



# Rice Rugby Meeting/Budget



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## 2007 Homecoming Meeting Notes

on Friday, Nov. 2, 6:00 to 7:00pm before the party.

Attendees: Chip Matthews ('70), Stewart Morris ('71), Marshall Pounds ('96), Brendan Daly ('97), Roscoe Ahn ('97), Kent Bayazitoglu ('97), Thomas Hutchinson ('98), Joe Shifflett ('00), Dave Altobelli ('00), Cary Kottler ('03).

Off an agenda produced by Cary Kottler ('03), the alumni discussed various topics on Friday, November 2 from 6:00 to 7:00pm.

1. State of the team.—Many new players with about 14 freshman. Over half the team is playing rugby for the first time.
2. Website Development—Highly successful thanks to Mike FlynnObrin. Meeting members stated that the working website adds to the legitimacy of the club.
3. State of Endowment—\$85k. Goal is to get the endowment to over \$100k by the end of the weekend. Chip Mathews stepped up with an immediate healthy donation. We should be close to the goal. Longer term goal is to get the endowment to \$250k by 2015 to help pay off expenses.
4. What to do with the scholarship? Most agreed that having a scholarship fund is fine idea but is more of a longer term goal. For now, the focus is on building the endowment fund.
5. Fundraising? Members agreed to split fundraising to different classes (years).
6. Ireland Tour? Members agreed, though some had questions, to support this year's tour up to \$20k. Chip donated \$5k to the tour. Practice numbers must remain high to receive full subsidy. More info on page 5 and 6.



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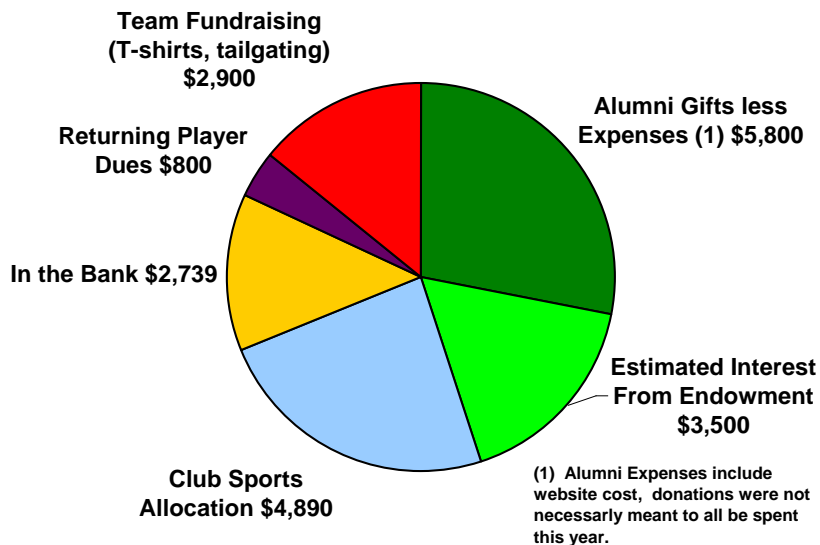
## Estimated 2007/8 Budget for Team Expenses (no Ireland Tour) Total \$14,600



Combined league, insurance, and coaches fees total \$11,500 a year

For comparison sake, in 2003 the average expense for a single varsity athlete at Rice was \$56,000 ..more than triple the budget of the entire rugby team.

## Estimated 2007/8 Total Available Funds - \$20,629



(1) Alumni Expenses include website cost, donations were not necessarily meant to all be spent this year.

## Future Challenges

- Increased Texas Rugby and USA Rugby fees
- More Regulation, far more red tape for students
- Rugby alumni leaders could use some administration help (maybe hire part time rugby student).
- Increased coaching expense—current regulations demands a dedicated, qualified coach that is reasonably compensated.
- Recruiting is harder, winning legacy is far away.
- Tuition is much higher
- Competition in Texas is better
- Uncertainty with the rugby field
- Need a new scrum machine
- Support Women's rugby
- It is true, the contemporary Rice student has more of a “me first” attitude making recruiting tougher. However, this fact further underscores the need for a rugby team that stresses hard work, sacrifice, and teamwork. The rugby team continues to develop students of the highest class and character. These are fine kids that make me proud.

## Endowment Fund

- Current Endowment size is approx \$85k. Great work and thank you all donors, but we still have a more to do.
- Total Endowment Donations \$62k, capital growth \$23k
- Interest Account (Total unused interest from Endowment) \$10K
- Estimated Interest for 2007/8 \*usual payout is 4% a year \$3,400
- Current endowment size is not big enough to pay basic coaching and regulation fees for next year.
- I believe Next Goal for Endowment should be \$250,000k total. A 4% payout would be \$10,000 a year. Right now combined coaches and rugby league fees are \$11,500k per year. - kent

# The Club need your Donations!

I firmly believe that a donation to Rice Rugby is the most efficient way to support the education of young students. Every dollar is accounted for and prudently spent. Students do not stay a five star hotels and drive to all games. Alumni leaders including myself receive zero financial compensation, bonuses, or perks for our work.

- You can donate online with your credit card
- Email me after donation so that I can track donation. kent@sloan.mit.com
- Take advantage of company matching, the Rice folks will help make this happen.

