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SHAUN O'HARA SURPRISE SPEAKER AT TOUCHDOWN CLUB MEETING

On October 6th the second general membership of the 2005 season was held at the Hale Center. Over 200 attendees were treated to a lively meeting highlighted by special guests from Rutgers Football past and present.

The meeting started off with Doug Dolan introducing numerous past Referees and Presidents of the Club and its predecessor the Touchdown Club of New Brunswick. The former Referees told war stories of their time in the Club, such as trips to Hawaii and Ireland, as well as recreating the official start to the meeting with a referee's whistle blow.

With Coach Schiano unable to attend the meeting, Club members were treated to the inside scoop on RU football from Max Bowman, Chief of Staff of the football team. Coach Bowman, has over 35 years of experience as a coach and administrator on both the collegiate and professional levels, and is now in his first year at Rutgers. Coach Bowman talked about his hiring process at Rutgers, the affinity he has for the Rutgers coaching staff and the school, and finally about his expectations for the program. He relayed a conversation with Frank Beamer, the head coach of the football team at Virginia Tech - Coach Beamer

said that it took him eight years to build a winner in Blacksburg and that if given the same amount of time, Coach Schiano will do the same. The crowd was happy to hear Coach Bowman's reaction - "It's not going to take eight years."

The evening wrapped up with a visit from former Scarlet Knight and current New York Giant, Shaun O'Hara. Shaun talked about his experience at Rutgers, from the challenges of being a walk on, to his pride in being named All-Big East First-Team as a Tackle in 1999, his senior year. Shaun also discussed returning to the Banks this past year to finish his degree and spoke highly of the expanded Hale Center weight room, noting that it exceeded the Giants training facilities. Shaun was receptive to questions from Club members concerning his experiences in college and the NFL, including his typical week as an NFL lineman. President Doug Dolan closed the meeting by presenting Shaun with a Coach's Windbreaker on behalf of the Touchdown Club.



LJ Smith, Shaun O'Hara and Mike McMahon following Giants / Eagles game at Giants Stadium. Photo courtesy of Joe Covino

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

“And Visions of Sugarplums dance in our heads”! Or is it Bowl Games!! This has been a special season for Rutgers football, a season where we not only turned the corner with a winning record but fulfilled the dreams of Rutgers players, coaches and fans with a long awaited Bowl Game! See you all there!!

The efforts of Scarlet Knight Coach Greg Schiano, the coaching staff and the 2005 Scarlet Knights have paid off. The visions for Rutgers football that Coach Schiano brought to the Banks have begun to be realized. This is a start towards regular winning seasons, regular Bowl games, challenging for the Big East title and eventually taking our place in the BCS!! Why not??

I would like to thank our entire board who work so hard to help support

Rutgers football year round. Also thanks to our many volunteers! During the 2005 season, we ran three away game tailgates at home (thanks Lou Nordone!), three 50-50's at home games, our annual trip raffle, merchandise tables and monthly club meetings. Now comes the annual football awards banquet (Bob Connell working hard on it) on December 11th where we will have a lot to celebrate.

The Touchdown Club has been behind Rutgers football whatever the past record. This is a special time which you should all savor!

Get some friends to join the club!!! Go to our website at www.rutgerstdclub.com, download some applications and e-mail or print up to give to some friends. Let's swell the ranks of the Club and get those bandwagon fans on board!



Go RUTGERS!!!

Happy Holidays to all of you and your families!!

Doug Dolan, President

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AUCTION ITEM DONATIONS

The Club is beginning to get ready for its Second Annual Sports and Celebrity Auction. We have already started to receive items, including signed items from Derek Jeter, Alexi Lalas, Scott Stevens and David Stern! Please contact Joe Lemkin at (609) 716-0062 if you can donate any items - - travel items, vacation houses, sports memorabilia, gift certificates to local restaurants, et. cetera., would all make great additions to the auction. Please also let Joe know if you can help volunteer with the Auction Committee this year!

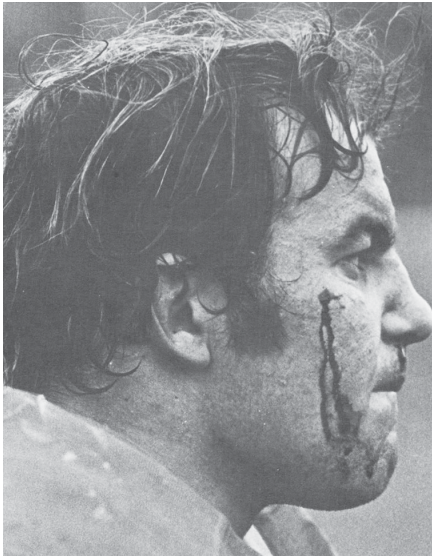
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CLUB HAS SUCCESSFUL FALL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

