UPCOMING RFA MEETING

“Climbing the Himalayas at the Age of 65”

Stephen Kahofer

Friday, September 21, 2012
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Dean’s Conference Room
RWJMS, Piscataway

Upon his retirement, Steve Kahofer, who is not a professional climber, chose to climb in the Himalayas. He will discuss his training schedule, during which he lost 30 pounds, and the highlights of the trek. There was physical danger throughout the climb, and one of his fellow climbers had to be carried down by the Sherpas. In addition to the joy of reaching the summit, he found the overall experience spiritually elevating.

All current and retired faculty and staff are welcome to attend. Lunch will be available, and contributions for the lunch may be made at the meeting. Please RSVP to Nancy Stevenson (732) 572-5023; stevenso@umdnj.edu by Monday, September 17, if you plan to attend and wish to reserve a lunch.

PROPOSED MERGER OF RWJMS AND RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

The merger of most schools of UMDNJ and Rutgers University has been approved by the New Jersey legislature on June 29, 2012. Governor Christie signed the legislation into law on August 22, 2012. Most parts of the legislation take effect on July 1, 2013 and apply to the 2013-2014 academic year.

Rutgers University has secured legal representation to ensure that the legislation does not violate the 1956 contract between Rutgers and the state that defines the responsibilities of the Rutgers boards for oversight of the university. The position of the Rutgers Board of Trustees and the Board of Governors is that they must approve the transfer before the legislation can take effect. They intend to conduct a thorough review of the legislation, particularly with regard to the possible legal and financial consequences of the merger.

As described on the UMDNJ website (http://www.umdnj.edu/home2web/RHE/legislation_summary_sbhs.html), the proposed merger entails the following:

The “New Jersey Medical and Health Sciences Education Restructuring Act”
June 29, 2012
Assembly, No. 3102

Summary Highlights pertaining to the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey

University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey/Rutgers School of Biomedical and Health Sciences

- Transfers the schools, institutes, centers, and facilities of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ), excluding The University Hospital and the School of Osteopathic Medicine, to Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (Rutgers).

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Maintains the missions of UMDNJ.
Creates the School of Biomedical and Health Sciences within Rutgers. It shall include: the UMDNJ schools and clinical units transferred to Rutgers, the Rutgers School of Nursing, the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy, and the Institute of Health, Health Policy and Aging Research.
Creates the positions of chancellor of the School of Biomedical and Health Sciences and chancellor of Rutgers-Newark, both of whom shall report directly to the president of Rutgers and be based in Newark. A provost shall be appointed for both Rutgers-New Brunswick and Rutgers-Newark to assist with the School of Biomedical and Health Sciences.
Provides that the School of Biomedical and Health Sciences shall be supported through a separate line item in the annual appropriations act.
Provides that the transfer of UMDNJ schools to Rutgers, other than the School of Osteopathic Medicine and the entire Stratford campus, shall require accreditation approval of the appropriate accrediting bodies prior to their transfer.
Establishes The Cancer Institute of New Jersey (CINJ) as an independent institute within the Rutgers School of Biomedical and Health Sciences. CINJ shall be distinct and separate from any individual school.
Establishes that a 13-member Rutgers-Newark Campus Advisory Board shall advise the Rutgers president on the selection of the Rutgers-Newark chancellor, propose capital projects and advise the Board of Governors on the annual budget of Rutgers-Newark. The Advisory Board is responsible for working with the chancellor of Rutgers-Newark on matters related to teaching, research, the service mission, and engagement of the campus with the local community, its region, and the State, and its commitment to academic excellence, access and diversity. This provision shall take effect and become operational on the 90th day after the date of enactment of the act.

- The Advisory Board shall consist of: One ex-officio member (chancellor of Rutgers-Newark)
- One member appointed by the Rutgers Board of Governors who shall be a member of the Board of Governors and a resident of Essex County
- Two Rutgers-Newark faculty members (one appointed by Rutgers-Newark Faculty Council, one by the faculty union)
- One Rutgers-Newark administration member appointed by the Rutgers-Newark chancellor
- One Rutgers-Newark staff member selected from among staff unions
- Two Rutgers-Newark students appointed by the Rutgers-Newark student governing association
- Three community residents (two selected by Office of Community Affairs from community organizations, one of whom is a Rutgers alumnus, and a third member selected by the Mayor of Newark)
- Two public members appointed by the chancellor of Rutgers-Newark who are residents of northern New Jersey

- Provides for the direct appropriation of State support to Rutgers-Newark.
- Provides certain protections for UMDNJ employees relative to the enactment of this legislation.
- Creates a Labor Management Committee for review of, and advice on, the restructuring and reorganization plans regarding personnel and labor matters. This provision shall take effect within 60 days following the effective date of the Act.
- Amends current statutes referenced throughout the bill to replace references to UMDNJ in current law with Rutgers.
MINUTES OF THE MAY 25, 2012 RFA MEETING

Eckhard Kemmann, the president of the RWJMS Retired Faculty Association (RFA), announced that the RFA Membership Directory is now available for RFA members who have paid their dues. To get a copy, contact either John Lenard (johnlenardnoo@gmail.com) or Paul Manowitz (manowitz@umdnj.edu).

