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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello, fellow Touchdown Club members and loyal Rutgers football fans!! Summer practices for the 2005 Scarlet Knights are just ending with the season opener just around the corner versus the Fighting Illini on Saturday September 3rd in Champaign, Illinois. I hope to see many of you there as we cheer our team on to a strong start to the season! I can think of no better way to spend a Labor Day Saturday than in the beautiful cornfields of Illinois celebrating our opening victory.

The 2005 season is filled with great anticipation with a talented veteran team returning led by Brian Leonard and Clark Harris who have both garnered pre-season All American nominations as well as Tres Moses, Ryan Hart, John Glass, Ryan Neill, Will Gilkison, Joe Porter and others! We hope you were able to enjoy the opportunity to preview the Scarlet Knights at Touchdown Club Practice Day on August 20th. This event was a private event for Club members only and was truly a privilege for the over 200 members that were able to attend.

The Club will be busy in the fall with General Membership Meetings in September, October and November, our trip raffle to Louisville, 50-50's at every home game, and a coordinated tailgate event with the Scarlet R and Letterwinners at the UCONN game. Details will follow on all events. We are also beginning to prep for our second auction to be held in the Spring of 2006. Needless to say, we will be busy and will try to bring fun and

involvement for all Club members and continue to raise our support both emotionally and financially for Rutgers football.

We will also be selling new Nike merchandise this fall! The merchandise should be unveiled at our first General Membership meeting on September 8th! There will be a special discount for active Club members at our meetings for this great new line of merchandise! This is your chance to look sharp in new RU gear!! Don't miss out on the new fall fashions!

Our membership continues to grow. We encourage all of you to continue to "spread the word" and get friends to join the Club! Contrary to the belief of some people, we are open to all and hope to close out this year with over 1500 members. We are currently about 1200 members strong. With your help we can do it!

Check out our new website: rutgerstdclub.com. It has a new look and feel that has really taken the Club to the next level. Special thanks to Matthew Waters for all his work coordinating this effort!

On behalf of the executive board and committee chairs, I hope you are having a great summer. See you at Illinois! GO RUTGERS!!

Doug Dolan, President



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IN MEMORIAM

Late June- early July was a tough time for the Touchdown Club and the Rutgers community as we lost three long time loyal Touchdown Club Members: Bert Manhoff, Barbara Lapnow and Bill Umstadter. Our hearts and the hearts of the Rutgers community go out to their families!

Bert Manhoff was a mainstay at Rutgers having been a football player at Rutgers, active member of the letterwinners and long time loyal supporter. First and Ten featured an article on Bert last year highlighting his many accomplishments at Rutgers. He was an active presence at so many Rutgers events and will be missed.

Barbara Lapnow, wife of George Lapnow, was also a regular at Rutgers events. Always positive and cheering on the Knights, Barbara was a regular presence at football and mens and womens basketball games. Our thoughts go out to George and the Lapnow family. Barbara will be missed.

Bill Umstadter was also a long time Scarlet Knight supporter. He and his wife Jane were active presences at so many events. Many of you probably recognize them for their A+ tailgate in the Scarlet lot with Rutgers tent, formal table with candleabra and giant sized Scarlet Knight standing guard. Bill and Jane always brought class to the Scarlet lot! Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jane and their family! Bill- you will be missed. Jane, your Rutgers friends will see you in the fall!

The Umstadter family has asked that if anyone wishes to make a donation in memory of Bill, that they make it to the Touchdown Club Scholarship Fund:

Rutgers University Foundation
c/o Scarlet R Club
7 College Avenue
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
Make sure to note: "Touchdown Club Scholarship Fund" with check payable to "Rutgers University Foundation"

TD CLUB LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE: WWW.RUTGERSTDCLUB.COM

By Matthew Waters, CC 96'

One of the new initiatives for the Touchdown Club in 2005, was to revamp the Club website. With Elliott Sacks, stepping down as web Chairperson to become President of the Court Club, Matthew Waters took over with one mission directive from President Doug Dolan...make our website a place our members will want to go and find value.

With that in mind, Matthew turned to Club member Matthew Frey, who has developed web sites professionally and otherwise for over seven years. Frey is a Rutgers Alum (LC 1994) and an avid RU sports fan, holding season tickets in both football and men's basketball. Combining his skill as web developer with his passion for the Scarlet Knights, Matt was more than up for the challenge. Given his fanaticism for RU, recruiting Frey's volunteer

services was not a difficult task - "I wanted to help out because the Club does a lot of good for Rutgers and if I could help give a better web presence then I'm happy to do it." After working on the site for several months, the Club's new website was launched on June 15th: The Clubs new site can be found at <http://www.rutgerstdclub.com>.

