

TARGUM WEST

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President's Message

-- Tom O'Connor

Happy New Year, everyone! 1996 is already shaping up to be a busy year for RCSC. Our club's participation in the Big East alumni club softball league has led to increased interaction with our fellow conference alumni here in southern California. For example, the various clubs are currently planning to gather for the Big East basketball tournament at American Pie in Santa Monica. Look for more information in this mailing. RCSC hopes this leads to more joint club activities, such as a combined community service project. The success of both the softball team and the Young Alumni program is due, in no small part, to the work done by Julia Bogdan, Lou Trygar and Dave Hughes. They have given much time and effort to ensure their success. On behalf of RCSC, I want to thank them for a job well done!

The "big chill" back east has led some at RU to think of sunnier climes. The deans of Rutgers College and the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, New Brunswick, will be hosting a reception tentatively scheduled for March 24th at the Hyatt Newporter. They will be inviting the alumni of the Rutgers Club of San Diego as well as RCSC. An invitation should be mailed to you from New Brunswick sometime in late February, early March.

The admissions department is also scheduling a reception for prospective students to be held in the Torrance area, around the end of April. Our admissions/recruitment co-chair, Paul Cohen, is in touch and informs me that last year's reception was considered a great success. Admissions is very pleased with the work being done by Paul and his volunteers. Speaking of recruitment, it appears we have some college fairs coming up next month. Look for more information from Paul as to dates and times. The fairs are a great way to show our pride in Alma Mater and are fun, besides.

Steve and Cynde Magidson are currently updating the membership database for the next edition of our club directory. This is a project that is very time intensive, and I want to thank them on behalf of the club for doing such a great job.

It's hard to believe that planning will soon begin for our annual brunch. Since the deans' reception is planned for the Newporter in March, we will probably change the location for this year. Look for more information to follow, probably in late April.

That's all for now. See you at "the tournament" at American Pie in Santa Monica!

Rutgers Alumni On-Line

As we speed towards the new millennium, Rutgers Alumni can now cruise down the infobahn to their own internet web-site for news and information about Rutgers, their fellow alumni, and even to get in touch with them with a little help from some friends.

Alumnus and RCSC member, Don Cox, was able to cull some news posted on the internet by a certain George Rears. Here are some excerpts the editors deemed of interest to the Southern California Alumni. (For the full text, please contact Rears via his internet address noted below or Targum West.)

SORRY FOR THE GAP: For various reasons, I have been unable to post any news recently. My apologies. Hopefully, we will begin regular postings again now.

For correspondence, my new on-line address is grears@ix.netcom.com

-- George

CAREER ENHANCEMENT: The RAA is offering a career seminar focusing on topics including resume writing, job search strategies, interviewing techniques, researching companies, salary negotiations, and entrepreneurial options on Saturday, March 16. The seminar runs from 9 am -12 noon at the Janice Levin Building on the Livingston Campus and includes a Continental Breakfast. Registration is \$10 for members, and \$15 for non-members. Call 908-932-7474 for registration or more information.

REUNION WEEKEND: All alumni are encouraged to head back to New Brunswick for the weekend of May 10-12 for Reunion Weekend. Class Dinners are planned for the five year classes (1991, 1986, 1981, 1976...) and other events are planned for non-five year classes. If you are in town the morning of May 11th, look for the alumni parade down College Avenue!

WANT TO SEND INFO OUT TO OTHER ALUMNI? Let me know, I'll be glad to pass it on to the whole mailing list.

ALUMNI HOTLINE! For an up-to-date listing of alumni events, or to leave a message for alumni volunteers, call 908-NAT'L YA9. Listen in for a calendar of alumni events, or to hear the status of events in case of inclement weather... or just call and leave a suggestion.

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Related news:

The (Un)Official World Wide Web Home of the

Rutgers Club of Southern California is underconstruction at:

<http://home1.gte.net/jbogdan/RCSC/RUSOCAL.HTM>

Sorry for the long name, but once you bookmark the site, it should be easy to locate.

The site is currently under construction and will eventually get a lot more information.

It is hoped that this site can be used to help keep the RU Southern California Members and friends up-to-date on upcoming events and information.

The following areas are included:

What's' New: This area will include periodic updates and information relating to late breaking club events

Newsletter: An electronic abridged text copy of the RU Club News Letter (Full copy is distributed my mail to members only)

Events: Schedule of Up Coming Events

Young Alumni: Softball and other Young Alumni News Item

--Don Cox

Editor's note: "How sweet it is!" as Jackie Gleason might have said.

STUDENT RECRUITMENT

Rutgers is beckoning for the top of the class from Southern California.

The Rutgers Club of Southern California will represent our Alma Mater at four college fairs this spring: Torrance, Palos Verdes, Culver City and Calabasas. Alumni representatives include Sydnee Hond, Blossom Ko, Debra Westerberg and Steve Rubin.

On April 27 at 1 PM, Rutgers will be hosting its Second Annual Student Reception at the Torrance Gateway Holiday Inn. Admissions people from New Brunswick will be there. This is an open event.

Last, but not least, we are offering a limited scholarship to a qualified Rutgers student from Southern California.

If you would like to get involved in or know more about student recruitment, please contact Paul Cohen at (310) 316-6691.