## 2007-8 Support Levels

### Silver Owl Tie Club (Lifetime)

**\$1000+ commitment for 5 years (\$5000 total) - this is life time club**

### Year to Year Donation—Good for one year.

#### Patron

**\$200+**

#### Donor

**\$50-199**

### Silver Owls

Robert “Chip” Matthews (‘70)  
 Stewart Morris Jr. (‘71)  
 Sam Johnson (‘91)  
 Troy Thacker (‘95)  
 Marshall Pounds (96)  
 Blake Hutchinson (‘96)  
 Brendan Daly (‘97)  
 Thomas Hutchinson (‘98)  
 Kent Bayazitoglu (‘98)  
 Ben Stamets (‘99)  
 Joe Shifflett (‘00)  
 Richardo Forrer (‘00)  
 Cary Kottler (‘03)  
 John Brawley (‘04)

### Patrons 2007-8

Daron G. Evans (‘95)  
 Steven Knapp (‘80)  
 Michael Dowling (‘96)  
 Steve MacLennan (‘92)

### Donor 2007-8

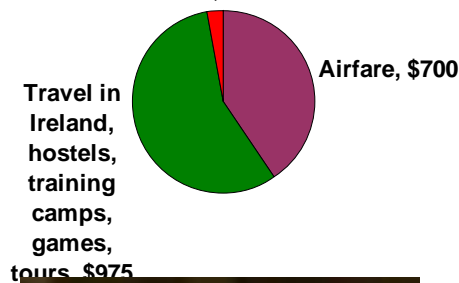
Daniel Holman (‘00)  
 Jeff White (‘00)  
 Jackson Balthrop (‘07)  
 Jake Winter (‘07)

# Ireland Tour —more details to follow



Summary: This is rugby tour complete with several training camps hosted by professional coaches and players and as well as games. Most of the costs are directed towards rugby related activities. This is not a party tour (if it was, it would cost half as much). The tour is intended to be an intense rugby learning experience for the young team and help re-energize the program. The current captain, Sean Monks, went on a similar tour when he was in high school, and the squad is utilizing his experience. We've given the team specific practice targets that must be met to receive alumni support.

Ireland vs.  
Wales  
Tickets, \$50



## Irish Rugby Tour:

1. Tour costs does not include food, drink, or non rugby related entertainment.
2. Captain Sean Monks and his mother (who is a travel agent) have aggressive bid the project out to two different tour companies to get the lowest possible rate. And yes, the lower dollar hurts.
3. Captain Sean Monks went on a similar tour with his high school rugby team and is using his experience towards the tour.
4. Most of the tour are freshman and sophomores promising benefit for future years. An estimated 14 freshman may go on this tour.
5. Over 22 students have already purchased air plane tickets as of Nov. of 2007.
6. Students will stay in hostels to save on costs.

## Financial Summary—

Alumni will pay for hotel, travel, training costs, rugby match tickets—\$1000 per student. For 25 students comes to \$25K total.

Students will pay airfare to Ireland, all food, drink, and entertainment. \$700 per for airfare, \$250 for food/entertainment.

If we use all of our saved up funds (not including endowment) we still be about \$10k short, and we'd still need money for next year to pay our coach with current endowment funding levels.

## Irish Rugby Tour Company:

1. Irish Rugby Tours will handle the tour and come recommended by John Connolly.
2. Tour includes two three hour rugby training sessions hosted by top level professional players and coaches at a world class facilities as well as games.
3. The tour company will furnish transportation, lodging, and admission to professional rugby events. A few sightseeing tours are included to give Rice players a full cultural experience. A few alumni (who will pay in full) will accompany the squad.

## Current Tour Proposal Irish Rugby Tours Limited

The proposal includes all the elements outlined to you below.

### **The March April Rugby Tour Package Includes:**

- 7 Nights Accommodation in City Centre Hostels in Limerick, Cork & Dublin.
- Continental Breakfast on all Mornings.
- 2 Sessions with Top International Coaches.
- 3 Matches against Competitive Irish Rugby Clubs.
- Hire of Luxury Coach for Duration of Tour.
- Local Tours in Dublin, Limerick & Cork.
- Tour of Guinness Storehouse & Dublin's Book of Kells.
- Guided Tour of Bunratty Castle.
- Visit Connemara Coast & Cliffs of Moher.
- Attend Top All Ireland League Game.
- All Airport Transfers.
- Irish Rugby Tours Representative Available at all times.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> March 2008**

- Arrive Shannon Airport.
- Bus Transfer to Hostel in Limerick City.
- Local Tour of Limerick City.
- Training Session with Top International Coach.
- Evening Free for all.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> March 2008**

- Guided Tour of Bunratty Castle.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Match of Tour V'S Top Limerick Rugby Club.
- Attend Festivities with host Club.
- Attend Top All Ireland League Game.
- Evening Free for all.

### **4<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

- Bus transfer to Dublin Hostel.
- Local Dublin City Tour.
- Tour of Guinness Storehouse & Dublin's Book of Kells.

### **5<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Match of Tour V'S Top Dublin Rugby Club.
- Attend Festivities with host club.

Evening Free for all.

### **6<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

- Bus Transfer to Hostel in Cork City.
- Visit Connemara Coast & Cliffs of Moher.
- Evening Free for all.

### **7<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

- Local Tour of Cork City.
- Training Session with Top International Coach.
- Evening Free for all.

### **8<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Match of Tour V'S Top Cork Rugby Club.
- Attend Festivities with host Club.
- Evening Free for all.

### **9<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

- Transfer to Shannon Airport for Flight home.

**TOTAL COST PER PERSON (EURO) €650.00 PER PERSON -  
BASED ON 30 PAX TRAVELLING**

**Deposit of Euro €150.00 required upon completion of signed contracts.  
Names due in full 1month prior to departure.  
Balance due 45 days prior to your departure from USA.**