

## Goreau passes, but her legend remains

Dr. Eloise Goreau, professor emerita of English literature, passed away on January 28.

Goreau had been a member of the English department for 25 years before retiring in 1994.

The courses she taught included Elizabethan Literature, the Bible as Literature, the Celtic Revival and Southern Literature. She was also a fine scholar and writer, who published works on Jacobean drama and wrote papers on a range of subjects including the rhetoric of the Constitution, the Southern sense of community in literature and the mythological understanding of woman.

She was best known as a superb editor who devoted much of her time to the literary and scholarly labors of many others, according to Dr.



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John Hulsman, a professor in the English department, who described her as a "legend."

"She was outspoken and immovable in her commitment to academic seriousness and high standards," he said. "Her mission, she would say, was to teach students 'to read,' by which she meant something much more than literacy, the

ability to think critically and to appreciate the vibrant language and symbol systems of great literature."

According to Dr. Gary Barricklow, a professor in the English department, Goreau also expected a great deal from her friends and colleagues, too.

"Eloise was one of the most delightfully engaging women I have ever met, with a wit that could encompass both William Faulkner and Elvis Presley. She was also most exasperatingly demanding, because she insisted that her friends be better people than their nature inclined them to be," he said.

Goreau had been a devoted supporter of the Catholic Campus Ministry.

"Eloise Goreau was the epitome of the southern woman graced with wit and charm and a voracious mind which

digested literature at an incredible pace," said Father Bruno Ugliano, the Catholic Chaplain. "Primarily, Eloise will always be remembered as a professor who encouraged all who encountered her to excel and grow."

Hulsman also said Goreau was generous in helping others throughout her career and life.

"She loved students and helped them eagerly with the lowliest tasks during long office hours," he said. "She particularly cared for less-advantaged students."

Contributions can be made to the Eloise Keaton Goreau Prize for Writing for students in the Educational Opportunity Program by means of checks made out to Rider University to the Rider University Development Office.

## 2004 voting 'beset by a wide variety of problems'

By Charlie Olsen

Students at Rider and other universities in New Jersey registered to vote in record numbers last fall. For many, it was their first time voting, and on Election Day, they turned out at the polls with enthusiasm.

Not so fast. Some were told they weren't registered, inactive, or they might be registered but weren't in the printout. They were told to use provisional ballots.

Some Rider students fought it and got to use a regular ballot. Others voted provisionally.

The difficulties experienced by a small number of Rider students were multiplied nationwide. The 2004 election was "beset by a wide variety of problems caused by systemic flaws, administrative incompetence and intentional acts of voter disenfranchisement," says the report of a conference held in December by the Century

Foundation, Common Cause and the Leadership Conference of Civil Rights.

"Students who registered to vote at school had a hard time registering from out of state," said Mary Boyle, a spokesperson for Common Cause. "The confusing issue is that the students live in one place, but are voting in another."

Jehmu Greene of Rock the Vote told the conference: "I think the most significant challenge for students who wanted to vote this year was bureaucracy, and the legal or administrative barriers that made it extremely difficult or impossible for them to vote in their college communities. Even though the United States Supreme Court passed in 1979 the right for students to register on their campuses, we saw on scores of college campuses students' rights being denied."

The problems were clear-

ly visible in New Jersey. At Rutgers nearly 11,000 new voters registered and hundreds had to fill out provisional ballots. University lawyers went to court on Election day to make sure polling places had enough paper ballots to take care of the disputed students.

Now, the Rutgers numbers are being tallied and "it's not as many students as we thought," said Susan Sherr-Pollard, director of the civic engagement and political participation program at Rutgers' Eagleton Institute.

At Drew University, it took a personal call from the University president, former Gov. Thomas H. Kean, to the mayor of Madison to get all 400 students registered.

Common Cause took over 210,000 complaints over the course of the 10 days following the election through its voter alert line. On Nov. 3, it logged over 7,500 of those calls from

New Jersey.

The increased number of students who encountered problems can be attributed to the increased number of student voters for the 2004 presidential election, Boyle said.

