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The Rutgers Touchdown Club Newsletter



## Highlights: Rutgers Touchdown Club Meeting June 8, 2010

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### Next General Membership Meeting Details:

June 23, 2009

Cook Campus Center

Doors Open 6:00PM

Meeting Starts 6:30PM

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Wistful, entertaining, and insightful are merely three of the words that could describe the June 8 regular meeting of the Touchdown Club. TD Club President Joe Lemkin presided over an outstanding program featuring three guests: Lisa Gonzalez, Director of Athletic Development for the Scarlet R Club, Assistant Head Coach Kyle Flood, and former defensive back Billy Anderson.

Joe presented Lisa with gifts to recognize her years as a guide and adviser to the TD Club. Lisa is relocating to North Carolina where she will work with Appalachian State University in a fundraising capacity. Lisa spoke warmly about her relationship with the TD Club, and noted its influential role as a booster of the Rutgers football program.

Coach Flood delighted the membership with a talk about college football, the Rutgers program, and his career as a coach. Coach Flood initiated his talk with the announcement that the Rutgers football program was ranked NUMBER 1 in the latest APR (academic progress report) of Football Bowl Series programs, which was met with great excitement and pride among the membership. In a wide ranging talk and Q & A session Coach Flood, humorous and enlightening, discussed recruiting from the Rutgers perspective, offensive and defensive theory, and football strategy.

Billy Anderson, who graduated in May with a degree in criminal justice, provided the audience of TD Club members with a player's insightful view of the program. Perhaps the most memorable impression that Billy left with his audience was the enormous and continuous efforts that players make to be their best. Members of the TD Club consistently see those results on the field and in the classroom.

The first meeting of the TD Club for the 2010 season will be held in early September. The specific time and date is still to be determined.



Congratulations and Good Luck Lisa!!!!



Coach Flood at the meeting



## Alumni: Behind the Facemask with Jim Dumont

Perhaps more than most programs there is strong connection between current members of the football team and earlier generations of Scarlet Knights' players. In this edition of the newsletter, we put the spotlight on the Dumonts: Jim, Sr. and Jim, Jr. The elder Jim played linebacker for four years. He won the Homer Hazel two years in a row (1982, 1983). Jim, Jr., currently a senior, also plays linebacker for the Scarlet Knights.

*Jim, tell us a little about your athletic experience in high school.*

I went to high school in Neshamy, Pennsylvania. Along with football, I played baseball. I graduated in 1979.

*Then you came to Rutgers?*

Yes. I was a walk-on for the football team, eventually starting at linebacker. My head coach for the four years was Frank Burns.

*What about your football career after Rutgers?*

I was drafted by the Browns. I was with them for one year. I then played a year in the USFL.

*And after football?*

I became a builder, primarily in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. I develop single-family homes and small commercial buildings.

*Please tell us about your family.*

My wife, Kathy, and I married in 1985. We have four children: two boys, two girls. One of my daughters, Kelsey, is junior who plays for the women's soccer team.

*What impressions do you have of the present program?*

Things have changed a lot. The current team has great depth, and the facilities are much improved. The program is progressing in the right direction. It is light years ahead of where it used to be.

*Any tips for watching a football game?*

Obviously, I focus on the linebackers. I like to watch the line of scrimmage to see whether one line is moving the other line. Running is the key to success.

*Any other thoughts about the program?*

I am proud of the way the players represent Rutgers University.

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*Pictured Below:*

*James Dumont Jr.  
5th Year Senior LB for  
the Scarlet Knights*



## Life Beyond the Banks: Mo Hill

*Beyond the Banks is a series of occasional articles about the lives of Scarlet Knights football players after their playing days at Rutgers. This article focuses on Maurice "Mo" Hill who was a lineman from '66-'68.*

Service... to his patients, community, fellow sailors, nation, and family... this word epitomizes the life of Mo Hill since he departed from the Banks in 1969. After graduation Mo entered the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey as a dental student. He graduated in 1972 and served in the US Naval Reserve, beginning his career in the Navy with the rank of ensign. Mo was on active duty from 1972 – 1975, and he remained affiliated with the Naval reserves. Mo served at numerous naval installations across the country and overseas, including the Persian Gulf in 1991 during the Gulf war. He retired from the Naval Reserves in 2005, having attained the rank of Rear Admiral (upper half), and was the Deputy Chief of the Navy Dental Corps.