--Paul Cohen

New RCSC Directory in Progress

We are happy to report that, as of this writing, RCSC has 160 members for the 1996 fiscal year. We expect to hit close to 200 in time for the Directory printing. Data entry is underway, as time permits, and we hope to have something ready for the printers by April. Thanks to all of you for sending in your information. Without your participation, the Directory would not be the envy of all of the other Regional Rutgers Alumni Clubs that it is.

The Rutgers Alumni Association back in New Brunswick is making it ever more difficult for us Regional Clubs. What little support they have given us in the past seems to lessen with each new year. Even getting current address lists for members out here in Southern California is like pulling teeth. New graduates move into our area and there is no mechanism to inform the Regional Clubs. We keep an active data base of names and addresses, as we get them so that we can do most of our own mailings. That is why your participation is so vital.

Many of our Alums do not realize that Regional Club membership is NOT automatic when you join the RAA -- Rutgers Alumni Association, in New Brunswick. RCSC membership is open to anyone who has attended any of the various Colleges of Rutgers University. So, if you know of any Rutgers Alum that is not a member, please encourage him or her to contact us.

Don't forget -- we have a special offering for couples -- if you are married to a fellow Rutgers alum, from any of the various colleges, we offer a discount for married couples -- only \$30.00 for two, instead of \$20.00 each. We will only send you one copy of any of the mailings and you will receive only one Directory. However, this entitles both persons to be included in the Directory.

-- Steve (RC 70) and Cynde (DC 72) Magidson

In Memorium

On a sad note, we are sorry to report the deaths this year of two of our members:

Harry Halstead, last Spring, and William Holcomb, in December.

Harry Halstead, an RC 41 History major, was an attorney and Partner in his LA law firm. While at RC, he was involved in track and cross country. He has been a member of RCSC since 1984 and you may have seen him at the event we had at the LA Times.

William Holcomb, a UCN 52 Business major, was the former board chairman and CEO of IMO Industries, where he received the Bronze Award in Financial World magazine's "Chief Executive Officer of the Year" competition. He was also a member of the President's Council of the Nixon Library. William was a rather new member of our Club, having joined in 1994.

Our heartfelt condolences go out to their families.

-- Steve (RC 70) and Cynde (DC 72) Magidson

RU SPORTS

Rutgers men's team struggles in first Big East season.

With five regular season games remaining, the Knights are 6-15 overall and 3-10 in conference. The news is not all bad, however; the Knights, playing 3 to 4 freshman at a time, have played good defense at times and coach Wenzel seems to have the kids playing inspired, disciplined basketball.

The Knights 3 conference wins come against Pitt, Notre Dame and New Jersey rival Seton Hall.

The schedule of Big East foes has brought life to the R.A.C. the Villanova game was a sellout 8,500 as the university honored the 1976 final four team. Recent games against Seton Hall and Syracuse have been near sellouts. Not bad for a team with a 6-15 record. Imagine what a little winning will do, which might not be to far in the future.

The number one High School recruit into the county, Timmy Thomas, out of Paterson Catholic in N.J., is very interested in attending RU. He has even attended some games at R.A.C. and the RU faithful have let him know he is more than welcome. In an ESPN-televised game against Seton Hall, which RU won, the crowd of over 7,000 erupted in a chant, "We want Timmy Thomas!" for the last two minutes of the game. Thomas has been described by some experts as a franchise player.

If you are interested in watching the Big East Tournament with fellow Big East Alumni, you can call
1-(800) 755-2550 extension 4775 for more information.

Women's Basketball

With 5 games remaining , representing the toughest part of the women's schedule, the Lady Knights are 10-11 overall and 6-7 in conference. The Big East Tournament begins March 2nd.

Vivian Stringer, the Lady Knights first year coach is the 4th all time winningest active women's coach with a career record of 528-145.

Before joining the conference, Rutgers is 89-14 against current league teams for an 86.4 winning percentage.

Coach Stringer's first recruiting class is shaping up to be a very good one, with four high school all Americans signing early: Coko Eggelston (6'2" F McCaskey High School), Visha Gilmore (6' F Berkeley High School). La Tune Lillard (5'10" G Danville High School), and Shownetta Stewart (5'10" G University City High School).

Rutgers starts new era of football on The Banks

Terry Shea has assumed the reins of the Scarlet Knights Football team, taking over for the recently fired Doug Garber. Coach Garber spent 6 years on The Banks and was fired when he could not deliver a bowl bid to the program.

Shea previously coached at San Jose State for 2 seasons and brought them to a bowl. Shea was also Bill Walsh's offensive coordinator at Stanford and, most recently, was a quarterback coach in the Canadian Football League.

In his first recruiting class on The Banks, Shea has brought in 15 recruits, 8 of which are from California. This has brought much criticism from the New Jersey press who have not been kind to Shea since he was hired. Lets give Shea a chance. After all, I do not think the team can be any worse coached than it has been over the last ten years. At least, I hope not. GO RU!!!

--David Hughes

End Notes

As long as war is regarded as wicked, it will always have its fascination. When it is looked upon as vulgar, it will cease to be popular.

--Oscar Wilde, The Critic as Artist, II.

Apology

The editors apologize for past newsletters wherein continuations or transitions between pages sometimes omitted portions of sentences in the printed version

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