

Capitol Knights Quarterly

A Word from Our Club President

Can you believe it? It's 2006. Another year has come and gone. And what a year it was!! The Rutgers football team went to a bowl – the first time in 27 years. It was a wonderful experience for everyone. Several members of the Washington DC club traveled to Arizona to watch the game while about 100 club members, including many new faces, celebrated at The Grand Slam Bar at Metro Center (see the pictures on the website).

So what's new for 2006? On January 28 the Rutgers Club of Washington hosted the first ever

post game reception for the women's basketball team on the Georgetown campus. Plans have been made to watch 4 men's basketball team games at the Grand Slam. A pregame party is planned on Wednesday February 22 when Rutgers men's basketball team comes to the MCI Center to play Georgetown. With the new



year comes the time to again pay club dues. Please send your check or use the club's website and Paypal to support your club. This is the year the club's directory is updated. Copies are provided only to dues paying members.

The club is looking for someone to step up and plan some cultural events. As our members return to school or move away the leadership team would like someone to join us in planning and hosting events.

I wish you a wonderful 2006. Go RU!

Brenda Snyder, DC '73

TREASURER'S REPORT

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our members that made Rutgers Club events possible through their 2005 dues payments. With many great upcoming events, we hope to have an exciting and RU filled winter and spring! To make that possible and keep our club strong, please send in your dues payment for 2006. Membership dues for the Rutgers Club is \$20. Dues for recent alumni of 2003 and 2004 is \$10, and membership is complementary for the Class of 2005. Dues payments help offset the cost of our wonderful club events, including food and location costs. To help maintain the strong Rutgers community in the Washington, DC metro area, all dues paying members will re-

ceive a copy of the 2006 Washington, DC alumni directory.

To pay your 2006 dues, please fill out the questionnaire enclosed in your newsletter, and mail to the address on the questionnaire. For your convenience, we also continue to offer PayPal as a method of dues payment and membership renewal. To join or renew online, please go to <http://www.rutgersclubdc.org/join.shtml>. If you have any questions, email me at mcurcio@alumni.rutgers.edu

Megan Arleth, RC, SCILS '00

FROM EDITOR'S DESK

Thank you for taking the time to read the *Capitol Knights Quarterly*, the newsletter of The Rutgers Club of Washington, DC. If you have any articles you would like published or events to announce to the Rutgers Alumni in the DC area, please email me at narleth@alumni.rutgers.edu.

Nick Arleth, RC '00

FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS DESK

At least one Rutgers graduate in Washington, DC got a big promotion last month. The Honorable Robert Menendez (Newark Law '79) was appointed by Governor Jon Corzine to replace him in the United States Senate. Senator Menendez previously served in the House of Representatives, representing New Jersey's 13th congressional district from 1993 until this January. He was the third ranking Democrat in the House, serving as the Democratic Caucus Chair. Senator Menendez is the only Rutgers alumnus currently serving in the United States Senate. He joins New Jersey's senior senator, Frank Lautenberg (who holds an honorary degree from Rutgers), in representing the interests of the Garden State.

With the Winter Olympics getting underway in Torino, there is a success story featuring another Rutgers alumnus from Washington, DC worth sharing. The U.S. is favored to win gold in the ice dancing competition, a feat that wouldn't be possible without the terrific efforts of Barney Skladany (RC '67). A well-respected Washington lawyer and lobbyist with the firm of Akin Gump Hauer and Feld, Skladany was responsible for leading Canada-born skater Tanith Belbin through a citizenship process that required an act of Congress and a signature of approval from President George W. Bush. Without his help, Belbin would not have been eligible to compete on behalf of the red, white, and blue with her Chicago-born partner Ben Agosto. In 1998, Belbin had moved to Michigan in order to dance with Agosto. Together they are international champions, having won the United States Nationals and a silver medal in the 2005 World Championship. Barney will be rink-side in Torino cheering them on.

There is sad news to report from New Brunswick, NJ. Richard P. McCormick, one of the most accomplished and beloved scholars, educators, administrators, and social activists in the 240-year history of Rutgers University, has died after an extended illness. He was 89. Professor Emeritus McCormick, who first came to Rutgers as an undergraduate in 1934, served the university community and the state of New Jersey with distinction for more than 60 years as a professor of history, university historian, dean of Rutgers College, and president of the New Jersey Historical Society.