Each of the past four years, the Touchdown Club has increased its efforts to raise funds for the football program – the Club is now synonymous with raffles, 50/50s and auctions. This year the Club ran 50/50s during the USF, Villanova and Pitt games, with the assistance of the women's golf team and raised approximately \$3,000 for the football program. The Louisville Trip raffle was also very successful, raising \$9,130 for the Rutgers football program! The winning ticket was sold by Court Club President, Elliott Sacks to Ronald Belick, a Club member! The Club is continuing its fundraising efforts by selling official Nike merchandise – having already earned \$1,000.00 in profit, the Club anticipates an additional \$4,000.00 in merchandise to be sold at Club functions and basketball games throughout the balance of the year. Of course, the Club is also raising funds by selling advertisements for the Pre-Bowl Banquet Journal and will be holding its second auction in connection with the spring game!

BEYOND THE BANKS

By Joseph H. Lemkin, RC 90'



Dave Rineheimer bleeding Scarlet while on the Gridiron at RU

Upon “Googling” David Rineheimer’s name, his area of expertise becomes apparent - he is frequently quoted by Forbes, Bloomberg, Reuters and other financial news services. An All-East Honorable Mention offensive lineman for Rutgers in 1970 – Dave is apparently an All American when discussing the commodities markets. As the Director of Futures Research at Citigroup Global Markets, David has become keenly aware of the value of futures research and support services in generating futures business. David has over 25 years of industry experience, including responsibility for fundamental and technical price analysis, commercial and speculative market strategies, and product development for futures and options on futures contracts. Rineheimer received a BA in Agricultural Economics and later a Masters in Agricultural Economics and Marketing from Rutgers. He worked for the United States

Department of Agriculture for several years and then in the late 70’s with the burgeoning growth of futures contracts, was recruited to Wall Street.

Rineheimer’s road to corporate success, started on the Banks in the Fall of 1969, when he played both Offensive Lineman and Linebacker on the Freshman football squad. His most memorable moment as a Scarlet Knight came one year later when he earned a starting position on the varsity squad. Initially playing on the offensive line behind Hall of Famer, Larry Christoff, David was given the starting nod against Bucknell after Christoff moved to tight-end. “I just remember getting a lot of running time that game – we kept running the same toss play”. Rineheimer also fondly recalls defeating Princeton in his Junior year. Coming into the game, “we were 45 point underdogs and we wound up beating them by 17 . . . we ran a lot of reverses and Princeton over-pursued.” Rineheimer attributes the victory to excellent coaching and game preparation. In addition to earning All-East awards his Junior year, David also won the John Bender award as the most outstanding lineman at Rutgers. Rineheimer attributes much of his success on the Banks and afterwards to Head Coach John Bateman – “he had a balanced approach, focusing on both football and education together.”

Rineheimer learned well from Coach Bateman – he continues to balance work, family and involvement with the Rutgers football program today. Married to

his wife, Felicia for years, David spends much time with his three children, Sarah (22), Amanda (20) and John (14) at their Warren, New Jersey home. He also has served on the Rutgers Football Hall of Fame Committee for the past six years and has just recently been appointed President of the Rutgers Letterwinners Association. One of his primary goals as President of the Association is to strengthen the fraternity of letterwinners and provide networking opportunities to former Scarlet Knights. Rineheimer would like to build up the bonds developed by players that battled on the gridiron at RU – “strengthening the network of letterwinners will help to strengthen the football program as well.” Indeed, Rineheimer already has helped former Scarlet Knights – including former standout Reggie Funderburk, who now works for Citigroup. Rineheimer also met former Scarlet Knight, Dan Biernacki on the sidelines at a recent game and has provided him with guidance through the application process at Citigroup.

In order to reach out to more players, Rineheimer has broadened the executive board of the Letterwinners Association in order that each era is well represented. He welcomes all former Letterwinners to become involved in the association – feel free to contact Dave at David.Rineheimer@Citigroup.com if you would like to become involved. As a new member of the Touchdown Club, Rineheimer also looks forward to working arm in arm with the Touchdown Club in the future – with the balanced support of both organizations the Scarlet Knights will surely continue to succeed!