Greene said students are aggressively targeted for registration, with "76 percent of college students turning out to vote after they've been registered for the first time."

Lauren Skowronski, executive director of Common Cause in New Jersey, said the Voting Integrity and Verification Act of 2005 is slated to be introduced in the senate by Sen. John Ensign (R-NV) later this year to prevent future mishaps.

"People want to be sure their vote counts, the ballot is easy to follow, and the vote's going to be counted - it's a democratic right," Skowronski said.

## 'BALLOTS'

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"After the third time the woman said I wasn't there, I spoke to the person in charge of the station," Rosa said.

Pointing to his name on the list, Rosa said: "I'm not going to do a provisional ballot."

The poll workers let him vote, but the two other students Rosa was with didn't defend themselves, he said. They filled out provisional ballots.

Lawrence Township clerk Kathleen Norcia confirmed that Rosa was on the list, but Hardin was not. She said she couldn't understand why Rosa was told he couldn't vote if his name was on the list.

Using the 24-hour voter

assistance line, (877)658-6837, Hardin confirmed that he was not registered and that his vote did not count.

"Next time, I'm going to register at home," Hardin said. Students who want to avoid a problem should just "rush home and register there."

Senior Dave Maccar was registered to vote off-campus in Lawrenceville but on Election Day he was instructed to cast a provisional ballot, because his name was not on the registry.

Using the hotline, he confirmed that his vote had been counted.

Not every student ran into problems. Dana Previti, a communications major, said that her experience was pleasant.

"The women at the polls were very kind and nice," Previti

said. "It made it an enjoyable experience."

Student Tyneisha Jones, ran into a different problem.

"When I got there, I was showing my stuff and they found my name," said Jones, "but it said inactive."

Jones was given a pink change-of-address form to fill out and told she could vote using the electronic machines. Norcia confirmed that her name was on the list.

Rider students weren't the only ones who left the polls frustrated.

Lawrence Township voting records show there were 207 provisional ballots cast at Lawrence polling places, 108 of which were determined to be invalid.

Bettye Monroe, deputy

superintendent of elections, said the ballots are kept under lock and key in a vault, and counted within the week.

The problem must have been identification, she said.

"The federal government requires that voters provide their driver's license number and the last four digits of their social security number," Monroe said.

Voters who cast a provisional ballot are automatically registered for the next election if they are eligible, she said.

Still, Rosa feels burned in regards to the way Election Day played out.

"Why the trouble?" he asked. "Even though I got to vote, the others had to do provisional ballots."

## SECURITY BRIEFS

### Four to Five Too Many

A female student in Hill provided alcohol to her underage male visitor, who was later found unconscious in the male bathroom, lying on the floor.

A male staff member found the visitor on the bathroom floor and called Security. When Security arrived, the visitor could not respond to their requests because he was still unconscious.

An ambulance was notified and the female suspect student admitted that the male was her visitor and that he had approximately four to five drinks before leaving to go to the bathroom. She said that he never returned. The visitor was taken to a local hospital for treatment and received a Persona Non Grata (PNG) letter. The University charged the resident with providing alcohol to a minor. Lawrence Police Department (LPD) also charged both of them for alcohol violations.

### Get Off and Stay Off

A female resident student was harassed and threatened by two visitors from off campus on Tuesday, Feb. 1. Residence Life was notified and became involved along with Security, who was able to identify the suspects. The suspects were issued Persona Non Grata (PNG) letters. Police services are not being utilized.

### Getting Your Money's Worth

Personal office equipment valued at \$280 was reported stolen from a male faculty member's office in the Fine Arts building sometime between Thursday, Feb. 3 and Friday, Feb. 4. The faculty member reported it to Security on Friday at 11:41 a.m. LPD services were offered and declined. Anyone with information is asked to call Security at x. 5029.

### Back That Thing Up

A male student backed his car into a female student's in the fire zone in front of Kroner on Saturday, Feb. 5. Neither of the students suffered injuries, but the female's vehicle was damaged while the male's was not. Security was called and arrived at the scene. LPD also arrived and took a report. The estimated damage is unknown at this time.