

Capitol Knights Quarterly

A Word from Our Club President

Happy 2007! Rutgers has completed a fantastic year in sports as well as in academics. It was terrific to see Rutgers in the news almost everyday. It's time again to support your local club by paying your annual dues. You can mail a check to the club or pay on line at the club's website www.rutgersclubdc.org.

In 2006 the Rutgers Club of Washington, DC held football game watching parties with an unprecedented attendance for the fantastic Louisville game and the first ever bowl win in Houston at the Texas Bowl. I attended both the Louisville game and the Texas Bowl as well as all the home games and the real start of Rutgers fabulous season at the University of South Florida. The excitement was tremendous from both the fans and the team. So where do we go from here?

Join the Rutgers fans cheer on the NJ Devils or the Washington Capitals at the Verizon Center on Sunday February 25. Brunch is available before the game. Check your email for specifics. Also, keep your eyes open for an



invitation to a gathering to follow Rutgers basketball through the NCAA tournament. Once the games are set the club will sponsor gatherings at the Grand Slam Bar at the Hyatt Regency, Washington, DC.

On the academic side, join me for college night at the Patriot Center on the campus of George Mason University in Fairfax,

Virginia on Wednesday April 18 from 6-8 PM. Because of all the Rutgers exposure this past fall, I expect to be very busy discussing all the great things Rutgers has to offer to prospective NOVA high school students. College nights require no experience – just a love for your alma mater. Please let me know if you can join me for some or the entire event. Free parking and food is included.

In June Rutgers in Washington will again begin its varied collection of programs. Please see the article from this year's coordinator for further information.

The club anticipates additional activities this spring. If you would like to sponsor and plan an activity, please drop me a line

As always, 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 2006 dues payments. We had a record breaking year in participation and dues collection - Thank You!

To continue this strong showing of scarlet pride, and expand opportunities to get together with your fellow alumni, please send in your dues payment for 2007. Membership dues for the Rutgers Club is \$20. Dues for recent alumni of 2004 and 2005 is \$10, and membership is complementary for the Class of 2006. Dues payments help offset the cost of club events,

including food and location costs. All dues paying members will receive a copy of the 2006/2007 Washington, DC alumni directory.

To pay your 2007 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 marleth@rutgers.edu.

Megan Arleth, RC, SCILS '00

FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS DESK

Rutgers spirit continues to run high following the exciting football season, and waiting lists have formed for 2007 season tickets. State and federal legislators have taken to the floor of their respective chambers to lavish praise on the team's accomplishments. The recently announced recruiting class is reportedly the strongest yet by Coach Schiano. Alumni throughout the nation are buzzing about the new found attention to their alma mater.

Believe it or not, there are plenty of exciting things to talk about at Rutgers beyond football. Changes to undergraduate education at Rutgers-Brunswick are well underway. Students are currently applying for admission to the new School of Arts and Sciences or the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, formerly known as Cook College. The bold, far-reaching plan covers virtually every aspect of undergraduate learning and life at Rutgers-New Brunswick/Piscataway—from admissions and curriculum to campus facilities and the student experience. The plan envisions a university in which students are empowered, faculty are reconnected to undergraduates, barriers to opportunities are eliminated, and the public gains a much clearer understanding of a Rutgers education.

Several members of the Rutgers community have earned individual praise for their work recently. Jersey City resident Dan Morgenstern, longtime director of the Rutgers Institute of Jazz Studies on the Newark campus of Rutgers, won his seventh Grammy award, for Best Album Notes, for "If You Got to Ask, You Ain't Got It!" (Fats Waller). The Grammy was the latest in a series of honors bestowed upon Morgenstern in recognition of his lifetime of contributions to jazz. Last month Morgenstern, a jazz historian, writer, and educator, stood alongside



other jazz luminaries on a stage in New York – the only non-musician in the group – as he was named a Jazz Master by the National Endowment for the Arts, receiving the A.B. Spellman NEA Jazz Masters Award for Jazz Advocacy. The award included a one-time fellowship of \$25,000. The New York Times calls the "Jazz Master" designation "the nation's highest jazz honor." The Rutgers Institute of Jazz Studies, the world's most extensive jazz archives, is part of the Rutgers University Libraries. The IJS is housed in the John Cotton Dana Library on the Newark campus.