Besides a new look and feel, the revamped website has the following upgraded features, which are all intended to ease communication with Club members:

- e-mail addresses for all officers and committee chairs;
- Electronic copies of First and Ten
- Group e-mail capabilities;
- Links to other great Rutgers websites;
- History of the Original Touchdown Club of New Brunswick

Some anticipated improvements over the next year include a photo gallery and interactive features permitting users to update their contact information and sign up/renew memberships over the web.

The website continues to be updated frequently. Information concerning Club events including meetings, raffles, game day 50/50's, the Auction and Banquet will all be located on the web-site. If you did not include your e-mail on your membership application and you want to be included on the Club's virtual mailing list, please send an e-mail to membership@rutgerstdclub.com including your name, home address, and e-mail address in the body of the message.

Finally, a big "thank you" to Colin Osborne of Scarletknights.com, who did a great job running the Club's web site for the past few years.

BEYOND THE BANKS

By Joseph H. Lemkin, RC 90'

Surprisingly, Red Snapper is not on the menu at either the Bagel Bazaar or Mentos Deli both located in North Brunswick. Actually, Scarlet Snapper would be more appropriate. As the owner of both establishments, and the long snapper on the Scarlet Knights in 1994 and 1995, Nick Emanuel has joined a growing line of restauranteurs that have graced the gridiron at RU.

From a young age Emanuel set his mind on going to culinary school. Forgoing college preparatory courses in high school, Nick enrolled in the Johnson & Wales Culinary School as a senior. Realizing that his son still wanted to play football, Mike Emanuel (a TD Club member) contacted Coach Anselmo at Nassau Community College to set up an appointment. Thinking Nick was too small, at 5'11" and 240 pounds, to play the line, Coach Anselmo had all but ended the interview until in passing, Nick blurted "I snap too." "If he's .8 seconds or better at fifteen yards, I'll take him" were the next words out of Coach Anselmo's mouth. Having never been timed before, Emanuel arrived home and immediately contacted his coach from Sayreville War Memorial High School to be timed. Without warming up Nick was hitting .7 and quickly earned a spot at Nassau, where he enjoyed a great career culminating with the National Championship game in Pocatello, Idaho. Coach Anselmo credited Emanuel as being the best long snapper he had in 25 years of coaching.

Boston College and Syracuse were recruiting Nick out of junior college. In fact, when initially asked about RU, Nick's dad did not think he should play on the Banks. As an adjunct professor at RU, Mike Emanuel did some advising with the

Academic Oversight Committee. He was concerned about Nick's ability to succeed at RU, having had no college preparatory classes while in high school. Unbeknownst to Nick or his dad, coach Mark Deal had made visits to Nassau and was already bringing a stable of Nick's teammates to RU. Robert Higgins (QB), Rob Barr (OL), Chad Bosch (RB), Cameron Chadwick (DB), were all heading west to New Brunswick via the LIE.

After Coach Deal witnessed Nick's long snapping skills, Coach Doug Graber let Mike Emanuel know in no uncertain terms "I want your son." A meeting followed over Christmas break and Emanuel was to arrive on the Banks as a walk-on, with the chance to earn a scholarship as the long snapper.

An athletic anomaly, Emanuel earned the scholarship and achieved media acclaim for his superlative long snapping skills. In over 800 chances, at both the high school and college levels, Emanuel never had a botched snap – despite erratic northern weather conditions. Indeed, during camp in 1994, the Star Ledger featured a regular blurb about the phenomenal snapper in camp. The Courier News also caught on with a feature article entitled "Emanuel Puts Cooking on Hold and Serves Up Snaps."

Emanuel's NFL caliber snapping speed and accuracy resulted in several pro workouts. However, with only 10 NFL teams carrying specialist snappers and his relative diminutive size, Nick turned his attention to his culinary passion. His talented hands have served him well as a Chef. Graduating RU with a degree in Nutritional Science, Nick proceeded to attend the



Nick and his partner Tom Zavolas stand guard at the Bagel Bazaar

prestigious Culinary Institute of America. His culinary skills were fine tuned at the Marriott Inner Harbor in Baltimore, the Marriott Marquis in New Orleans and the Deer Valley Ski Resort in Park City Utah.

