In 1896, on the banks of what was then called College Farm Pond, Edward B. Voorhees built a spacious family home. The location put Voorhees, director of the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Stations, right in the middle of the action and allowed him to participate fully in campus life.

In the spring of 2004, the Cook Alumni Association and the new Office of Scholarship Programs and Alumni Relations, moved into a suite of offices in Voorhees’ house. “We want the campus and we want alumni to feel welcome in this new space,” said Alumni Association President Margaret O’Donnell, ’93.

For the first time in its history, the alumni association has a physical presence on the Cook campus. To celebrate this milestone, the offices will be ceremoniously dedicated during an open house on Ag Field Day, April 30, 2005.

Cook College recognizes that the college experience does not end with a walk across the commencement platform. “We want alumni to always feel that the Cook community is there for them,” said Acting Executive Dean Keith Cooper. “That’s why we created an alumni office on campus and why we tied alumni relations to the student experience.”

Alumni services are now part of Cook’s Academic and Student Programs, specifically within the reorganized and expanded Office of Scholarship Programs and Alumni Relations. In this way, one department will be responsible for student and alumni services from pre-admission to the 50th class reunion and beyond.
A Brief Note

Giving Back
Thank you for supporting Cook College as an alumni association member. Will you take that support a step further? New Jersey's budget is tight this year and funding for higher education may be compromised. Please take time to contact your New Jersey legislator and ask for continued, and dare we say increased, funding for Cook College, the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, and Rutgers University. If you don’t live in New Jersey, contact your federal representatives in support of higher education throughout the country.

The Friends of Rutgers web site, for.rutgers.edu, can help get you started. The site includes tips for effective advocacy, email and street addresses for state and federal officials, and lots of information about Rutgers. Please let our elected officials know how important Cook College is in your life.

Margaret O’Donnell ’93
President, Cook Alumni Association

We Want to Know

Please let us know your latest professional or personal news. Tell us the following information and send it to us via email at cookalumni@aesop.rutgers.edu or mail to
Cook Alumni Association
Office of Scholarships and Alumni Relations
71 Lipman Drive
New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Name(Maiden if applicable) __________________________________________________________
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Business Address __________________________________________________________
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Cook College and the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station

Cook College and the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station (NJAES) have a new look. Both units have bright new logos that better represent their missions to educate and serve New Jersey. The Cook College logo retains the traditional elements of the college seal, while stressing its place within Rutgers, New Jersey’s only public research university. Teaching, research, and outreach are represented by the open book, the flask, and the sapling. This classic design evolved from the seal of the Rutgers College of Agriculture, a predecesor of Cook College. The seal will be reserved for use on official documents only.

A more exciting change has taken place at the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station. In recent years its two components, the NJAES Office of Research and Rutgers Cooperative Extension have become increasingly intertwined. The old idea that research scientists created new knowledge and extension agents delivered it to the public is no longer valid. Today members of both units work in teams to create and deliver information that is important to New Jersey, be it on containing the Asian longhorn beetle infestation, fighting the obesity epidemic, or creating and delivering 4-H programs to New Jersey’s more than 1,400 clubs. To showcase this new reality, the research and extension units are being referred to by the name Rutgers Cooperative Research & Extension (RCRE). This combined name represents the integration of the two traditionally separate programs. A new logo, which draws heavily upon the most recent Rutgers Cooperative Extension logo, combines research and extension under the name of the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station. The new Cook and Experiment Station logos are the new public face of the familiar programs and people who remain dedicated to teaching, research and outreach in service to New Jersey.

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New Look Debuts on “Fact Sheet” CD

A Fresh Spin on a Familiar Tradition

Interested in I.P.M.? Got deer in your headlights and in your garden? Want to grow better tomatoes? You need expert advice. Experts at Rutgers Cooperative Research & Extension and Cook College have been sharing research results in an easy-to-read format for decades. You may know them as “fact sheets” or brochures distributed at county fairs, the Rutgers Gardens, or on Ag Field Day. Now the complete library of publications is available on CD-ROM.

This CD library is available from county extension offices in New Jersey.
Class Reunions and All-Alumni Fish Fry

It's not just fish and it's not all fried… to find out what it is, mark your calendar for the weekend of July 29-31. Newell apartments available for weekend rental. Landmark classes ending in “O” and “S” will be the special guests but all alumni are welcome. Create your own reunion by planning to gather with roommates and friends. Guarantee that this weekend is what you want it to be by helping to plan events. Want a campus tour? Maybe a night out in New Brunswick? Should certain faculty or staff members be invited as special guests? Let the reunion planning committee know. Don’t assume your friends will be there — call them and tell them to save the date.

CLASS REUNION & FISH FRY
Friday, July 29:

Eve ning Check into the Newells, outdoor mixer and pizza party.

Saturday, July 30:

9 a.m. Rutgers Gardens Summer Open House begins

11 a.m. Check-in for Alumni Fish Fry at the Log Cabin

3-6 p.m. Cook/Douglass Rec Center Open for swimming and sports.

Sunday, July 31:

10 a.m. Apartment check out, continental breakfast on campus or take it “to go”.

RSVP by July 11 to attend or by June 24 to reserve an apartment.

Formal invitations will be mailed to reunion classes only. Others will be notified by email. Make sure Cook has your current contact information and that of class mates and friends.

REUNION FISH FRY & BBQ
Saturday, July 30, 2005

Member/Spouse $20/person
Non-member $25/person
Child (12-17) $18/each
Child (under 12) FREE
Lobster Dinner $10

NEWELL APARTMENT RENTAL

Apartment $427/person—4 persons
Apartment $557/person—2 persons

Price includes linen, parking, pizza party (Friday) and continental breakfast (Sunday).

