Are you ready for your close-up?  
Security improves as cameras multiply, but campus video policies are unpublished

By Katie Zeck and Kaitlin Rust

In 2004, the first video surveillance cameras were installed on the Lawrenceville and Westminster campuses. Since that time, the cameras have multiplied on the two campuses and have proven to be an effective tool in helping to decrease burglaries and car thefts.

However, Public Safety’s policy for placement of cameras and access to the recordings is not published for public access.

Director of Public Safety Vickie Weaver says that this is because the policies and procedures are outlined in a patrol guide which governs Public Safety’s work in securing and protecting the campus.

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In 2004, there were seven security cameras on the Lawrenceville campus and one on the Westminster campus. Since then, the number of cameras has multiplied on the Lawrenceville and Westminster campuses, with Lawrenceville currently having 73 security cameras and Westminster having 27.

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Public Safety released Rider’s 2012 annual safety report, the Clery Report, to the entire campus community on Sept. 30.

The report shows a substantial decrease in on-campus arrests for liquor-law violations and disciplinary actions for liquor, and in on-campus drug arrests and disciplinary actions on both the Lawrenceville and Princeton campuses.

The one increase on the report was in burglaries at Westminster Choir College (WCC).

According to the annual Security and Fire Safety Report, arrests for liquor-law violations on the Lawrenceville campus saw a 43% decrease, going from 14 reported arrests in 2011 to four in 2012. In 2010, the college—which has about 375 undergraduate students and 110 graduate students—reported two alcohol violations.

There were no alcohol arrests at WCC in 2010, 2011 or 2012.

Arrests are defined as persons who were processed by arrest, citation or summons. Disciplinary actions and judicial referrals involve persons referred to campus officials for university disciplinary action. Not all such persons are ultimately found responsible, according to the campus safety report.

In the opinion of Vickie Weaver, director of Public Safety, the report is a credit to the university’s policies and programs, and to better decision-making among students.

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NJ’s ugly past

By Janni Chiarello

On day in 1740, a slave named York in Woodbridge, N.J., suddenly “lost it” and lashed out against the white community he lived in.

He carried a pistol and a sword and approached the home of a white man, according to the records of a court that did not allow blacks to say a word unless they had evidence against another slave.

York started senselessly hitting things with the sword, apparently just to release pent-up anger and frustration.
Early altercations
Public Safety was called to Wright Hall on the report of a physical assault on Oct. 1 at 2:22 a.m. Officers received a call from an unknown individual saying she wanted Public Safety to escort two male guests off campus because one of the guests tried to physically harm her.

When Public Safety arrived, the student victim said the guest grabbed her and threw her against the room door after the two got into a verbal altercation. She said that she was able to push him away and wasn’t injured during the alleged assault. The officers learned that the two guests and another female resident student had left Wright Hall.

When the officers located them, the two males denied that the altercation became physical; however, the female student, who claimed the men as her guests, said there was a physical assault. Both male guests were made persona non grata and the female resident student was charged with physical abuse, because Rider’s guest policy states that students are responsible for the actions of their guests.

Faint feelings
A female resident student experienced an asthma attack after finishing a run around campus on Oct. 4 at 4:37 p.m. Public Safety arrived at Conover Hall and met with the student who was lying on her side in the middle of her room. The officers noted that the student was breathing heavily and wasn’t entirely conscious. Her roommate said that the two had just returned from a run when the student victim began having a hard time catching her breath. The roommate said that the ill student may have taken too many puffs from her inhaler. The officers called an ambulance, but the student victim denied any further medical treatment.

Concert intoxication
Public Safety cited two reports of public intoxication on the night of the fall concert on Oct. 4. In the Student Recreation Center (SRC) at 9:47 p.m., Public Safety identified a female student who was vomiting and slurring her speech. The officers determined that the student was underage. She was escorted to an ambulance that was already on the scene after she admitted to drinking to excess amounts. She has been charged with an alcohol violation.

At 10 p.m., an officer noticed a male student showing signs of intoxication as he was leaving the SRC bathroom. The officer said that the student was staggering, had the smell of alcohol on his breath and was having trouble maintaining his balance. The student was of age and admitted to drinking alcohol prior to the concert. Both matters have since been referred to The Office of Community Standards.
Brazillian students join Rider community

By Julia Kirk

Magazine living in a foreign place with the hopes of learning a new language and receiving an education. The experience would most likely be a changing one that is unforgettable. That’s what is happening at Rider for about 75 international students who are part of the new English Language Institute (ELI) program, which ensures that the students learn English before transitioning to another college after the fall semester. The students spend most of their time here preparing for an English language proficiency test that they must pass to continue their program.

Some of the students arrived here with absolutely no English speaking skills, while others were able to speak very little English before attending Rider according to Kim Cameron, assistant to the director of the Center for International Education. “The ELI offers two different programs — the Intensive English Program (IEP) and the Pre-Graduate Business Program,” said Christina Kannycka, director of International Admissions. “The Brazilian students are a part of the IEP and their focus is on developing their English skills while they have a full course load.”

