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Students "Boogie" for the fall concert announcement



Stephanie Jessiman/The Rider News

Students groove to the music at the annual "I Love College Dance Party" on Sept. 6 in the Student Recreation Center courts.

Dean Bidle "comes home" after Millen's departure

By Hailey Hensley

THE College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) has a new dean as of July 1, 2019. Kelly Bidle was appointed as dean of the CLAS in the wake of Jonathan Millen's resignation from the position in spring 2019.

Prior to beginning her tenure as dean, Bidle served as associate dean for two years as well as chair of the "Promotion and Tenure" committee. She has been a Rider faculty member for 18 years and primarily specialized in biology, according to Bidle.

"I've seen the university from all angles, not just the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences," she said. According to the Rider University website, Bidle has more than 20 publications to her name.

After Millen's resignation, Bidle said she felt "extremely fortunate" to have been appointed as dean and that the university decided to search within its own faculty for Millen's replacement.

"I have to tell you, I feel so fortunate that the faculty was so supportive of me becoming the dean. They felt they didn't need to do an external search," she said. "Between the support of the CLAS faculty, the provost and the president, I was appointed from within."

However, despite her proclaimed good fortune, for Bidle, every job still has its drawbacks.

"In my former position, I had so much interaction with the students. As associate dean, I would say at least 70 percent of my job was interaction with students for problem-solving and just chatting with them. In this position, I already see that I have much less interaction with students, so it's something I'll have to really try to make sure that I do," she said.

Bidle shared that there are a lot of things to get used to in her new position and some of them are much easier to cope with than others.

"This is the first time in 18 years that I'm not teaching, so that's an adjustment. I do hope that once I settle into this position I can get back to the classroom. I think it's really important to stay in touch with what's happening in the classroom and with the students," she said.

Bidle made clear that the importance of the CLAS cannot be overstated.

"We [CLAS] are the academic heartbeat of this university. We offer anything from the humanities to the social sciences to the hard sciences. This is the kind of place where students that don't know what they want to do can really figure that out because the opportunities are just immense," said Bidle.

Along with the importance of the CLAS, Bidle emphasized the importance of her new position.



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Newly-appointed dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Kelly Bidle.

"It's a position of great responsibility and I want to make sure I live up to the expectations that are required by this job and that I do right by my faculty, students and staff," Bidle said.

Though she has only been in office for a short time, students have already shown interest in their new dean and any changes she may bring to the department.

Senior film, television and radio major Zane Birnie said he was enthused about the future of CLAS under Bidle.

"I've been a student in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for a long time, and I love it here," said Birnie. "I'm just really excited to see where Dean Bidle might take us. I can't wait to see what kind of changes she might bring."

Bidle ended by underlining the importance of unity in the CLAS.

"I really want to make sure we are one college" she said. "We are the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, not just one or the other. Fostering those interactions is something that's very important to me."

SECURITY BRIEFS

BY STEPHEN NEUKAM

Rinse Cycle

Watch the load. On Sept. 8 at 4:02 a.m., officers responded to a fire alarm activation in Switlik Hall. Officers went to the basement laundry room and found a washing machine smoking because it was overloaded. The machine was turned off and the windows were opened to clear the smoke. The machine was put out of service.

Always Look Twice

Misplaced. On Sept. 8 at 8 p.m., a student in Conover Hall reported that a number of items were taken from his room while he was gone for the weekend. Officers responded and took a report. The student then called later and revealed that he found the missing items in his room.

Here's The Key

So lock-y. On Sept. 6 at 10:57 a.m., Public Safety received information that a set of master keys was missing from a university department. The officer who took the report checked the lost and found and located the keys. The set of keys was then returned to the appropriate department.

— Information provided by Public Safety Capt. Jim Flatley

Campus changes reflect increasing alumni donations

By Lauren Minore

RIDER President Gregory Dell'Omo gathered with alumni, students, faculty and staff members on Sept. 10 to celebrate the renaming of the West Village apartments in honor of '74 graduate Steven R. Beckett and Sharon A. McDonald-Beckett.

"On behalf of our students, faculty, staff and our board of trustees, I would like to thank Steven and Sharon for their commitment to Rider and for ensuring our students to receive the life-changing benefits that a college education provides," said Dell'Omo, as he addressed members of the Rider community at the ceremony.

Over the past year, several buildings and facilities across the Lawrenceville campus have been renamed and, in some cases, renovated to honor significant donations from Rider alumni. Some of these include the name change and renovations to the athletic facility formerly known as the Maurer Center to the Canastra Health and Sports Center and the renaming of academic building Memorial Hall to Bierenbaum Fisher Hall.

Beginning with the notable renaming of North Hall to Lynch Adler Hall in Oct. 2018, after a \$5.5 million gift from '75 alumnus Thomas J. Lynch, community members have noticed the trend in honoring alumni by offering name recognition on buildings.

"One of the real pleasures of being a college



Stephanie Jessiman/The Rider News

Faculty, staff and students gathered at the West Village renaming. president is meeting highly successful and accomplished alumni, like Steven," Dell'Omo said in his speech honoring Steven Beckett.

According to Associate Vice President for University Marketing and Communications Kristine Brown, \$12.1 million in gifts and pledges were received from alumni in the past year. She said the recent and future campus dedications recognize Rider's "most generous" donors.

Rider is actively partnering with alumni and other friends of the university to seek support for its strategic plan, according to Brown. Contributions tend to support campus enhancements as well as new construction, scholarships, Rider's endowment and academic and community programs. Brown said that all of these initiatives positively impact students.

"The university is fortunate to have many alumni who serve on Rider councils and committees, are featured in articles, who come back and speak to classes or attend special events," Brown said. "The Scholarship Luncheon each spring is another good example of how we continue to honor alumni by inviting them to this special event to be recognized and meet with scholarship recipients from throughout the university."

Brown said Rider greatly values its alumni engagement and involvement, and, in 2020, hopes to launch a new event to appreciate its volunteers and donors.

"I think it's important for the university to have a long-lasting connection with alumni because it proves that we want to build strong connections and a greater sense of community here at Rider," senior political science major Charles Palmer said. "However, as a student, [the name changes of buildings] are something you have to get used to."

Rider partners with Meals on Wheels to give food to seniors

By Stephen Neukam

KEN Potavin arrived around 10 a.m., as usual, on Sept. 6 to pick up the meals packaged in Daly Dining Hall to deliver to the seniors on his Meals on Wheels route.

Last year, Potavin, who retired from the insurance industry almost a decade ago, volunteered 161 days to help feed seniors in need.

Meals on Wheels, a national, federally-funded organization that aims to address senior isolation and hunger, delivers meals to the homes of seniors in thousands of communities in the U.S.

In 2018, Gourmet Dining, the food service provider for Rider University, partnered with Meals on Wheels Mercer County to help package, process and deliver meals to the county's residents.

