

President's Message

BY FRANK HUNDLEY RC '86

There's no question this has been a challenging and exciting year for the Rutgers Alumni Association. I'm pleased to report that the state of the RAA is strong, driven by the hundreds of active volunteers who keep our 178-year-old organization functioning, and by the thousands of members who remain engaged with the association and the university.

In addition to our regularly scheduled board meetings, our committees have put on a number of marquee events, including a successful Homecoming, Business Card Exchange, Alumni-Student Speed Networking, Alumni Family Day, and our cherished Loyal Sons and Daughters award dinner and ceremony in April where we honored 11 outstanding individuals for their service to the RAA and the university.

On December 1, 2008, the Rutgers Alumni Association officially became a chartered organization of the new university-wide Rutgers University Alumni Association (RUAA). Of the more than 65 chartered organizations under the RUAA umbrella, the RAA is by far the largest. Along with our size, we bring our history and legacy to help serve the university.

As the largest chartered organization,

volunteer opportunities abound within the RAA. While our focus is on alumni from the New Brunswick/Piscataway campus, we are open to anyone who wishes to participate and shares our vision and mission. That mission is to form a lifelong bond among Rutgers University and its alumni around the world in order to enhance their allegiance to the university; provide a resource for their further intellectual, personal, and social development; and advance the reputation, educational goals, programs and influences of Rutgers.

While our scope seems broad, we are actually a very close-knit family, and eagerly welcome new volunteers. Participation in our association affords alumni the opportunity to advance their skills, work with fellow alumni, serve the university and its community, and socialize with other Rutgers aficionados.

Be sure to stay engaged and stay informed. And the best way to do that is keep up with our happenings by logging on to our site frequently at www.rutgersalumni.org, or call us at (732) 932-7474. Tell your friends and colleagues, too, about our web site, since it is our primary way of communicating with active members and the Rutgers community.

Lastly, I wish to thank each of you for



your support during my term as president. Without the commitment of our legions of volunteers, the RAA would not be the viable organization it is today. Our rich tradition and proud heritage truly make us a shining star 'on the Banks.' The past year has demonstrated once again the unwavering "can do" spirit of the RAA and its dedicated members and volunteers. 📧

Important Changes to Our Alumni Association

- The RAA headquarters has moved – we are currently occupying rented office space in Piscataway. (see the "We've Moved" box on page 2)
- All RAA work is being conducted by VOLUNTEERS and part-time help (no staff support from the University).
- All financial transactions are being handled using the RAA's own financial resources, separate from those of the University.
- Major events like Alumni Family Day and the Loyal Sons and Daughters banquet are now planned and run entirely by the RAA with only VOLUNTEERS.
- Dues are no longer collected, so the RAA has to operate using its own savings. However, subscribing to this publication can help offset its cost.

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The Queens Guard Alumni Association Steps into a New Campus Mentoring Role

BY RANDY YOUNG RC '68

At the end of World War II, Rutgers announced it would take in all qualified veterans, and the influx of GIs swelled university enrollment nearly six-fold to 4,200 by the fall of 1947. In 1994, the Department of History established The Rutgers Oral History Archives to record the personal experiences of the men and women who served overseas and on the home front during World War II, as well as in the Korean and Vietnamese Wars.

The common thread between these events is the unwavering commitment by Rutgers over the years to support military

College Community, is aimed at providing current students who have served in the military with valuable support and guidance in the form of mentors who have also served their country.

Susan Schurman, dean of the University College Community and director of lifelong learning for the Division of Continuous Education said, "We are thrilled by the expression of support from so many Rutgers people who want to serve as mentors." Added Betsy Feliciano-Berrios, assistant dean of the University College Community, which serves the needs of adult, part-time and non-traditional students, "Many of our veterans really need assistance with transitioning from military to academic life. We want them to know there is a pool of people who are very interested in their success."

In the midst of that pool when the Volunteer Veteran Mentoring Program kicks off this fall will be The Queens Guard Alumni Association (QGAA), a constituent group of the Rutgers Alumni Association. "Since many of our alumni pursued military careers, we can offer unique guidance for relevant curriculum choices and career paths", says **Joseph Carlan RC '84**, QGAA president. "Many students are returning veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan and could benefit from our members' advice, experiences and perspective as they resume their civilian lives."

Expanding the QGAA Mission

The Queens Guard began as an extra-curricular activity for cadets of the Air Force ROTC program in 1957. It soon gained worldwide recognition, performing in the inaugural parades for Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, as well as at major exhibitions



The Queens Guard marches in exhibition at the 1964 World's Fair in New York City. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE QUEENS GUARD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

across the United Kingdom, Europe, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Although the team ceased competing formally in 1993, The Queens Guard Alumni Association was formed in 2005, two years prior to its 50th anniversary. (To learn more, go to www.queensguard-rutgers.org).

The new collaboration with the mentoring program is QGAA's first commitment outside its mission of restoring the group's heritage on campus. "We intend to allocate more time to broader issues of special interest to our alumni within the larger Rutgers community," advises Carlan, "and mentoring student military veterans represents a meaningful first step."

The QGAA informed its members of the new Volunteer Veteran Mentoring Program on Veterans Day last November, and will continue to keep them updated as details of the initiative are rolled out by the university in the months ahead. Carlan anticipates ongoing support from QGAA's more than 600 members.

The mentoring program has been actively recruiting Rutgers faculty, alumni and friends of the university with military experience to serve as mentors. The response to date has been "fantastic," according to Feliciano-Berrios, with nearly 150 individuals from the New Brunswick, Newark and Camden campuses agreeing to participate. If you would like to become part of this worthwhile program, go to http://ucc.rutgers.edu/vol_vet_mentors.shtml.

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Assistant Dean, University College Community

veterans and remember those alumni who have contributed to the rich history and diversity of the university.

That heritage is about to take another patriotic leap with the creation of the Volunteer Veteran Mentoring Program. This effort, developed by the University

2009 Inductees are Named Loyal Sons & Daughters

In the long-time tradition of honoring those who have made especially significant and valuable contributions to their alma mater, the 2009 Loyal Son/Loyal Daughter inductees include:

Angelo V. Baglivo RC '49
W. John Bauer RC '59
John H. Cook RC '38
Keri A. DeMayo RC '94, RBSG '06
Martin E. Kravarik RC '58
Bruce E. Marich RC '63, GSNB '65

Heather Morrison DC '95
Robert E. Mulcahy III
Lawrence A. Rudnick RC '69, NLAW '72
James G. Russo, Jr. RC '88, RBSG '97
Martin Siederer LC '77

Latest Kramer Scholarship Winner Has His Sights Set on Medicine

You might say Derek Jennings, the latest winner of the **Vincent R. Kramer Scholarship**, has a Rutgers bias. His great grandmother, **Viola Weiss Jennings**, was among the first women to attend Rutgers; his great grandfather, **Kenneth Jennings**, graduated from Rutgers in 1924 and was a journalism professor at the school for 40 years; and his grandfather, **Paul "Pete" Jennings RC '45**, is a past RAA president and served on the Rutgers Board of Trustees for 16 years. Add to that pedigree the fact that his mother **Doris Jennings** is a 1978 graduate of Rutgers College while his father **Christopher Jennings** graduated the same year from Livingston College.