Meanwhile, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences announced that it will award the 2007 Crafoord Prize in biosciences to Robert Trivers, professor of anthropology and biological sciences in New Brunswick. The Crafoord Prize promotes international basic research in disciplines that complement those for which the Nobel Prizes are awarded. These include astronomy and mathematics, geosciences, biosciences (with a particular emphasis on ecology), and rheumatoid arthritis. In contrast, the science Nobel Prizes focus specifically on chemistry, physics, and medicine. The Crafoord Prize award is \$500,000. Trivers will receive his prize from the Queen of Sweden during ceremonies on April 26. The Academy cited Trivers "for his fundamental analysis of social evolution, conflict and cooperation." The announcement elaborates: "Robert Trivers is one of the small group of pioneering scientists

who began to ponder on the social behaviour patterns of animals and how they might have arisen through evolution. Between 1971 and 1976, he launched five ideas that have been of the greatest importance for the development of sociobiology. They have inspired many behavioural

ecologists, who have to a large extent confirmed Trivers's ideas. ... [He] has laid the theoretical foundations for research on the evolution of social behavioural patterns in animals, a field that is known today as sociobiology and which is a part of the larger field of behavioural ecology."

University President Richard McCormick was praised by the Board of Governors this month, citing his "strong leadership during a time of unprecedented opportunity and challenge." Board members approved a resolution expressing their "complete confidence in President McCormick's leadership and his ability to realize the university's highest aspirations as a top-tier institution of higher education." The board also praised the president for nurturing and promoting Rutgers' core values of learning, discovery and service and creating a new sense of pride in the university and its many accomplishments.

"Since President McCormick's return to Rutgers more than four years ago, the university has faced a number of historic challenges, including unprecedented reductions in state support as well as a wide-ranging discussion about the structure and accountability of the higher education system across New Jersey. Despite these challenges, Rutgers continues to excel under the president's leadership," said Albert R. Gamper Jr., chairman of the Board of Governors. "We have witnessed the transformation of undergraduate education, more effective and efficient student services, and a renewed commitment to serving New Jersey's needs and contributing to the state's economic growth."

In a letter accompanying the resolution, Gamper wrote that McCormick "will continue to hold office indefinitely at the pleasure of the Board of Governors." "It is truly an honor to receive this strong demonstration of support from the Board of Governors,"



President McCormick said. "Rutgers has made great strides in recent years, but our efforts are far from complete. Working together, we can raise Rutgers to even higher levels of excellence in the coming years."

McCormick took office as the university's 19th president Dec. 1, 2002. The board commended McCormick for setting the highest standards of excellence in all university endeavors and acknowledged the accomplishments of his presidency to date. These include:

- Broadening opportunities for all undergraduates to take full advantage of Rutgers' many outstanding educational programs.
- Expanding academic programs, including a new School of Public Affairs and Administration on the Newark Campus and the nation's first doctoral degree program in childhood studies, which will be offered at Rutgers-Camden beginning this fall.
- Overseeing success by Rutgers' student athletes in the classroom and on the field – including the football team's first bowl victory in the program's 137-year history.
- Establishing new centers for research collaboration across various disciplines in such areas as nanotechnology, transportation, nutrition and stem cells that are gaining Rutgers national prominence while solving real-world problems.
- Working diligently to preserve state funding while pursuing private, corporate, federal and foundation support to benefit Rutgers' students and programs.

"From the beginning, Richard McCormick set forth clear administrative values that have propelled Rutgers toward its goal of becoming one of the very best public research universities in the nation," Chairman Gamper said.

Francine Newsome Pfeiffer, RC '95

RUTGERS-IN-WASHINGTON PROGRAM

I would like to introduce myself as the Rutgers-in-Washington (RIW) Program Coordinator for 2007. The planning for RIW this summer has begun and we are all hoping for another invigorating and successful program this year. Sponsored by the Rutgers University Office of Federal Relations and the Office of Career Services, RIW provides students interning or living in the Washington, DC area with the opportunity to take part in an array of great DC events, which serve to enhance their experience in the nation's capital. Rutgers students are able to meet with notable DC area alumni 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. As proud alumni, we hope you take this opportunity to greatly enrich Rutgers students' professional, cultural, and social experiences in Washington, and invite you to participate in our exciting program. We are seeking Rutgers alumni from all types of positions and organizations who may be interested in hosting Rutgers students as interns. These interns are dedicated students who are interested in gaining valuable professional experience and seeking career tips from prominent Rutgers alumni. We are also looking for those alumni who may be interested in speaking and meeting with students this summer. Remember, as Rutgers alumni you too are eligible to take part in the many great events we will be organizing throughout the summer!