Mo has served his community in numerous ways and for many years as well. He has had a dental practice in Brick, NJ for several decades. He has been active member and leader of the Brick Lions Club. Mo serves the members of his parish, Saint Luke's Roman Catholic Church in Toms River, as a Eucharistic Minister. Mo is also a councilman in Toms River, representing the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward.

Service runs in the family. Mo's grandfather, Frank J. Hill, Sr., was the longest serving Rutgers basketball head coach (1915-1943) and he is a member of the Rutgers Hall of Fame. In a feat that would NEVER be seen today, Frank Hill was concurrently the head basketball coach of Rutgers University and Seton Hall University for many years. (Frank relinquished his coaching duties for the teams when RU and SHU played each other.) Mo's father Maurice B. Hill, Sr. graduated from RU '43 and was on his father's last team at RU. Chris Hill, Mo's younger brother, graduated from Rutgers in 1972, is currently the Athletic Director at the University of Utah.

Mo has been married to Roseann (nee) Kerrigan for more than 37 years. They are proud parents of three daughters who have blessed them with four grandchildren.

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## Did You Know?

Rutgers Sophomore WR Mohamed Sanu has been named a Preseason First Team All Big East by Athlon Sports. Joining Sanu on that list is Sophomore DT Scott Vallone.

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## Sentimental Journeys

Start with the TD Club this Fall. Bring your coolers for those game day meals and your cameras to burnish the memories. The away game bus trips skippered by Lou Nordone have become fall classics.

On Saturday October 16 the TD Club bus will travel north for the battle between the Scarlet Knights and the Black Knights of West Point in the historic first collegiate football game at the New Meadowlands Stadium. A week later on October 23 the bus rolls in a westerly direction as the Scarlet Knights face the Panthers from Pittsburgh at Heinz Stadium.

Seats on the bus for the RU/Army game (Oct. 16) are \$25.00 each. (Riders must purchase their own tickets for the game.) The bus will depart for this game four hours prior to kickoff. The time for kickoff is still to be determined. If you decide

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## Raffles and Flourishes

Do these three numbers – 28025, 23650, 21320 – bring anything to mind? Put a dollar sign in front of the first digit of each number, and you will discover the winners' shares of the three highest TD Club game day raffles. On game days, look for TD Club representatives in parking lots, around the stadium, and at the TD Club booth between gates C and D to purchase game day 50/50 raffles.

Here are two more math words: pair and couple. For the recent couple of years the TD Club has been sponsoring a Season Ticket Raffle. First prize is a pair of season tickets located in the Loge Box of the Rutgers Stadium Club with a season parking pass. The second prize is a pair of season tickets in the Loge Box of the Rutgers Stadium Club. The third prize is a pair of season tickets located in the Lower Level of Rutgers Stadium near the 50-yard line. Raffle tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100. For raffle tickets, contact Bob Connell at [trjc@verizon.net](mailto:trjc@verizon.net). The drawing for the raffle will be on August 15.

The proceeds from these raffles are donated to the Rutgers football program to help it continue to flourish and grow now and in the coming years.

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## Rutgers Football, Food, and Fun

Support the TD Club at *On the Border* on July 15. Identify yourself as a member of the TD Club and 10% of your bill will be donated to the TD Club to support Scarlet Knights football.

Chase away the away game blues at *Chelsea's Restaurant* at 1051 Rt. 22 East in Lebanon on Saturday, September 11 (Tel #: 908-437-0311). TD Club members will have discounted drinks, food, a 50/50 raffle, and giveaways. Kick-off is slated for 8:00 PM. (Get there earlier!) This special event will be held in the restaurant's picnic area with tents and wide screen televisions. If you have any questions, contact Wayne Irvine at [wayne@ruknightsgear.com](mailto:wayne@ruknightsgear.com).