Even so, Derek says the family put no pressure on him to keep the tradition alive. "After looking at many different college options, I independently made the decision that Rutgers was the right place for me," he explains. "And while I've only been a student here for one semester, I'm confident I made the right choice."

The scholarship, which honors the memory of **Vincent R. Kramer RC '41**, is awarded each year to children and grandchildren of Rutgers Alumni Association (RAA) members who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and leadership qualities in the community. The \$1,766 scholarship is renewable each year over four years, depending on the student maintaining good grades while enrolled at Rutgers.

Derek was named the newest Kramer Scholarship winner as a result of the excellent four-year record he compiled at

Somerville High School, Somerville, N.J. A consistent honor roll or high honor roll student, he developed a fascination for science, particularly biology, anatomy and physiology, and was enrolled in honors or advanced placement courses in chemistry, physics and biology. He was also an active member of the school's freshman football and tennis teams, as well as its Ski Club and German Club. Derek's hard work paid off with his selection as the Indarjit and Savitri Nijhawan Memorial Scholarship winner from Somerville High School. He was also awarded the Rutgers University Class of 1940 Merit Endowed Scholarship.

A member of the Class of 2012, Derek is enrolled in the Arts and Sciences program, and plans on majoring in biological sciences. He couldn't be clearer about his goals. "Winning the Vincent R. Kramer Scholarship will allow me to pursue a career in medicine," he asserts, "and follow in the footsteps of my ancestors."



Derek Jennings

For the record, his great-great grandfather, Harry B. Weiss, was the first scientist to identify the Japanese beetle in the U.S., and was granted an honorary degree by Rutgers in the 1960s for his outstanding work as an entomologist with the State of New Jersey. 🇺🇸

Apply Now For the Vincent Kramer Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted for the scholarship named after **Vincent R. Kramer RC '41**, the RAA's late-executive director. Applicants must be the sons, daughters or grandchildren of Rutgers Alumni Association members, and must be entering any of Rutgers University's colleges or units in the fall of 2009.

The award provides recipients with \$1,766 a year over four years of college enrollment. Closing date for nominations is June 30, 2009.

Applications are available online at www.RutgersAlumni.org.

You can also request an application by writing to:

Rutgers Alumni Association, P.O. Box 11320, New Brunswick, NJ 08906.

Rutgers Stalwart Blazes New Trails as a Superior Court Judge

BY R.P. DUNLEAVY RC '05, SCILS '05

St used to be that landing a job at Ken Grispin's law firm required one of two things: a Rutgers diploma or signing an agreement to staunchly support the university's athletic teams.

Well, that may be stretching it a bit, but the underlying message is clear: allegiance to Rutgers was a decided advantage for anyone who worked – or wanted to work – for Leib, Kraus, Grispin and Roth in Scotch Plains, New Jersey. “Every time we'd hire someone who was not from Rutgers people would ask them, ‘How'd you get into the firm?’” says Grispin, laughing as he speaks.

The days of grilling new legal recruits has ended, however, for **Kenneth Grispin 'RC 70, NLAW '73**. He was sworn in last June as a Superior Court Judge in Union County – a proud and fitting capstone to a brilliant legal career.

“It's actually been seamless,” says Grispin of his transition to the bench. “It's something I've always wanted to do. I've been coming to this courthouse for 35 years, and this represents a new perspective for me. But I do miss my partners.”

If Grispin's history with Rutgers is any indication, he'll never let his erstwhile law partners drift too far away. Case in point: he never truly left Rutgers after graduating. He served on the Board of Trustees from 1993 to 1999, has been an active member of the Rutgers Alumni Association (RAA) executive committee, served a term



Ken riding the cycling portion on the 8th place relay team at the Nautica, 1st Annual South Beach Triathlon in April 2008.

as RAA president (1992-93), and has remained an officer with the Beta Theta Pi fraternity, even after its Rutgers chapter disbanded.

“My theory is you always need to give back,” explains the Long Island native, who does exactly that by volunteering his time to teach new lawyers how to prepare and act in court. “I think it's incumbent upon people who have had some measure of luck and success to remember where they came from, and the important people and institutions that helped them along the way.”

Rutgers Sets the Stage

Grispin's roots are certainly etched in *his* mind. He was the son of a widowed mother who worked mightily to become the first member of his family to earn a college degree. Against that backdrop, attending Rutgers made perfect sense. It was the right distance from home, and an academic scholarship made it the right price.

Time has confirmed for him the wisdom of that decision. “Rutgers always did a great job of preparing you for the next level, whatever it might be, and I've heard that from students who went on to

medical school, business school, or right into the work force,” Grispin asserts. “I was well prepared with a different kind of mental discipline. Plus, there was just something about the place. I felt like the professors were always looking out for my best interests. Everyone seemed well-intentioned. For a big institution, I felt that people really cared.”

As an undergrad, Grispin poured himself into his political science studies. What he learned in the classroom was only enhanced by what was taking place in American culture, society, and the university itself in the tumultuous late-



Ken graduated in 1966 from Valley Stream North High School, Franklin Square, NY.

1960s. As president of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, he was getting a different kind of enlightenment in the office of Dean Warren Hartenstein. “Every other Monday I’d meet with him to try and keep us off social probation,” Grispin recalls with tongue-in-cheek.

The dean and fraternity president chatted at length, usually wandering off fraternity topics and, in the process, creating for Grispin some of the fondest memories of his college years. Indeed, the friendships and loyalties he formed as an undergraduate on the banks made the job of selecting a law school an open and shut case. He enrolled in Rutgers-Newark, and graduated with a law degree in 1973.

Climbing the Legal Ladder

Grispin cut his teeth in the legal world as a pool staff attorney in the Union



At the Union County Bar Association 100th Anniversary (l. to r.) Gary Roth RC '78, Ken Grispin RC '70, Walter Leib RC '51, Bob Kraus RC '61, Richard Cohen RC '84.

County Public Defenders Office for six years. That segued into a job with Read, Leib, Shear and Kraus where, in his first decade out of law school, he made partner and earned dual certifications as both a criminal and civil trial attorney. His accomplishments and acumen in the courtroom did not go unnoticed. In 2002, he was named Professional Lawyer of the Year by the New Jersey Commission on Professionalism in the Law for Union County. Moreover, he was one of only 50 lawyers in the state certified by New Jersey Supreme Court as a civil and criminal trial attorney.

