

Livingston College

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From The President



William S. Bauer, Jr.
LC '86 GSNB '89

We are doing something right at the Livingston Alumni Association and it shows in terms of attendance at Council Meetings and event planning.

The last half dozen meetings of the LAA Executive Committee have had more attendance than I have seen

in many years. Alumni from both young and older classes are planning events and activities that

bring honor and credit to Rutgers University and Livingston College. It is very encouraging to see such dedication of the time of our alumni.

Take a look at our web pages and you will see that things are happening because of your support.

<http://www.alumni.rutgers.edu/assoc/colleges/livingston.html>

<http://livingston.rutgers.edu/people/alumni.html>

Recently we held a Distinguished Alumni Brunch, honored LC

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Alumnus Harry Swayne at a Rutgers football game, won the Garrison Award for the Association with the greatest percentage increase in membership, and Jeff Issacs, our past President, received the Meritorius

Service Award from the Rutgers University Alumni Federation. We really have a lot to be proud of.

I encourage you to stay in contact with the Livingston Alumni Association. Send me an email and let me know if you would like to help organize a reunion for your class, serve on a committee, or help plan an LAA event. We need people like you to take active roles in the Association.

Now I come to the end of this article and I encourage you to send in your dues. I am sure that you are well aware of the bad economic times that we are in right now. Most of you receiving this newsletter are LAA duespayers and I commend you for being loyal to your alumni association despite a bad economy. Some of you receiving this newsletter are not paid duespayers. For one reason or another, your check to the LAA just did not get in the mail. I will not chide anyone, but we need your support. If you have not already sent in your dues, please take the time to do so now. A LAA membership form is in this newsletter. Please fill it out and send in your dues. The LAA had the highest number of duespayers ever last year and we want to keep up this positive momentum. By sending in your dues, you will receive invitations to LAA events and will support our efforts to help Rutgers University and Livingston College.

In response to a 2001 University Senate Resolution the Fellows are undertaking a survey to assess activities, programs and the Dean's office at Livingston College. The Fellows are seeking the input of Alumni through an on-line survey. Please help by completing the survey at the web address above.

All comments and responses received will be stripped of user name and any other identifiers and analyzed by the Teaching Excellence Center and held in confidence by the Livingston College Deans Evaluation Committee. Only executive summaries will be shared with the administrators of Livingston College and University officials involved with the evaluation process.

Questions can be sent to devanas@TeachX.rutgers.edu

Thank You!

THE LIVINGSTON COLLEGE DEAN'S EVALUATION COMMITTEE
IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS SURVEY, PLEASE CONTACT
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Campus Briefs ... Route 18

After many years of delay, the extension of Route 18 from River Road to Hoes Lane is now under construction, and the campus will never look the same. Brett And Bevier Roads to access the Busch Campus were closed permanently in December. There will be an overpass on River Road, and a new entrance to the Livingston Campus. Avenue E from the Health Center and Metlars Lane, from Avenue E to River Road will become part of an extensive bike path now under construction all over campus. Students have major concerns about the length of time it may take to get to classes.

LAA Executive Committee

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About This Newsletter

Published twice a year, this newsletter is mailed to LAA members and donors to the College. To continue receiving this newsletter, join the LAA today.





From the Dean

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Prior to their registration for classes, new transfer students have the opportunity to meet individually with an academic advisor. Some are selected to participate in the ASCENT program modeled on the our Building Community course. ASCENT is designed to give these distinguished scholars more personal attention and an academic experience that will acquaint them with the College's core themes of community and leadership.

Wisdom has it that one should consult experts when making an investment that will cost thousands of dollars. A college education is no exception. Fortunately, our new students quickly learn that earning a college degree requires a multitude of important decisions. Because each student brings a different set of issues and prospects, it is our academic advising program that helps respond to these differing needs with a distinct step-by-step advising program. In fact, the University Senate's Committee on Instruction, Curricula and Advising recently recognized Livingston's advising program as a "Best Practice" at Rutgers, citing the development of an online academic advising handbook for first-year students, an academic advising manual, the incorporation of academic advising into the "Building Community" foundation course, and the development of a three-day training program for first-year advisors.

The basic structure for our acclaimed academic advising program comes from a required course entitled "Building Community Through Leadership and Understanding." An advisor is assigned to oversee the academic progress of students in each section of this class. This advisor is a member of the college staff, specially training for this position. The advisor visits the class throughout the semester, updating students on important academic issues and deadlines. In addition, the advisor schedules meetings with each student to get to know them individually and help with the student's adjustment to college life, both socially and academically. To support advisors in this critically important role, upper class students called Peer Academic Advocates work hand in hand with advisors to ensure that each student has sufficient information about the registration process and enough experience with the registration system to register efficiently.

