State of the College

Interim President
Donald P. Christian
10/1/10
“If you come to a fork in the road, take it.”

Yogi Berra
New Paltz rises in *US News* ranks

- 7\textsuperscript{th} among the best public regional universities in the North, up from 8\textsuperscript{th} last year

- 33\textsuperscript{rd} among public and private regional universities in the North, up from 43\textsuperscript{rd} last year
Recognizing and celebrating our strengths

• A personalized, residential college experience
• A high standard of rigor and academic expectation
• Intellectually capable and committed students
• Sustaining an open and diverse college community
• A spirit of exploration, discovery, and artistry
• Educating each student as a whole person
• Intellectual and cultural hub
The New Paltz Community
SAT Scores of Incoming First-Year Students

NEW PALTZ

NATIONAL AVERAGE
Commitment to high-quality teaching
Faculty scholarship and research
Six-Year Graduation Rates 2002 Cohort

- Public Four-Year: 53.3%
- Private Four-Year: 64.4%
- New Paltz: 69.0%
Six-Year Graduation Rates by Ethnicity

- WHITE: 69% (NEW PALTZ), 60% (ALL U.S. 4-YEAR)
- BLACK: 64% (NEW PALTZ), 42% (ALL U.S. 4-YEAR)
- HISPANIC: 72% (NEW PALTZ), 49% (ALL U.S. 4-YEAR)
- ASIAN/P.I.: 80% (NEW PALTZ), 67% (ALL U.S. 4-YEAR)
Student Union Building Atrium
Hopfer Center & Old Main
Future Campus
Wooster Science and Sojourner Truth Library
10-year Reaccreditation Process
A curriculum that prepares students for successful lives and careers
The 'Don't Suck' Theory of Improving Graduation Rates

By Kevin Carey

- Advising effectiveness
- Course scheduling
- Degree, major, and GE requirements
- Courses with high rates of D, F, W grades
Graduate School Enrollment

PART-TIME
FULL-TIME
Comprehensive Fund-Raising Campaign

Three Areas of Transformation

- Academic Quality and Opportunity for Students
- Global – study abroad scholarships
- Regional relationships and engagement
Six Big Ideas: SUNY and …

- the Entrepreneurial Century
- the Seamless Education Pipeline
- a Healthier New York
- an Energy-Smart New York
- the Vibrant Community
- the World
U. of Iowa Assesses Damage After Floods
By KATHERINE MANGAN

After Shootings, Illinois Campus Prepares to Mourn Victims
By SUSAN SAULNY and MALCOLM GAY
Published: February 17, 2008

Virginia Tech Criticized for Actions in Shooting
By IAN URBINA
Published: August 30, 2007
“Wonks” Group

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Academic – Deans, Associate Provost

Other Assistant Vice Presidents

Directors

Associate Deans

Department Chairs

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Administrative – Admin/Finance, Facilities, HR, Tech/IS

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Wonks
End of Budget Drama Brings Letdown for SUNY
• Reassess priorities
• Focus on core elements of mission
• Reinvest in priorities
• Focus on student experience
• Reclaim public mission
• Build campus culture with capacity to change
New York State Capitol Building
**Biomimicry:** the science of studying nature’s best ideas and imitating them in designs and processes to solve human problems.
Interactions in Plant Communities

**FACILITATION** – positive interactions among organisms or species (neighbor = good)

**COMPETITION** – negative interactions (neighbor = bad)
High elevation sites – resource poor, cold, short growing season -- stressful

Low elevation sites – resource richer, more nutrients, warmer, longer season -- less stressful
Facilitation prevails in harsh, stressful, resource-limited environment

Competition prevails in “richer” environment
Single-Celled \[\rightarrow\] Facilitation \[\rightarrow\] Multicellular
Colleges and Universities

Pre-recession  →  Post-recession

Facilitation

Single-Celled  →  Multicellular
Reanae McNeal
Thank you.

Questions?