“Ken is an amazing person,” raves former law partner **Walter Leib RC'51, NLAW'53**, a Trustee Emeritus for Rutgers who preceded Grispin as Rutgers Alumni Association president. “He’s extremely intelligent, and if anybody is qualified to be a judge, it’s Ken. He has a judicial demeanor. He will listen and make good and fair decisions based on the law. Above all, he’s a people person, and lawyers and individuals who come before him will appreciate his experience because he will treat them with dignity and respect.”

After three decades as a litigator, Grispin was more than ready for the next step up the legal ladder. It came on May 8, 2008, when he was nominated by Gov. Jon Corzine to be a Superior Court Judge. The state’s Superior Courts are trial courts with divisions for family, criminal, civil and equity cases. The system’s 350 judges (including 27 in Union County) serve seven-year terms. And on June 27th,

Grispin officially joined their august ranks following his approval by the State Senate Judiciary Committee and the full Senate.

“Aside from my personal life, this is the best thing that ever happened to me,” gushes the father of a 10-year-old daughter, Casey. “I was very, very honored and humbled that the governor would choose me.”

As he would soon learn, however, getting approved was the easy part of it.

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After spending many years focused on civil litigation, such as personal injury and police officer defense, he was assigned to the family division. Even though his wife, Lizanne, works as a family lawyer, nothing could have prepared him for the emotional roller coaster of a field where

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abuse, neglect and complex matrimonial matters are standard fare.

“Many times you have to take children away from biological parents who may love them but simply don’t have the capacity to take care of them,” he rues.

Grispin comes well equipped for the rigors of the job, however, as anyone who has worked with him over the years will testify. His extensive trial experience has conditioned him to listen carefully to people and sense when they’re telling the truth. And his analytical skills have given him the ability to weigh all sides of an issue, and make tough but appropriate calls.

“The facts in these cases are often sad,” he says, “but the good part is you get a chance to really make a difference.”



With 21 hairpin turns, Alpe d'Huez is one of the main mountains in the Tour de France, and is known as one of the most dramatic climbs in the sport of cycling.

Off the Court

Fortunately, Grispin has a release valve from this daily drama. Sports. From participating in intramural fraternity sports to becoming a Rutgers football and basketball season ticketholder to forging a close friendship with men’s soccer coach Bob Reasso, athletics has always been a major part of his life. That infatuation took on a whole new dimension last July when Grispin celebrated his 60th birthday with a week-long tour of France on a road bike, along with friend Bob Varaday.

The trip was planned to coincide with the final week of the famed Tour de France, and the idea was for the two men to bike along the same mountains as the professionals and to replicate some of the challenging climbs from past Tours. One part of their odyssey — along the notorious Alp d’Huez, where European

spectators are known to park their RVs for days in advance and gather in chaotic crowds — came just before the Tour itself. “We had people screaming at us with encouragement, hitting us with flags and throwing water at us,” Grispin recalls with bemusement. “It was the hardest thing I’ve ever done physically and know I’ll never be in that kind of shape again. But it was very fulfilling.”

Asked about the idea of commemorating a milestone birthday by testing his tolerance for pain, the quick-witted Grispin deadpans, “It’s a testament to my intelligence, I guess.”

In truth, it’s that considerable intellect and adventurous spirit that have made him such a valuable asset to his profession, and to Rutgers, over the years. For Ken Grispin at age 60, the finish line is nowhere in sight. 📧



L. to r. — Bob Marguccio RC '56, Ken, and Rutgers President Francis Lawrence at Reunion May 1993

A Judgeship for Rochelle Gizinski

Another former RAA president has donned judicial robes. She’s **Rochelle Gizinski RC '80**, who was sworn in as a Superior Court Judge in Ocean County, NJ on February 13, before a crowd of family, friends and colleagues. She has been assigned to the Civil Division.

Among those present at the ceremony was Rutgers **President Richard L. McCormick**, who said in brief remarks, “I know she will be outstanding in her new position. Rochelle Gizinski is a person of integrity who has repeatedly answered the call of public service.”

Gizinski was raised in Pennsauken, NJ, and graduated from Camden Catholic High School in Cherry Hill. She received her undergraduate degree from Rutgers College,

and earned her law degree at Seton Hall. During her 26 years of practicing law, Gizinski tried nearly 60 cases to jury verdicts, including medical malpractice, product liability, premise liability, and motor vehicle accident.

The New Jersey Supreme Court designated Gizinski a Certified Civil Trial Attorney in 1990, and re-certified her on two subsequent occasions. She has also served as a member of the Supreme Court Committee on Civil Trial Attorney Certification.

Gizinski has stayed actively involved with her alma mater over the years. She was president of the RAA from 1997-98, then served on the Board of Trustees, first as an alumni trustee, then as a charter trustee. She also served as co-chair of the Loyal Sons



and Daughters Committee right up to her judicial appointment.

Gizinski resides in Brick with her husband Desmond Abazia, and their son Jared Francis Abazia. 📧

YOUNG ALUMNI COMMITTEE — Making Networking and Fun The Perfect Post-Graduate Mix

BY FRANCINE TARDO RC '96

Whether it's a large summer beach bash or a small group trip to a historic city, the lively mix of activities held each year by the Rutgers Young Alumni Committee lets Rutgers graduates stay connected well after they've left the Banks.

By definition, graduates are considered "young alumni" up to 10 years after graduation. But **Melissa Lieberman DC '06**, a tri-chair of the Young Alumni

involvement in the Young Alumni Beach Party — its largest annual event — held in July at Bar Anticipation in Lake Como, at the Jersey Shore. Between 750 and 800 people typically flock to this summer soiree, which includes special drinks, games, barbecued food and giveaways.

When football season is in full swing, the group plans to hold another get-together to coincide with a Scarlet Knights' away game. The 2008 "tailgate party,"



In February, Young Alumni members attended a private tour and wine tasting at the Laurita Winery in New Egypt, NJ.



Annual events for young alumni include the Young Alumni Beach Party held in July at Bar Anticipation in Lake Como, NJ.

Committee, says that some people decide to stay involved even after that. "We have people serving on the committee until their early to mid-30s, at which point they branch out to other Rutgers alumni committees," she explains. "And we have older alumni who still come back to socialize at our events and support us. That's always nice to see."

The Young Alumni Committee meets monthly and is headed by Lieberman, **David Singer CC '01**, and **Erin Clarke RC '03**. As with many Rutgers Alumni Association committees, Young Alumni is in transition, trying to figure out how it will coexist with the new Rutgers University Alumni Association (RUAA).

One constant, though, is the group's

held at the Fox and Hound restaurant in Menlo Park, NJ, was a huge success as the young alumni cheered their team on to victory against Big East rival South Florida.

The Young Alumni calendar also includes an annual weekend getaway. In 2008, the group deviated from its usual ski trip and organized a long weekend in Boston. The 20 alumni who participated had a fabulous time touring the city and developing personal friendships along the way. "We all met up for dinner, and some people made best friends that very first night," Lieberman recalls.