Campus Briefs ... Want to be a Rhodes scholar--

—or a Fulbright, Marshall, or Goldwater for that matter? The Learning Resource Center serves as a clearing location to provide assistance to students in writing their personal statements and groom and prepare our finest students for these opportunities. After preparation, our applicants meet with a University Committee which reviews and makes recommendations to the respective Fellowship Committees. Competition begins early in a student's college career for these awards. This year a dozen students attended the first information session in the LRC.

Sound academic advising consists of much more than simply choosing courses. We are aware that in the coming semesters, on-line degree audits will guide students through the Core Degree Requirements and the requirements of their major. But just as one would never think of relying on an ATM machine for competent financial planning, on-line information has its limitations. Advising will still be essential because a good advisor challenges a student to use campus resources to his/her advantage, decide on an appropriate major, urges students to explore study abroad options, graduate and professional programs, internships, and research opportunities with faculty members. A good advisor engages each advisee in a never-ending conversation about his/her academic identity, the purpose of the college education and the nature of the degree being pursued. Like a trusted financial advisor, an academic advisor shines a light on the future and guides the student in decision-making now to secure that future.

We are currently planning to introduce new approaches to advising that will include more support for sophomores and training addition students as peer advisors and mentors. As alumni, your interest in and support of Livingston College, and its "Academic Programs of Excellence" continues to be vital in our

efforts to provide the "best" advising system at Rutgers University.

Arnold G. Hyndman, Dean

I wish to acknowledge the contributions of Deans Casey Coakley and Michelle Jefferson to this article and to Livingston's successful advising program.

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A member of the American College of Surgeons, Laskow has conducted fourteen innovative clinical trials advancing the art and science of kidney transplantation. He received his M.D. degree from UMDNJ.

As a living testimony to his work, a member of the staff of the Alumni Association who received a kidney transplant from Laskow's group was in attendance at the luncheon. Laskow was accompanied by his wife. They live in Skillman with their two children.

LAA Names Four As Distinguished Alumni

The LAA, at a luncheon in the Student Center on October 12, 2002, named four people as Distinguished Alumni. Named were (as pictured above, from left to right) were Steven D. Plofker, David A. Laskow, Susan Kille, and Thomas F. Daley.

Steven D. Plofker, '78.

Plofker is a real estate developer specializing in historic renovations and a practicing attorney in Monclair. He is a co-founder and currently a Senior Director of Bobbi Brown Cosmetics (his wife, Bobbi Brown attended the luncheon with him) and negotiated the sale of the company to Estee Lauder, Inc.. Active in the Montclair community, Plofker is also a member of the Livingston Dean's Advisory Committee. He Holds an MA in Urban Planning from Harvard and a JD from Rutgers, Newark Law School.

David A. Laskow, M. D. '77

Laskow joined the staff of Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in 1998 to develop and serve as Chief of Kidney and Pancreas Transplant Services. He was recruited to join the RWJUH staff by Clifton R. Lacey who was named a Distinguished Livingston Alumni in 2000.

Campus Briefs ...

Orientation Award

For the second year in a row, the orientation program has won first place for "Best Use of Thematic Programming" at the National Orientation Directors conference. This year's theme, "Grow Where You Are Planted -- Livingston College: A Community with Roots," received the award, which was presented to Robin Diamond, assistant dean of enrollment and orientation, who developed the theme.

The competition is judged by orientation directors from major colleges and by graphic designers, who judge the school's use of design for the program.

Susan Kille, '74

Kille is an Editor of the in-house wire service connecting the 14 regional newspapers owned by the NYT. She began her career in journalism working in the summer for her hometown newspaper, the Ocean City Sentinel-Ledger, moved on to the Targum as a student, and was a journalist for The Press in Atlantic City and the Morning Star in Wilmington, NC before joining the staff of the Times. She is a member of the Livingston Dean's Advisory Committee.



Dean of Students George Jones gives welcome

She lives in Brooklyn with her husband, Tom Sawyer and her two daughters, all of whom accompanied her to the luncheon.

