifth to 10th prizes of \$2,000 each. The remaining finalists will receive \$250 consolation prizes.

The drawing, which includes 170 finalists, will begin at 1 p.m. at the stage area of the fair midway. Mr. Golias won his way into the drawing by matching, in exact order, the five-digit bonus numbers picked Thursday evenings

Host families to get scholarships

Scholarships of up to \$800 that can be applied toward international education and travel programs are available to families who host English-speaking young people of high school age coming to the United States for a semester or academic year.

This intercultural exchange program is sponsored by the American Institute for Foreign Study Scholarship Foundation, whose offices are in Greenwich, Conn. and San Francisco.

Visiting students come to the United States from Germany, Spain, Japan and more than 20 other countries. They attend local high schools during their stay.

"Many families could provide the ideal home for a visiting student," said Paul A. Cook, executive director

of the foundation. "We can match the student's interests to yours, and you can screen applications to choose the youngster you like best."

Host family members earn scholarships applicable to over 100 different international learning tours suitable for junior high school, high school, college or adult travelers. Programs ranging from one week to a full year include homestays, cruises and campus stays. Each has some educational and cultural focus, be it an intensive language immersion or a one-week tour, reports a spokeswoman.

For free information on how to become a host-family please telephone the foundation at 1-203-869-9090 in Connecticut or 1-800-243-4567.

Township seniors invited to meeting

The director of the Clark Dept. of Senior Citizens, Peter M. Campana, announced today a general meeting for all of Clark's senior citizens will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 22, at the senior center, located at the former Clark Brewer School at 430 Westfield Ave.

A representative from the Heart Fund Assn. will be the guest speaker for the meeting. The distribution of the Vial of Life containers will also take place at this meeting.

Director Campana concluded, "If you have not visited our new senior citizen center as yet, come out to this meeting."

He urged all senior citizens to attend.



READY TO SAIL... Mr. and Mrs. James Stewart of 43 Sandlewood Dr., Clark, are shown on the Lido Deck of the Home Line's flagship, the S.S. Oceanic, just before sailing from New York harbor on a week's vacation cruise to Bermuda and Nassau, the capital of The Bahamas.

Air Force cites Wayne Jasinski

A Clark native, First Lt. Wayne F. Jasinski, the son of Edward J. and Mary L. Jasinski of 424 Oak Ridge Rd., was decorated with the Air Force Achievement Medal in West Germany.

The Achievement Medal is awarded to airmen for meritorious service, acts of courage or other accomplishments.

Lt. Jasinski is a space systems deputy director with the First Space Wing. He is a 1981 graduate of Rutgers University in Newark.

HELP CROP STOP HUNGER

Patriot mail now at Brewer

The Clark Patriot makes mail pickups at the Clark Municipal Building on Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings.

Since the municipal government has moved its offices to the former Charles H. Brewer School on Westfield Ave., across the street from the former municipal building, a mail slot has been provided for the newspaper at that facility.

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Garbage crisis, crime major state concerns

Solutions to the state's garbage crisis and crime are the major issues facing New Jersey in 1985 according to the results of a questionnaire mailed to more than 35,000 of his constituents by Assemblyman Bob Franks, whose district includes Clark.

The cleanup of toxic waste, property taxes and the size and cost of state government were next in order of importance with drug and alcohol abuse, insurance and state taxation rounding out the list of top concerns.

Assemblyman Franks' annual constituent questionnaire was part of a series of newsletters mailed throughout the district at his own expense. Several thousand were mailed to the residents of Clark.

"There were a variety of views concerning the most appropriate use of the state budget surplus," the assemblyman said.

57 percent of the respondents would use a portion of the surplus to accelerate toxic waste cleanup and over 70 percent wanted a portion to be used to stimulate the construction of resource recovery

facilities to address our garbage crisis, he pointed out. The legislator noted nearly 50 percent favored using part of the surplus for a "one time" increase in the Homestead Rebate as proposed by Gov. Thomas Kean several months ago and 51 percent wanted to see the surplus used to reduce the sales tax from 6 to 5 percent.