"[Gourmet Dining prepares] upwards of 300 meals daily and close to 450 on Fridays for weekends," said Chief Executive Officer of Meals on Wheels of Mercer County Sasa Olessi Montaño. "While Gourmet Dining is technically our caterer, they truly are our partner."

The program serves eight of the municipalities in the county. Potavin explained that while he does not have a routine course that he follows to deliver meals, a lot of the volunteers develop familiar relationships with the seniors they serve because of how much they see them.

"I don't have a regular route," said Potavin. "Most people have a regular day and a regular route. I



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just go where they need me, and they always need me."

While the nearly half year that Potavin volunteered last year may seem like a large commitment, he pointed out that other volunteers also make significant sacrifices. One man, he explained, takes two separate buses to get to Rider to help out. Another woman comes on her lunch breaks from work.

"[The volunteers] are remarkable," said Montaño. "They show up in extreme weather conditions, some several times a week, every week. We could not do what we do without our dedicated and caring volunteers."

Volunteer Coordinator Kareem Cropper, a Marine veteran, said the volunteers he works with are "a great group of people."

Last year, Meals on Wheels Mercer County

served over 530 people and just under 75,000 daily meals, according to the organization's yearly report. Additionally, 76 percent of the people it served were below the poverty line or at risk for poverty.

However, the program means more than just the meals that the seniors receive, according to Potavin. The interaction between the volunteers and the recipients is key to the operation.

"The people always love you," said Potavin. "You give them the food and they say, 'God bless you, thank you so much.' A lot of them don't see anybody else all day. So, they are happy to see you."

Senior sociology major Erin Lagay, who participated in Meals on Wheels last year and also worked at a food pantry when she was young, said that the program was worth volunteering for.

"I thought that [Meals on Wheels] was great and I'd had experience with volunteering before so I knew what to expect," said Lagay. "I think it was well organized and pretty easy to get involved in because anyone can do it and I even got extra credit for a class."

Through the partnership with Gourmet Dining, there are a number of ways that students at Rider can participate in Meals on Wheels. Students can help deliver meals that they pick up or help package meals at Daly Dining Hall. Interested students can contact the Office of Service and Civic Engagement at service@rider.edu.



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(Stereotypes & Stigmas)

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH 2019

SEPTEMBER 15 to OCTOBER 15

Sept. 12

**Salina Almanzar: Ni de aqui, Ni de alla:
On Being a Third Generation Dominican**

Puerto Rican and Dominican artist Salina Almanzar. Almanzar, will discuss her work with new Gallery Director Julia Marsh.
5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Art Gallery (2nd Floor, BLC)

Exhibition open 9/3 to 10/16/2019
Tuesday thru Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
and Sundays 12 to 4 p.m.

Sept. 16

A Diverse Welcome Reception

A reception to welcome and introduce incoming first-year and transfer students to the many diverse multicultural clubs and fraternity and sorority organizations that enrich Rider University's campus in different traditions and cultures.
5 to 6 p.m., BLC Cavalla Room

Sept. 18

Mental Health in the Latinx Community

Dr. Jesselly De La Cruz '05 will be presenting on the prevalence and stigma surrounding mental health in the Hispanic/Latinx/Chicanx communities.
7 to 9 p.m., NJM Community Room

Sept. 30

Undocumented: A Dominican Boy's Odyssey from a Homeless Shelter to the Ivy League

Dr. Peralta will delve into the exposition of the facts and traumas of undocumented life in the United States. His talk will situate the emergence of the American immigration system in its broader geopolitical and racial contexts. He will discuss his experiences as an undocumented immigrant through his memoir, to an assessment of the immigration system's longstanding traffic in racist concepts and protocols, concentrating in particular on the representation of immigrants in contemporary American political discourse. The role of public institutions in aiding (or obstructing) the immigrant journey toward citizenship and civic belonging will also come under scrutiny in his talk.
6:45 to 9 p.m., RUE Auditorium (6:00 p.m. Book on Sale, Atrium Lobby)

Oct. 4

Smores & Latin Beats

A smores night with Latin beats to immerse students in culture in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.
7 to 9 p.m., BLC Fire Pit

Oct. 16

LASO TALKS: Series 1

Come join us for coffee, tea, and hot chocolate as LASO hosts an open forum discussion about issues in the Latinx community.
9:45 to 11:15 p.m., Lynch Adler Hall Room 129

rider.edu/events/Hispanic-Heritage-Month

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 24

General Board Meeting

6 to 7 p.m., Bierenbaum Fisher Hall 303

Come out and meet the 2019-2020 executive board and find out how you can get involved in LASO.

Sept. 28

National Museum of African American History & Culture

9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Washington, D.C.

Yes, we are going again! CDI has a limited amount of FREE passes and bus transportation for Rider University students, faculty, and staff to visit this incredible venue of African American History & Culture. Join us as we embark upon a day trip to Washington to a place where all Americans can learn about the richness and diversity of the African American experience, what it means to their lives, and how it helped us shape this nation. Open to all, we hope through this excursion to bring unity to a culturally diverse experience. Please pick up ticket and sign Assumption of Risk (AOR) form on Friday, September 20th from 12:00 to 2:00 pm in the BLC Student Affairs Suite.

Oct. 10

Launch of Rider's Inclusive Excellence Plan

11:30 to 12:30 p.m., BLC Cavalla Room, Talbott simulcast

Join all members of the campus community as President Dell'Omo introduces Rider's Inclusive Excellence Plan – a plan which highlights Rider's values of diversity, equity and inclusion and outlines strategic commitments to advance Rider as an inclusive community.



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Approved by Campus Life - 10/17

Mental health issues illuminated through police database

By Tatyanna Carman

BETWEEN 2015 and 2018, there were a total of three suicide attempts and seven mental health related cases at Rider University, based on a computer-assisted reporting class database of reports from the Lawrence Township Police Department.

Within the years 2017 and 2018, there were three reports of mental health cases and one suicide attempt at Rider. The suicide attempt in 2017 involved a student who cut herself in a dean's office in the Bart Luedeke Center, according to the police reports.

Although the numbers seem small, Rider provides several mental health-related services for its students, such as the counseling center. It hosts, for instance, Color and Conversation, Pet Pause and Mindful Hour. Associate Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students Cindy Threatt said that although the Pet Pause events are popular, students also believe that other counseling events are helpful and increase their well-being, sense of belonging and self-awareness.

Threatt also said that in the beginning of spring 2019, Rider teamed with the Jed Foundation (JED) to become a JED campus. According to Threatt, JED is a program "designed to guide schools through a collaborative process of comprehensive systems, program and policy development with customized support to build upon existing student mental health, substance use and suicide prevention efforts."

The program is set to be a four year relationship and Rider has already formed its campus team with 19 staff, faculty and students.

"I believe Rider has an excellent handle on providing students with a comfortable environment to voice their opinions, attitudes and beliefs without feeling intimidated or embarrassed of who they are," said junior communication studies major Elizabeth Curcio. "They also have a great on-campus therapy center that every student should attend at least once."