While working in the fast paced food industry is very stressful, Nick acknowledges that football at RU prepared him well. "Being a long snapper was a high pressure position – only seeing about ten plays a game, I couldn't take a play off...I had to be perfect every time"

Returning home in 2001, Nick has been satisfying gourmet palates in Central New Jersey for almost five years. After successfully designing and building the Omega Diner on Route One, Nick changed paths and opened two smaller flourishing businesses in North Brunswick - the Bagel Bazaar and Mento's deli. Nick is adamant that his establishments are Rutgers friendly, never saying no to RU, whether for advertisements or donating services to Coach Schiano's camps. Indeed, Bernard Spigner of WCTC radio has regularly interviewed Nick about food and RU.

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RECOLLECTIONS OF THE TOUCHDOWN CLUB OF NEW BRUNSWICK

As told by Paul B. Jennings, M.D. - Referee in 1965 & Member starting 1955

This history is based on my memory of the fun and camaraderie of Touchdown Club meetings held at noon at the recently demolished Roger Smith Hotel on Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick. I can't vouch for total accuracy but feel safe from reprisals since only Bob Ochs remains alive from the first referees! (Note: The presidents of the Club were referred to as Referees)

It is my understanding that the club was started by a group of downtown New Brunswick businessmen and merchants including New Brunswick Mayor Chet Paulus who owned the Paulus Dairy. Some of my information came from Lou Migliorini who owned Rutgers Chevrolet.

The club apparently stemmed from the so-called "paving fund" started by Coach Harvey Harman when he came to Rutgers from the University of Pennsylvania.

This group of men would contribute money directly to needy football players or through the coaching staff to help with tuition, room and board and spending money. This was apparently an acceptable practice in the days before athletic scholarships, Scarlet R or the Rutgers Foundation. And most importantly, prior to the strict NCAA oversight of college athletics.

From the group the Touchdown Club evolved to hold weekly Friday meetings during the eight game season. During his tenure as President of Rutgers, Mason Gross attended most of the meetings sitting at the head table next to the Referee and often participated in the meeting.

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"The Touchdown Club is compiling a history of the Club, going back to the 1930's, when the Club was known as the Touchdown Club of New Brunswick. We are grateful to Dr. Jennings who has authored this first installment and request that anyone with information concerning the history of the Club, including anecdotes, archives and/or memorabilia please contact Joe Lemkin at (609) 716-0062. This first installment has already been placed on the Club's new web-site. We are looking forward to additional submissions in order to further expand the history on the web-site."

A full luncheon or club sandwich would be served for a nominal price followed by remarks by the Head Coach and the showing of the films of the previous game and a scouting report of the next day's game.

The meetings rarely lasted longer than one hour since the members had to return to their offices or stores – 3 consecutive referees were haberdashers in New Brunswick (Herb Fixler, Lou Wolfson and Luke Horvath).

Amazingly in this short time the entire game film was shown by the coach including his comments. Once there was a caustic remark by the usually affable Dr. John Bateman to a critic in the darkened room "I don't know anything about your business either".

Another feature of the meetings was "Pigskin Pickings" orchestrated by

team dentist and one time referee Dr. Joel Fertig. Each week a list of college games scheduled for the next day was available. The object was to pick the winners, no point spread involved. There were about 15-20 games which always included Rutgers and often included such power-houses as Slippery Rock, Lebanon and Ursinus.

The results – first and last place were read the following week. The winner would receive two tickets to a Rutgers game. The fun began when there was a tie (sometimes there were 3, 4 or 5 way ties). Joel had a unique way of breaking ties –he used trivia questions mostly, but sometimes when there were multiple winners the finalists blew up balloons until they burst. I remember once a ROTC Colonel became a little blustery when he won and Matt Bolger – a Rutgers's coach – muttered some remark about "hot air."

Contestants some times were asked to sing to break a tie. It was hilarious when Herb Fixler, who was Jewish, went on singing multiple verses of "Onward Christian Soldiers" after the Reverend Danny Smith dropped out after one verse. Danny was minister at a Dutch Reformed Church in Millstone. The congregation could always tell when Rutgers won – Danny preached in scarlet socks – after a loss, his socks matched his black robes.

The good natured ribbing continued through the meetings, possibly related to the bar in the next room – often visited before, during, and after the meeting. The class of '38 was particularly vocal led by Ed Isaacs. Class loyalty was a regular issue accentuated by class cheers.

Incidentally – the "men only" membership and the tales my father

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and I told about the meetings was directly responsible for my mother Viola Jennings joining with some other women and founding the Football Fan-ees.