The group plans to offer another weekend trip to Washington, D.C. in April. Go to www.rutgersalumni.org for more details.

Since recent graduates are just starting their careers and may not have a great deal of spending money, the committee makes a conscious effort to keep the cost of its events down, and whenever possible, free. That, however, is becoming increasingly difficult given the university's recent elimination of alumni membership dues, which helped to defray the cost of Young Alumni events. "We now have a smaller budget," Lieberman notes, "and might have to hold an event in order to make money for our next event."

Getting Involved

Recent changes to the alumni program have created an even greater need for volunteers to help the Young Alumni Committee pursue its ambitious goals. For those who decide to get involved, the rewards can be considerable, Lieberman points out.

"Once you're on board, you get to know people in other committees, and you find ways to work together," she says. "It's a great networking opportunity that's allowed me to meet many interesting people and make some really good friends. I've also learned a lot as tri-chair, and had a lot of fun in the process."

For more information on becoming part of the Young Alumni Committee, contact Lieberman at melissli@alumni.rutgers.edu. Or if you'd like to take part in the group's exciting calendar of events, check them out at www.rutgersalumni.org.



Growing *the* Scarlet Nation

Through Rutgers Regional Clubs

BY SHAUN ILLINGWORTH RC '01 SCILS '04

Los Angeles high school students gather around the Rutgers table at a college fair to hear an alumnus extol the benefits of an education on the Banks.

Peals of "RU-Rah-Rah" carry out into the street from a Sarasota, Florida pub as dozens of scarlet clad men and women watch Rutgers take on North Carolina State in the Papajohns.com Bowl.

An intimate crowd gathers to hear distinguished journalist and Middle Eastern affairs expert Milton Viorst RC '51 share insights into his career in Washington, DC.

What do these three events have in common? They're just a few of the diverse activities organized over the past year by regional Rutgers clubs of alumni. Nearly 40 clubs exist across the country. In addition, Rutgers clubs have sprung up in Great Britain, the Netherlands, Hong Kong, Japan, Pakistan, South Korea and Taiwan. The oldest clubs, such as the Rutgers Club of Southern California — which celebrates its 60th anniversary this year — and the New York City, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. clubs, grew up in metropolitan areas. In recent decades, changing employment and retirement trends have led to the birth of clubs in new regions, like the Sun Belt.

The lifeblood of the club network has always been the volunteer spirit of its

members and leaders. The new Rutgers University Alumni Association (RUAA) has set out to reinforce that system by providing support to the Regional Clubs Office. Under director Matt Manfra, the office works with alumni to establish new clubs in unorganized territories, expand the activities of existing clubs, and foster interaction between the clubs and the university.

Everyone is a Member

Who belongs to regional Rutgers clubs? If you're reading this, you either are, or will soon be, a member of a regional club. As part of the reorganization of the alumni system, all 370,000 Rutgers alumni are automatically members of the RUAA. Subsequently, everyone is assigned to a club that serves their geographic area. You may



Clockwise from above left: Rutgers Club of New York City at beer tasting event; Rutgers Club of Southern California hikes the scenic trail at Point Dume State Preserve near Malibu; Rutgers Club of Baltimore at a Ravens game; Rutgers Club of Washington DC tours the Air and Space Museum with Division of Aeronautics Chairman Peter Jakab CC '80, GSNB '82, '89; Rutgers Club of Washington DC hosts a Law Panel with Steve Boehm and Lloyd Guerci; Rutgers Club of Portland at a game-watching event; Colorado 'RU on the Rockies' Club barbeque.

already be receiving e-mails about activities in your area. Under the reorganization, there are no dues and all alumni are entitled to attend club events. Alumni with ties to two areas—like “snowbirds”—can opt to affiliate with more than one club.

Ironically, there are no clubs currently in New Jersey, where the bulk of Rutgers alumni live, but the Regional Clubs Office is in the process of organizing a network. (Watch for more information on the RUAA website: www.Ralumni.com).

As Rutgers faculty and athletic teams have captured national attention, interest among alumni in becoming active club members has mushroomed. **Joe Francica RC '78**, president of the Rutgers Club of Alabama, observed, “Because the football program has gained the national spotlight, there’s been a renewed interest by alumni in the Rutgers club in their area.”

John Hurley RC '57 has been involved with the regional clubs for nearly 50 years. He first joined the Rutgers Club of Washington, D.C. while on active duty with the U.S. Air Force in 1959, and later founded the Rutgers Club of London while serving as

“Clubs strongly reinforce the best traditions of our alma mater...by hearing how our school is evolving, we can take pride in its accomplishments, whether they’re in sports, academics or other areas.”

—John Hurley RC '57

the U.S. Customs Attache in the American Embassy from 1986 to 1992. Hurley explained that the clubs have adopted a “cafeteria-style” approach to event planning that offers something for everyone — from the most recent grads to members of the Old Guard.

Rallying Around Sports

Game-watching parties are a club staple. **Chip Churchill RC '59**, president of the Rutgers Club of Sarasota/Manatee, recalls

that while leading the crowd in singing the Rutgers fight song at one party, the cheers of **Irv Newman SB '43**, a one-time bombardier on a B-17 Flying Fortress, and his wife, Beatrice, could be heard above even the younger alumni.

The Papajohns.com Bowl allowed members of the Alabama club — who are spread across the state — to converge on Birmingham for a rare chance to meet with alumni from around the country. “Our part of the stadium,” recalls Francica, “was packed. Just seeing the sea of red in the stands was really remarkable.”

Other sports also generate great enthusiasm. The Rutgers Clubs of Southern California and San Francisco, for example, turned out in force to support the women’s basketball team when it played Pepperdine and Stanford University. The SoCal club, as it’s known, is looking forward to welcoming the Rutgers-Newark baseball team to the Golden State this spring.

These events, SoCal Club president **Lou Trygar RC '82** notes, often yield additional benefits. “The focus is on the game,” he says,

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“but, of course, the conversation gets around to, ‘Don’t you miss this or that about New Jersey, like food or the Jersey Shore.’ There’s a strong need for people to reminisce and share common experiences about growing up in New Jersey.” Also fueling the interest in clubs is an eagerness to learn what’s happening on all three Rutgers campuses today. “Outside of New Jersey,” regional clubs director Manfra points out, “alumni are thrilled to see the block ‘R’ of Rutgers.”

Beyond sports, regional clubs have a long tradition of hosting lectures by faculty members and University administrators. At its annual brunches, the Rutgers Club of Southern California has hosted Rutgers Presidents Edward Bloustein and Francis Lawrence, Chancellor of Rutgers-Newark Steven J. Diner and, most recently, Professor Richard Miller, chair of the Rutgers-New Brunswick English Department, who spoke about his department and the new Plangere Writing Center. Clubs also frequently present talks by notable Rutgers alumni, sponsor tours of local attractions, and hold mixers, barbeques and other social events.