However, some students have a few constructive criticisms about Rider's practices on tackling mental health. Junior political science major Aileen Merino said, "I believe with all the activities that are going on, usually around midterms and finals with the therapeutic dogs coming over to all their Stomp Out Stigma events, I feel like they're making an attempt. I'm just not sure if it's really being executed, where people actually come out to these events."

Merino explained that students unwillingness to talk about their feelings based on stigmas is a factor. This was echoed by freshman communication studies major Rikiyah Mixson.

"I would describe the conversations and methods among Rider students involving mental health as something that is not really acknowledged as much as it should be," Mixson said. "Many students talk about how stressed or anxious they are about school or life in general but never really pinpoint the focus on the well



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Zoerner House is the home of Rider University's Counseling Center.

being of their mental health. Given, there are many students who are vocal about this issue and hold events to raise awareness, I feel as though I have not seen it from students as much."

Despite the increasing conversation amongst young people about mental health, there is a new problem arising: people overusing mental health terms. Merino said hearing students misuse mental illness like depression, anxiety and OCD makes her uncomfortable. She also touched on a deeper cause in the rift of conversation and expressed a need for minority perspectives on the topic.

"I'm a Hispanic, non-religious female and you have people that are Hispanic, that are religious and gay," said Merino. "Can we really talk about things that affect us? Of course there are going to be similarities but at the same time, there are going to be large differences, where we can't really discuss it on that term. And that's only one part, but when you're talking to a person who identifies as white, heterosexual and protestant, we can't talk about that."

Although students have different opinions concerning Rider's steps toward improving mental health, all three students said that Rider was, at least, setting up a foundation for conversation. Prevention Education Coordinator Susan Stahley could not be reached for comment.

"Mental health is an important part of our society and it should be welcomed by everyone and everything," said Curcio. "If you need help, don't hesitate to ask for it. It's your life, not anyone else's. Do what's right for you."

Readers who are experiencing suicidal thoughts are encouraged to seek help, call 1-800-273-8255.

Broncs go green and win big

By Eric Wisk

AFTER one year of trying out the Cupanion Program, Rider received The Groundbreaker Award for its effort in diverting the use of more than 10,000 single-use bottles.

Under the "Fill it Forward" program and app provided by Cupanion, students received rewards for using reusable water containers. The university has saved 5,600 kilowatt-hour of power and 300 pounds of waste, according to a university press release.

Melissa Greenberg, the University's sustainability manager, said she first had thoughts about the program at Rider when she was introduced to Cupanion and "Fill It Forward" at an Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education conference. Greenberg thought about it for a year before deciding to partner with the organization.

"The idea is to reduce our single-use bottles on campus. We have chilled filtered water available all over campus and nearly fifty bottle refill stations so we were really poised to do a program like this," she said.

According to Greenberg, she was surprised by the rapid success of the effort.

"I didn't know there was an award so when we got that, it was the icing on the cake. We were doing this [Cupanion] for other reasons so the award was a really nice surprise," said Greenberg.

Despite the large positive environmental impact Rider created

with the program, some students, like sophomore computer science major Chris Murphy, could not recall using Cupanion or "Fill It Forward."

"I've never personally used this feature, so I don't know what the rewards are like," said Murphy.

Despite this, students expressed positivity about anything that would mitigate negative environmental impact.

"Anything that's going to motivate the upcoming generations to reuse and recycle is a great thing," Murphy continued. "People use the stations a lot too. I always see people in the hallway using it."

Greenberg said she looked toward the future of plans that would bolster the university's environmental bona-fides.

"We are looking to phase out bottled water on campus. This was something that was asked of us to research and to see how other campuses had done it and the push back that they experienced," Greenberg said.

How students feel about these future plans remains to be seen, but some students at Rider are open to discussions of ideas that would encourage their fellow peers to be more environmentally conscious.

Speaking on the rewards students earn when using Cupanion, Murphy said, "Even if people aren't in it for helping the environment; providing small rewards for healthy habits is a great way to go about encouraging young adults to reuse and recycle."

Honoring Rider Community Members Lost in the Sept. 11 Attacks

Mary Yolanda Dowling '81
Princeton Campus

Kenneth Ledee, CCS
Lawrenceville Campus

Gary Lutnick '87
Lawrenceville Campus

Domenick "Mosh" Mircovich '83
Lawrenceville Campus

Ferdinand "Fred" Morrone '77
Lawrenceville Campus

Thomas Regan '80
Lawrenceville Campus

Alison Wildman '93
Lawrenceville Campus

Kenneth Zelman '86
Lawrenceville Campus

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Dr. Jesselly De La Cruz

Program Coordinator - Project SAFE

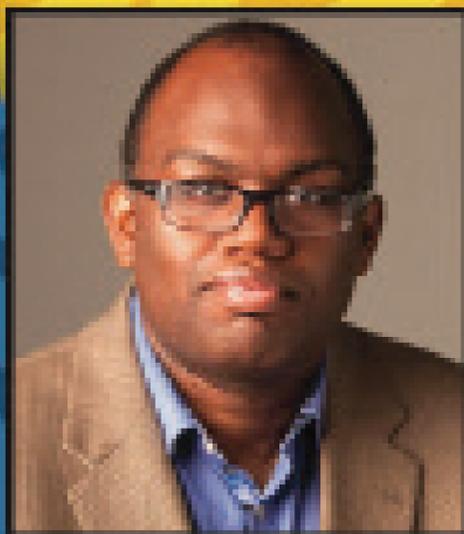
Care Point Health - Hoboken University Medical Center

Sept. 18

Mental Health in the Latinx Community

7 to 9 p.m., NJM Community Room

Dr. De La Cruz, BA in Political Science (Rider University), MSW (Rutgers University), and DSW (Rutgers University), is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in NJ. She completed a Post-Graduate Certificate in Family Therapy at The Multicultural Family Institute, Inc. in Highland Park, NJ. Having originated from an underprivileged background and being a child of an immigrant family herself, Dr. De La Cruz's education and work has been motivated by her desire to support traditionally underserved populations. She currently serves as Executive Director for the Latino Action Network Foundation. Her clinical experience includes providing emergency screening of persons in mental health crisis at an inner city hospital, outpatient, and in-home child and family therapy, and clinical consultation for nursing homes with primarily Spanish-speaking residents. Please join us to hear how she works with the prevalence and stigma surrounding mental health in the Hispanic/Latino/Chicana communities.



Dr. Dan-el Padilla Peralta

Princeton University professor and author

Sept. 30

**Undocumented: A Dominican Boy's Odyssey
from a Homeless Shelter to the Ivy League**

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R Factor searches for singing stars

By Austin Latanzio

IT'S that time of year again. Students move-in, leaves fall and most importantly, for many, the Best Campus Tradition, according to The Association of Campus Activities in 2017, R Factor returns.

