

# Capitol Knights Quarterly

Quarterly Newsletter

Rutgers Club of Washington

Spring 2004

## A Word From Our President

*Brenda Snyder, DC '73*

The heat has come to Washington and so have a new group of RU students working as interns throughout the DC area. As in past years the Rutgers Club of Washington, DC will offer a series of activities during the summer to both the interns and alumni. Please watch your email and check the "new and improved" club website for current events as they develop.

The many successful events through the winter months gave me the opportunity to meet so many more of you. We met with the University President and enjoyed watching our athletic teams win. It is thrilling that some of these athletes have made it into professional ranks. In particular, the DC United now starts RU alum Josh Gros.

Now that Rutgers has closed its admissions program for the 2004-2005 school year, it is stepping up its out of state student recruiting

for 2005. The DC club is looking to further expand its volunteer alumni recruiting team by adding members from the Maryland area to participate in college nights and other recruiting events. Additionally, anyone interested in joining the "renown" NOVA recruiting team, please contact me at [brendadc73@alumni.rutgers.edu](mailto:brendadc73@alumni.rutgers.edu). The schedules will be posted in early July for the fall season.

Have a wonderful summer.

Go RU!!



Rutgers President Richard L. McCormick addresses a large gathering local alumni at the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC. While highlighting all of Rutgers' many accomplishments, McCormick also talked of his vision of better, more prestigious Rutgers for the future.

Photograph: Joe Shymanski

## From the Communications Desk

*Francine Newsome Pfeiffer, RC '95*

I am sorry to report the recent death of Diane Gingold, a local public relations practitioner and graduate of Douglass College. Diane was an active supporter of Douglass College and Rutgers University, and served on the board of the Rutgers University Press. As reported in the Metro section of The Washington Post on May 8, "Ms. Gingold owned and operated a Washington-based public relations, marketing and management firm, at which she championed strategic philanthropy. She linked corporate, government, and nonprofit clients in partnerships to benefit her favorite causes, from the arts and education to women's health and disadvantaged youth." Ms. Gingold was only 55 years age when she succumbed to cancer on May 5, 2004. For those wishing to honor Diane, she requested that contributions be sent to The Douglass College Fund, Associate Alumnae of Douglass College, 181 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick, NJ 08902.

Josh Groh, former Scarlet Knight soccer standout, joins the roster of the D.C. United this season. The Major League Soccer rookie hails from Mechanicsburg,

Pennsylvania. In 2003, Josh was named Big East Offensive Player of the Year. His single-season goal totals rank 10th in the Rutgers record books. He is a Forward for the D.C. United, and already has 2 assists to his credit this season.

An April press release from the John Kerry for President campaign announced the appointment of Cook College graduate, Heather Zichal, to the campaign staff. Heather is moving over from Kerry's Senate staff to join the campaign's policy team, where she will manage environment and energy policy.

Finally, I'd like to remind club members to submit their 2004 dues payments and completed alumni questionnaires no later than June 30, 2004. The biennial club directory will be published later this year. Only those alumni who've completed the questionnaire will be listed in the directory, and only those members who've paid their 2004 dues will receive a directory.

If you have news you'd like to share in the next newsletter, please drop me a line at [rutgersclubdc@alumni.rutgers.edu](mailto:rutgersclubdc@alumni.rutgers.edu)

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## Treasurer's Report

*Megan Arleth, RC, SCILS '00*

Thank you to all of our members who have paid their dues for 2004. Without the support of our many members, our programs and events would not be possible. If you have not yet had the chance to send in your dues check, there is still plenty of time left! As a reminder, dues for 2004 are \$20 for alumni of classes before 2001.

For recent alumni in the classes of 2001 and 2002, dues are \$10, and the classes of 2003 and 2004 have complementary membership. As always, our dues paying members will receive a copy of our local alumni directory to be published this fall. Please see the enclosed form for more information.