Heads-up for the upcoming tailgate, co-sponsored by the Rutgers Letterwinners and TD Club, prior to the Rutgers/Army game on October 16! The cost is \$30.00 per person. The tailgate will begin 3 hours prior to kick-off. (The menu, which will include soda, water, wine, and beer, will be determined by the time of the kick-off.) Additional details will follow by email.



## Stadium Tidbits

Here are some factoids and historical tidbits for Touchdown Club members who are traveling to away games.

### **Florida International University: FIU Stadium (aka “The Cage”)**

It opened in 1995. It hosted its first football game in 2002.

It seats 20,000 fans. It will seat approximately 45,000 when its expansion is completed in 2013.

It is the southernmost FBS stadium on the *continental* USA. Any idea where the southernmost stadium is? (Hint: You may be greeted with an “Aloha”)

### **University of Pittsburgh: Heinz Field**

It opened in 2001. It hosts the Pittsburgh Steelers as well as the Pittsburgh Panthers.

It’s capacity is 65,000.

It has a natural grass field. An underground heating system that contains 35 miles of tubing activates when the root zone of the grass drops below 60 degrees.

Although they share the stadium with the Steelers, the Panthers have their own private locker area with custom-made lockers for their players.

### **University of South Florida: Raymond James Stadium (aka “The Ray Jay”)**

It shares the stadium with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

USF uses the lower half of the stadium which seats 41,441.

It’s natural grass field is considered to be among the best in the country.

It’s best-known feature is a 103-foot replica of a pirate ship. (Think *Buccaneers*.)

### **University of Cincinnati: James Nippert Memorial Stadium**

The Bearcats have been playing at the site since 1902. It is the fourth oldest field in the NCAA. The stadium is the fifth oldest, having been built in stages around the field as funds became available.

The field is called Carson Field in honor of Arch Carson who organized UC’s first football team.

The stadium is named for James Gamble Nippert, a descendant of a founder of the Procter & Gamble Company. James died in 1923 from an infection caused by a spike wound. His grandfather, James Gamble, donated \$250,000 to complete construction of the stadium in 1924.

Nippert Stadium was the first home of the Cincinnati Bengals.

### **West Virginia: Mountaineer Field at Milan Puskar Stadium**

It is the largest on-campus facility in the Big East with a capacity of 60,000.

It used to be called Mountaineer Field. In 2004 the facility was renamed Mountaineer Field at Milan Puskar Stadium in honor of Milan Puskar who donated \$20,000,000 to the University.

It was built on a golf course.

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### ***About Our Organization...***

The Touchdown Club is an all volunteer organization focused on supporting and promoting Rutgers Football twelve months a year.

## Rutgers 2010 Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	TV	Time/Result
Thur., September 02	NORFOLK STATE	Rutgers Stadium	ESPN3.com	7:30 PM
Sat., September 11	Florida International	Miami, Fla.	SNY	8:00 PM
Sat., September 25	NORTH CAROLINA	Rutgers Stadium		
Sat., October 02	TULANE	Rutgers Stadium		
Fri., October 08	CONNECTICUT <i>BIG EAST</i>	Rutgers Stadium	ESPN	7:30 PM
Sat., October 16	ARMY	East Rutherford, N.J.		
Sat., October 23	Pittsburgh <i>BIG EAST</i>	Pittsburgh, Pa.		
Wed., November 03	USF <i>BIG EAST</i>	Tampa, Fla.	ESPN2	7:00 PM
Sat., November 13	SYRACUSE <i>BIG EAST</i>	Rutgers Stadium		
Sat., November 20	Cincinnati <i>BIG EAST</i>	Cincinnati, Ohio		
Fri., November 26	LOUISVILLE <i>BIG EAST</i>	Rutgers Stadium	ESPN/ESPN2/ABC	
Sat., December 04	West Virginia <i>BIG EAST</i>	Morgantown, W.Va.	ESPN/ESPN2/ABC	

# Support

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*It's the right thing to do.*

Present this flyer during your visit on

**Thursday July 15th, 2010**

and 10% of your food & beverage purchases will be  
donated to the Rutgers Touchdown Club.



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