Send a separate list with guest names & class years for nametags and room reservations.

Please reply before July 11 (June 24 if you need overnight accommodations) by sending checks and information to:

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7 College Avenue
New Brunswick, NJ 08901-1262

ALUMNI EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS
All alumni are welcome. Business meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month. 6:30 p.m., in the Cook Campus Center unless otherwise noted. Committee meetings are scheduled as needed. Contact 732/932-ALUM or cookalumni@aesop.rutgers.edu to attend, volunteer, or for more information.

April 12 - May 10 - June 14

Annual meeting and volunteer recognition BBQ at the Log Cabin Alumni Pavilion - September 13 - October 11 - November 8 - December 13

ENVIRONMENTAL CAREER FAIR
April 20, 6 p.m.

Cook Campus Center

The Cook Alumni Associates and the Environmental Science Club invite alumni to volunteer to host a display for their company or organization, attend as job seekers, or both. Bring business cards and resumes. Alumni hosts RSVP to envclub@envsci.sci.rutgers.edu by March 21 with your name, company name and address, names of employee(s) attending, and mention the Cook Alumni Association. For information contact Kristen Drusjack CC’06, at 732/932-3000 x 524. Job seekers RSVP by April 1 to 732/932-ALUM or cookalumni@aesop.rutgers.edu with your name and class year.

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April 20, 6:00 p.m.

Cook Campus Center

Program is for Cook students and alumni.

EARTH DAY
April 23, 9-3 p.m.

Cook Campus Center

Speakers, vendors, displays, fun activities. Contact nuec.rutgers.edu/EarthDay

THE COOK/J.N.A.E.S. AWARDS CEREMONY
April 29, 5-8 p.m.

Cook Campus Center

Alumni, faculty, staff and student awards. Buffet dinner.

AG FIEL D DAY
April 30

YEARLING FILLIES AUCTION
May 1

Red Barn, College Farm Road

Sponsor or buy a horse from Cook’s Young Horse Research Program. Information at http://www.escrutgers.com/

THE RUTGERS GARDENS SPRING FLOWER FAIR
May 7 & 8, 10-4

Plant sales, garden tours, children’s area. Free admission and gift to all moms. Information at 732/932-8451 or http://aesop.rutgers.edu/Rugardens/

COOK COLLEGE GRADUATION
May 20, 9 a.m.

Passion Puddle

Alumni meet backstage to welcome the class of 2005.

SCHOLARSHIP REUNION & ART ISTS
May 20, 9 a.m.

Alumni Center, 71 Lipman Drive

$75 pre-registered, $100 at the door. RSVP or for information contact Thelma at tcolin@winants.rutgers.edu or 732/932-7474.

FINANCIAL ADVISORY NIGHT
May 11, 6:30 p.m.

Alumni Center, 71 Lipman Drive

The start of your career is an essential time for long term financial planning. “Five Facts of Life,” by Kate Sweeney, ‘79, certified financial planner. James Kane, financial advisor, ‘03, will also present. Sandwiches will be served. RSVP by May 2nd.

AG FIELD DAY WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION
April 30, 5 p.m.

Alumni Center, 71 Lipman Drive

RSVP for reception by April 15. Other activities for all ages all day. no RSVP required.

THE DONALD B. LACEY DISPLAY
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COOK ALUMNI HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIP
May 30, deadline for application letters

For children or grandchildren of Cook or C.A.E.S. alumni.

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Allumni Edition

Spread the Word
As partners Rutgers University, Cook College and the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station provide practical, science-based solutions through teaching, research and extension. All programs and services provided by Rutgers Cooperative Research & Extension are funded by the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station.

The staff and programs at the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station are inextricably linked to Cook College. Funding cuts mean staff and program cuts. Many staff and faculty positions at Cook rely on funds sharing experiment station.

Budget Cuts
Rutgers is always an easy target when New Jersey tries to balance a tight budget. The New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station is also in danger. New cuts come on top of old wounds. Past cuts have already hurt the experiment station and Cook College.

Tell elected officials to stop the cuts to Rutgers, Cook and the experiment station.

The experiment station resides at Cook and its funding is part of the higher education budget. Universities can raise money through tuition the experiment stations cannot. The experiment station is not a college and does not collect tuition.

Key Points
- NJAES funding has already been significantly cut.
- NJAES cannot raise tuition. Cuts mean programs and people will be lost.
- For nearly 15 years, 65% of state mandated salaries have not been covered by state funding.
- NJAES is a good investment. Partnerships leverage New Jersey money, creating $3 of services for every dollar supplied by the state.

IMPORTANT TO KNOW
For more information about the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station and the research and extension programs conducted by Rutgers Cooperative Research & Extension see www.cook-njaes.rutgers.edu

If you value these programs such as those to the right, contact your state legislators, and county and local government officials. Tell them about the programs that have a positive impact on you, how they improve your life or business, and why stable funding is needed.

For email and street addresses of elected officials, go to www.for.rutgers.edu.

WISH LIST
Opening a new office requires finding and funding a myriad of items - not so easy on a fixed budget.

Call for details if you think you can donate any of these items:
- window curtains and shades
- modular conference table and chairs
- tea pots and tea cups, assorted
- porch furniture
- new or newer computer and color printer
- volunteers for alumni programs
- books written or edited by alumni
- selected Wildflower yearbooks
- framed art (agricultural and environmental themes)

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Alumni Legacy
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“...in the future, alumni can just call it home.” —Margaret O’Donnell, ’93, that young alumni have. The job market is very tough these days and I hope that our efforts in this office will be able to provide career services to our alumni,” says Napier, a plant science major. Work-study students Cara Allan, ’08, Dave Allara, ’08 and Danielle Rogers, ’06, round out the staff for this semester.

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