As a new group of Rutgers alumni, the Class of 2004, migrate to the DC metro area, please remember

the students from our area hoping to pursue their academic career at Rutgers. Our club sponsors a wonderful scholarship, the Caspar Nannes Memorial Scholarship, awarded to a DC area student in their first year at Rutgers as part of their financial aid package. If you are interested in donating, please contact Anne Holtz at [aholtz@nahbrc.org](mailto:aholtz@nahbrc.org).

**THE DAILY TARGUM**

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## **Announcing Rutgers in Washington 2004**

*Don Curry, UCNB Student*

This summer, countless Rutgers students will come to Washington, DC for internships, summer jobs, and other opportunities. As the 2004 Coordinator for the Rutgers in Washington program, I need your help. There are currently three ways you can help: 1) volunteering as a career mentor for a student this summer, accepting an informational interview with a student or students interested in your field; 2) speaking about your career experience in Washington at one of our intern events for Rutgers students; or 3) hosting

an event for Rutgers in Washington participants at your office or home. Many events are held at the Rutgers Federal Relations Office on Capitol Hill, but we are always looking for new and interesting event spaces so our participants can be exposed to many different locales in the Washington area.

As you may know, the University's Federal Relations and Career Services departments jointly sponsor the Rutgers in Washington Program. It is a summer long series of social, cultural, and networking events in our nation's Capitol for Rutgers student living or working in the Washington area over the summer. Active participation by Rutgers Club of Washington members has been critical to the programs success in recent years.

All club members will be emailed about our joint intern/alumni events throughout the summer. In fact, please save the date for our 2004 kick-off event, tentatively scheduled for the evening of June 10, with details to follow. If you'd like to get more involved in the program, please contact me right away. I can be reached at [doncurry@eden.rutgers.edu](mailto:doncurry@eden.rutgers.edu) or in my Washington office at 202-220-1375.

Thanks in advance for your support. Together we can offer Rutgers students the same high-quality Washington experiences that our peers at Ivy League institutions provide each summer!



## **Community Service**

*Carol Vilsack, RC '85, GSM '91*

As the summer edition of the newsletter goes to print, another team of Rutgers alumni is gearing up to participate in the annual Susan Komen "Race for the Cure". Typically held the first Saturday in June on the National Mall, this 5K

event raises funds for breast cancer research. The Rutgers Club of DC is delighted to run (and walk) for such a worthy cause. Another event on tap for this summer is a trip to the Capital Area Food Bank. Last year's visit was very productive, and we hope to follow up this year's event with a well-deserved lunch at Colonel Brooks

Tavern (right around the corner). Stay tuned for event details in late June. Finally, the Club is planning several summer BBQ's in DC as informal, laid back events for alumni and friends to socialize. If you would like to help organize an afternoon BBQ, please contact me at [cmvilsack@aol.com](mailto:cmvilsack@aol.com).

## Scholarship Opportunity for Local Students Headed to RU

*Anne Holtz*

The Rutgers Club of Washington is pleased to announce that an award from the Casper Nannes Scholarship fund will soon be awarded to an eligible student from the D.C.-metropolitan area, entering Rutgers University as a first-year student in the fall 2004 semester. Eligibility for the scholarship award is based on residency (list of included zip codes will soon be available on the club's website), with an emphasis on financial need and merit. The award for the fall semester may be up to \$2,000.

The Rutgers Club of Washington initiated the Nannes Scholarship over 20 years ago in memory of the late Casper Nannes – Rutgers College alumnus, active member of the Rutgers Club of Washington and former club president, writer for The Washington Star newspaper, and champion tennis player on the senior circuit. As the first regional alumni club to sponsor such a scholarship, the Rutgers Club of Washington

is excited to continue encouraging area students to consider higher education on the banks of the old Raritan.