William Gilkison

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

NAME: William Gilkison

NICKNAMES: Gilk

NUMBER: #38

POSITION: Linebacker

CLASS OF : 2006

MAJOR: Special Education/History

FAMILY: father, Bill; mother, Cathy; brother, Shawn

HOMETOWN/ HIGH SCHOOL: Union Beach, NJ/Red Bank Regional HS

FAVORITE RESTAURANT AT RUTGERS: Jake & Bob's (Union Beach, NJ)

FAVORITE CLASS: History of Rock 'N' Roll

IN FIVE YEARS I WILL HOPEFULLY BE: Teaching and coaching

PROFESSIONAL GOALS: Education

HOBBIES: Golf

IF COACH SCHIANO GAVE ME A DAY OFF FROM PRACTICE, I WOULD: Get a workout, watch some game film, and then probably relax while watching a game on TV

THE BEST MOVIE I EVER SAW WAS: Braveheart

MY FAVORITE FOOD IS: Ribs

MY FAVORITE MUSICIAN (BAND) IS: Bruce Springsteen

FAVORITE SONG: Atlantic City

THE TV SHOW I CAN'T MISS: Inside Rutgers Football

FAVORITE HOLIDAY: Independence Day (4th of July)

MY FAVORITE ATHLETES ARE: Joe Montana and Teddy Bruschi

MY DREAM VACATION IS: Somewhere warm for a bowl game

FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM: Rutgers Football

GREATEST SPORTS MEMORIES: Hasn't come yet

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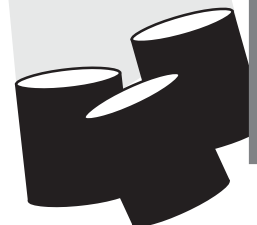
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CONGRATULATIONS TO KEVIN MACCONNELL AND JOE QUINLAN

Congratulations to Kevin MacConnell who has been promoted to Deputy Director of Athletics. Kevin has been a long-time supporter of the Touchdown Club and has served as the Club's liaison to Coach Schiano and the football team. Kevin has replaced Joe Quinlan, who left Rutgers after seven years to become Athletic Director at Seton Hall University. We also wish Joe all the best as well – except for game-days against the Scarlet Knights!!



FOR SALE !!!

Look like a Coach, dress like a Coach!! The Touchdown Club is your sole source for official Rutgers Nike Coaches attire. The Touchdown Club has been selling *authentic* 2005 golf shirts, jackets and fleece pullovers. Indeed, limited items remain! These items are only available through the club and are sold at all Club events, football games and if still available, will be sold at Basketball games. Special thanks to our our Merchandise Co-Chairs, Wayne Irvine and Mike Kokoszka, for their great efforts in selling our merchandise!!

We also have approximately 50 digital reproductions of the limited edition Yogi Berra portrait commissioned by the Club and painted by James Fiorentino for the 2004 auction. These portraits regularly sell for \$100.00 but are available through the Club for \$35.00. Please contact Joe Lemkin at (609) 716-0062 if you want to own this piece of Yankee history.

CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT SCARLET KNIGHT TO COACH SCHIANO

At the September membership meeting, Club members Ken Heffner and Sandy Kersey presented a hand-painted, life-sized Scarlet Knight to Coach Schiano on behalf of the Club. The Knight was similar to the one Ken donated to the auction last year which fetched bids in excess of \$700! Ken and Sandy's gift to Coach Schiano symbolizes their many years of support and devotion to the football program and the Touchdown Club.

Ken and Sandy's support of RU started in 1986, when Ken's daughter Elizabeth enrolled at Douglass College and was a member of the marching band until her graduation in 1990. Ken and Sandy attended all football games during that time period. Then, in 1990, they became season ticket holders and avid tailgaters. The two attend all home and away games, turning the road trips into mini-vacations. Their favorite trip, was to the west coast, when RU played California. Ken and Sandy were able to tour the Napa Valley wine country.

Ken is originally from North Carolina, where he played high school football as a tackle and center. He is a retired Army Colonel. Sandy is a retired first grade teacher. The two reside in Lambertville, New Jersey. In addition to the football team, they love to watch the RU men's lacrosse team in action. They also follow other RU sports on TV and in the newspapers. You can find them in the Yellow Lot tailgating before all home games with their 4 foot tall knight, "Sir Win-a-lot". Asked about his most memorable moment as a fan, Ken answered, "Nate Jones running back the opening kick off for a touchdown in Tennessee. That quieted the whole stadium." Who is Ken's favorite 2005 Scarlet Knight? "Louie Rivas". He gets the job done with no fanfare." The same can be said of both Ken and Sandy - we thank them both for their quiet contributions to the Club and the football program and hope that the gift to Coach Schiano serves as an enduring source of luck and goodwill to the program!



Congratulations to the Scarlet Knights for earning a bid to the Insight Bowl, Phoenix Arizona, December 27, 2005. For more information regarding bowl activities, please visit www.rutgerstdclub.com and www.rutgersbowl.com.

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