Washington D.C. club members, for their part, have been treated to annual after-hours tours of the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum by Division of Aeronautics Chairman and Rutgers alumnus **Peter L. Jakab CC '80, GSNB '82, '89**. The Rutgers Club

of Sarasota/Manatee has organized outings to Spanish Point, Ringling Brothers Museum, and the Golden Apple and Venice Little Theaters. Rutgers Club of New York City members have enjoyed beer tasting events and walking food tours of Manhattan, while the Rutgers Club of Baltimore throws an annual Crab Feast.

Career Networking

Alumni can also get a leg up on their careers through club membership. The Rutgers Club of San Diego, for instance, offers its members professional development assistance, including an alumni business directory and a professional resource group. In June 2008, the club hosted a networking event, “The Future of San Diego Real Estate,” with economist Alan Nevin.

As John Hurley notes, “You meet alums from other classes and other campuses, people who are making a difference in fields like government, medicine, journalism, and much more. There’s a real networking benefit to belonging to a club.”

Local charities frequently benefit from the efforts of regional clubs. Members of the Rutgers Club of Lehigh Valley picked up hammers and saws this past July to help Habitat for Humanity build homes in their community. The New York City Club has joined with NYC Cares to clean up city parks and schools.

Club members are also passionate about student recruiting and scholarship fundraising. Through the Admissions Office’s Rutgers Alumni Volunteer Information Network (RAVIN), alumni attend college fairs and visit area high schools where they distribute admissions materials and share some of their experiences at Rutgers. SoCal’s Lou Trygar remarks that these fairs are “a lot of fun. I get to educate people out here about New Jersey and Rutgers. It’s really nice to spread the word.” The SoCal Club’s hard work resulted in a record 22 students from the area enrolling at Rutgers last year.

More than a quarter of the U.S. clubs have established scholarship funds. The Rutgers Club of Sarasota/Manatee recently awarded its first scholarship to Avery Russell of Sarasota, a Rutgers freshman studying English. The club also bestowed 16 Rutgers Book Awards — given to academically-gifted juniors who participate in community service — to local high school students.

Clubs can also provide internship opportunities for current Rutgers students.



The Rutgers Club of Lehigh Valley helped Habitat for Humanity build homes in their community.

The Washington, D.C. club, for example, has been involved in efforts to place undergraduates in federal government internships and summer jobs.

Getting Members Linked

While the regional club network is expanding, obstacles to growth remain, particularly when it comes to linking up alumni with local clubs. The Rutgers Club of Hong Kong, for instance, has successfully organized dinners and cocktail parties, but a lack of information about alumni currently living in the Southern China region has hamstrung further efforts, according to club president **Craig Lindsay GSM '79**. This is partially due to the fact that privacy laws prohibit the RUAA from sharing contact information with the clubs. The Regional Clubs Office has tried to overcome this obstacle by informing alumni about club events in their areas through blast e-mails, and its website. The hope is that alumni will then contact their local club and become part of its information network of e-mails, newsletters and phone calls. Numerous clubs have also developed their own websites, or established a web presence through **www.Ralumni.com**, Facebook, Yahoo Groups or other social networking sites.

Alums who make the effort to enroll in a regional Rutgers club will be extremely pleased with their decision, opines Hurley. “Clubs strongly reinforce the best traditions of our alma mater,” he says. “By hearing how our school is evolving, we can take pride in its accomplishments, whether they’re in sports, academics or other areas.”

Join a Regional Club!

Want to find out how you can join a regional Rutgers club in your area? First, go to **www.Ralumni.com**. Under the “Clubs” section, you’ll find an interactive map. Click on your geographic area (or go to the “Directory” page) to see if there’s a club near you, and how you can contact its officers.

You can also send an e-mail to the Regional Clubs Office at: **regional@winants.rutgers.edu**.

If there’s no club in your area, the Regional Clubs Office will work with you to establish one. Director Matt Manfra or a member of his staff will help you plan a kickoff event, and draft an e-mail inviting local alumni to join. “Club leaders and members decide what they want to do,” Manfra explains. “Our office helps them fulfill their vision.”

Tom Carpenter RC '57 looks back on his 10 years of running Rutgers Reunion Weekend, as the reins are passed to the RUAA

Changing of the Guard At Rutgers Reunion Weekend

Like reunions past, there will be noticeable changes at this year's gala, including a Reunion Block Party Celebration & Lunch and a Friday evening Wine Tasting Party with cabaret entertainment. One of the biggest changes, however, will be completely transparent to returning alumni: responsibility for running Reunion Weekend has passed from the RAA's Reunion Committee under the leadership of **Tom Carpenter RC '57**, to the new Rutgers University Alumni Association (RUAA).

Carpenter is a tough act to follow. For the past 10 years, he has been the impresario of Rutgers reunions, working deftly year-round with the university and his team of volunteers to pull off one successful affair after another. "The Rutgers reunion is Tom's passion, and he's done an extraordinary job of running it with the help of an energetic and dedicated group of volunteers," observes **Michael Rutkowski SCILS, UCNB '96**, who has taken over the reins of reunion management

in his new role as director, Reunions and Homecomings, for the university.

Indeed, when it came to coordinating and overseeing the myriad of moveable parts

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that comprise Reunion Weekend – from the golf tournament and parade to the RAA annual meeting/luncheon and campus bus



Tom Carpenter RC '57

tours – Carpenter made it look easy. Every event had its own divider in his ever-present reunion notebook, and he kept inserting notes and reminders about what improvements could be made for the following year's affair.

Ask him about the enormous complexities of running the event, however, and Tom responds with characteristic modesty. "I spent most of my time working through other people," he insists. "The RAA had a lot of dedicated volunteers on the Reunion Committee, and my job was basically to ensure they followed through with their assignments."

It was Tom's love of golf that brought him into the reunion fold some 15 years ago. He began working on the golf tournament with classmate **Jay True RC '57**, and joined the RAA's Reunion Committee several years later at the prodding of **Bob Marguccio RC '56 GSED '62**, who was director of Alumni Relations at the time. He became co-chair of the committee in 1999.

Blessed with a good sense of what it takes to keep alumni coming back to the Banks every five years, Tom added events like



Tom Carpenter RC '57 with Walter Seward RC '17 at Reunion 2007. Tom was the first recipient of the 'Walter Seward Class of 1917 Reunion Spirit Award'.

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the highly popular Queens Chorale Concert on Saturday afternoon, the '60s Decade Gathering on Friday evening, and campus tours throughout the weekend to venues like the Institute of Marine & Coastal Sciences, the Mason Gross School of the Arts, and Writers House. He also continued to take an active role in running — and playing competitively in — the golf tournament (renamed the Robert Marguccio Reunion Golf Tournament last year), and saw its attendance steadily climb to over 200 alumni.