The lawmaker said some of the proposals favored by area residents are incorporated into the fiscal year

1986 state budget. He commented in an effort to address New Jersey's growing solid-waste disposal problem 85 percent of the respondents wanted the Legislature to require counties to construct resource recovery facilities to incinerate garbage and more than 60 percent would mandate source separation where each homeowner would have to separate paper, glass, plastic and other combustibles from the household garbage he generates.

Assemblyman Franks also noted 57 percent of the respondents favored enactment of a "bottle bill" where a deposit would be paid at the time of purchase and would be refunded upon the return of the containers. 40 percent opposed

the bill and only 3 percent were undecided. On the issue of Mr. Laurel, the assemblyman said, "57 percent favored a moratorium on court-ordered housing activities and two respondents in three would like to see

enactment of a constitutional amendment prohibiting the courts from mandating housing policy and want to return that prerogative to local governments."

The Republican noted he "was not surprised" when 64 percent of the respondents indicated they did not understand the state's new automobile insurance laws.

He commented, "it was particularly interesting to note respondents, by rather substantial margins, felt New Jersey voters should be given the rights of initiative, referendum, and recall."

For those who are interested in the complete results of the survey, copies are available from his legislative office at 3 Beechwood Rd., Summit or by telephoning 273-8888.

dum and to remove elected officials from office through recall.

Kumpf athletes need physicals

A reminder to parents of those students wishing to participate in the fall sports of tennis and soccer at the Carl H. Kumpf School in Clark — forms were to be returned to the school by Aug. 1 either completed by your physician or to be done the last two weeks in August by the school physician.

Those students not having physicals will not be allowed to participate in sports.

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DISTRICT CHAMPIONS...Clark Babe Ruth 1985 baseball champions, shown, left to right are: Bottom row, Coach Joe LaSalle, Pat Grady, Jamie DeRose, Brian Palon, Shawn McGaha and Jack Patten; top row,

Clark Lions set fall schedule

In September the Clark Lions Club will begin its 28th year of community service to the blind and handicapped.

Club activities scheduled for the coming year include participation in the "Pride in Clark Day" on Sunday, Sept. 8, at which free eye, hearing and blood pressure tests will be available.

The Annual Clark Lions Halloween Parade will be held in October for the children in the community.

Club members will supply transportation for four blind community members attending various blind functions in Union County.

A poster contest for grade school children in Clark will be held on White Cane Day. The club will co-sponsor the Union County Blind Assn. meeting in October.

Presentation of the Arthur Watts Civic Awards to deserving Clark high school students and additional community and district 106 activities are in the planning stages.

In order to support this schedule of activities,

Coach Dan Stavitsky, Manager Sal Bonaccorso, Doug Chinchar, Chris Raymond, John Zamboni, George Viscotti, Vin Gulbin, Art Williams, Brian Power and Rob Baranek.

Clark to parade pride in great style

The Baseline Art Day Parade, Fair and Concert will be held on Sunday, Sept. 8, Grandparents' Day.

The day's events will include a parade, which will start at 2 p.m. on Raritan Rd., by Forestburg La., and continue to Westfield Ave. and end at Brewer Field. The parade will consist of marchers, color guards,

bands and floats. At the field booths will be set up for displays and food.

A jazz band sponsored by AT&T will be on a float and will play in a concert at the field.

The 19th Army Band will march in the parade and conduct a concert at the field.

Elizabeth Local No. 151 of the Musicians' Union will provide a 16-piece band for dancing (Glenn Miller style) in the auditorium beginning at 7:30 p.m.

"Partial-Credit," a local rock band, will play in the symposium in the evening.

The parade will include antique cars, bands, floats, the ambulance squad and fire department.

Dignitaries will include: Gov. Thomas Kean, Rep. Matthew J. Rinaldo, State Sen. Donald DiFrancesco, Assemblyman Bob Franks, Assemblywoman Maureen Ogden, Mayor George Nucera and Township Councilmen Joe Pozniak, Fred Eckel, Bernie Hayden, Ruth DeLuca, Brian Toal, Bill Caruso and Ray Kiv.

The honorary grandmarshals will be the two oldest residents of Clark, a grandmother and a grandfather.

