

STUDENT ADVISOR

Dean Paul Burgett Shifts Duties

PAUL BURGETT '68E, '72E (PHD), SENIOR presidential advisor, University dean, and friend to thousands of Rochester students, alumni, staff, and the area community, is re-defining his high-profile role to allow more time for emerging interests and travel.

Burgett, who will retain his titles of vice president, senior advisor to the president, and University dean, will step down as general secretary as of July 1, retaining the flexibility to contribute to important University decisions and initiatives.

"It is rare that one individual can serve the all-encompassing demands of a major university like ours while building so many personal relationships and bonds of trust as Paul Burgett has," says President Joel Seligman.

"He is and will continue to be my closest advisor for a variety of issues, including the University's relationship with the Greater Rochester community. Paul is not retiring but cutting back his overall commitment to focus on our campus and our neighbors by giving up the role he played with our board."

Seligman intends to recommend to the University's Board of Trustees that Lamar Murphy, his chief of staff, succeed Burgett as general secretary to the board, one of Burgett's key responsibilities. **R**

—SHARON DICKMAN

Sharon Dickman is University spokesperson.



ADMINISTRATIVE ADVICE: Burgett will focus on campus and community issues.



NURSING

Hall of Fame

Loretta Ford, a nursing pioneer, is honored for her influence.

Loretta Ford, founding dean of the School of Nursing, will be honored for her legacy this fall when she is one of 11 inductees into the National Women's Hall of Fame.

From her home in Wildwood, Fla., Ford, who is now 90, acknowledges that the magnitude of the honor hasn't quite sunk in yet. She's "been overwhelmed by the outpouring of good wishes" from people across the country, especially former colleagues and current faculty and staff at the Medical Center and the School of Nursing, which she led from 1972 to 1985.

Ford's nearly 50-year career transformed the nursing profession and the delivery of health care itself. She codeveloped the nurse practitioner role at the University

of Colorado in 1965 and at Rochester, and implemented the unification model of education, practice, and research, which connects the classroom to real-world experience. It's an approach now replicated by nursing programs across North America.

There was a "marriage of education and practice that was vital to nursing," Ford says. "Rochester had the philosophy and the interdisciplinary aspects needed to develop a team approach and a system that was receptive and responsive to new ideas."

Ford will be inducted during ceremonies in Seneca Falls, N.Y.—birthplace of the American Women's Rights Movement—on September 30 and October 1. For more information, visit www.greatwomen.org.

—Christine Roth

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