There were 25 Brazilian students selected to come to Rider because it is a host organization for a Brazilian government program. All students who are a part of this program will be taking a full course load of classes. “These students are part of a program called Brazil Scientific Mobility Program,” Kannycka said. “This program is sponsored by the Brazilian government and it selects academically qualified students to study in the U.S. and other countries. Rider applied to become a host institution, and six students were selected to participate in this program. The students were matched with the host institution by the International Institute of Education.”

Some of the students will be transferring after the fall semester, but others, who came to Rider with almost no English, will continue working for an entire year until their English is at a passing level. Because most of these Brazilian students are engineering majors, and Rider does not offer this major, many of the Brazilian students will transfer to another school when the current semester is over in December.

One of the ELI students, Guilherme Carvalho, is particularly enjoying his stay at Rider. “There are great facilities for students to get involved and work out, and great offices and staff to help,” he said. “Everyone from Rider and ELI are always ready to help me with everything I need.”

Carvalho is also enjoying his social life and acclimating to the new culture. “Most of the time when I say, ‘I’m from Brazil’, the students come to talk to me and invite me to hang out with them,” he said. “It is hard to get to a place where you don’t know exactly how things work, but everyone has helped me since day one here. It can be a simple social gathering at the Pub, or it can be a guide on how to do laundry or how to shop for winter.”

Carvalho said that he is enjoying the inviting nature of the programs at Rider. “Here, everyone is encouraged to get involved and enjoy their free time doing something in college,” Carvalho said. “Back at home, we don’t have that coming from the university. Sometimes the students get together to do something, but they are all on their own.”

Another ELI student, Bruna Bernardes da Silva, elaborated on the success she has had at Rider so far. “I have never loved school in my life and acclimating to the new culture. ‘The ELI students have little to no regard for the consequences for their actions, regardless of how much they have frightened he local white population.”

Slaves like York were given names for dogs, biblical figures or owners’ origins and places of business. The slaves were never treated as human beings, but were considered property. The lecture was about bringing to light the history of the epidemic of poverty, health problems, family issues, suppression and the lack of basic human rights.

“We were unprotected by the law,” Marshall said. “If, however, a slave was a father, or a husband or both, he would have lived in constant peril of having his family taken away. The pressure of living under these harsh conditions may have been so great that he could have possibly endured, thereby causing him to lash out at the whites in a reputed state of drunkenness.”

Marshall is a 1991 graduate of Rider, where he was active in student government. He said Rider was where he took his first black history class, which fueled his passion to become a history professor.

“I can honestly say that I was educated here, inspired here, nurtured here, and ultimately transformed here,” he said. “It is my sincere hope that Rider continues to be a place that values diversity at all levels — students, faculty, and staff.”


“It is important that we understand those who cannot speak for themselves,” he said.

Additional reporting by Shanaya Wood.

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obtained through monitoring the cameras is used exclusively for security and law enforcement purposes. We oversee cameras so we need policies and law enforcement purposes. W e oversee our cameras to protect ourselves from theft, that created the safer campus environment that is reflected in the Fire and Safety Report.

Public Safety and other sources feel that surveillance is beneficial to colleges and universities. According to videssoftware.com, advantages to university surveillance equipment include the protection of students, maintenance of secure facilities, crime deterrence, prevention of vandalism, assistance in investigations and monitoring of parking lots. Worker said that the recordings are used for specific reasons, such as investigatory purposes. If an incident takes place on campus, she said, an officer will go back and look at the surveillance footage.

“The cameras are located primarily outside,” she said. “They monitor activity in the parking lots and high-traffic outdoor areas. We have another group of cameras that are located in the high-traffic indoor areas, such as dining halls, the 24-hour study lounge, the SRC and the BLC.”

The cameras were updated in 2006 and again in 2012.

Students and faculty are notified of the video surveillance by the signs that are placed at the university’s south
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drug violations and arrests, at Rider is reflective of the rigorous policies we have implemented and enforced over the past several years as well as the concerning emphasis placed on educational programs and increased vigilance,” Weaver said. “This is an ongoing effort and matter of shared responsibility. We continue to make progress in this important area.”

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Weaver was able to verbalize some of the ways the video surveillance is used.

“There is passive monitoring, which is the more likely of the two that we do, and we use it as part of an investigation after an incident has been reported to us, and then when an incident is reported, we’ll go back and look at the video footage to see any details that would help us with the investigation,” she said.

Weaver added that there are restrictions to the length of time any specific footage is kept.

“The footage can be stored for up to two weeks, though we keep in mind the activity levels of each video,” she said.

Danielle Cerasani, sophomore public relations major, said that she knew some of the specifics of the surveillance cameras.