Referees of the Touchdown Club, included mayors, a county Freeholder, a state Senator, two former Rutgers football players, a father-son combo (Chet and Bill Snedekor), a physician, a judge, insurance executives and local merchants. Some were Rutgers alumni and some were not, team loyalty was the only prerequisite.

It is ironic that an organization whose roots sprang from fund raising had its temporary demise partially because Scarlet R, a relatively new arm of the Rutgers Foundation, somehow viewed the Touchdown Club as competitive and wanted to take over some of its functions.

To his credit – Brian Crockett, former Scarlet R Director, was a supporter in its re-birth. It's now a much larger and a much different Club which complements the Scarlet R. We live in a different era. Rutgers football and the city of New Brunswick have changed.

The “old” Touchdown Club lasted about 50 years – served a great purpose and most of all was a lot of fun with the constant benefit of a 1 hour respite from the work week.

THE TOUCHDOWN CLUB-A STUDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

By Seth Anagnostis,
RC '08

Sitting in a room with hundreds of people twenty or more years older than I am makes me feel somewhat like the kindergartner eating at the fifth grade lunch. It's a bit intimidating, but it also makes me feel somewhat special.

As a student who has only been exposed to the Rutgers Football

program for two years, it's not easy for me to prove my dedication as a fan outside of Rutgers Stadium. When I come to the games early and look like a fool for wearing an uncontrollable red wig, fellow fans respect my noticeable dedication. When the games are over, though, aside from posting on some internet message boards, there aren't many avenues for me to show my love and support for the Rutgers Football program.

Luckily, this is where the Rutgers Football Touchdown Club steps in. When I saw the Club's slogan during my freshman year, “Supporting Rutgers Football Twelve Months a Year,” I knew I had found my “golden ticket.” When I attended my first meeting, I saw the hundreds of older, (still)-dedicated Rutgers Football fans, and listened to Coach Schiano speak about the program. I knew that this club would enable me to learn more about and to be a greater part of the program that I had already grown to follow so closely at school. While I had grown used to casual dining hall conversations discussing “that Leonard guy” who's “pretty big” or Tres Moses who is “so [bleeping] fast,” attending the Club's meetings put me in an environment with other serious fans whose knowledge of and support for the program were much greater



Seth (in wig) and buddies rooting on the Knights.

than my own, both in passion and in years. The Touchdown Club allows me to look into the future, and see where I'll be sitting ten and twenty and thirty years from now, when my wig will have been long retired with my blood still bleeding scarlet. The Touchdown Club lets me learn and show my dedication as a student fan; down the line, when I'm no longer a student, the Touchdown Club will *be* my dedication.

The \$20 student membership fee, in addition to allowing me to attend meetings (which include break-from-the-usual dinners), provides me with a 20% Scarlet Fever discount card (allowing me to refurbish half of my wardrobe), lets me see in person one of the Spring practices, and presents me with many more benefits and opportunities at a bargain rate. As the new student liaison to the Touchdown Club, it is my goal for all other serious student fans to join the Club so that they can experience true passion for RU Football and in order to build a solid foundation for the Club's future. I look forward to working with President Doug Dolan and the Executive Board in order to help bring my vision to fruition.



Shawn Tucker

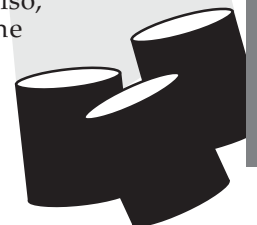
PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

NAME:	Shawn Tucker
NICKNAMES:	Tuck
NUMBER:	#4
POSITION:	Wide Receiver
CLASS OF :	2006
MAJOR:	Geography
FAMILY:	father, John Tucker, mother, Sheryl Tucker, brothers, Jermie and Brian
HOMETOWN/ HIGH SCHOOL:	Parkland,FL/Marjory Stoneman Douglas HS
FAVORITE RESTAURANT AT RUTGERS:	Subway
FAVORITE CLASS:	Natural Hazards
IN FIVE YEARS I WILL HOPEFULLY BE:	Playing in the NFL
HOBBIES:	Enjoy video games in my spare time
IF COACH SCHIANO GAVE ME A DAY OFF FROM PRACTICE, I WOULD:	Enjoy some timeto relax in an air-conditioned room
THE BEST MOVIE I EVER SAW WAS:	Ocean's 11
MY FAVORITE FOOD IS:	Seafood, Jamaican food
MY FAVORITE MUSICIAN (BAND) IS:	Tonex (gospel), Outkast (rap)
FAVORITE SONG:	"Make Me Over" by Tonex; "Aquemini" by Outkast
THE TV SHOW I CAN'T MISS:	I don't really watch TV, but if I did, I would probably watch "Law And Order" or "The Cosby Show" on Nick at Night
FAVORITE HOLIDAY:	Christmas
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:	American Cancer Society's Walk for the Cure, annual Rutgers football visits to pediatric units of Robert Wood and St. Peter's
MY FAVORITE ATHLETES ARE:	Football: Peter Warrick, Charles Woodson; Basketball: Scottie Pippen; Baseball: Chipper Jones
MY DREAM VACATION IS:	To be on the beach with my future wife
FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM:	Rutgers Scarlet Knights (also, NBA-The Bulls, NFL-The Raiders, MLB-The Braves
GREATEST SPORTS MEMORIES:	Michigan State victory 2004

