

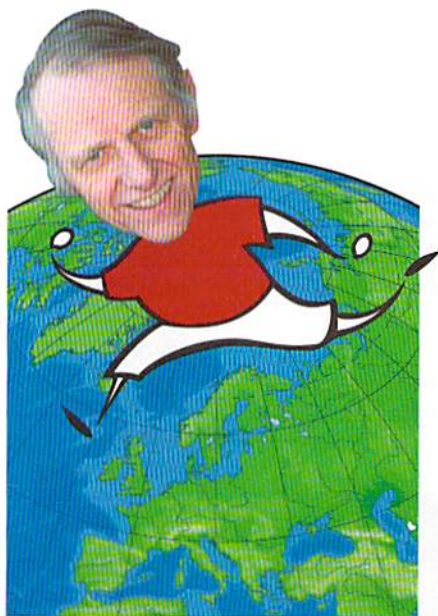
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Road Scholar

ROGER CLARK KNOWS HOW TO RUN A COUNTRY

While attending a conference in Apia, Samoa, a couple years ago, Roger Clark planned a run that went past the 300-acre estate of Robert Louis Stevenson, a writer he has always admired. Not only did he glimpse where the author of *Treasure Island* lived until his death in 1887, he also reached a milestone: Samoa was the 50th country in which Clark had run. "At one point, I competed with a friend in Helsinki to see who ran in more countries," says Clark, Board of Governors Professor at Rutgers' School of Law-Camden. "He creamed me when the Soviet Union fell apart. He was able to add a dozen or so overnight."

Clark's role as a scholar who researches and argues cases in international and criminal law and human rights has meant a life of travel—and the rare opportunity to experience pounding his feet on almost every kind of terrain. While he has run problem-free on the slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro, along the Malecon seafront in Havana, and through the narrow alleys of Beijing, he's also experienced a few mishaps. Among them are tripping while running down a mountain in Liechtenstein; ducking snowballs thrown from rooftops during a rare snowfall in Amman, Jordan; and being chased by the Swiss Guards out of



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Dean's Law Run in Camden last April to celebrate 50 years of running. "Roger said he would give \$50 to a scholarship fund for each runner who beat him, and 21 out of 51 runners did just that," says Jeff Heppard (CLAW'81), one of Clark's former running partners and an attorney in Philadelphia. Clark, known for his

sense of humor, calls his \$1,050 contribution to the fund "the most expensive entry fee in a long, if otherwise undistinguished, running career."

While growing up in New Zealand, Clark, 64, found that he had more stamina than speed and joined the cross-country team in high school. He stayed in the United States after attending graduate school at Columbia University and began training for marathons. Since running his last marathon in Boston in 1975, Clark has mostly entered 5K and five-mile races in South Jersey.

Peter Reinhart (CLAW'75), senior vice president and general counsel for Hovnanian Enterprises in Red Bank, was a student in Clark's first torts class in 1972. Reinhart, who jogged regularly with his professor and went on to run three marathons with him, recalls

that Clark always pushed him to sprint the last quarter mile and allowed him to use the secret shower in the law school. He also remembers attend-

ing the Millrose Games with his professor. "Roger always had a special way of connecting with all the students and finding running partners," says Reinhart, who returned to campus for the Dean's Law Run. "The turnout in April was a tribute to what he's meant to so many of us."—BG

“You pretty much kiss your butt goodbye and tuck your head between your knees until the ride is over.”

~ FORMER SCARLET KNIGHT DISCUS THROWER MIRJANA BANIC (RC'02), WHO TOLD THE STAR-LEDGER THAT SHE HAS TRADED IN HER SPIKES FOR A CRASH HELMET AND IS TRAINING TO MAKE THE 2006 U.S. WINTER OLYMPICS BOBSLED TEAM

SCARLET QUIZ

What Rutgers coach was an assistant on a gold-medal winning team in last summer's Olympics in Athens?

Scarlet Knights head women's basketball coach C. Vivian Stringer