“I want to know when I’m being watched and why,” she said.

Weaver was able to address some of her concerns.

“Only Public Safety has access to it for monitoring,” Weaver said. “We have an established policy for our department. As far as who wants to be able to look at it, they can certainly let me know and depending on the nature I’ll try to work with them.”

Some students are unhappy that even though Public Safety officers follow an internal department procedure, the exact policy is unknown to students.

“I think it’s unfair that we are being watched and are unaware of the policies,” sophomore psychology major Chelsea Levine said.

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In response to whether the lower numbers and stricter policy might entice students to drink off-campus, Weaver replied that “the efforts who have heightened awareness across the university about dangers of substance abuse and underage and binge drinking and have helped students make informed decisions.”

Weaver said that Public Safety will continue to take allegations of sexual assault and other crimes very seriously and will work diligently with other groups on campus to ensure that students feel safe at Rider.

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Rock and Rowland concert at Rider

By J’na Jefferson

After weeks of anticipation from many Rider students, the fall concert proved to be a success when Kelly Rowland, We The Kings and KAPTN took the stage to perform some of their biggest songs.

Fans of these musicians lined up in front of the Student Recreation Center (SRC) as early as 4 p.m. to guarantee a spot near the stage. According to Nick Barbati, assistant director of Campus Life, about 1,350 people were in attendance for the show.

“The concert was worth the wait,” said freshman radio and TV major Tiffany Hill, who was among one of the first in line for the show. “I got a great spot along the barricade and I was so close.”

We The Kings started off the night with some of their more popular songs, such as “Just Keep Breathing,” “Secret Valentine” and “Check Yes, Juliet.” They also pleased the crowd with covers of “Stay” by Rihanna and “Let’s Get It On” by Marvin Gaye.

The band, which is currently in the process of recording and gathering funding for its untitled fourth album, had arguably, the largest turnout of Rider students the night of the concert. After the concert, some members of the band stayed in the SRC lobby to take pictures and sign autographs for fans.

“I only went to the fall concert to see We The Kings and it was well worth it,” said Sarah Scarantino, a graduate elementary education major. “This band never fails to leave all of their energy on stage, proving they’ve earned their spot in the music business.”

Next on deck was KAPTN, the L.A.-based artist who rose to fame during the summer with his hit “Ricky Ricardo.” His set was significantly shorter, but the beats for his songs, such as “Ricky Ricardo” and “Joey,” got the crowd going. There were a few people who were near big fans of this up-and-coming act and felt that he should have been the opening act rather than sandwiched between the bigger performers.

“KAPTN should have gone first or he shouldn’t have gone at all,” said junior radio and TV major Fatima Heyward. Last, but certainly not least, to perform was Kelly Rowland.

The former member of Destiny’s Child did not disappoint fans who were eager to hear some of the girl group’s greatest hits, including “Survivin’,” “Boo-tylicious” and “Jumpin’ Jumpin’.”

She also performed some of her solo hits, such as “Motivation” and “Bump Like This.”

Many of her newer songs did not resonate as well with some of the audience because of how recently her latest album, Talk A Good Game, was released. Many people left after a few of her songs, missing out on the trip down memory lane with her Destiny’s Child medley and some of her earlier solo songs.

All in all, the concert seemed to appeal to a lot of music fans on Rider’s campus. However, rearranging the line-up and focusing on more popular songs would have served all of the acts well.

“I definitely think it was the greatest concert we’ve had at Rider since I became a student here in 2003 and then started working here in 2007,” said Barbati. “I think it satisfied everyone’s tastes and it attracted and appealed to a wide range of students.”

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Rowland discusses the Motivation behind her music in exclusive interview

By Nicole Cortese

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stances and importance of friends and family. To create a strip act at a local strip club to try and turn Buffalo steelworkers, all down on their luck, who decide to dance, stands in as musical director. Based on the 1997 book by Robin Lewis, assistant professor of performing arts at Rider University, the show has several messages. It encourages people to be proud of themselves, everyone can relate to," Lewis said. "The show has a lot of great characters and great rock songs.

Funk describes the challenges of finding his character and tried to relate his life experiences to the story. "Getting into character was all about finding out who your character is." Funk said. "I'm 22 years old and I'm playing a 40-year-old gentleman who has lost his job, and I am not used to that circumstance. Deciding how to work into my character was an interesting, yet fun experience. Choosing what kind of person Harold is, if he's extremely pompous and rude, and finding the com-
edy in that, was a lot of fun."

One aspect of the show has been buzzing around for travel-abroad experience, first hand." Gianolla said. "The outcome of our experience in Spain was that students report that they have learned what their advantage. Especially in special education, each country, students report that they have learned what it means to be a minority or have a disability if you travel, they can become more sympathetic.

