RIDER’S NEW LEADER
Rozanski: Rider University’s sixth president

By Dana Lynn Flatekval
Features Editor

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 some-what 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 say-ing 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 [my former school] 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.

“I think athletics are very important,” said Rozanski. “I believe in the student-athlete model. It is part of the education of the whole student.”

According to Lang, who chaired the search committee, Rozanski was deemed a very strong candidate by faculty, staff and administration.

“He has tremendous experience,” said Lang. “We wanted to keep our success going and make Rider an even better place to be.”

Jay Kawarsky, union chapter president and professor of music theory and history at WCC, was impressed with Rozanski.

“He made it very clear to us that he had more than done his homework,” said Kawarsky.

Rider students Annemarie Cruz, Rob Cutler, Natasha Morales, Matt Popilowski, Jere Smith, Julie Stevens and Jason Wooden. In late May they will be sending out their information about orientation and the dates you will be assigned.

See ‘Orientation’ on Page 2

President Elect Mordechai Rozanski shakes hands with faculty members at his Meet & Greet ceremony on Tuesday, Feb. 25.

Photo by Jennifer Kuhn

Campus, students prepare for Orientation

This summer Rider will host five orientation sessions for incoming students and their families. These summer sessions are designed to introduce you and your family to life at Rider and help prepare you for the challenges and opportunities of the next four years. If you plan to live on campus in the fall, Rider will provide overnight accommodations on campus for both you and your parents during orientation. If you plan to stay overnight, you will need to bring sheets, towels, a pillow, toiletries and a fan. If your parents would prefer to stay off campus, we have some local hotels listed below. Make sure to mention that you are visiting for Rider Orientation and receive a discount! At Rider, orientation is a family affair and we encourage all to attend.

• McIntosh Inn 609-896-3700
   Rider students Annemarie Cruz, Rob Cutler, Natasha Morales, Matt Popilowski, Jere Smith, Julie Stevens and Jason Wooden. In late May they will be sending your information about orientation and the dates you will be assigned.

See ‘Orientation’ on Page 2

Photo by Jennifer Kuhn