The R Factor is Rider's annual two-part competition to find who is the best vocalist on campus. The competition is open to both solo and group performances. Auditions will be held on Sept. 13 at 8 p.m. in the Yvonne Theater. All Rider students are welcome to attend.

"It's one of our very best campus traditions," said Associate Dean of Campus Life Nicholas Barbat. "There is so much heart in the event with students sharing their talents and stories through the music they sing."

After the initial auditions, part two will be held two weeks later on Sept. 27, at 9 p.m. in the Bart Luedke Center Theater for the finals. The second half will determine the winner as the best of the best compete for the top spot and, of course, bragging rights.

Previous R Factor winner and senior behavioral neuroscience major Caleb Holt reflected on his experience in the singing competition and reminisced on working with other singers.

"My favorite part about R Factor last year was working alongside so many talented individuals and really working on my craft," Holt said.

In case someone was nervous about participating in R Factor, Holt says that there is nothing to fear, and that the show is worth auditioning for.

"Go for it," Holt encouraged. "The Rider community is extremely supportive and it's an experience worth shooting for."

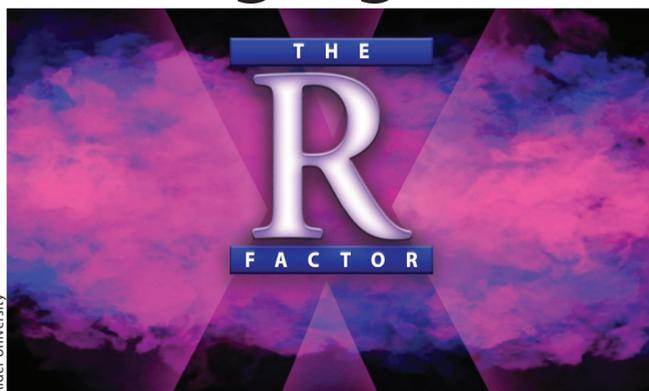
Barbat made it clear that the event is not just for the people competing, however. "The crowd is an integral part of making the experience a transformative one," said Barbat.

He even shared what he personally enjoys seeing every year at R Factor.

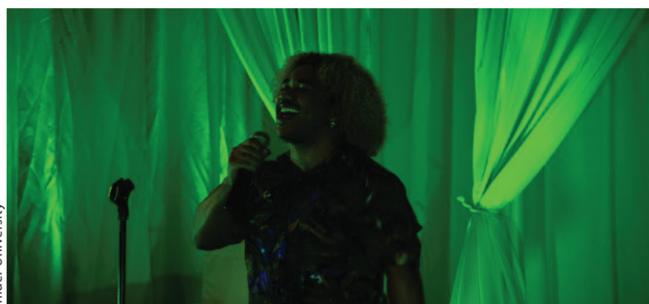
"I personally love seeing our students support each other and witness the growth of the performers through the mentoring they receive," Barbat said.

Before the competition started, Holt had a piece of advice to share with potential acts: "Stay true to yourself. Use this experience to help you determine who you are and who you want to be as an artist."

Barbat shared his excitement for the series of events, saying "By the end of the R Factor journey, it is truly like the students are performing on a television stage and it is incredible to see."



Rider's annual singing competition, R Factor, is holding auditions Sept. 13. Students are encouraged to audition and show off their musical talent in front of an audience of their peers.



Senior behavioral neuroscience major Caleb Holt performed and won previous R Factor competitions.

EVENTS CALENDAR

SEPT. 13

The R Factor
8 p.m.
Yvonne Theater

SEPT. 14

Cranberry Fest
5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Campus Green

SEPT. 16

Green Film Series:
"Flint"
7 p.m.
SWG 115

SEPT. 18

Green Film Series:
"Flint"
7 p.m.
SWG 115

Comedian Kellen Erskine
8 p.m.
Yvonne Theater

Festivals, fun and friends at I Love College

By Christian McCarville

COUNTLESS events are orchestrated and executed with the sole purpose of making new students, as well as returning students, feel welcome and comfortable on campus during welcome week at Rider University. The staple of the action-packed week is, without a doubt, the fun-filled dance party fittingly titled "I Love College."

I Love College has been a successful campus tradition that has brought together new and old students as they are encouraged to dance the night away with new friends while reconnecting with familiar faces.

Local DJ's kept the momentum going and played all types of hit music for the crowd. The party showed no signs of slowing down until it concluded at 1 a.m. and the Fall Concert performers were publicly announced.

The music pounded through the speakers and was felt throughout the entire gymnasium. Neon lights and themed decorations filled all the available space. Several beach balls were distributed and many students continued to launch them into the air.

"My favorite part was being able to have a space to jump around and dance and have a great time with my friends," said sophomore sociology major Gina Ceccarelli.

This year's theme drew inspiration from popular music festivals such as Firefly and Coachella. The decorations, including plenty of glow sticks and light-up flower crowns, were a reflection of this theme in an attempt to enhance the experience for those who attended.

Sophomore sports media major Sam Steward commented, "The decorations were really fun and definitely made the event even more enjoyable."

As promised, the performers of this year's Fall Concert were announced towards the end of the event. First, the crowd was told that Ally Brooke, a singer and former member of Fifth Harmony, will be opening for the main act.

As the night continued and the end of I Love College neared, it was time for those remaining to finally learn who was going to be this year's main act of the Fall Concert. Many were excited to hear that rapper and singer, A Boogie Wit Da Hoodie, will be performing at Rider on Sept. 20.

Those who stayed until the very end began to file out of the gymnasium. The party-goers made it clear they danced their hearts out and had a blast at yet another successful I Love College dance part.



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"Relatable" comedian is coming to Rider

By Safiya Hylton

FROM Conan the Talk Show to Inside Jokes, Dry Bar Comedy and Jimmy Kimmel Live, comedian Kellen Erskine will be sharing his amusing sense of humor to Rider University on Sept. 18 at 8 p.m. in the Yvonne Theater.

Erskine is a TV actor and comedian whose jokes have landed him spots on Conan O'Brien's talk show and Jimmy Kimmel's late night talk show, performing at small venues and making people laugh across the country.

The Student Entertainment Council's (SEC) comedy chair James Green explained why Erskine was chosen to perform at Rider.

"There were many talented and well-known comedians to choose from," Green said. "However, Kellen Erskine stood out not only because of his subtle and humble characteristics, but also because of how important it was for the council to find someone who could appeal and relate to Rider University students."

Green further explained that Erskine's material relates to others on "many levels" and that ability is important when it comes to being a comedian.

"Especially since you want the people that you are making a joke for to laugh with you, since it is so relatable, and that is [a talent] Kellen Erskine has," Green said.

Green also pointed out that Erskine's specific kind of comedy differentiates him from others, and that his jokes are meant to make others feel at ease.

"Other comedians may have to bring politics, the environment, race and just other controversial topics that could possibly cause issues into their jokes to make comedy," Green said. "But Erskine is different. Erskine does not include anything contentious that could cause controversy because he wants to make sure that he is keeping his audience engaged on him and his experiences."