The RFA is establishing the position of the editor of the RWJMS RFA Newsletter. The newsletter comes out four times-a-year prior to each meeting. It is archived on the website, (http://rwjms.umdnj.edu/faculty/retired_faculty/about.htm).

Photos from the early days of RWJMS have been obtained. These will grace the walls of the RFA office, room C-211, on the second floor near the Great Hall in Piscataway. Pat Morris helped arrange the photo display on the office wall.

Nancy Stevenson reported that there is approximately $1700 in the RFA treasury.

NEWS FROM AFAR

Robert Edelberg, PhD, retired professor of psychiatry, writes: “After retiring in September 1986 at the age of 65, I have finally mastered the art of enjoying retirement. For the first year of that status, I realized that a retiree was not really obligated to return to his professional haunts two to three times per week as was my practice. This had been made all the more enticing by the generosity of Henry Murphree, the chair of the Department of Psychiatry, who permitted me to keep my office and laboratory for personal use. I was even able to negotiate a research contract with Colgate-Palmolive to study skin hydration. But after a few years, my conscience told me to give up this valuable space, borrow some pieces of equipment from the department and continue the experiments at home. This worked out well and ended my commuting days, but my addiction to experimentation continued. Finally, after several years of this, I managed the conversion of my self-image as a ‘professional’ to the more realistic one of ‘retired gentleman.’ A trip with my wife to Lille, France in 1992 to participate in a research conference stimulated our appetites to travel in Europe and was followed up by other trips. Now at almost 91, I have settled down to a leisurely, enjoyable life of reading, puttering, relaxing, dining, helping with the home chores and simply riding along on life’s gentle current.”

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

A gosling was born near the main entrance to the Staged Research Building in Piscataway on May 4, 2012. During the egg incubation period, the goose was allowed no human visitors. The RWJMS Department of Ob/Gyn was notified in case of complications. Fortunately, the birth was normal, and mother and gosling were released after being wheeled to the entrance as required by UMDNJ insurance regulations. This is the second year that a goose has chosen the Staged Research Building as the site for her nest. It is known that geese often choose the same nesting area year after year. Therefore, it is quite possible that another gosling birth may occur at this site next year. At last report, goose and gosling are doing fine.

RWJMS RETIRED FACULTY ASSOCIATION

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Eckhard Kemmann, MD, President
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Donald Wolff, PhD, Chair
Sarah Hitchcock-Degregori, PhD
Sandra Moss, MD
David Seiden, PhD

RFA Website:
http://rwjms.umdnj.edu/faculty/retired_faculty/about.html

Photo by J. Don Chen, PhD
THE NEW BRUNSWICK WELLNESS PLAZA

The RWJMS building at 97 Paterson Street in downtown New Brunswick, that formerly housed a number of RWJMS offices including those of the Neurology Department, has been demolished and is being replaced by the New Brunswick Wellness Plaza. This building scheduled to be completed in November 2012 will house a number of facilities including the Robert Wood Johnson Fitness and Wellness Center, operated by RWJUH and the Fitness and Wellness Professionals, Inc. The educational activities will include childbirth and diabetes classes for outpatients of the hospital. The fitness facility has a competition lap pool, a therapy pool, a therapeutic whirlpool, cardio and strength training equipment, and several fitness and dance studios. The Wellness Plaza will also house a Fresh Grocer supermarket at street level, a 1,200 parking garage, and a skywalk connected to the New Brunswick train station.

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RETIRING FACULTY ASSOCIATION

The following members have paid their RWJMS RFA 2012 dues. Please join us - some of you have not joined since 2010. And send news of your activities, so we can share them with others.

- David Alcid
- Gad Avigad
- Gordon Benson
- Bruce and Mary Breckenridge
- Barbara Brodsky
- Charles and Margaret Brostrom
- Wilfredo Causing
- Jay Chandler
- Jerry Crowley
- Donald Dubin
- Robert Edelberg
- David Egger
- Eric Eikenberry
- Stephen Felton
- Herb Geller
- Joanne Medlinsky Gibson
- Michael Gochfeld
- Arthur Hess
- Boris Ivovich

- Marsha Jessup
- Eckhard Kemmann
- Avedis Khachadurian
- Florence Kimball
- Howard Kortis
- Linda Kovach
- George Krauthamer
- Lourdes Laraya-Cuasay
- Michael Leibowitz
- John Lenard
- Michael Lewis
- Gordon MacDonald
- Paul Malatesta
- Paul Manowitz
- Virginia Mehlenbeck
- Ron Morris
- Sandra Moss
- Robert Pinals
- Irwin Pollack

- Rebecca Puglia
- Alvin Salkind
- Marilyn Sanders
- David Seiden
- John Semmlow
- Norman Sissman
- Frank Snope
- Paul Stein
- Nancy Stevenson
- William Strohl
- Marian Stuart
- Marshall Swartzburg
- Mary Swigar
- Arthur Upton
- Gisela Witz
- Donald Wolff
- Joseph Zawadsky
NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION FOR RFA POSITIONS

At the RFA meeting to be held on Friday, September 21, 2012, there will be nominations and elections for the RFA positions listed below. Those who cannot attend the meeting may send their nominations to Eckhard Kemmann (kemmanek@umdnj.edu) or David Riley (riley@umdnj.edu).