After adjusting to the time change and different customs, the students on the trip began to open their eyes to the life-changing experiences. Straley said study abroad gave her a greater perspective that will not only affect her in her daily life, but also in the education in the Spanish school system. "After this trip, I feel I can see education from more angles that I wasn't able to before," Straley said. "Education isn't cut and paste. You have to be open to your own ideas and use your students' abilities to their advantage. Especially in special education, each child is different and has specific needs that need to be met. Visiting schools showed me that my needs don't have to be met one specific way, Broad ranges of activities are used in Spanish schools to help students in American incorporation."

"We're all very excited for the show," Funk said. "Our adrenaline has been racing and we know the show is going to be a lot of fun." Lewis left the most important question unanswered.

"Will we do the Full Monty?" he said. "I guess you'll have to come see the show to find out!"
Cameras serve as watchful eyes

HAVING the feeling that someone is constantly watching can give you that creepy-horror-film vibe. However, the surveillance cameras at Rider provide nothing but watchful protection for the campus.

Many people do not know that Rider has now installed 100 security cameras throughout the Lawrenceville and Princeton campuses. The cameras, which are located both inside and outside, monitor what’s going on around both campuses.

It’s great that we have these cameras to make sure that we are safe while walking around campus at night, or to make sure that property is not stolen or vandalized, but as of right now, there is no written policy about the cameras and surveillance.

That fact could make students a little uneasy. However, Director of Public Safety Vickie Weaver reports that Public Safety officers are the only people who watch the cameras, and the recordings are only used when something needs to be investigated.

A policy is necessary to inform the students about the cameras and what exactly they’re used for, so no one is pointing fingers if there’s ever an incident. Rider — like Rowan, Monmouth and Montclair — doesn’t have a policy about the cameras implemented for students to read and see.

Colleges such as Seton Hall, Rutgers and Ramapo, briefly mention cameras in a bigger security policy, while other schools like Drexel and Stockton already have a policy, especially for security cameras for students to read.

The policy for Stockton College states, “The objective of closed circuit television monitoring by campus police personnel is to deter crime and to assist the department in protecting the safety and property of the college and its community.”

The policy not only explains what the cameras are for, but also reassures students that they’re only used for safety reasons and to protect the students and faculty on campus.

Rider needs to make public a policy similar to this one, so students know what the purpose of all of these cameras is and what is done with all of the footage that is recorded.

“Whoever, I knew there were cameras around campus, even without the policy,” said senior elementary education major Brianne McGlone. “It doesn’t really bother me. I suppose it’s mostly for security purposes and Public Safety can review them if they get a report of something happening and need tape evidence. I feel like we are pretty much always on camera anyway, so I don’t think much of it.”

It’s typical for people of our generation to be used to being filmed and constantly on camera since we’ve grown up with it. Therefore, we really think nothing of it when we walk past a security camera or see a sign advertising that recording is in progress.

It shouldn’t matter if you’re being recorded or not if you’re not doing anything wrong. If you’re that concerned about why you’re being recorded, it seems a tiny bit suspicious.

Of course, there’s the fear of being caught doing something silly and embarrassing. Even though the Public Safety staff are the only ones who get to view the tapes, you still don’t want to be caught picking your nose or snorting your underarms giving them a good laugh in your office.

Rider should state publicly in a policy what exactly all of the footage is used for and where it is stored. By knowing where the information and videos are going, that fear could easily be eliminated.

The lack of policy at the moment is something that can easily be fixed. Once the policy is implemented, students would know exactly why Rider is doing what it’s doing: keeping us all safe.

Not only are the cameras there to ensure campus safety, but they’re also a precaution when it comes to suspicious and criminal activity. The ones that are located in the Department of Communication and Journalism’s computer labs could catch someone stealing an electronic device, which has happened in the lab before.

Whether or not you even notice the cameras watching you park your car or walking to class, just remember that these cameras serve as a watchful eye over the campus, preventing theft and protecting our students.
Freshman

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but did not want to drive so late on a school night. I sent an email explaining the situation to the president of the club, and the problem was resolved. The president completely understood, and scheduled earlier times for students to obtain all necessary information. Yet, nighttime meetings are not the only meetings that give scheduling conflicts. For the Emerging Leaders Program, there are weekly meetings. One week, there was also a meeting about the Rider Advantage Scholarship on the same day and at the same time.

After I emailed the head of the Emerging Leaders Program, a compromise was made. In addition, when meetings are not conflicting with one another, classes may conflict instead. For example, there was a meeting for the radio station scheduled during the open period. Unfortunately, I had my freshman seminar class scheduled during that time. I emailed the club president and more meetings were scheduled on different days and times. This made me happy to know that the president cared enough to re-schedule so everyone could attend.

Additionally, the photography club meetings were scheduled on Thursdays at 6 p.m. The solution came when this particular club decided to create a group on Canvas, where all members can submit photos at their own convenience. This means that if a member is unable to attend any meeting, he or she still has the opportunity to submit work and participate.