Elaborating, Green emphasized that making a relaxed environment is what influenced the SEC to choose Erskine.

"Erskine was chosen to come to Rider because



Comedian Kellen Erskine was chosen to perform at Rider for his relatable jokes and ability to create an easygoing atmosphere, according to the Student Entertainment Council. He will perform in the Yvonne Theater on Sept. 18 at 8 p.m.

of how comfortable he makes his audience feel and allowing him to create a diverse environment, making all students feel included and welcomed," said Green.

Junior theater performance major Rebecca Ponticello has attended comedy acts on campus in previous years, and always looks forward to having a good time and laughing with friends.

"I enjoy a good laugh and escape from classes," Ponticello said. "My friends and I always try to go to help get away from homework for an hour and just relax for a minute."

This year, Ponticello said the thing she looks forward to most from Erskine is "a good laugh."

Green felt that all students would enjoy Erskine's jokes, and that the show is best enjoyed with others. "Kellen Erskine will have you laughing with all the comical things he has to share with you," said Green.

"This comedy night will be one to remember and just a great time for everyone. For anyone who may be contemplating about coming this is the perfect opportunity to just come out and experience a room full of laughter with others."

FROM THE EDITOR

Mass shootings: the cause of our PTSD

TIMES Square is where an average of at least 400,000 pedestrians walk through on a daily basis and where chaos is systematic and controlled by New York's fast-paced way of life.

In the beginning of August, a loud pop sounded in the distance and caused thousands of people to flee and take cover in all different directions. Mothers grabbed their children, partners reached for each other's hands and diners fled their tables, all in a panic and perhaps thinking one thing — "it's happening."

In reality, it was just a motorcycle backfiring. But, what if it was not?

The warm weather and break from school did not make any difference this summer nor did it exempt innocent lives from being robbed by the hands of monsters disguised as everyday people. The public was informed of the two gunmen who committed mass shootings just hours apart, the first one in El Paso, Texas, the next in Dayton, Ohio. There were a total of 31 people killed in less than 24 hours.

The country has become numb to the inhumanity of violent and senseless crimes that take place. We live our lives desensitized to merciless acts of gun violence. From school shootings to hate crimes, we seem to be paralyzed to these closely connected tragedies and that is truly the most alarming part. These ordeals are becoming more ordinary than isolated.

The United States is currently dealing with post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) due to the immense number of mass shootings that happen almost at a daily rate. Trauma is the emotional shock people experience following emotionally disturbing experiences, whether they are mass shootings, automobile accidents or even a natural disaster, according to ABC News.

"Every time we have a gun violence episode, we accumulate more and more trauma," Dr. Alauna Curry, a veterans affairs psychiatrist who specializes in psychological trauma, told ABC News.

This is through the lens of U.S. citizens who witnessed mass shootings second hand, either via social media or from their living rooms. Just imagine those who witnessed these atrocities first hand. The National Center for PTSD estimates that 28 percent of people who witness a mass shooting develop PTSD and about a third develop acute stress disorder.

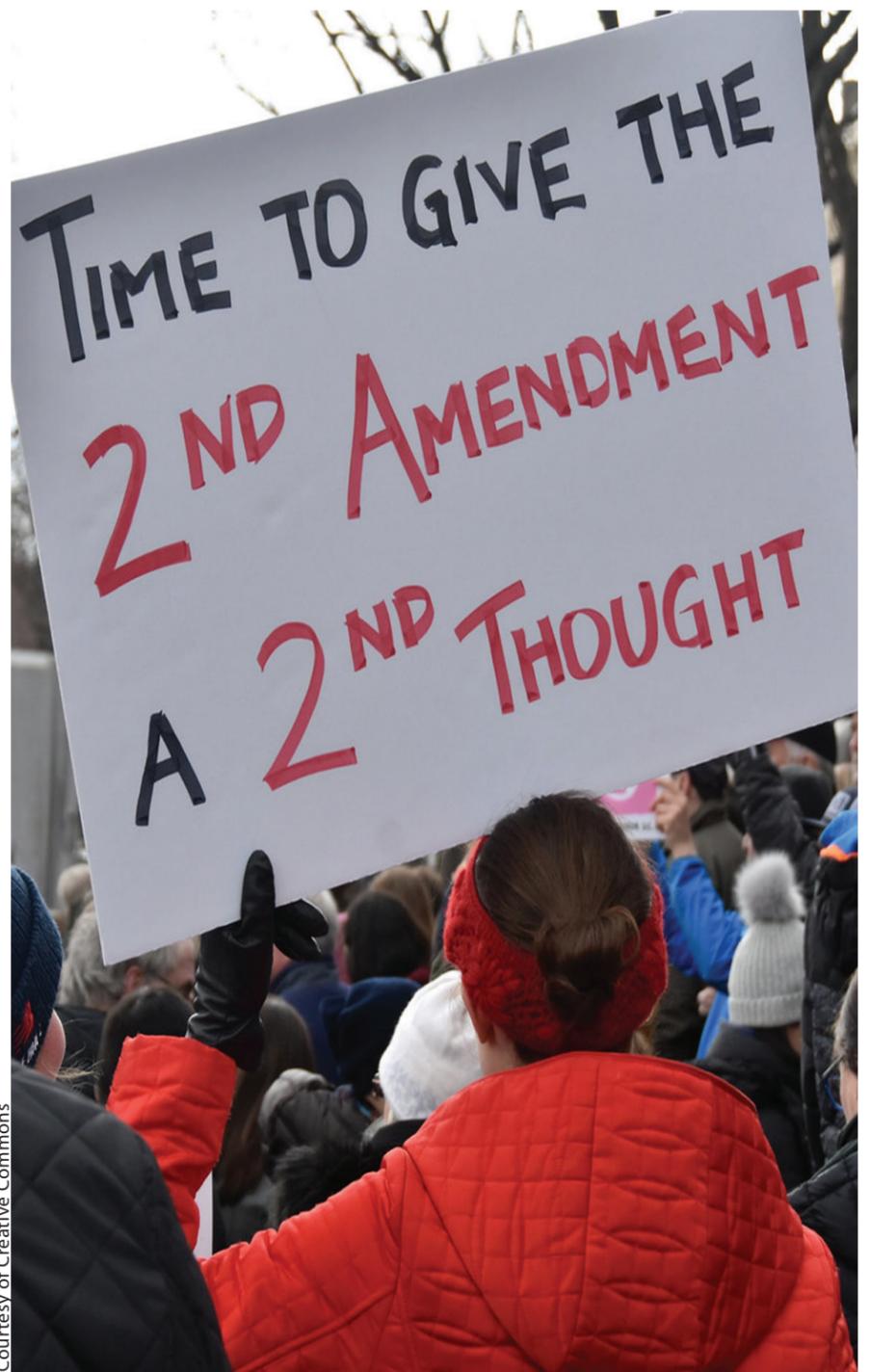
We have to acknowledge that what is currently taking place are acts of domestic terrorism. According to the FBI, domestic terrorism is defined as individuals and/or groups inspired by or associated with primarily U.S.-based movements that espouse extremist ideologies of a political, religious, social, racial or environmental nature. Terrorism is when someone's basic human right is being denied, from going to school, the grocery store or the mall. When those day-to-day things become

threatened, that is when we have to address the issue nationally.