The scholarship is made possible thanks to the generous contributions of alumni and other benefactors – either directly through the Rutgers Foundation, or by way of an indication through the Rutgers Campaign (ends June 30, 2004). The Nannes Scholarship account, which currently exceeds \$51,000, will become endowed this summer. This opens the door for larger or more individual awards in the future. If you are interested in making a tax-deductible contribution to the Rutgers Club of Washington's Casper Nannes Memorial Scholarship Fund, please send a check payable to The Rutgers University Foundation (note "Casper Nannes Scholarship" in the memo portion) to 7 College Avenue, New Brunswick, N.J., 08901-1261, or visit [www.support.rutgers.edu/donate.html](http://www.support.rutgers.edu/donate.html).

For more information on the Casper Nannes scholarship, contact Anne Holtz at [aholtz@nahbrc.org](mailto:aholtz@nahbrc.org).

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## Cultural Activities

*Karen Reinbacher, DC '89*

Hi. I'd like to introduce myself. I am Karen Reinbacher, Douglass College '89. My role in this group will be to help organize cultural

activities for the group, such as theatre, concerts, lectures, museum exhibits, etc. Upcoming, hopefully in July and then again in the fall I am making arrangements to have two authors, both graduates of Rutgers, speak to alums about their books and their lives. As

soon as more details are confirmed I will make those available. The Nation's Capital boasts multiple cultural opportunities. Let's get together and share them. Have ideas? Please e-mail me at [reinbacher@case.org](mailto:reinbacher@case.org).

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## Web Site Changes

*Charles J. Divine*

I've upgraded the Club Web Site to use current Web technology. All of you, especially those on dial up connections, should see faster loading of pages as a result. These changes will also make it easier for me to maintain the site.

Our Web Site is for the benefit of Club members. Is there anything you would like to see on the site?

Club leadership is also considering making it possible to pay for club events online as we now do for club dues. Would you be interested in having this capability? If we had to add a small charge for processing, would you still be interested?

Please feel free to contact me via e-mail at [Charles\\_J\\_Divine@alumni.rutgers.edu](mailto:Charles_J_Divine@alumni.rutgers.edu) with your comments.

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The Rutgers Club of Washington is still accepting payment for 2004 membership dues. Your dues payment is critical to the success of the Rutgers Club of Washington. Our club is the unprecedented, third-consecutive winner of the George H. Campbell Cup presented by Rutgers University annually to the most outstanding regional alumni club in the country.

Help us keep the Rutgers Club of Washington on top!

Your dues help to offset the cost of our numerous social, cultural, and community service events throughout the year, and pay for our administrative expenses. Club members who've paid their dues will be mailed a 2004 Membership Directory later in the year. Please complete the accompanying alumni questionnaire to ensure that you are included in our biennial directory.

**Thanks for your support.**

**We look forward to seeing you at many events throughout this year!**

Rutgers Club of Washington annual dues are \$20.00

Graduates from 2001 and 2002 pay only \$10.00

Graduates from 2003 and 2004 enjoy one year of membership free-of-charge.

**Please make your check payable to the Rutgers Club of Washington and mail it, along with your completed alumni questionnaire\*, to:**

**The Rutgers Club of Washington  
444 North Capitol Street, NW  
Suite 351  
Washington, DC 20001**

\*Your questionnaire must be received by June 30, 2004 to ensure your listing in the 2004 club directory.

# Rutgers Club of Washington Alumni Questionnaire

Responses received by June 30<sup>th</sup> will be included in the 2004 membership directory.

Name:

School(s):

Class Year(s):

Major(s):

Degree(s):

Mailing Address:

Evening Phone:

Employer:

Occupation/Title:

Daytime phone:

Email:

Biographical- Please use the space below to tell us a few things about yourself that we may share in the Club's print directory. For example: Hometown? Family? Interest & Hobbies? Professional Services? Activities at Rutgers?

Unless you provide an alternative contact preference, you will be informed of club activities via email.

The information on this form will be used for club records & a print membership directory for club members only. Please note with an X in the left margin any item you don't wish to have printed in the club directory.