Tom, who also serves as his class president and was the recipient last year of the first Walter H. Seward Class of 1917 Reunion Spirit Award, is not exactly sitting on the sidelines for this year's event. He is serving as advisor to the new reunion team, and is working with Matt Manfra, director of Regional Clubs, to — you guessed it — manage the golf tournament.

Will he miss the role of reunion chair he mastered so well? "Sure I will," he replies, "but it's time to move on and find another challenge to work at." 📧

Noted Documentarian to Receive Rutgers Living History Society Award

Ken Burns, the acclaimed PBS documentarian (*The Civil War, Jazz, Baseball, The War*, etc.) says he can think of "no greater honor" than coming to Rutgers to accept the Stephen E. Ambrose Oral History Award from the Rutgers Living History Society. The award will be presented by **President Richard L. McCormick** at the Society's seventh annual meeting on Friday, May 15, in the Neilson Dining Hall on the Cook/Douglass campus.

"Stephen Ambrose brought our glorious history alive to millions," said Burns. "He made our complicated past accessible and reminded us that the key to our future is an understanding of events long past."

Membership in the Rutgers Living History Society is open to those who participate in, or loyally support, the Rutgers Oral History Archives. Ambrose advised the Oral Archives program when it was founded in 1993 and served on its Advisory Board for the remainder of his life.

The program's website, oralhistory.rutgers.edu, has been rated as one of the three or four best in the world for World War II research, and materials from its interview transcripts have been used by historians and scholars in exhibitions, documentaries and books, such as the 2003 Pulitzer Prize winner, *An Army at Dawn: The War in North Africa*, by Rick Atkinson. Previous recipients of the Society's Ambrose Award are Tom Brokaw, Steven Spielberg, Studs Terkel and Rick Atkinson.

The Society's May 15 program, which starts at 9 a.m., is open to everyone. For more information, contact The Rutgers Oral History Archives, 732-932-8190, or email Sandra Holyoak at holyoak@history.rutgers.edu.

Rutgers University Alumni Association's Reunion Weekend

Rutgers alumni from all of the New Brunswick schools and colleges are invited back to campus to celebrate class years ending in 4s and 9s.

Reunion registration provides access to more than 20 events over reunion weekend, and every registrant will receive a free Rutgers t-shirt! Come and enjoy a variety of entertaining events with your family, including museum and bus tours, exciting lectures and concerts, and the all-new Reunion Block Party Celebration and Lunch.

You will also find engaging undergraduate class dinners and professional school receptions where you can reminisce about your time at Rutgers! For a full listing of events and to register, visit the Reunion web site at Ralumni.com/Reunion.

Be sure to see these new reunion weekend highlights you won't want to miss!

■ Alumni Wine Tasting, Cooking Demo, and Entertainment!

Taste wines while sampling a three-course meal, and complete your evening with live cabaret entertainment.

■ Reunion Block Party Celebration & Lunch

The reunion celebration marches right into this family-friendly event on College Avenue full of fun and entertainment.

■ Young Alumni Party at Evelyn's

Whether it is your reunion year or not, all young alumni are invited to catch up with friends at this inviting New Brunswick venue with great outdoor ambiance.

Enjoy the traditions of reunion weekend too!

■ Old Guard Dinner

Class of 1959 celebrates their 50th anniversary with the classes of 1927-1958.

■ All Alumni Parade down College Avenue

Show your Rutgers pride with classmates and friends by marching down College Avenue, then attend the Reunion Block Party Celebration and Lunch!

FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND A FULL LISTING OF REUNION EVENTS, VISIT www.Ralumni.com/Reunion

RAA ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, May 16th at 12:30 pm

Brower Commons, College Avenue Campus

Join us for the Rutgers Alumni Association's annual meeting, which will include an update on association highlights, installation of new officers, and plans for the coming year. **Cost: FREE**

Pre-registration is required.

Please register online at www.RutgersAlumni.org

(or you may register on the Reunion site at Ralumni.com/Reunion)

A pair of alumni who created the Women of Rutgers poster/calendar 25 years ago are using Facebook to catch up with their still alluring subjects

Revisiting the Women of Rutgers



Move over Farrah Fawcett and Cheryl Ladd! These fabled pin-ups of the past had nothing on the “Women of Rutgers,” those fetching coeds whose sultry images adorned many a dormitory wall in the mid 1980s, and were a lively topic of conversation across campus.

In 1983, this poster created a media frenzy after a *Targum* editorial claimed that the photographs did not represent Rutgers’ female student population.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the publication of the Women of Rutgers poster/calendar, and its creators, **Marc Resnick RC '83, GSM '89,** and **Lee Gruhin RC '84,** have not let the occasion slip. They’ve created a Facebook fan page

to catch up with the women who posed for the poster/calendar shots (Resnick did most of the photography), and to commemorate the event with a much wider audience of alumni.

“I thought it would be fun for everyone to celebrate the event and get a chance to see some of the pictures that were never printed,” explains Resnick, who previously managed online marketing initiatives for Pfizer Consumer Healthcare. In addition, he notes, a ‘Where Are They Now’ section on the fan page brings visitors up to date on the lives of these still photogenic women. (The site also affords equal treatment to the Rutgers men who posed for the 1983 “The Knights of Rutgers”

“ *It’s been fun reconnecting through the Facebook page with alumni I wouldn’t have otherwise found. The calendar has brought back a lot of great memories.* ”

—Denise Tremmel RC '85



Calendar creators Marc Resnick RC '83 and Lee Gruhin RC '84.

black and white calendar, which served as a precursor to the women’s version).

As for the task of tracking down the women/men models after 25 years, Facebook has provided the perfect medium.

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“It’s a great new way for people with a common interest to reconnect,” notes Resnick, “and the friend-to-friend pass-along feature makes it easy to spread the word.” According to Gruhin, who is director of Financial Planning & Analysis in Pfizer’s Real Estate & Facilities Management organization, 50 percent of the women and 75 percent of the men who posed have been found.

And that’s unleashed a lot of nostalgia. Remarks **Denise Tremmel RC ’85**, a global account manager at Qwest Communications in Atlanta, GA, who was photographed for the WOR calendar in leotards, “It’s been fun reconnecting through the Facebook page with alumni I wouldn’t have otherwise found. The calendar has brought back a lot of great memories”.



Miss September, Joy Levy CC '86 (above) in an unpublished picture and (right) with her husband Dave today.



The Facebook fan page celebrates the calendar’s anniversary, provides updates on the models, and gives people a chance to see some of the pictures that were never printed.

A quick link to the page is provided on our web site:

www.RutgersAlumni.org



Denise Tremmel RC '85 currently lives in Atlanta, GA and is a global account manager for Qwest Communications.



Models pose with their calendar: (left to right) Tina Gerard (Miss May), Arlene Gagdek (Miss December), and Denise Tremmel (Miss November).