BEYOND THE BANKS

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Nick's passion for RU can easily be attributed to his strongly family roots on the Banks. While at RU, he met his wife, formerly Mary-Pat Joyce, a scholarship gymnast and presently a Licensed Occupational Therapist. Aside from being an adjunct professor at RU, an original Touchdown Club member and an RU grad, Nick's dad also takes care of the sideline communications at both home and away games. Mike is not shy about his passion for RU - "if I need to sell hot dogs and park cars I'll do that too." We can only hope that it will be Nick who is grilling the dogs!



FOR SALE !!!

The Touchdown Club will be your sole source for official Rutgers Nike Coaches attire. The Touchdown Club will be selling authentic 2005 golf shirts, jackets and fleece pullovers. These items are only available through the Club and will be sold at all Club events and football games. Club members will receive a \$10.00 discount on each item!! 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.

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Scarlet Knight 2005 Schedule

- Saturday, Sept. 3 at Illinois
- Saturday, Sept. 10 VILLANOVA at Rutgers Stadium
- Saturday, Sept. 17 at Buffalo
- Friday, Sept.30 PITTSBURGH at Rutgers Stadium
- Saturday, Oct. 8 WEST VIRGINIA at Rutgers Stadium
- Saturday, Oct. 15 at Syracuse
- Saturday, Oct. 22 at UConn
- Saturday, Oct. 29 NAVY at Rutgers Stadium
- Saturday, Nov. 5 SOUTH FLORIDA at Rutgers Stadium
- Friday, Nov. 11 at Louisville
- Saturday, Nov. 26 CINCINNATI at Rutgers Stadium

CONGRATULATION TO ELLIOTT SACKS

Congratulations to Elliott Sacks the Club's prior Website Committee Chair (and Sideline Coordinator extraordinaire) who is now President of the Court Club. We wish Elliott all the best. If you are not already a member you should also join the Court Club and support Mens Basketball!! Good luck, Elliott!!

2005 RAFFLE-HELP NEEDED TO SELL

Louisville, Kentucky will be the destination for our "4th annual Trip with the Team Raffle". On Thursday, November 10th, the lucky winner and their guest will travel with the Scarlet Knights to Louisville to watch Rutgers face the Louisville Cardinals on Friday night, November 11th on a nationally televised game to be carried on the "deuce".

Volunteers are needed to help sell ticket books for the raffle. If you would like to help, please contact Doug Dolan at 973-334-6051 or e-mail Doug at President@rutgerstdclub.com. Our goal this year is to raise over \$15,000 for Rutgers Football with our trip raffle!! Tickets are only \$10.00 each. The drawing will be at halftime of the Navy game on October 29th.

50-50 RAFFLES

The Touchdown Club will be conducting 50-50 raffles at all home games during the 2005 season. This will be a combined effort of Club leadership, other Scarlet Knight varsity teams and Club volunteers. Please donate an hour or two of your time during the season to help sell tickets. Please call Doug Dolan at 973-334-6051 if you are interested in helping out or e-mail him at President@rutgerstdclub.com.

Our first raffle in 2004 at the Temple game saw the winner take in \$2860. Please help make our 2005 raffles a success and give yourself a chance or maybe more than one chance to win.

FALL MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Speakers
Thursday September 8 th	6:00 PM	Head Coach, Greg Schiano Plus Annual Giveaway
Thursday October 6 th	6:00 PM	Athletic Director, Bob Mulcahy Plus Special Guest Speaker(s)
Thursday November 3 rd	6:00 PM	Head Coach, Greg Schiano

Doors for all meetings open at 5:30 PM. All meetings will be at the Hale Center and light food will be served at all!

Bring friends to join the Club!!!

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