To Be Elected
Vice-President: two-year term
Secretary: two-year term
Editor of the RWJMS RFA Newsletter: three-year term
Election and Membership Committee: two openings, two-year term
Program Committee: two openings, two-year term

The current officers and committee members are shown in the table below:

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In Memoriam
Aaron Shatkin, PhD

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Aaron J. Shatkin, PhD, founding director of the Center for Advanced Biotechnology and Medicine (CABM). Aaron was professor of molecular genetics, microbiology and immunology, and a member of The Cancer Institute of New Jersey at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, and was University Professor of Molecular Biology at Rutgers University.

Aaron was an eminent scientist and prominent force in stimulating the growth of biomedical sciences research in New Jersey. As the founding director of CABM, he took the vision of the state’s great scientific minds at the Commission on Science and Technology and built New Jersey’s strongest academic research facility dedicated to virology, biophysical science, cell development and cancer biology. His own vision helped construct, from the ground up, both the building itself and the scientific teams it houses. At CABM, Aaron cultivated an environment of respect, open discourse on education and scientific training, and most importantly collaboration.

Aaron’s impact on Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and Rutgers University can be measured by the hundreds of medical students, graduate students and postdoctoral fellows who have graced the laboratories at CABM and moved on to successful careers. His innovation, intellect and candor attracted talented junior faculty, who, through his mentorship, and that of CABM’s senior investigators, have become internationally-recognized scientists in their own right. He aggressively recruited many of our school’s esteemed faculty, most of who chose to join a young and growing Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and an established and expanding Rutgers life sciences community solely for the opportunity to work for and with him.

Aaron was mentored by a Nobel Laureate, proving his substance as a young, pragmatic investigator. He trained and worked at the nation’s most prestigious research facilities: the NIH, the Salk Institute, The Rockefeller University. His zeal for science led to the discovery of mRNA capping and other fundamental contributions to gene expression mechanisms in animal cells and viruses.

In addition to his scientific research contributions, Aaron served on numerous national and international scientific advisory boards. He was the founding editor-in-chief of the journal Molecular and Cellular Biology.

In honor of his scientific achievements, Aaron was recognized with the U.S. Steel Award in Molecular Biology from the National Academy of Sciences, the Thomas Alva Edison Science Award, the New Jersey Pride Award in Science and Technology, and the Association of American Medical Colleges 2003 Award for Distinguished Research in the Biomedical Sciences, as well as the Outstanding Medical Research Scientist Award for Basic Biomedical Research by the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation. In 2008, he was named one of New Jersey’s Top 10 Scientists by New Jersey Business. His alma mater, Bowdoin College, granted him an Honorary Doctorate of Science in recognition of his work. He also received the Honorary Alumni Award at the 2011 RWJMS Scholarship Gala to Celebrate with Alumni and Friends.

Aaron had a profound effect on the scientific community, as evidenced by his scientific breakthroughs and by those of his investigators. He championed funding support which has grown to nearly $20 million annually in 25 short years. Under his leadership, discoveries by CABM scientists have increased our understanding of many challenging diseases which are leading to new therapies for HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases, childhood neurodegenerative disorders and cancer.

He was a passionate scientist, admired mentor, valued colleague and a caring friend. Aaron was predeceased by his wife, Joan, and is survived by his son, Greg, of San Francisco; brother, Leon Shatkin; and sisters, Frances Yarlas and Marla Shatkin-Margolis.

Please join us in expressing our sincerest sympathy to his family and colleagues. Aaron will be greatly missed.

Peter S. Amenta, MD, PhD
Dean, UMDNJ–Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

Richard Edwards, PhD
Interim President
Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey
Retired Faculty Association

If you have not already done so, please send in your 2012 dues. Dues are collected for the calendar year. Please cut along the dotted line and return this portion with your payment.

RWJMS Retired Faculty Association 2012 Dues

Benefits of RFA Membership:
- Defining, advocating for and publicizing the benefits of retired faculty at RWJMS,
- Fostering ongoing engagement and participation of retired faculty in RWJMS activities,
- Promoting continuing interaction among retirees,
- Providing information and options for faculty considering retirement, and
- Interacting with other academic retired faculty associations (e.g., Rutgers Retired Faculty Association).

Please Print:

Name: __________________________________________
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Please enclose a check in the amount of $15 made payable to “RWJMS Retired Faculty Association” and mail it to Nancy Stevenson, PhD, at the following address:

Nancy Stevenson, PhD
444 Harrison Ave.
Highland Park, NJ 08904

Please include any personal information that you wish to share with others.

Thank you.

September 2012