

Arthur Socolow RC'42 received the Ian Campbell Medal from the American Geological Institute. Arthur was a member of the Pennsylvania Geological Survey before becoming a consulting geologist. He authored over 100 geological papers and publications and served on a number of geology advisory committees and professional societies.

Robert Suval AG'42 was in the Coast Guard in WWII guarding convoys, a duty that took him to Casablanca, Morocco. His career was spent as a demolition contractor. He has a son who is a Rutgers grad and two daughters. Bob lives in Lake Worth, Florida (561-967-8447).

Class Column: At our 67th reunion, we couldn't expect a crowd. We had Bill Bauer ENG'42, GSNB'47; Lew Bloom RC'42; George Claflen ENG'42; and me. Bill Bauer and I walked in the parade but were upstaged by two Class of '39 men preceding us.

At the Rutgers Living History Society Annual Meeting were Lew and Ada Bloom DC'41; George and Cecilia Claflen DC'43; Lynne, widow of classmate Bill Berglund RC'42, and her son Christopher; Nancy, widow of classmate Bob Christensen RC'42, and her son Scott; and my wife Marie and me. A quote from late classmate Russ Janoff ED'42 was read in the Memorial Service, and our Class of '42 Travel Fund was mentioned by Sandra Holyoak RC'97, director, in her report on the Rutgers Oral History Archives. Your class correspondent scripted the annual meeting, as he usually does, and was privileged to be the one to meet Ambrose Award honoree Ken Burns at the New Brunswick station and bring him to Neilson Dining Hall.

In June, Sandra Holyoak and Shaun Illingworth RC'01, SCILS'04, assistant director, will travel to Florida's east coast to conduct interviews. I called and arranged for these '42ers to be interviewed: Harold Kahn RC'42, Carmine Perrapato RC'42, Arthur Roth RC'42, Joseph Schofel AG'42, and Robert Suval AG'42.

During the Reunion Block Party Celebration and Lunch on Saturday, it was fascinating to see how many of the milling crowd was attracted by our WWII Memorial Plaza. During the week, high school students and their teachers are frequently seen studying it.

We've lost four classmates: George Gordon ENG'42 (3/30/09), John D. Toole Sr. RC'42 (2/22/09), George R. Wells RC'42 (3/25/09), and John H. Wiles RC'42 (12/3/08).

For the living, it's time to communicate. I've been listing phone numbers. Are they doing any good? Please write, phone, or email and tell me of a call you've made to a classmate.

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43 Walter G. Alexander II ENG'43 was inducted to the Rutgers Hall of Distinguished Alumni in May. After serving as a Tuskegee Airman, he earned a dentistry degree from Howard University. He later became the first black man to be appointed to New Jersey's State Board of Dentistry. He retired in 2007,

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Commander Verne A. James Jr. RC'81 (center) stands among Queen's Guard members on the esplanade of Edinburgh Castle at the 1980 Edinburgh Military Tattoo in Scotland.

Guard Duty

Archival prints of The Queen's Guard exhibition tours, on display at Rutgers, underscore the group's newfound sense of mission.

The Rutgers University Queen's Guard Precision Rifle Drill Team—founded in 1957 as an extracurricular activity for cadets of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program—was once known as one of the best military rifle exhibition display teams in the world. The 25-member drill team represented New Jersey at President John F. Kennedy's inauguration in Washington, D.C., in 1961. That same year, it won the national championship under the command of Ken Iuso RC'61, the Rutgers University registrar. By the late 1980s, the guard had represented Rutgers and the United States at events in Australia, Canada, France, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and West Germany.

Eight black-and-white archival prints from the guard's exhibition tours are on permanent display at the Rutgers Club, a gift from the Queen's Guard Alumni Association (QGAA) to commemorate the team's 50th anniversary in 2007. During the fall, the images are on view on the second floor of Winants Hall on Old Queens Campus, and plans are afoot to provide a permanent digital photo and film library as part of The Queen's Guard Collection in University Archives.

The photos represent a recent revival of the guard, which, after disbanding in 1993, reformed in 2005. In 2007, the drill team entered competition for the first time in 14 years. A year later, a core group under the guidance of ROTC cadets, ROTC faculty, and John Waldinger RC'72, QGAA vice president and team adviser, took home top honors at an intercollegiate northeast regional competition in Boston.

This fall former guard members who served the nation will provide support and guidance as part of the new Veterans Mentoring Program for current Rutgers students who served in the military. "Because many of our alumni pursued military careers, we can offer unique guidance for relevant curriculum choices and career paths," says Joseph Cariani RC'84, QGAA president. "Many students are returning veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan and could benefit from our members' advice, experiences, and perspective as they resume their civilian lives."

Learn more about the guard's rich history at www.queensguard-rutgers.org.

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