It is easy to place blame when someone else is at fault and hard to acknowledge when we are the ones enabling the problem. We have to acknowledge that we have a gun violence issue domestically. Americans are targeting and killing other Americans at an alarming rate and it is not being taken seriously. Bulletproof backpacks, armed teachers and active shooter drills are all alternatives, not solutions. We are not trying to solve the problem. We are trying to conceal it.

Exactly 18 years ago today the United States remembers one of the most tragic and unforgettable events in history. As we mourn the thousands who lost and sacrificed their lives on that very day, I want to remind us of an important question: Why is it that we react with such patriotism (sometimes irrationally) when the terrorist is a foreign invader? But, why, when the terrorist is a native of the U.S., we tend to turn a blind eye?

Quianff.



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A quick Q&A with Q

Q: What's your favorite spot on campus?

A: My bed.

Q: An 8 a.m. or a night class?

A: Neither. I like to sleep.

Q: Hardest class you've ever taken at Rider?

A: Finite Math.

Q: I Love College or Cranberry Fest?

A: No comment.

Q: It's 12:30 a.m. What are you ordering from Cran's?

A: A double cheeseburger, a side of fries and a water.



DEAR Qur'an,
I am a freshman at Rider and I am having trouble making friends and socializing in general. I am fine walking to class and eating at Daly Dining Hall alone, but I wish I had someone to hang out with. What can I do to get myself out there?

From,
A nervous newbie

DEAR nervous newbie,
This question is not as easy to answer as it may seem, because I too still struggle with socializing and putting myself out there the way I would like to. If you truly want to socialize and make friends, start in your classrooms. It may be harder to make friends with strangers in a less controlled setting like Daly Dining Hall, but getting to know your classmates might be an easier, less overwhelming approach.

Making friends within the classroom always worked for me because I was able to see the same faces, study names and get acquainted with people throughout the entire semester. As much as we try to avoid having to partner up for class, it was one of the easiest ways to introduce myself and try to get to know more about another person. The classroom is also the place to get a feel for the kind of friend you do not want. Are you more intrigued by the student who stays in the back or the one who raises their hand for every question?

Once you have mastered the first level of college interaction, you must defeat your next opponent — the cafeteria. As I mentioned previously, Daly Dining Hall is a much less controlled setting. As you walk in, there are hundreds of students

and conversations and it can feel overwhelming for a first-year college student. The cafeteria is the primary location to socialize because everyone has a free period between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., the peak of the lunch rush. For someone in your position this may not be your favorite place at the moment because this social scene is more enjoyable for established friendships. But, you have to eat (please eat!) so it is perfectly okay to eat alone. For me, eating alone is ideal because I can get work done or watch Netflix while I do it. You will be surprised at how many students eat alone in the dining hall.

The most cliché, but most effective way to make friends is to get involved on campus. Getting involved on campus was not my top priority when I arrived at college but somehow it found its way to me. Once I joined The Rider News, it forced me to get to know our student body because I soon became a voice for it, informing the the Rider community about what is happening on campus.

Get out of your dorm, go to Daly Dining Hall, the library, Starbucks and events on campus to get yourself acquainted with your classmates because these next four years will go by fast. Find out about yourself first, learn about your likes and dislikes because it will shed some light on who you will feel most comfortable around. Do not jump into friendships because you are lonely. Be selfish with your time and your mind, because nothing real comes from fake friends. So choose wisely.

Stay you,
Qur'an

SOPHOMORE SEARCHINGS

Popeyes chicken sandwiches and Twitter fingers

WOULDN'T you want to taste the buttermilk-marinated chicken breast sandwich served on a warm, toasted brioche, with a flavorful spicy mayo sauce and sliced pickles?

If you answered yes, then you might have run out of time, but no need to worry, this unthinkable Popeyes sandwich is rumored to make another appearance due to high demand. However, this new crazed cuisine did not just develop to sell out in less than three weeks without the help of social media.

On August 12, the debut of this flavorful sandwich released at the Popeyes headquarters in Miami. The release of this sandwich started a social media war between Popeyes and Chick-fil-A. This “social media war” only lasted a short amount of time due to the selling out of this sandwich, but it only sparked the flame of the fire.

For the fourth year in a row, Chick-fil-A was awarded America’s favorite restaurant, according to the American Consumer Satisfaction Index. This led to Chick-fil-A tweeting the fundamentals of the restaurants popular chicken sandwich, “Bun + Chicken + Pickles = all the heart for the original.” This led to Popeyes tweeting “y’all good?”

The comical rivalry led to memes and gifs of both chicken sandwiches, but most of the promotion went to Popeyes, as its sandwich just made its debut. A report by Apex Marketing Group showed that Popeyes received \$23.2 million in free advertising, according to Reuters.

The gifs and memes reached my own Twitter feed, so I thought I would give the sandwich a try. As I made my way to the first Popeyes location, I had to stand in an absurd line which wrapped around the store just to be told that they were sold out of sandwiches. I was surprised by the line, but knew everybody wanted one, so I was off to the next store. As I arrived at the next Popeyes location, there was no line wrapped around the store and only a 10-minute wait. Just as the sandwich was coming, I was able to see the reaction of other customers face and they all looked satisfied. I took my first bite into the crunchy and perfectly-seasoned chicken breast, with a toasty bun and spicy mayonnaise — it was the most delightful combination. The sandwich lived up to all the hype it had around social media.

However, this sandwich isn’t made for everyone. Some customers might not be big fans of spicy mayo and would only prefer Chick-fil-A. But if you are interested

in something new and exciting, this sandwich is right for you. A fellow Rider student, sophomore marketing major Jhon Galeano said, “This sandwich isn’t for everyone, but I sure do love it.”

Chicken sandwiches were the trending topic for days. Because of this new craze, the world has seen Popeyes employees resign, stores have been robbed and the public lost their minds over a piece of chicken and two buns. But was it the interest in the taste of the sandwich or was it the hype around the product that had everyone tuned in? We have to admit the powerful and, sometimes frightening, control and impact social media has on the general public. Popeyes sold an estimated 1,000 sandwiches a day, all because of Tweets and posts, according to CNBC. Moral of the story, never underestimate the power of Twitter fingers.



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Kristopher Aponte
sophomore sports media major

Divorra, Brosious heroes in wins

By Dylan Manfre

After its first game of the season against Lehigh, the consensus from the field hockey team was that it needed to capitalize on every opportunity in its 2-1 double overtime win over La Salle on Sept. 6.