Thomas F. Daley, '75

Daley is an Appellate Judge in the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in Louisiana, a position he has held since 1996. A former Chief Judge of the State District Court and an Assistant District Attorney for St. John the Baptist Parish, he is an active advocate for Judicial Ethics in the Louisiana Supreme Court Committees. He is a

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graduate of LSU School of Law. Active in community affairs, he serves as Chairman of the Shade Tree Committee and the Clean Campaign Committee in St. John Parish.

Along with his wife and daughter, he was surrounded by a large contingent of family from New Jersey and Pennsylvania at the luncheon.



Alumni Achievement Award

Harry V. Swayne, '90

On November 2, 2002, Harry V. Swayne, LC '90 was presented with a special Alumni Achievement Award at Rutgers Stadium during halftime of the game against Miami. The presentation was made by Dean Hyndman and LAA President William Bauer, Jr. Swayne was a member of the Scarlet Knights Football team from 1983 to 1986. During his career at RU, he distinguished himself as a defensive lineman and received the Bender Award in 1986, and was named to the ECAC All-East first team as a defensive lineman. As an offensive lineman in the National Football League, he participated in four Super Bowls -- with the AFC Champion San Diego Chargers in 1994, World Champion Denver Broncos in 1997 and 1998, and the World Champion Baltimore Ravens in 2000.

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Alumni Meritorious Service Award

Jeffrey M. Isaacs

On September 13 the Rutgers University Alumni Federation (RUAUF) gathered to present annual Meritorious Service Awards. This award is given each year to those alumni who have given faithful and continued service in support of alumni or university activities.



This year Jeffrey M. Isaacs was presented this prestigious award, pictured above receiving the award from former University President, Francis L. Lawrence. He was recognized for his hard work and diligence in improving the LAA and for his service to the Alumni Federation. Isaacs served on the LAA Executive Council for 13 years, 9 as the president. During his tenure, membership increased from 220 to more than 900. He also spent countless hours planning association events, obtaining non-profit status for the LAA, and beefing up the association's role at Homecoming.

Campus Briefs ... Academic Advising

A recent University Senate report was generally critical of academic advising on campus. The report noted, however, in a section called best practices, that "Livingston College in particular should be commended for its academic advising efforts" which include an excellent online Advising Manual; an Academic Advising handbook for first-year students; and including academic advising in the Livingston "Building Community" course required for all entering students. An academic advisor is assigned to each section and meets with students individually, and with the class as a group.

William P. Garrison Award

for the Alumni Association with the greatest increase in annual membership was presented to the LAA on September 13 at a special recognition ceremony.



News & Notes

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Basketball Game

Saturday, March 1, 2003 4 pm

Rutgers Men's Basketball at the Louis Brown Athletic Center. Join Livingston Alumni as the Scarlet Knights take on Notre Dame. To order tickets, call Yash Dalal at 201.968.1630 by February 7, 2003. \$10 LAA members \$15 Non LAA members.

When you reserve a ticket you can opt for the Coaches' Huddle, a pre-game meal featuring Rutgers Athletics. The Huddle gives you an opportunity to hear a brief scouting report by a member of the basketball coaching staff. The Crew Team will also be part of this event. The event provides a full buffet-style meal prepared by Rutgers Catering. The cost for each person is \$10 - with and additional \$5 for those who would like to have beer or wine with their meal. For more information about the Coaches' Huddle call 732.932.7629.

Comedy Night

In March. Date and Location to be announced. Check the web site listed at the end of this article.

Class of 2003 Event

On Tuesday, April First, 2003, at 8 pm, the LAA will host the Class of 2003 at an event designed to help upcoming graduates network with alumni. Several volunteers are needed to speak briefly on "How I got my first job," and additional alumni to meet and talk with students. To volunteer or for more information, call Yash Dalal at 201.968.1630.

Theater Night

Saturday, April 26, 2003 at 8 pm The LAA is excited about holding its annual theater night at The Livingston Theatre Company (our campus' own theater troupe) production of The Will Rogers Follies in The Livingston Student Center. We invite you to join us before the show for a special alumni wine and cheese reception beginning at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$4 per person. The



Will Rogers Follies tells the story of the beloved entertainer in a stunning vaudeville revue. Will Rogers was a cow-poke humorist who was part Cherokee, wrote a daily newspaper column, ran half-heartedly for the Presidency of the United States and coined the line "I never met a man I didn't like". Entwined with the rope twirling prairie philosopher is a love story, a Wild West show and the dazzling Ziegfeld chorus girls in glittery 1920's costumes. This year, The Livingston Theatre Company celebrated its fifth anniversary season. The student-run organization has grown tremendously since their inception in 1998, producing four large musical productions a year in The Livingston Student Center. We are happy to continually support this artistic effort on campus. To order tickets, please send a request to Jason Goldstein c/o The Livingston Student Center, 84 Joyce Kilmer Ave., Piscataway, NJ 08854, with the number of tickets and your check or cash payment by April 15, 2003.