Involvement on campus may take some energy and scheduling, but all of the hard work is worth it in the end. I am truly grateful that all the organizations’ presidents I have encountered have been helpful and understanding when it comes to scheduling needs.

-Valerie Bell
Freshman public relations major

STUDENT PERSPECTIVES

Students speak out about standard dorm rooms

I MAGINE looking forward to attending Rider University as a first-year student. Anxiety levels are high, and you can’t control the excitement that you’re feeling. Finally, move-in day arrives, and you are anxious to decorate what will be your home for the next year. You’ve obtained your keys from Residence Life and are so excited to get into your new room. Once you step inside, it hits you: Where’s the rest of it?!

At the cost of $8,240 a year, residents of standard housing should be offered more space than they are given. To further emphasize the smallness of the dorms, we sometimes have to share our dressers under our beds, just to make sure that everything fits and we still have room to move around. This has to be a crime—or at least should be.

According to Residence Director Amy LeSacco, the smallest dorm room in standard housing consists of about 165 square feet. Why must standard housing cost so much for such little room? In contrast, a jail cell consists of 6 feet by 8 feet (48 square feet), according to a New Jersey corrections officer, so we are living a whole lot better than a prisoner. But that isn’t much to brag about because convicts are living for free.

Additionally, the expensive cost of standard housing does not include air conditioning. I can assure you that the summer will become your least favorite season, because every day your room will feel like a built-in sauna. The least Rider can do is allow students to have air conditioners in their windows.

I lived in premium housing during the summer for the Educational Opportunity Program, and I often said to myself, “I could really get used to this.” However, that changed really fast. My days of living in luxury are over and I’ve been introduced to the normal attributes of freshman life.

I know that it seems highly unlikely, but I believe the space of the rooms can be improved. With more space for the money we pay, more positive reviews would be given by people who stayed in standard housing. With good reviews on the rooms, more students would want to live in standard housing, instead of feeling forced to stay there because it’s cheaper or because they are freshmen.

Change is needed within the standard housing community because with change comes a more positive outlook.

-Wilmanda Moultrie
Freshman psychology major

Senior
Sadé Calin

ONCE I lived in a dorm room that was located in a sky-rise building. My room was overlooking Boston, with three smooth, white walls and one full wall of one-way tinted glass. The sun would rise and it was just the most spectacular way to start my day. You’ve got a view of the campus, the previous year, I lived in a dorm that could not possibly fit more than four standing people, and that’s if the people were small. The two bedframes in the room were touching and my roommate’s face was literally less than two feet from mine every night. This was considered the economical housing option on that campus.

As a transfer student who has attended multiple universities and visited more than a dozen, I can attest to the fact that dorm room conditions range from absolutely abhorrent to almost magical. Comparatively, sure, some of Rider’s dorms are not the best I’ve seen, but not one of them is as bad as the one I had my freshman year at a different school. As an resident advisor, I am concerned when hearing residents gripe about the size of the rooms, especially when they do not offer any solutions. I find that housing at Rider is more than sufficient, even if a bit small.

Residents can add mirrors to their walls, which would make the dorm appear roomier. One might also choose to get decorative curtains and use those to soften the sunlight, but leave their blinds open. Allowing in the natural light will enhance the room, making it feel more comfortable. Also, exposure to natural light tends to increase satisfaction and standard of living. Adding color to a room also helps to exaggerate its dimensions. For residents who are bothered by a lack of space in their room, these are some of the many options that would allow them to address this problem.

-Sadé Calin
Senior journalism major

New Freshman
Wilmanda Moultrie

ONE OF the things that I love about Rider University is our band. Not only is Rider band a relaxed and fun environment, but it is also a great way to make friends. I have been in band since my first semester, and some of my closest friends are those I met through this class.

The band is not typically a large group, making it more intimate, and a way for me to escape from my stresses for a couple of hours a week. No matter how chaotic my day may be, band offers me a sort of bubble away from it all. Just sitting down with other musicians and a conductor who is truly passionate is always relaxing.

I would strongly urge anyone who has ever played an instrument to give band a chance next semester. You can be any year, or major, as long as you have a desire to play; even if you haven’t played in years. We work with anyone who is interested. Keeping music alive is our goal, and we can’t do it without you.

-Kelsey Armstrong
Senior advertising and marketing major

Senior
Sadé Calin

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Senior journalism major

Students believe taking Rider Band during spring semester should ‘rock’

B EING a part of the Rider band has by far been one of the best experiences during my time at this university. MLS127 is a non-competitive concert band, meaning that every student that joins can be a conductor. The experience to be found at the Rider band is truly unique, and there are many opportunities for taking the class. At the end of each semester we have a concert that is free to the public. The experience to be found at the Rider band is truly unique, and there are many opportunities for taking the class. At the end of each semester we have a concert that is free to the public. The experience to be found at the Rider band is truly unique, and there are many opportunities for taking the class. At the end of each semester we have a concert that is free to the public.