Sophomore midfielder Julia Divorra came to Rider's rescue and found the back of the cage, thanks to an assist from sophomore midfielder Tess van Ommeren.

The go-ahead goal off a corner deflection was the deciding factor in the Broncos' 2-1 victory on Sept. 6.

Rider held a 1-0 advantage until the final minute of regulation when a questionable call resulted in La Salle converting a penalty stroke that sent the game into overtime.

Divorra missed a majority of her freshman campaign due to an injury, so early success this season was special to her.

"The satisfaction [of getting a win] after the game was a relief for everyone," Divorra said. "I was so happy [to score the goal] because I have been through tough days... I was happy when everyone came around to celebrate. It was hard in the beginning because I have been out a long time but it was so satisfying to be back with everyone and I'm super grateful they welcomed me back."

Head Coach Lori Hussong said she did not have a good view of what happened late in the game that warranted a penalty stroke. Even La Salle's head coach looked puzzled at the play. Hussong, however, was pleased with her team's resiliency throughout the game.

"In a normal situation, most teams would fall over and die after being up by one with two minutes to go and blowing your lead like that but I think the team came back strong," said Hussong. "To overcome the succession of five corners in the overtime says something about their heart. Any time you put a couple balls in the cage is a good thing for us. We still need to do a much better job of being prepared to shoot and score overall."

The victory made Hussong the 15th active Division I head coach with at 250 career victories in her 20th season at the helm for Rider.

Freshman defender Kiki van Ommeren was the beneficiary of an assist from sophomore forward Carly Brosious, as she recorded her first collegiate goal 2:15 into the second quarter. It was the Broncos' first goal of the season after Lehigh held them scoreless on Aug. 30.

Tess van Ommeren returned to the starting lineup after missing the first game due to a leg injury. It was the first time Kiki van Ommeren and Tess van Ommeren shared the field together.

"It was such a good feeling to share [the field] with her," Kiki van Ommeren said. "I really like [playing with her] actually because we are good together and I love that I get to share something like this with her."

Rider's history against Drexel was not favorable as it had lost the last 10



Peter G. Borg/Rider University

Sophomore midfielder **Julia Divorra**, who missed most of last season, scored the winning goal vs. La Salle.

meetings.

Sept. 10 however, the Broncos wrote a different script and pulled away with a 3-1 victory.

Brosious scored her first goal of the season and assisted on a Divorra goal shortly after. The duo put the Broncos in a position they have not experienced in their last four meetings with Drexel — up at halftime.

Brosious put the nail in the coffin and scored an empty-cage goal assisted by Kiki van Ommeren.

Junior goalkeeper Lena Vandam, who was named the Northeast Conference Defensive Player of the Week on Sept. 10, recorded four saves in the win.

The Broncos return to Ben Cohen Field for two games. They face Georgetown on Sept. 13 at 4 p.m. and Colgate on Sept. 15 at noon. The Georgetown contest will be broadcasted on ESPN+.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

WED, SEPT. 11

•Men's Soccer @ Princeton
7 p.m.

THU, SEPT. 12

•Women's Soccer vs. Delaware State 7 p.m.
ESPN+

FRI, SEPT. 13

•Men's Tennis @ Villanova Classic 10 a.m.
•Field Hockey vs. Georgetown 4 p.m. ESPN+
•Volleyball @ Henson's Hawk Invitational 7 p.m.

SAT, SEPT. 14

•Men's Tennis @ Villanova Classic 10 a.m.
•Volleyball @ Henson's Hawk Invitational 1 p.m.
•Men's Soccer vs. La Salle 7 p.m. BroncVision

SUN, SEPT. 15

•Men's Tennis @ Villanova Classic 10 a.m.
•Field Hockey vs. Colgate 12 p.m. BroncVision
•Women's Soccer vs. Temple 3 p.m. BroncVision

MON, SEPT. 16

•Golf @ Hartford Hawks Invitational (Time TBA)

TUE, SEPT. 17

•Golf @ Hartford Hawks Invitational (Time TBA)

MEN'S SOCCER

Broncs escape Bronx with victory

By Austin Ferguson

AFTER the Broncs' home debut was cancelled against Central Connecticut State (CCSU), Rider grinded out a win at Fordham, 2-0.

The Broncs were contacted prior to what would have been their first home game of the year by CCSU, stating that they would not be able to field a team for their upcoming match, cancelling the game.

The Rider News reached out to CCSU for comment on the cancellation, but CCSU did not respond back for comment in time for publication. The Broncs' match against CCSU will not be rescheduled this season.

Following the cancellation, Rider traveled to the Bronx for a nonconference matchup against Fordham on Sept. 7.

The action picked up in the 28th minute, when redshirt junior forward Pablo DeCastro cashed in on a redshirt junior midfielder Mathis Catanzaro assist to give the Broncs a 1-0 lead, their first of the season.

DeCastro felt the initial goal set the tone of the match, especially with Fordham's hard play against them.

"It was an important goal," DeCastro said. "They were pressing a lot and making a lot of changes. It gave us a lot of confidence."

Catanzaro set the table again in the 65th minute, and served up the pass for a senior forward Clement Bourret score, which put Rider up, 2-0. The Broncs did not look back and cemented the 2-0 victory by the final whistle.

Outside of Rider's scoring effort, the Broncs' goalkeeping had a strong showing to contribute to the win. Junior goalkeeper Pablo Gatinois led the Broncs' defensive dominance and accounted for seven saves on the way to his first shutout of the campaign.

Both Rider and Fordham played a physical game and drew seven bookings which included a red card to redshirt senior back Sylvain Coco.

Head Coach Charlie Inverso commented that the pace of the game was disrupted by the physical play, saying there "were a lot of fouls, it made it hard for us to get into a flow."

Inverso also saw the Broncs' next matchup against Princeton as a great opportunity for the team to find the right physicality and energy to bring to the field.

"We play with a lot of passion and we have the perfect game to follow up with and find out how we do that," said Inverso.

Despite the flow of the game, Inverso was proud of the team's efforts against a formidable opponent on the road.

"Up until the end, I was happy with how we handled the game," Inverso said.



Peter G. Borg/Rider University

Redshirt junior forward **Pablo DeCastro** scored his first goal of the season in Rider's 2-0 victory at Fordham.

"[Fordham] is a very good program. They went to the final eight [of the NCAA tournament] a few years ago. It's a hard place to play. Going up to the Bronx and dealing with everything you have to deal with up there on the road, it was a good win."

Although the Broncs' returned to New Jersey with their first win of the season, DeCastro was not taking their upcoming match with Princeton lightly.

"It's going to be a tough game, they have a really good team," DeCastro said. "Their level of play is so high. It's a very important game for us to get confident for [Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference] play and to look forward to other games."

