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Committee searches for next Rutgers president

Many hope large applicant pool includes women, people of color

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Robert L. Barchi will leave Rutgers University in such good standing — far better than when he first stepped on campus as its 20th president nearly eight years ago — that many top academic leaders in the country will be interested in succeeding him, higher education experts say.

And along with a laundry list of skills and leadership experience the search committee will look for in candidates to be the next Rutgers president, they will have this fact in mind: Over the institution's 253-year history, so far only white men have sat at the helm.

During Barchi's tenure, enrollment at the state institution continued an upward trend, even while national college enrollment declined. Annual fundraising nearly tripled to \$250 million, and endowment swelled from \$600 million to well over \$1 billion.

"Any search committee for a public university faces an extraordinarily difficult task, but the Rutgers search committee will be in an enviable position because the university is in such great shape," said Terry Hartle, the senior vice president of government and public affairs at the American Council on Education.

"Rutgers is going to attract a world class leader," he said.

Athletic Director Patrick Hobbe said in the fall that he anticipated the applicant pool would be large, as it's one of the 14 presidential or chancellor seats in the Big Ten.

While the university has excelled in many areas, there are others where it still lags, including with diversity in its top-paid administrative positions.

Though the 23-member search committee has a mix of men and women from different racial backgrounds, the committee is mostly men and mostly white. Still, the fact that Rutgers has never had president who was not a white male is on the minds of at least some members.

"I think the most important thing is to find someone who can keep the school going in a positive direction," said state Sen. Sandra Costantino, chairwoman of the Higher Education Committee. "How

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Rutgers University President Robert L. Barchi speaks during the school's 2017 commencement in Piscataway. USA TODAY NETWORK - NEW JERSEY FILE

Surprising finds abound as Bell Pharmacy in Camden mixes its future with its past



Bell Pharmacy co-owner Anthony Minniti shows some of the old items, including signs and marble slabs, that were uncovered during a renovation at the store in Camden. PHAEDRA TRETHAN/COURIER-POST

Relics revealed

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CAMDEN — The drug labels carefully placed in a drawer are throwbacks to a different time:

Glycerin and rosewater, "a pleasant and soothing application for chapped hands, face and lips."

A "mixture of rhubarb & soda," a laxative with dosage recommendations for adults and "children 5 to 7 yrs" and "7 to 12 yrs," with a 2 to 4 percent alcohol content. Wintergreen oil, to be used "as a liniment for minor bruises, muscular aches and pains."

Cough syrups like an "elixir terpin hydrate & co. dietin," with 38 to 42 percent alcohol (and a bold-faced warning that it "may be habit-forming"), a wild cherry and glycerin formula, and paracetamol, an anhydrous morphine that had a 45 to 66 percent alcohol content — drops of which were prescribed for infants as young as three days and children up to 5 years.

But these labels, complete with the names of the long-ago pharmacists who prescribed the drugs, are just some of the old items Tony Minniti, who co-owns Bell Pharmacy with his sister Marian Morton, discovered as their shop undergoes a major renovation.

Bell Pharmacy, open since 1932 and owned by Minniti and Morton since 1997, occupies a visible corner in Camden, nestled at the intersection of



The exterior of Bell Pharmacy was once covered in stucco, but its large windows and original signage will soon be restored. COURTESY OF TONY MINNITI

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