McCormick was an internationally recognized expert in New Jersey history and American political history and was instrumental in the establishment of several influential historical organizations, including the New Jersey Historical Commission, the New Jersey State Historical Records Advisory Board, and the New Jersey Tercentenary Commission.

Dr. McCormick's son, Richard L. McCormick, is the current President of Rutgers. A memorial service honoring Richard P. McCormick's life and accomplishments will take place in the Rutgers Kirkpatrick Chapel at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 9, 2006. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Rutgers University Libraries in memory of Dr. Richard P. McCormick, and sent to the Rutgers University Foundation, 7 College Ave., New Brunswick, N.J. 08901.

Also from campus, there is a new addition to the senior alumni relations staff at Rutgers. Donna K. Thornton has been appointed as Associate Vice President for Alumni Relations at Rutgers and Executive Vice President of the Rutgers University Alumni Federation. Donna brings to Rutgers more than 25 years of alumni relations, fund-raising, leadership, management, and organizational experience. Ms. Thornton was most recently Interim President and Chief Executive Officer of the University of Maine Alumni Association, which represents 90,000 alumni of that institution. She has achieved success in fundraising, outreach, and administration at the University of Maine, where she has served in various leadership positions since 1999, including executive director of the Annual Fund and director of alumni operations. During her tenure she increased donations to the Alumni Association by 69 percent and the number of Lifetime members by 19 percent.

Previously, Ms. Thornton was director of corporate planning and development for Community Health and Counseling Services, Maine's largest community mental and home health agency. She also served as property manager for a realty company and as director of development for the city of Brewer, Maine. Ms. Thornton was elected to three terms on the Brewer city council and served as mayor and deputy mayor several times during her tenure. She holds a bachelor's degree and a master's in public administration from the University of Maine.

Francine Newsome Pfeiffer, RC '95

RUTGERS-IN-WASHINGTON PROGRAM

My name is Nicole Lynn Guanlao and I am the coordinator of the Rutgers- in- Washington Program (RIW). I am delighted to announce that the planning for RIW has begun for the summer of 2006. RIW is sponsored by the Rutgers University Office of Federal Relations and the Office of Career Services. The program provides students interning or living in the Washington DC area the opportunity to take part in a wide range of “uniquely DC” events, which serve to enhance their experience in the nation’s capital. Rutgers students are able to meet with notable Rutgers alumni, who are based in DC and other interns to enjoy the sights that Washington, DC has to offer.

Since its formation, RIW relies on the support of the Rutgers alumni in the DC area. The Rutgers Club of Washington consists of distinguished members, who are dedicated to education and integrity, and take pride in the excellent educational institution that is Rutgers University. We feel that contact with these distinguished members will greatly enrich Rutgers students’ professional, cultural, and social experiences in Washington. For this reason, RIW invites members of the Rutgers Club of Washington to participate in our exciting program. We are seeking Rutgers alumni to speak,

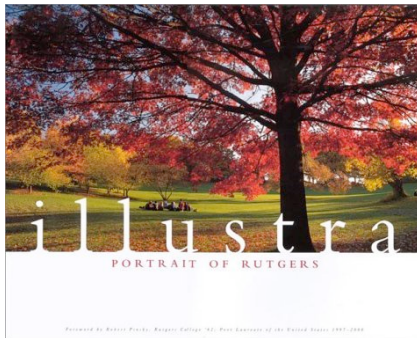
meet, or host Rutgers interns this summer. These are dedicated students who are interested in gaining valuable professional experience and seek career tips from prominent Rutgers alumni.

If you are interested in this exciting opportunity to inspire current Rutgers students, please contact Lori DelGiudice of Career Services by phone at 732-445-6127 ext. 28 or email at lorid@rci.rutgers.edu. RIW and the students of Rutgers University hope to meet you this summer and gain some “insight” on your journey from the “Banks of the Old Raritan” to Washington DC.

Nicole Lynn Guanlao, RC '08



RUTGERS BOOK AWARDS – THE FAST AND EASY WAY TO STAY INVOLVED



If you want to help spread the word about Rutgers but are pressed for time, the Rutgers Book Award is a quick and simple way to make sure that your neighbors know your alma mater. The Book Award is presented to outstanding high school juniors who excel in academics, have strong

leadership qualities, and have volunteered their time for community service projects. The award consists of the Illustra Portrait of Rutgers with a special bookplate on the inside cover displaying the student’s name and award date, a letter from the University president, and copy of the award criteria. Students who are chosen for the award also receive an application fee waiver if they decide to apply to Rutgers in their senior year. Besides honoring promising high school students, the award also helps to establish a friendly relationship with school guidance and college counselors.