Regional to discuss testing results

The Board of Education of the Union County Regional High School District No. 1 will meet in regular session at 8 p.m., on Tuesday, Sept. 3 in the Instructional Media Center at Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School on Westfield Ave., Clark, to

take care of unfinished business and to transact new business as may come before the meeting.

The Board in accordance with the school community relations requirement of the Thorough and efficient education legislation, will discuss the results of the Minimum Basic Skills Tests, Major George Nucera and Township Councilmen Joe Pozniak, Fred Eckel, Bernie Hayden, Ruth DeLuca, Brian Toal, Bill Caruso and Ray Kiv.

The district's T.A.S.K. Test results.

All residents of the regional district, parents of students attending district programs and teaching staff members of the four high schools may attend the meeting.

The regional district provides high school education for students from Berkeley Heights, Clark, Garwood, Kenilworth, Mountainside and Springfield.

Students are educated at the Johnson, Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield, Gov. Livingston Regional High School in Berkeley Heights and David Breairey Regional High School in Kenilworth.

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HONOR AMERICA



DOING HER PART...Union County Freeholder Walter E. Boright, left, today announced the appointment of Sharon Katz of Clark as a member of the Union County Narcotics Advisory Board. Freeholder Boright stated, "Sharon Katz has long been involved in community affairs and currently serves the Plainfield School District as a substance abuse coordinator. I am confident her involvement as a teacher for many years and her expertise in her present employment field will make her addition to the Narcotics Advisory Board positive in every sense." Freeholder Boright holds the Bible as county counsel, Robert Doherty, administers the oath of office to the new commissioner.

Children can hold carnival for dystrophy

Children are being asked to sponsor Carnivals Against Muscular Dystrophy, a popular nationwide fundraising event.

Children who sponsor carnivals raise funds to help support the Muscular Dystrophy Assn.'s clinical and research programs as well as the summer camp program.

The carnival kit contains an idea packet, tickets and signs, posters for advertising the carnival, name badges and a news release.

To receive a kit, send your name and address to: MDA, Carnival Kit, 760 Highway 18, East Brunswick, N.J. 08816, or telephone the association office at 257-5161.

Explorers seek ex-post members

Explorer Post No. 249 of the Boy Scouts of America is looking for former members who might want to join the post in marching in the Pride in Clark Day parade on Sunday, Sept. 8.

The Explorers have been invited to join AT&T in an open house in the company's cafeteria at noon and to join in the line of march beginning at 2 p.m.

Post No. 249 is sponsored by AT&T Network Systems at its Clark facility.

The company has sponsored an Explorer post for more than 10 years in Clark. Post members are provided the opportunity for "hands-on" experience

in electronics or computer applications at the Terminal Ave. location.

Exploring is the young adult program of the Boy Scouts of America for men and women aged 14 to 20. The program is designed to provide career experience through the volunteer efforts of adult advisors.

Those interested should telephone John Lubertowicz at AT&T Network Systems on 381-4500.



Franks: Let commission draw Congress map

Assemblyman Bob Franks, who represents Clark in the 22nd Legislative District, renewed his call for the creation of a bi-partisan commission to re-draw Congressional district lines following the 1990 census.

"Recalling the current Congressional districts in New Jersey were ultimately decided by the federal court, assemblyman Franks said, 'We are condemned to the inevitable partisanship of the process until we

change the process.' I am convinced now, five years before the next federal census in 1990, is the best possible time for the state Senate and Assembly to act upon legislation that would create a fair, bi-partisan redistricting commission," he added.

"All of us recall the partisan bickering and the lawsuits that inevitably arise every 10 years when, under our present process, the Legislature struggles with the redistricting issue

following every census," he noted. "Our Constitution mandates the redistricting every 10 years and the current map will remain in force until 1992."

"If enacted my bill will allow us to avoid jerry-mandering and partisanship while rekindling credibility with the voters," the legislator said. "The bi-partisan commission would put the peoples' best interests before the interests of either political party."

The lawmaker, a three-term member of the Assembly, said most public-interest groups, including Common Cause and the League of Women Voters and many newspapers have endorsed his bill.

"Hopefully the Legislature will see the wisdom of acting prior to the end of the current legislative session," he added. "If we do not, another round of 'politics as usual' in the Congressional redistricting process is inevitable."