“It was a blast,” remembers **Joy Levy, CC '86** of her former stint as a ‘calendar girl,’ engagingly clad in white shorts and a green halter top. Levy, who works today in land use planning for Howard County, Maryland, adds, “I’m reliving the experience with my friends and family through Facebook.”

The growing popularity of the Women of Rutgers Facebook fan page has made Resnick more determined than ever to uncover his full stable of one-time models. “The last couple of alumni are going to be the hardest to find,” concedes Resnick, who is also now pursuing his lifelong interest in film-making. “But our

growing fan group membership is certainly going to help.”

To find “The Women of Rutgers” on Facebook, search “Women of Rutgers.” or contact Marc at **Marc_resnick@yahoo.com**.



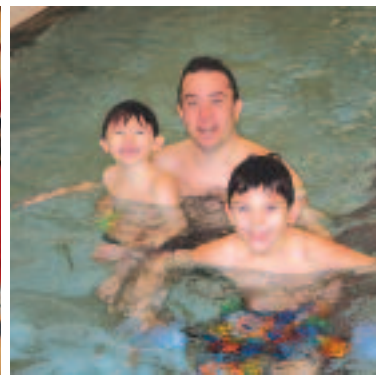
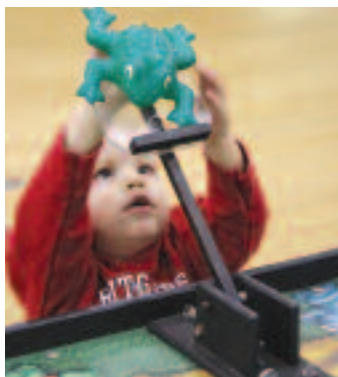
The Knights of Rutgers calendar celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2008. Above: John Alsop, Mr. May (and cover). Photos and model updates can also be found on the Facebook fan page.

ATTENTION LADIES —
Would you like to see an update on the Knights of Rutgers in our fall issue?
If so, e-mail us at **1766@RutgersAlumni.org**

RAA Happenings



Members of the Rutgers Engineering Society served as judges and volunteers at this year's National Engineering Week Future Cities Competition, held on Saturday, January 17, on the Busch Campus. The annual competition introduces seventh and eighth graders to engineering career opportunities with a team-based project to design imaginative, socially responsive, environmentally friendly cities. Above: Judges await the start of the competition. Right: Winning team "Shinseikatsu" from Iselin Middle school with their city model.



The RAA was host to alumni and their families at Alumni Family Day, held on Saturday, January 17, at the Cook/Douglass Recreation Center. Kids and parents alike enjoyed activities such as Wallyball, swimming, bounce station, sack races, and the always funny 'wrap the mummy' (in toilet paper) competition. Following the morning activities everyone headed to Neilson Dining Hall for lunch and a surprise visit by the Scarlet Knight. For more photos visit our web site at www.RutgersAlumni.org.

IN MEMORIAM

John Rosta ENG '36

The Engineering Society lost its last founding member in December with the passing of **John Rosta ENG '36**. Rosta, 94, was also a past president and active member of the Society until age 90. A distinguished member of Rutgers Loyal Sons, he attended his 72nd reunion in 2008. Rosta was also a past president of the National Society of Professional Engineers, Raritan Valley Chapter. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, fighting in the North African and Italian campaigns. At 90 years of age, Rosta was the flag bearer in the Veterans Alliance Parade, marching the entire parade route from New Brunswick to Highland Park.

Walter Seward RC '17



Walter Seward RC '17, the oldest living Rutgers alumnus and the third oldest male in the U.S., died last September. He was 111. Walter's passion and loyalty to Rutgers is legendary. He proudly hoisted his Class of '17 banner at 79 Rutgers reunions since 1924, and in May 1967 organized the Chapel Service that still precedes each Reunion Parade down College Avenue. He served as president of his alumni class and over the years has inspired his friends to make donations to Rutgers in his name. He was presented with the Meritorious Service Award in 1994 and 2000, and is a Loyal Son of Rutgers.

BY JOHN WOODING RC '78

Rutgers Athletes Share a Big Night

The New Jersey Sports Writers Association's (NJSWA) banquet proved to be a bonanza this year for Rutgers athletics. Not only was quarterback **Mike Teel** named the BIG EAST Conference Football Player of the Year, but three former Rutgers athletes and a former basketball coach were enshrined in the NJSWA's Hall of Fame.

Joining Teel on the dais at the annual event, held on January 25 at the Pines Manor in Edison, NJ, were the four new inductees: Rutgers All-America tight end **Marco Battaglia RC '96**, Rutgers women's basketball standouts **Mary Coyle Klinger DC '82** and sister **Patty Coyle DC '82**, and Rutgers men's basketball coach **Bill Foster**.

Teel enjoyed an outstanding 2008 football



Left to right: Former men's basketball coach Bill Foster, Mary Coyle Klinger DC '82, Patty Coyle DC '82, Marco Battaglia RC '96, and Mike Teel.

finished his career as Rutgers' record holder in six different passing categories, led the BIG EAST in passing yards per game and passing efficiency in 2008 after throwing for 3,418 yards and 25 touchdowns.

Battaglia concluded his collegiate career as one of the most decorated players in RU history. As a senior in 1995, he was a consensus All-America selection as he led the nation's tight ends with 69 receptions for 894 yards and 10 touchdowns. Battaglia was named the BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Year in 1995. Following his standout collegiate career, he spent eight years in the NFL and was a member of the 2004 Carolina Panthers' Super Bowl team. In 2006, he was inducted into the Rutgers Football Hall of Fame.

The Coyle twins led Rutgers women's basketball to national prominence in the late 1970s and early 1980s, culminating with the Scarlet Knights winning the AIAW National Championship in 1982. Both have gone on to great success as coaches (see our accompanying article on the Coyle twins).

Foster coached at Rutgers from 1963-71, during which time **Bob Lloyd RC'67** emerged as the school's first consensus All-America basketball player. In 1967, he guided Rutgers to its first postseason tournament – the National Invitational Tournament – where the 'Cinderella' team finished third. Foster holds the distinction of being the first U.S. coach to record 20-win seasons at four different Division I schools – Rutgers, Utah, Duke and South Carolina. 🏀



season, which culminated in an MVP performance in the PapaJohns.com Bowl. The Oakland, NJ, native completed 22 of 37 passes for 319 yards and two touchdowns, leading the Scarlet Knights to a 29-23 bowl win over North Carolina State. Teel, who



New Athletic Director Announced

Rutgers has called on one of its own to head up the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics. He is **Tim Perneti RC '93, SCILS '95**, shown here being interviewed just after the announcement of his Feb. 26th appointment. Perneti was a tight end on Rutgers football teams from 1989-93, and following graduation worked at ABC Sports. In 2003, he became vice president of programming for College Sports Television (CSTV), the first national network devoted solely to collegiate athletics.

