

TOPIC OF THE DAY: OCC's Novins Planetarium

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Help protect county resource

In response to the March 2 letter "Organize foundation to save planetarium," members of the Astronomical Society of the Toms River Area, otherwise known as ASTRA, have done just that.

With the help of Toms River lawyer Michael B. York, we have established the Save the Planetarium Fund Inc., a nonprofit corporation charged with finding the necessary funding to keep the Robert J. Novins Planetarium operating at Ocean County College.

It was announced at the Ocean County College Board of Trustees meeting Feb. 26 that the Save the Planetarium Fund was being established and fundraising efforts were beginning. Our first program will involve the "I'm Helping to Save the Planetarium!" T-shirts, with the first presented to OCC President Jon Larson for his continuing efforts to save the planetarium.

For information and to help, visit our Web site at www.SavethePlanetarium.org. We look forward to the support of the community to help save this important and unique Ocean County resource.

Richard J. Gamba

TOMS RIVER



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Personally, I think it was a stroke of genius to give Larson something like that in a public forum. Maybe there's a method to their madness.

Posted by: JustMyOpinion652 on Fri Mar 16, 2007 3:32 pm

Ummmm...did Larson PAY for his T-shirt????????????????????????????????

Posted by: ClamDigger on Thu Mar 15, 2007 11:25 pm

I applaud the group that was established to save the Planetarium, but I am surprised that the first T-shirt was given to the college President Larson. He is the one who wants to close it and turn it into a lecture hall.

You will get no support from him or the board of

Trustees. They can afford to fund the Planetarium if only they would stop spending outrageous salaries to any of the 27 or so OCC Vice Presidents making in excess of \$100 each.

The community needs a Planetarium, not 27 over paid Vice Presidents.

Posted by: OceanCountyResident on Thu Mar 15, 2007 8:06 pm

There seems to be a typo in the website address in the article above. The correct address is www.SavethePlanetarium.org.

Posted by: SavethePlanetariumPrez on Tue Mar 13, 2007 5:02 pm

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