Campus Briefs ...

Winter Session

Rutgers is now offering a Winter Session in New Brunswick. This academic year classes began on December 26 and ended January 17, 2003. Because of the intensive nature of the course, students who enroll must have a 2.0 GPA and cannot be First Year Students. Courses range from "Images of Vietnam" in American Studies to "Chinese Calligraphy" in the Chinese Department. One course, "Marine Costal Studies" is offered in the Cayman Islands. Classes meet from 8:30 am to Noon, with snow make up days already scheduled. Arts and Sciences courses cost \$186 per credit.

Hoboken Happy Hour

The Alumni Federation will repeat the successful November Happy Hour in Hoboken in April. Check the web site listed at the end of this article for final date and location.

SpringFest

Saturday, April 12, 2003, Livingston Campus.
Help staff the Alumni table. E-mail Bill Bauer at wsbauer@comcast.net.

Reunion Events

Coming in May for Graduating Classes ending in "3"s and "8"s. Check your mail for more information.

University

Commencement

Livingston

Commencement

Thursday, May 21, 2003, 1:30 pm
Livingston Alumni Graduation Reception
Immediately following Graduation in
Livingston Student Center

Young Alumni Beach Party

Coming in July 2003

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Join the LAA

You can join the LAA on line to enjoy the benefits of membership and to show your support for the College. Go to the College's Home Page: <http://livingston.rutgers.edu> and download a membership form or copy the information below. Please make

your check or money order payable to the Livingston Alumni Association and mail to the Association at 7 College Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08903

Membership, \$25
\$40 Husband and Wife both LC graduates
\$400 Life Members.

Be sure to include your name (name as a student if it has changed), class year, and address. We would appreciate having an email address.

Membership is free to alumni in the following classes if the alumnus/alumna mail in an application. Membership must be renewed each year: Class of 2000 until June 2003; Class of 2001 until June 2004; and Class of 2002 until June 2005.

Alumni Gather at Mile Square

On Thursday, November 21, the LAA along with the Young Alumni Committee of the Rutgers Alumni Association and the School of Business hosted a Happy Hour at the Mile Square Bar in Hoboken. Over 100 alumni and friends attended the event.

Alumni from the last 10 graduating classes attended the Happy Hour. It was the perfect setting to gather with old friends and to meet new friends. Given the tremendous turnout, this event is sure to become a fixture for the fall and spring. The next Hoboken Happy Hour will be held in April. Check the LAA website, <http://livingston.rutgers.edu/people/alumni.html> for more details on date, time and location.

Campus Briefs ...

LOCO

Goes back to the Gym. After an eight year absence, LOCO produced its first Gym show during the Fall 2002 semester. As part of the VW Music Tour, Rusted Root with special guest Mike Doughty performed to an enthusiastic crowd. Gym shows came to an end when it was ruled that there could be no outside ticket sales, band prices rose and insurance rates became prohibitive. Following an LCGA referendum to allocate more money to LOCO, the organization is back in business. Rusted Root now joins Blues Traveler, Beastie Boys, and The Ramones, as LC performers.



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McCormick

Alumni Networking Club

Designed especially for alumni seeking a job change or career enhancement, the Club meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month at 6 pm, September through May, at the Rutgers Student Center on the College Avenue Campus. Meetings feature guest speakers and special presentations on career and employment issues. Call 732.932.7997 for more information.



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*Remember These
Upcoming Event*

**Scarlet Knights Basketball, Saturday, March 1,
2003 4:00 pm, Louis Brown Athletic Center.**

**The Will Rogers Follies, Saturday, April 26,
2003 at 8pm, Livingston Student Center.**

**Meet the Class of 2003, Tuesday, April 1, 2003,
8:00 pm, Livingston Student Center.**

**Class Reunion Events for classes graduating
in '73, '78m '83, '88, 93, and '98. Check your
mail for more information.**

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**Check out the College Home Page on
<http://livingston.rutgers.edu>**

University alumni news and services at <http://info.rutgers.edu/University/alumni/>

Livingston alumni news and events at <http://livingston.rutgers.edu/people/alumni.html>

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Send an email to paherman@rci.rutgers.edu
and request that you be added to the list.**