All you need to do is contact one or a few schools where you want to increase the name recognition of Rutgers and ask if they are interested in participating in the Rutgers Book Award. The Office of Admissions will provide the gift and fee waiver, and you are welcome to attend the school’s awards assembly to present the award if you so choose. If you are interested in sponsoring Rutgers Book Awards, please email Brenda Snyder at brendadc73@alumni.rutgers.edu with the names of the high schools you would like to contact, and more details will be provided.

Brenda Snyder, DC '73



Rutgers Club of Washington

Presents
Scarlet Knights Basketball 2006

Join Rutgers Alumni and friends of Rutgers to cheer on your
Scarlet Knights!

Drink and Food Specials During the Game!

Grand Slam Sports Bar
Grand Hyatt at Metro Center
1000 H St. NW, Washington, DC

To find out if the game will be shown, call the sports hotline: 202.637.4789 Ext. 1

Broadcast Schedule

Wednesday, February 08, 2006	Notre Dame 7:30 PM
Wednesday, February 15, 2006	St John's 7:30 PM
Saturday, February 18, 2006	South Florida 7:00 PM
Sunday, March 05, 2006	St John's 2:00 PM

Contact Information

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Games are subject to blackout. Please call the sports hotline to inquire about the weekly schedule. If you have further questions, please contact Kevin Horahan.

RUTGERS CLUB OF WASHINGTON GOES TO THE INSIGHT BOWL

Spending a few of winter's days in the desert is never a bad thing. That's particularly true when it's to see Rutgers Football play in its first bowl game in 27 years. Because the game was played in Phoenix two days after Christmas, travel arrangements were a bit of a challenge. Travel packages were expensive and, due to holiday blackouts, using frequent flyer miles was nearly impossible. Add to that some random travel headaches and you've got a trip tailor made for a Rutgers Football fan.

The first day we spent in Phoenix was remarkable - clear blue skies and temperatures in the mid 70s. We drove around a bit, played some golf, and headed over to Scottsdale for the pep rally. While driving down the highway we saw a huge caravan of buses with a large police escort. Half jokingly, we wondered if it was the team. At the Civic Center it was a sea of red. The marching band was playing, the cheerleaders were cheering, the crowd was loud, and the players were getting off the buses we had just seen on the highway. It was quite a scene.

We spent that evening chatting with some other RU grads and enjoying some of what downtown Phoenix has to offer (which is not too much - Scottsdale is the place to be...). Many had made the trip from the east coast (we've heard estimates that nearly 8,000 tickets were sold through the Rutgers

ticket office). However, we ran into people from Arizona, California, and Utah.

Game day brought us more beautiful weather, so we did what anyone would do - played more golf! After our round we headed over to the official tailgate party at Jackson's on Third. The band was loud, the beer was cold, and everyone was in red. Once inside the stadium it really sank in, we were about to watch Rutgers play its 12th game!

Kevin Horaban, UCNB '98

John Rhodes, CN '95



WHAT A PARTY IT WAS!

On Saturday February 28 the Rutgers Club of Washington hosted the first ever post game "meet and greet" for the Rutgers women's basketball team. About 80 people including many from New Jersey and the Cagers Club waited in the lobby of McDonough Area for the players

and coaches. After a 65-51 victory everyone was anxious to congratulate the team. Prizes were awarded and everyone enjoyed pizza and subs. As the players emerged from the locker room they were surrounded and the cameras flashed. After Coach Stringer finished her media inter-

view she gathered the team and thanked all of us. This will definitely become an annual event.

Brenda Snyder,

DC '73



HOCKEYTIME

Join us for Rutgers Alumni Night with the Washington Capitals taking on the New Jersey Devils Friday March 10 at the MCI Center Game Time is 7 PM. We have a block of 100 tickets together in the Mezzanine Ends Section for \$24 (usually \$35)! We are currently planning a pre-game happy hour. Please watch your email for more information.