Rider travels to take on Princeton on Sept. 11 at 7 p.m., followed by the Broncs' home opener on Sept. 14 as they take on La Salle at Ben Cohen Field at 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Rider's unbeaten record snapped at home

By Allie V. Riches

THE unbeaten record of the women's soccer team walked into its games against New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) and Columbia hoping to continue early momentum. Rider was shutout in both games, 5-0, and, 1-0, respectively.

The Broncs started their season off strong, winning their first two games and tying against Fairleigh Dickinson in their third game of the season to become 2-0-1.

Coming into the match, NJIT had lost two close games and were looking for its first win of 2019.

Even though Rider had the better record, it had not defeated NJIT since 2016. The Broncs were unable to break the losing streak and lost to the Highlanders 5-0 on Sept. 5.

"We were very happy with our performance. We played really our best game of the season," Head Coach Drayson Hounsoume said. "There were areas of the game where we performed stronger than them, but the only area that counts is the ball going into the back of the net, and they were much stronger than us in that area."

Leaving only two days for recovery, Rider hosted Columbia on Sept. 8, which it had only faced once prior in program history.

The Lions held the Broncs scoreless and outshot them 13-0 en route to a 1-0 victory and handed Rider its second loss of 2019.

"I believe last year's game [against Columbia] was similar to this year's game," Hounsoume said. "They had the better of the performance last year. We were fortunate to score on a penalty kick and a free kick last year, so we took our opportunities. Today, of course, they are a strong team, and it was tough for us to create those opportunities because defensively they are a very good team."

Even though Rider lost and allowed the lone goal in the 50th minute, it kept pace with Columbia for



Carolo Pascale/The Rider News

Sophomore midfielder **Ailis Martin** battles for possession with Ally Clark during Rider's 1-0 loss to Columbia on Sept. 8.

most of the first half. The team hoped to improve its offense before Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) play, according to Hounsoume.

"It's really about our performance and what we can control. We do need to work on finishing and some shooting," Hounsoume said. "It's not really something we have been spending some time on. We have really been working on defending."

The Broncs currently sit at 2-2-1 with two games left before MAAC competition.

"We look really strong. At least the back four that we have, like defense. We're doing a great job moving the ball from the back," said junior goalkeeper Carmen Carbonell, who has a .708 save percentage. "I think we will look good in the MAAC championship."

The Broncs host Delaware State on Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. with the game broadcasted on ESPN+. They will continue their homestand on Sept. 15 against Temple at Ben Cohen Field at 3 p.m.



Volleyball clinches first win at Radford



Peter G. Borg/Rider University

Senior libero **Rachelle Runyon** won Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) Libero of the Week honors after her performance in the Radford Invitational Tournament.

By Lauren Amour

The volleyball team competed in two doubleheaders and lost both ends on Sept. 6 to Toledo, 3-1, and Fordham, 3-1, and swept matches against Norfolk State and Radford on Sept. 7 in the Radford Invitational Tournament.

The split saw freshman right side hitter Morgan Romano win her second consecutive Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) Rookie of the Week.

The honors are the first time a MAAC rookie has won them back to back since sophomore setter Anilee Sher did so for Rider twice in the 2018 season. Romano seeks to be the first to win three straight rookie of the week awards since Fairfield's Alexis Rich at the beginning of the 2018 season.

The Broncos also took home MAAC Libero of the Week honors thanks to senior libero Rachelle Runyon. The award is the fourth in Runyon's career with Rider and her first of the season.

Despite a strong performance from Romano in the opening game of the Sept. 6. doubleheader, in which she recorded her second career double-double with a career-high 24 kills and 10 digs, the Broncos only took the second set and fell to Toledo, 3-1.

Rider once again found themselves in an unfavorable spot against Fordham and were in the hole two sets to none. The Broncos rallied to pick up the third set, 25-21. The fourth set, however, did not help out Rider and Fordham took the victory with a match score of 3-1.

Still in search of their first win of the season, the Broncos entered the tournament on Sept. 7 with an 0-6 record. The start to their season was the program's worst since 2007, when they started off the season with six straight losses before picking up their first win.

On day two of the invitational, another doubleheader was in store as Rider attempted to escape a seventh and eighth straight loss and avoid duplicating the skid the 2000 Broncos team, who finished their season 1-25, experienced to start their campaign.

Romano continued to impress with her performance, putting up 14 kills against Norfolk

State. The MAAC Rookie of the Week meant a lot to Romano.

"It was really exciting for me, especially because it was the first one," Romano said. "I honestly wouldn't have gotten it without my teammates and my coaches helping me and pushing me to play to my potential."

Romano also raved about her new teammates and coaching staff.

"All the girls were really welcoming when [the freshmen] came in," Romano said. "On the court, they're always encouraging to everyone no matter what. They're a great group of girls. The coaching staff is a really good change for the team, and although it's my first year, everyone seems to like them. They're really encouraging, and I think this season is going to be a good one."

Sophomore setter Anilee Sher shined in game one and recorded 23 assists in the match. Defensively, Runyon had eight digs and fellow senior middle blocker Evelyn Shanefield registered four blocks.

Solid offense and defense eventually led the Broncos to a 3-0 victory over Norfolk State. The win was the first-year Head Coach Jeff Rotondo's first for the Broncos.

"It was a sigh of relief," Rotondo said. "We came close the previous weekend, so to get that first one felt good. Not only for me to get one under my belt, but for the team because I know they've really been working hard."

Determined to keep their momentum going after getting their first taste of victory for the season, the Broncos came out strong in game two against Radford. Consistent offense, which included four different Rider players accumulating seven or more kills, helped the Broncos to a victory over the Highlanders in straight sets, 25-12, 25-19 and 25--12.

Rotondo's hope is that the Broncos will maintain the energy they showed in the last two games.

"We just seemed to play more together today," he said. "We had moments of it against Toledo, and we know it's going to take time because we're installing new systems and terminology, so we know there's going to be moments of confusion. But today, it just

felt like everything clicked. [The team] showed a great level of determination."

Rotondo wanted the team to learn from both their wins and losses in nonconference play.

"I'm hoping that what we take out of this is that we have been in almost every match," he said. "I hope [the team] takes out of it that if we stay within our team's systems and trust each other on the court, we can compete with a lot of good teams."

The Broncos' first MAAC matchup will be held on Sept. 21 against Iona in Alumni Gym.

Rider will take a trip to Princess Anne, Maryland, to compete in the Henson's Hawk Invitational for a three-game set. The tournament is the first the Broncos have played in Princess Anne since 2016, when they went 1-3 at the University of Maryland Eastern Shores (UMES) Invitational.

On Sept. 13, Rider takes on UMES at 7 p.m. and on Sept. 14, it competes in another doubleheader, with game one against Robert Morris set for 1 p.m. and game two against Hampton at 4 p.m.

The Broncos follow up tournament play by returning to Lawrenceville for their home opener on Sept. 21, also serving as their MAAC conference opener as they host Iona in the Alumni Gym at 1 p.m.

All four of Rider's matchups in the UMES Invitational will be broadcast live on ESPN+.