RUTGERS-FOR THE RECORD

7 YEARS AGO

Umm, Umm, Good

Baltimore may have Camden Yards, but Rutgers has **Campbell's Field**, the scenic home of the Rutgers–Camden varsity baseball team that opens in May of 2001. Situated at the foot of the Ben Franklin Bridge, which stretches majestically over the Delaware and points to the Philadelphia skyline, the stadium is a picture-perfect setting to watch the **Scarlet Raptors** and the Camden Riversharks minor-league professional affiliate. The Scarlet Raptors christen the ballpark, which holds 6,425, by setting a program record with 32 wins.

50 YEARS AGO

Eat, Drink, and Feel Scarlet

From the knight in armor standing in the foyer to the framed historical portraits on the walls, the **Rutgers Club** on College Avenue says "Rutgers" like few places on the New Brunswick Campus. Originally known as the Alumni-Faculty Center, the former Webb family home, opens in October 1957 and is used by faculty, alumni, and students for meals, meetings, and get-togethers. After a fire destroys most of the interior in January 1970, the Class of 1938 gives funds for restoring the home, and a special plaque with a rampant lion commemorates the rebuilding.

80 YEARS AGO

The Strong, Silent Type

When the 2,000-pound sculpture of

Willie the Silent is placed at Voorhees

Mall in 1928 to commemorate Rutgers'

ties to the Dutch Reformed Church,

Willie the Homeless finally has a

home-and a new name. The bronze

statue has been moldering in the base-

ment of biologist Fenton B. Turck's Manhattan laboratory, who brought it from the Netherlands after World War I. Willie the Silent is William, Prince of Orange, the 16th-century national hero of the Netherlands. Is Willie all that quiet? He does whistle whenever a vir-

gin walks by, legend has it.



230 YEARS AGO

You Say You Want a Revolution

During the summer of 1776, with Washington's army sucking wind after being thumped in the Battle of Brooklyn, New Brunswick becomes a British stronghold. **Queen's College** (Rutgers) closes its door for a year but resumes classes in late 1777 when the college's second tutor, **John Taylor**, and six students take up residence in an abandoned church in a hamlet along the Raritan River known as North Branch, near Somerville. Taylor has been busy crossing the Delaware River with **General George Washington** to fight in the Battle of Trenton on December 26, 1776, changing the course of the American Revolution.



100 YEARS AGO *Order in the Court*

New York attorney Richard D. Currier opens the (for-profit) New Jersey Law School in Newark's Prudential Insurance Building in 1908, becoming the state's lone law school for close to two decades. The Rutgers School of Law-Newark is enrolling 2,335 students by 1926-27-before the Bar Association decides that law schools, flooded with less-than-qualified students, need stricter entrance requirements. Before moving into the Center for Law and Justice building in 2000, the law school relocates three times.