If you are interested in this exciting opportunity to inspire and become involved with current Rutgers students, please contact me at via email at ljwhite@rci.rutgers.edu or by phone at (732) 445- 6127 ext. 30. 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.

Lisa White, RC '09

MARK YOUR CALENDAR TO BE A LOCAL BOOSTER FOR RUTGERS SPORTS!

Several Rutgers teams will face local opponents in the weeks to come. Come cheer on the Scarlet Knights at some of the following match-ups. Details can be found at www.scarletknights.com

<u>Team</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Baseball	Old Dominion	Norfolk, VA	Fri., 2/23	3:00pm
Baseball	Old Dominion	Norfolk, VA	Sat., 2/24	1:00pm
Baseball	Old Dominion	Norfolk, VA	Sun., 2/25	1:00pm
Gymnastics	Towson	Towson, MD	Fri., 3/9	7:00pm
M. Tennis	Georgetown	Washington, DC	Tues., 3/13	11:00am
W. Tennis	Georgetown	Washington, DC	Sat., 3/24	12:00pm
Gymnastics	EAGL Champ.	College Park, MD	Fri., 3/30	6:00pm
M. Track	Navy	Annapolis, MD	Sat., 3/31	TBA
W. Track	Terrapin Inv.	College Park, MD	Sat., 3/31	TBA
M. Golf	Invitational	Towson, MD	Sun., 4/1	TBA
W. Golf	Georgetown Inv.	Leesburg, VA	4/1-4/2	TBA
M. Track	Colonial Relays	Williamsburg, VA	4/6-4/7	TBA
M. Golf	Navy Invitational	Annapolis, MD	4/6-4/7	TBA
M. Lacrosse	Georgetown	Washington, DC	Sat., 4/28	1:00pm

Take note: The Rutgers Club of Washington has plans to celebrate the accomplishments of Rutgers athletics during the upcoming NCAA basketball tournament. Stay tuned to our website www.rutgersclubdc.org for the specifics of our March Madness gathering- Rutgers style.



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School(s) & Class Year(s):

Major(s) & Degree(s):

Mailing Address:

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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)

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

Washington Capitals vs New Jersey Devils

The Rutgers Club of Washington and The New Jersey State Society are proud to host **NEW JERSEY DAY AT THE VERIZON CENTER**

Please join us to watch the New Jersey Devils vs. Washington Capitals Sunday, February 25. Game Time: 1pm. Tickets are \$24 each (normally \$35). To reserve and purchase your tickets, go to www.capstickets.com/rutgers.html



Also join us from 12pm to 1 pm for Pre-Game Brunch at the

Dewar's Clubhouse, located on the Club Level of the Verizon Center.

Brunch is \$15 for State Society and Rutgers Club of Washington Members and Hill Staff and \$20 for others.

For additional information, email Steve Oriol: steve_oriol@hotmail.com or Kyle Mulroy: kmulroy@wscdc.com

Steve Oriol, LC '94

RUTGERS LEADERS CONFERENCE

As club president I was privileged to join the club's webmaster Chuck Divine and club leaders from around the country for a four day regional club leaders conference in New Brunswick. The conference is a way for the leaders of Rutgers clubs around the country to reconnect with Rutgers and with each other. The extended weekend begins with club leaders attending the Coach's Huddle. This is a friendly lunch at the stadium attended mostly by local supporters of Rutgers football. We listened to

an assistant coach speak on the prospects are for Saturday's game. There was a dinner at the University Inn on the Douglass Campus where we met with university and alumni officials. A favorite activity of mine was to listen to a lecture regarding and participating in a tour of the Rutgers University Cell and DNA Repository. It was amazing to see on the Busch Campus the types of technology I thought only existed in movies. We participated in the Meritorious Service Awards dinner where I was honored with the RAVIN award for the 15 years I have spent doing college nights in the Washington Metro area. Additionally, this is a real chance to see what Rutgers grads have done out in the world. We have a number of quite impressive graduates -- not just Milton Friedman. Conversations with other club leaders helped all of us learn ways to improve our clubs. The conference ended on Saturday with an update from the university admissions office and, of course, the homecoming football game. The club leaders were invited to watch the game from the President's box in the Hale Center at the Rutgers Stadium.

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