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**ROZANSKI: SIXTH PRESIDENT IN RIDER HISTORY**

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After grueling interviews, endless speeches and many forums, Dr. Mordechai Rozanski was chosen as Rider’s sixth president in its 138-year history.

Rozanski is currently president of the University of Guelph and has helped bring that school academic excellence and national prominence according to Paul Lang, the chairman of Rider’s board of trustees. Rozanski will begin his term at Rider on Aug. 1. “I am delighted, honored and somewhat humbled to have been given this opportunity since this is such an outstanding university,” said Rozanski at a news conference this week. “I have done extensive research on Rider and I know it is poised for continued success.”

Rozanski hopes to take Rider to the next step and continue to achieve more, building on the foundation set by the current president Dr. J. Barton Luedeke. “It is not only a moral mission, but a social responsibility,” he said. “It’s a very large job to follow [Luedeke].”

Rozanski will continue to raise Rider’s academic stature, building on the quality of its students and creating more scholarships. He believes that Westminster Choir College (WCC), which is internationally recognized, is a “diamond in the rough.”

“Imagine being at a university and saying that you have a world-class institution,” said Rozanski. “I would like to create a synergy for the two and continue to recruit outstanding students.”

Rozanski also supports Student Support Services and all forms of tutoring. “I take those forms of mentoring as a major factor in education and succeeding,” said Rozanski. “We have similar programs like Rider’s at Guelph and I understand the need for them.”

Basketball, swimming and volleyball are some of Rozanski’s favorite sports. “I will come to as many games as I can,” said Rozanski. “I also hope to meet with prospective students and their parents.”

According to a column in The Trenton Times, Rozanski was up to date on Rider’s ice-hockey club, a club in the Trenton area most people don’t know exist.

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Rider hosts the MAAC tournament beginning Thursday.

**REACTION TO NEW PRESIDENT OPTIMISTIC**

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The consensus seems to be that Dr. Mordechai Rozanski will continue to uphold the quality and success that Rider has become accustomed to. “Rozanski is a dynamic leader who brings a record of success and leadership that will be important in Rider’s strategic planning,” said Paul Lang, board and search committee chair. “His style is participatory, and he will involve the campus community in the planning process.”

However, Jay Kawarsky, faculty union chapter president and professor of music theory and history at Westminster Choir College, felt that not enough time was given to the faculty, staff and administration to make a well-informed decision. “The AAUP [American Association of University Professors] executive committee had lunch with the candidates, but we only got the information the day before, so the depth of the research any of us could do was wanting,” said Kawarsky. “We were a little bit uncomfortable but we did our best.”

Despite some misgivings about some reports of rough handling of student protesters at Guelph, most of Rider’s community welcomed the new president with open arms and a fresh look towards the future. “He had experience with collective bargaining, while the second candidate had none,” said Dr. Jeffrey Halpern, AAUP’s chief grievance officer.

The faculty also was impressed by the thoroughness with which he seemed to understand Rider. Unbeknownst to the campus community, Rozanski had visited Rider incognito. “He had visited the campus, the art gallery and other campus spots,” said Halpern.

One student, senior Brian Harden, felt that Rozanski would prove to be a good choice for other reasons. “I think it’s more than coincidental that Rider’s developed an exchange program with Sanda University in China, which has helped bring that school academic excellence and national prominence according to Paul Lang, the chairman of Rider’s board of trustees. Rozanski will begin his term at Rider on Aug. 1.”

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“I am very excited about this,” said Campbell. “It’s clear he cares about students and will develop a plan for the future. I am looking forward to it; the new energy is unanimous.”

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