Steve Oriol

RUTGERS CLUB OF WASHINGTON GOES TO THE INSIGHT BOWL (PART 2)

We were fortunate to have friends in Surprise, Arizona and able to fly on Christmas Day to keep costs low. We arrived at the Phoenix airport at 10:30 pm only to find the car rental office closed at 10 pm. Fortunately my friends could pick us up and whisk us off to the comfort of their new home. The next day they drove us back to the airport where we finally secured a minivan after waiting about an hour (if you have never rented a car in Arizona it is quite a shock to see the almost 50% sales tax). Then we were off to Scottsdale arriving just in time to meet the bus of RU fans who had just flown in from Newark. We all checked into the Hilton Garden Inn in Old Town Scottsdale – one of the 2 places offered through the Rutgers packages. The hotel was lovely and centrally located to shopping and restaurants.

We changed into our RU T-shirts and joined our friends – Peggy (DC '42), Charlie, and Kristy (RU'06) Ficken for a walk to the Convention Center and the pep rally. The RU staff - Kate Brittain, Allison Poli, and Lisa Gonzalez - were there handing out RU goodies. As the lawn filled up with a sea of red, the band played, the cheerleaders and dance team performed, and former players spoke. We heard from President McCormick and members of the athletic department. Then the team and coaches arrived. Coach Schiano and several players spoke. It was so very exciting.

Wednesday was another beautiful day. They haven't had rain in Phoenix in months. We attended a presentation at the Scottsdale Resort, had lunch, and prepared for the game. Buses were provided to take us to the stadium in Phoenix. We attended the wild pregame party at Jackson's on Third. Lots of food, music and red. Then off to the stadium. You know the rest. It was great!

*Brenda Snyder DC 73
Kevin Halsey*

**JOIN THE RUTGERS CLUB OF WASHINGTON AS WE CHEER ON THE RUTGERS
MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM!**



Rutgers Scarlet Knights v. Georgetown Hoyas
February 22, 2006



Pre-game Happy Hour: 5:30 pm
Fado's Irish Pub, 808 7th Street, NW Washington, DC
Light hors d'oeuvres will be provided
Cost: \$5 per person

Game Time: 7:30 pm
MCI Center, 601 F Street, NW
Washington, DC
Cost: \$22.50 per ticket

Please RSVP and send payment for Happy Hour and game ticket by Friday, February 17, 2006 to:
Megan Arleth, Rutgers Club of Washington, DC
444 North Capitol Street, NW, Suite 351
Washington, DC 20001
(Make checks payable to the Rutgers Club of Washington, DC)

Questions? Contact Megan at marleth@rutgers.edu or 202-220-1338



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QUESTIONNAIRE

Responses received by June 30th will be included in the 2006 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?

INTERESTS (Please circle)

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| Club Leadership | Scholarship Fund | Community Service |
| Theatre Events | Career Advising | Providing Internship Opportunities |
| Sport Events | Local Tours/Trips | Young Alumni Activities |
| Recruiting | Other _____ | |

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.

If you do not wish to have your information published in the club directory, please check here: _____

Rutgers Club of DC Insight Bowl Party



Over 70 DC area Rutgers alums gathered at the Grand Slam Sports Bar located in the Grand Hyatt Hotel on December 27th to cheer on the Scarlet Knights in their first bowl game since 1978. The event, organized by Carol Vilsack, drew an enthusiastic crowd out on a cold winter night

in Washington, DC. Club leaders Megan and Nick Arleth and Chuck Divine assisted in the effort.

Fans cheered as Rutgers quickly put 7 points on the board. See saw action in the first half kept fans on the edge of their seats and frequently out of them cheering on the Knights.

At half time various Rutgers items, including T shirts, bags and hats, were distributed to the assembled crowd.

All agreed the party was enormously enjoyable. People are already looking forward to next season and another bowl game.

Charles J. Divine

Club Calendar

February 15, 2006

Game Watch: Men's Basketball vs. St. John's 7:30 PM @ Grand Slam

February 18, 2006

Game Watch: Men's Basketball vs. South Florida 7:00 PM @ Grand Slam

February 22, 2006

Game Watch: Men's Basketball at Georgetown 7:30 PM @ MCI Center

March 05, 2006

Game Watch: Men's Basketball vs. St. John's 2:00 PM @ Grand Slam

March 10, 2006

Hockey: Washington Capitals vs. NJ Devils 7:00 PM @ MCI Center

June 30, 2006

Rutgers Club of Washington, DC Club Questionnaire due



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