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By Thomas Albanese

AFTER a rocky weekend for the Broncs, they hope to bounce back with two conference home games on Oct. 12-13 against MAAC rivals Marist and Siena.

This past weekend was a rough road trip to Connecticut for the team, with two games resulting in losses. They faced Quinnipiac (4-13, 2-3 MAAC) on Oct. 5 and fell 1-3, followed by a showdown with Fairfield (5-11, 3-3 MAAC) which the Broncs (10-5, 2-3 MAAC) lost 2-3.

The matchup with Quinnipiac in Hamden, Conn., was a struggle. The Broncs’ play was not as good as they would have hoped. There was a lot of disappointment among the team as the Broncs were defeated 25-20, 24-26, 25-21, and 25-22.

Head Coach Christopher Feliciano thought the team didn’t perform to its best ability.

“We kind of shot ourselves in the foot,” Feliciano said. “We were up 21-17 and just couldn’t finish it. We should win those games nine out of 10 times.”

Top performers from the match include freshman Ryan Ackermann, who had 17 kills, seven digs, and 19 points; freshman Alaina Piszczek, who had 11 digs and five assists; and sophomore Nicole Moser, who had eight kills, seven digs and hit .333.

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Though Feliciano was hoping to make a statement by defeating the Stags, he was still pleased with the way his team performed.

“To go on the road and to lose in five to the defending MAAC Champions, I’ll take that effort any day of the week,” Feliciano said.

Junior outside hitter Kayla Wong believes the team will use these two losses to propel them in future games.

“Unfortunately for the Broncs, the game against Fairfield ended in defeat. The Broncs lost the match 27-29, 25-18, 20-25, 25-20 and 12-15 in a fifth set. The match lasted more than two hours as the Broncs pushed the defending MAAC champion Stags to their breaking point.”

The game included strong performances from Webber, who had 15 kills, 10 digs and five blocks; Ackermann, who had 13 kills, nine digs, and two aces; Amatulli, who had 25 assists and 11 digs; and sophomore Nicole Moser, who had eight kills, seven digs and hit .333.

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The Broncs now look forward to a big weekend, as they take on Marist (10-5, 4-1 MAAC) on Oct. 12 and Siena (6-10, 5-1 MAAC) on Oct. 13.

Both games will take place in Alumni Gym at 1 p.m.

“We look to improve in conference play by working on the details at practice and constantly striving to improve,” she said. “Our conference is very evenly matched and teams can upset teams on any given day. We are hoping to stay focused and come out of our conference games with wins.”

By Brian Sommer

Broncs finish 5th at Binghamton Fall Invitational

AFTER senior James Buttermark finished second overall last weekend at the Eastern College Athletic Championship, the Broncs looked to continue playing well at the Binghamton Fall Invitational, their last tournament of the fall season, at the Links at Hiawatha Landing in Apalachin, N.Y. on Oct. 6-7. However, play was canceled because of rain on Oct. 7.

Rider opened up in the first and only round of golf played this weekend with a score of 297, which is the second time in the fall season in which the Broncs have scored below 300. The Broncs finished fifth out of 13 teams and Laval University finished first with a final score of 276. Rider has finished in the top five in its last two events.

Junior Cole Clark felt he wasn’t playing his best game and hopes to perform better in the spring season.

“The fact that I can shoot even par without hitting the ball well makes me feel like I could take it deep,” Clark said.

Clark, who was the leader for the Broncs, shot an even par 72, finished 18th overall. He felt his strong play would have continued if not for the inclement weather.

“Right now, I feel like I’m the best player on the field,” Clark said. “Had the conditions stayed fair, I could have easily had a strong round.”

Head Coach Jason Barry was pleased that Clark was able to battle back after a slow start.

“Cole stayed very level-headed,” he said. “He started off over par, but battled back after six holes to shoot even. He used his short game and creativity to work his way around the course.”

Behind Clark, the Broncs all scored in the 70s. Sophomore Tom Yarson ended his day with a 74 and placed 20th, Buttermark shot a 75 in his round and finished 20th. Freshmen Sam D’Agostano and Aaron Simone were right behind the two with scores of 76, finishing their day in 33rd.

Buttermark believes the team is performing well because of the leadership of the new coach.

“Jason is a great teacher and knows the game really well,” he said. “Our entire team is playing really good golf right now.”

With the fall season coming to a close and the Broncs having only a quad match next weekend, the Broncs go into their off-season on a positive note and have a lot to look back on.

“With only conference games left to play, senior outside hitter Bridget Sheerin knows the team will need to bring 100% to every practice.

“We look to improve in conference play by working on the details at practice and constantly striving to improve,” she said. “Our conference is very evenly matched and teams can upset teams on any given day. We are hoping to stay focused and come out of our conference games with wins.”