Coyle Sisters Continue Their Love Affair with Basketball

Growing up in a tight-knit Philadelphia family, twin sisters **Mary** and **Patty Coyle DC '82** shared many experiences together. Like heading down to McCreesh Playground two blocks from their Chestnut Avenue home for an afternoon pickup basketball game, or earning All-America honors as backcourt standouts at West Catholic High School, or leading Rutgers to the national championship in 1982.

It should be no surprise, then, that the twins shared another milestone when they were inducted into the New Jersey Sports Writers Association's (NJSWA) Hall of Fame at its Annual Awards Banquet in late-January.

"To be quite honest, we've always done things in pairs," says Mary (now Mary Coyle Klinger), "and it would have seemed strange if one of us was honored and the other wasn't. It's great just to share in each other's accomplishments."



Magical Years

Mary and Patty were stalwarts for the Rutgers women's basketball program from 1978-82, leading the Scarlet Knights to the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women's (AIAW) National Championship with a thrilling 83-77 win over Texas on March 28, 1982. Recruited by Rutgers head coach Theresa Grentz, the Coyle twins helped the Scarlet Knights to a 108-22 record during their careers, an astounding .831 winning percentage. Rutgers never won less than 25 games or lost more than seven in a single season during that period, and the team advanced to the AIAW

Tournament (the forerunner of the NCAA Tournament) for four consecutive years.

"Our time at Rutgers was awesome," Mary exults. "We came in on the ground floor with Theresa, and with the university really being committed to the program. We were given a lot of opportunities, including the chance to travel and to play against top competition."

The 1981-82 basketball season was particularly magical. The Scarlet Knights were a well-balanced, senior-driven team featuring four players who averaged in double figures. They were ranked in the Top 10 throughout the year.

"It might have been the least talented of all the teams we played on at Rutgers," admits Mary, "but the chemistry was the decisive factor. We were on the same page, and shared the same goals."

After compiling a 19-6 record in the regular season, the road to the AIAW Final Four included major victories over Minnesota and Villanova. That set up the title game with Texas in which Patty was named the Most Valuable Player, scoring 30 points. The victory over Texas was especially sweet for the Coyle sisters since it was played at The Palestra in their hometown of Philadelphia.

Setting the Standard

The twins' impact on Rutgers women's basketball has been enormous. Mary was the first in what has become a long line of distinguished point guards directing the Scarlet Knight offense. She is still third on the all-time assist chart with 640. As a senior, she dished off 6.5 assists per game, and was named the team's Most Valuable Player. Patty was also a standout in the backcourt, amassing 1,209 career points (the 20th highest in Rutgers' storied history), 382 rebounds, 198 steals and 394 assists in 129 career games.

While their playing days ended in 1982, the sports management majors have parlayed their love of the game into highly successful careers. Patty will enter her fifth full season as head coach of the New York Liberty when the WNBA campaign begins in June. Prior to that, she did stints as an assistant coach at Rutgers, Miami and St. Joseph's before spending six seasons as head coach at Loyola.

While her sister has achieved success at the professional level, Mary found her calling in the scholastic world, at Rutgers Prep. She recently completed her 25th

Celebrating Another Bowl Victory!



Coach Greg Schiano receives a Gatorade shower after Rutgers victory in the PapaJohns.com Bowl. PHOTO BY HEATHER MORRISON.

Senior QB **Mike Teel** led the Scarlet Knights on a game-winning drive in the fourth quarter as the Rutgers football team (8-5, 5-2 BIG EAST) earned its third-consecutive bowl victory, defeating the North Carolina State Wolfpack 29-23 in the PapaJohns.com Bowl in Birmingham, AL. It marked Rutgers' fourth-straight bowl appearance — a program first — under eight-year head coach **Greg Schiano**. The team earned seven straight victories to close out the season tied for the fourth-longest win streak to end a season in school history.

season as head girls' basketball coach there, including 13 seasons as the prestigious school's director of Athletics.

"We've been very fortunate," acknowledges Mary. "As All-Americans, we got to travel and do a lot of things, but it was really our work ethic, and wanting to be the best, that kept us going and moving forward. And that's what drives us and motivates us even today." 📌



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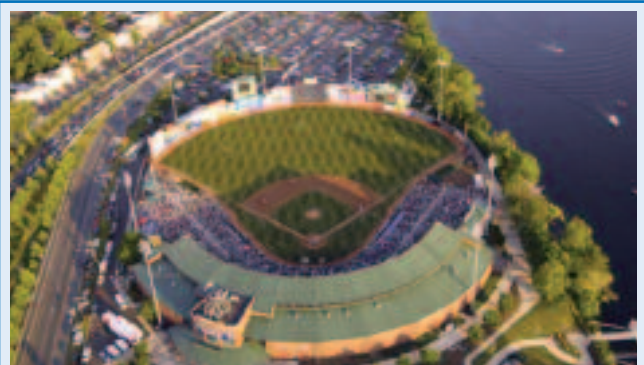
- 4/13 Rutgers in New York/Jazz at the Blue Note
Private reception 6 p.m.
Performances at 8:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.
- 4/16-19 Young Alumni Trip to Washington, DC
- 4/18 Scarlet-White Spring Football Game
Men's Lacrosse vs. Penn State
- 4/25 Rutgers Day/Ag Field Day/NJ Folk Festival

MAY 2009

- 5/2 Rutgers Hall of Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner
- 5/15-17 REUNION WEEKEND 2009
- 5/15 Rutgers Living History Society Annual Meeting
Neilson Dining Hall, 9:00 a.m.
- 5/16 RAA Annual Meeting
Brower Commons, 12:30 - 1:00 p.m.
- 5/16 Young Alumni Party at Evelyn's Restaurant,
New Brunswick, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

JULY 2009

- 7/18 Annual Trenton Thunder Baseball Outing



July Forecast: THUNDER

The RAA has scheduled its annual visit to see the Trenton Thunder on **Saturday, July 18, 2009**. The New York Yankees' AA minor league baseball team (the Trenton Thunder) will take on the Portland Sea Dogs (Boston Red Sox affiliate) at 7:05 p.m. There will be a fireworks display following the game.

Tickets are limited and must be ordered no later than June 10, 2009. For more information or to purchase your tickets (tickets are available for \$8 each), please go to the RAA website, www.RutgersAlumni.org.

If you get to the game early, join us at 6 p.m. for a drink at the Kat-Man-Du Bar, which is located adjacent to the Trenton Thunder parking lot. Admission to the bar is free and we will be gathering at the outdoor bar by the RAA banner.

If you would like to be the RAA's representative to throw out the first pitch before the game, please let us know and we will draw a name out of a hat for that honor!

**FOR DETAILS ON ANY OF THESE EVENTS, CALL THE RAA AT 732-932-7474
OR VISIT www.RutgersAlumni.org**