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**FIELD HOCKEY**

**Field hockey bounces back, wins weekend games**

**By Chris Masiello**

COMING off of two disappointing losses in its previous match ups, the field hockey team swept its weekend games, winning two hard-fought matches against St. Joe's and Lehigh.

Head Coach Lori Hussong was pleased that her team was able to bounce back from its two previous losses.

“Coming out with two wins was really good this weekend,” Hussong said. “We know we still have a lot to prepare for in order for us to be at the top of our game for conference play.”

Junior back Rachel Schwab was happy to see her team fight hard the whole game.

“The coaches always say we learn most from tough wins,” Schwab said. “So it’s good to see that we don’t let up at any point in the 70 minutes because teams jump on their opportunities when they play us.”

The team’s first game came on the road against St. Joe’s on Oct. 4 in Philadelphia.

Rider (0-4) had to come from behind as it was faced with a 1-0 deficit early in the second half. Although the Broncos were able to quickly tie up the score soon after, they were unable to put St. Joe’s (3-8) away until overtime.

In the extra frame, Rider was able to dominate both opportunities and penalty corners, as they did throughout the game, and were finally able to finish St. Joe’s with a 1:31 left to play.

Senior forward Jennifer Meier believes her team played poorly because of being away from home.

“It’s always tough playing on the road, as it’s a different atmosphere and you are at a bit of a disadvantage,” Meier said.

“Coming back home, I am looking forward to playing at Ben Cohen Field again, having Rider support in the stands and getting back to winning,” she said.

**Broncos blown out by Red Foxes, 5-0**

**By Carlos Toro**

THE Broncos (4-6, 1-3 MAAC) couldn’t have asked for a better time to come back home, especially after a lopsided defeat by Marist (3-6-2, 2-2 MAAC), losing 5-0 in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Despite the blowout, Head Coach Drayson Houssone looked at the game in a positive light.

“Our penetration and speed of play were very good,” Houssone said. “We were able to maintain possession of the ball and the tempo of the game, which was good.”

However, Rider was not able to stop Marist senior midfielder Rycke Guiney, who scored a hat trick against the Broncos.

The game opened up in the 15th minute when Guiney scored the first goal after junior midfielder Jamie Strumwasser crossed the ball from the left part of the field into the middle of the box.

With six minutes remaining in the first half, Marist doubled its lead in the 39th minute and the third goal came about a minute later, giving the Red Foxes a three-goal lead at halftime.

It wasn’t any better in the second half for Rider.

Coming out onto the pitch for the second half already facing a large deficit, redshirt freshman goalkeeper Vanessa Perdomo subbed in for freshman goalkeeper Bethany-May Howard and allowed two goals in the 52nd and 57th minutes. Howard made three saves while Perdomo made two.

Senior forward Jennifer Meier believes her team was able to prepare for in order for them to be at the top of their game for conference play. "When you add in the effects of travel and the additional support of the home fans, it makes winning away from home challenging,” Houssone said.

“Unfortunately, we have a significant number of players out injured, so it has been even more challenging these last three weeks.”

It has not been an easy road trip for a team that had a winning record and won its first conference game of the season beforehand. Despite this three-game skid, the team will still feel optimistic for a run at a MAAC championship now that it returns home.

Senior midfielder Sarah Cingiliano believes the team, although inexperienced, can still compete.

“Our team is young this year,” she said. “Even though we have the talent to win every single one of our games, the many freshmen on the field are still getting experience playing at this level.”

Rider will play St. Peter’s (2-9, 0-5 MAAC), who have lost five straight games, in their first home game since Sept. 21. The Broncos now have four home games out of six remaining on their schedule.

Meier is excited to return to the friendly confines of Rider’s campus.

“Coming back home, I am looking forward to playing at Ben Cohen Field again, having Rider support in the stands and getting back to winning,” Meier said.
Student lands Giant NFL internship

By Nicole Cortese

For football fans, Sundays are foragnoring fan-
tasy team points, eating wings with friends, and
scrambling to watch TV all day. For Joe Lincoln, a
sophomore digital media major, a video internship
with the New York Giants includes traveling halfway
cross the country with the team, while balancing his
homework at a hotel in his spare time.

Although Lincoln is not an avid NFL fan, he fol-
 lows almost every other sports league and could not
deny this was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

“I love sports and I want to do something in the
video field, so it kind of made sense putting the two
things together,” Lincoln said. “It seemed like the
perfect opportunity.”

During every Giants’ home game this season,
Lincoln gets the best seat in the house — on the
team’s sideline. His internship began in the sum-
mer, working 45 or more hours a week with various
responsibilities.

For training camp we had to set up and take down
the equipment every day for the people that film
practice,” he said. “Also, we had a rotating basis where
myself and the other interns would film certain sec-
tions of practice on hand-held cameras.”

After the first few days on the job, Lincoln became
impressed in the first place.”

Dr. AJ Moore, Lincoln’s adviser and professor in
the Communication and Journalism Department, saw
strong potential in Lincoln and encouraged him to
apply for the internship.

“Joe is a student who impressed me in the class-
room with his maturity and his willingness to learn,
not just to get by,” Moore said. “Those are traits that
work well in the professional world, and he demon-
strated that as a student. I was really impressed to see
Joe at his classes early in the morning the day after his
trip to Dallas. That was exactly the work ethic that
impressed me in the first place.”

When traveling the whole organization, including
the players, staff and interns, takes a plane to each city
together. They stay in a hotel overnight, then game
day comes on Sunday and it is time for everyone to
work.

“I had to do homework at the hotel in Dallas on a
government,” he said. “You have to work around
it.”

The video office, where
many fans idolize. The video office, where
players in a professional manner, even during games.

“We work right behind the bench of the players,”
he said. “A lot of times they’ll get done an awesome
play and I’ll say, ‘Hey, nice job,’ and they’ll be like,
‘Thanks, man,’ and interact with you. Being on the
sidelines is pretty cool.”

After a big play, all of the networks will try to get
close-up shots of certain players, and Lincoln has to be conscious of his surroundings, even in the
background.

“In Dallas, after one of the plays, I had a major
network camera over each shoulder trying to get a
close up of Victor Cruz,” he said. “I had to make sure
I stood still and not to accidentally walk in front of a
camera and block the shot on national TV.”

Moore has no doubt that Lincoln will be successful
in his future endeavors.

“It’s a tough commitment he is dealing with now as
a student, but I am confident he will do well,” Moore
said. “This experience is teaching him how to balance
his schedule and lifestyle, exactly what he and others
must do after graduation. Joe has heard me say it in
the classroom, ‘It doesn’t come easy,’ and he is willing
to make the sacrifices to have a chance at a career he
strives for after graduation.”

Lincoln hopes to eventually take his digital media
degree and work in sports or Hollywood production.

“Now that I see what it’s like to do video in the
sports world, I don’t mind it at all,” he said. “It’s one of
the few career paths I wouldn’t mind having.”

Men’s Soccer

Golden goal hands Broncs third loss of season

By Tom Regan

ENISHING up non-conference games, the
Broncs (6-3-1, 0-1 MAAC) were
handed their third loss of the
season in a double overtime loss to
Seton Hall (3-5-2, 0-2 Big East) on Oct. 2.

The Broncs were first to score with a
goal in the 63rd minute by junior
forward Ryan Walsh off of a deflected free kick from
freshman midfielder Christian Flath.

Two minutes later, the Pirates tied
the score with a goal of their own. The
game remained tied at 1-1 for the
remainder of the second period, lead-
ing to overtime.

Rider could not get anything going in
overtime as it failed to take a shot on
goal. Seton Hall also could not capital-
ze, taking only three shots between the
two overtimes.

Freshman goalkeeper David Paterna
made nine saves to keep Rider in the
game, but could only hold the Pirates
off for so long. The game ended on a
golden goal off of a corner kick in the
101st minute by Seton Hall’s junior
midfielder Kai Greene.

The Pirates dominated possession,
totaling 24 shots to Rider’s seven.
Head Coach Charlie Inverso
believes his team was presented with
enough opportunities, but was unable
to capitalize.

“We need to score more goals,”
Inverso said. “We are creating enough
chances, but not converting.”

Despite the loss, Inverso was proud
of how his team fought all game.

“We fight every game, and
Inverso said. “The game could have
gone either way and we battled them
hard.”

This loss presented the first time the
 Broncs lost consecutive games all sea-
son, but they were able to get back into
the win column with a 3-1 victory over
Marist (1-8, 0-1 MAAC) on Oct. 5.

The win was Rider’s first MAAC
victory of the season, opening in-con-
ference play on the right foot.

Flath opened the scoring in the first
half with his fifth goal of the season.
He then helped set the table for the
second goal, scored by sophomore
midfielder James Greco, early in the
second half.

Flath, who currently leads the
MAAC with 15 points, credits his team-
mates for his successful season.

“There is not a special key to my
success, I just try to play my game,” he
said. “But, to do that, you need a good
team.”

Marist quickly scored in the 49th
minute to inch closer in the contest,
but Rider pushed ahead 3-1 in the 65th
minute on Walsh’s second goal in as
many games.

Rider has had its most success-
ful start to a season in decades and
hopes to continue its success on Oct. 9,
against St. Peter’s (2-4-3, 0-0-1 MAAC).

This game will kick off a stretch of two
games on the road.

Flath isn’t worried about how his
team will perform, expecting a confer-
ence victory over St. Peter’s.

“We are a young team with
talented guys,” Flath said. “We don’t worry a
lot, we just want to play soccer. My
expectation is always to win the match,
and that will happen if we play great soccer.”