

Gov. Mark Schweiker reflects on Sept. 11 attacks



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Gov. Mark Schweiker standing in front of Moore Library, vividly recalls the crash site of United Airlines Flight 93 in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

By **Tori Pender**

THE 20th anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001, was memorialized at the front plaza of Moore Library on Sept. 9. The ceremony was hosted by Rider’s Veterans and Military Affairs department with a follow-up Q&A with former Pennsylvania Gov. Mark Schweiker ’83 and Micah Rasmussen of The Rebovich Institute for New Jersey Politics.

President Gregory Dell’ Omo emotionally said, “The memories in the history of Sept. 11 will always belong to the entire nation and indeed the world. Those of us old enough to have lived through that awful moment can never forget the horrific sights and sounds we saw and heard with our own eyes and ears.”

Gov. Schweiker led Pennsylvania’s emergency response and recovery efforts. He saw firsthand the devastating effects caused by the violent crash of United Airlines Flight 93 in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

“It’s important to me that the visitor sees what those 40 people took on,”

Schweiker said. “To stand for freedom, to take that kind of stand that costs their lives.”

Schweiker vividly recalls being at the crash site, which he described as a 70-acre crime scene.

“I have not forgotten Captain Victor Saracini, who was the captain of United Flight 175 that hit the south tower at 9:03:02 a.m. A good Bucks County man with a wonderful spouse by the name of Ellen and two daughters, and my pledge was to tell their story. ... For me, it is about keeping the pledge,” said Schweiker.

Reading of the names and bell tolls by Student Government Association officers, junior political science major Andrew Bernstein, and senior psychology major Talyn Trobiano memorialized the eight alumni Rider lost on Sept. 11.

Schweiker said, “We don’t want another mass casualty incident, none of us do. But we have an obligation for those of us who have lived this, to speak the truth, to remind us of what’s at stake.”



Bond status downgrade creates financial uncertainty for Rider

By **Sarah Siock**

AFTER a challenging year that resulted in an approximate \$9.5 million deficit for the university, Rider continues to head down a path of financial uncertainty with analysts at the Moody’s Investors Service once again downgrading Rider’s bond rating and giving the university a “negative” outlook.

In July, the bond credit rating business moved Rider’s rating from Ba1 to Ba2 citing the university’s “continued very weak operating performance, reliance on a line of credit and recent increase in leverage, largely for working capital needs.”

A downward trend

The new bond rating marks the university’s third downgrade in four years. In 2017, Moody’s Investors Service revised Rider’s outlook from stable to negative. In 2020, Moody’s downgraded the university’s revenue bonds to “junk” status, meaning that the school’s bonds carried a higher chance of default, and if the university borrowed more money in the future, it was likely to pay higher interest rates. The newest downgrade is an even lower version of junk bond status and could make it more difficult and expensive for Rider to borrow money.

The report from Moody’s states that the rationale behind the rating downgrade includes enrollment declines, lagging growth in net tuition per student and an 8% decrease in net tuition revenue over the fiscal 2016-20 period.

“While the university has articulated strategies to improve operations, a turnaround, if achievable, will take multiple years,” the July 13 report states.

While the new bond status may make it difficult for Rider to borrow money, the



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Rider University has received multiple downgrades from Moody’s Investor Service over the past four years.

university has no plans to do so according to Vice President of Finance James Hartman.

Impact of COVID-19

However, a near-future improvement in Rider’s bond rating may be difficult as the pandemic continues to bring financial hardship to the university and negatively impact enrollment.

“It’s widely known that the landscape of higher education is changing rapidly. The global pandemic has only exacerbated the existing challenges institutions like



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SECURITY BRIEFS

BY SARAH SIOCK

Intoxicated Tuesdays

Stay safe when drinking. On Tuesday, Sept. 7, at 12:05 a.m., Public Safety was dispatched to a medical emergency in Conover Hall. Upon their arrival, they encountered a student who was vomiting. The student was found to be intoxicated, and an ambulance was called to further evaluate the student. The incident was referred to the Office of Community Standards.

Illegal dumpings

Who was that? On Friday, Sept. 10, at 5:04 p.m., Public Safety was contacted by Facilities Management who reported that someone was illegally dumping garbage on campus. Facilities reported that earlier, someone was dumping trash in the dumpster behind Daly's who was not permitted to do so. Surveillance camera footage of the area was checked, a vehicle that was believed to be the one associated with the illegal dumping was observed in the area and a license plate was obtained. The incident remains under investigation.

Skateboard bandit

Where did it go? On Saturday, Sept. 11, at 6:30 a.m., a student reported to Public Safety that his skateboard had been stolen. The student stated that he left his skateboard in a parking lot, and when he returned to retrieve it, it was gone. Surveillance camera footage of the area was checked, a white contracting truck was observed in the area and the driver of the vehicle appears to take the skateboard and drive away. The incident remains under investigation.

— Information provided by Public Safety Capt. Matthew Babcock

Moody's downgrade forces Rider to plan for the future

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Rider have been facing, while also creating unforeseen new ones," said Hartman in an email to The Rider News.

Hartman said the university lost approximately \$27 million in room, board and auxiliary revenue over the past two fiscal years due to the pandemic and spent approximately \$2 million in COVID-19 related costs last year to ensure the safety of faculty, staff and students.

At the fall convocation, Rider President Gregory Dell'Omo said Rider's undergraduate returning student rate dropped to 76.8% this past year, a steep drop from 80.3% the year before. Dell'Omo said Rider's total enrollment is at 3,827 students, which achieves the budget that Rider has, but is a drop from the 4,218 students the previous year.

Longtime financial struggles

Political science professor and President of Rider's Chapter of the American Association of University Professors Barbara Franz said that effects of the COVID-19 pandemic were not the only reason for Rider's rating downgrade, and said it is a "direct result of years of mismanagement" by the current administration. She noted Rider's failed attempt to sell Westminster Choir College (WCC).

"This is the second time within roughly a year that Rider's bonds were downgraded, and the third time under the leadership of President Dell'Omo. For a long time prior to the three downgrades in July 2021, June 2020 and November 2017, Rider had a stable bond rating... Many universities in the tri-state area also have experienced these downturns in the past two semesters without equivalent downgrading of their creditworthiness," said Franz. "...The combined impact of these and other poor decisions has led, for the first time, to negative cash flow and the need to fund some operations from debt. Given all of this, it is not surprising that Moody's has downgraded Rider's creditworthiness."

The report also pointed to Rider's attempt to sell WCC and ongoing litigation surrounding it as an obstacle in improving the university's overall financial performance.

Looking ahead

Moody's report details factors that could lead to a rating upgrade in the future if Rider increases enrollment, grows "net tuition" and improves its operating margins. However, the university is projected to operate at an almost \$22 million deficit for the 2022 fiscal year, Dell'Omo said during his Sept. 2 convocation address.

Hartman said, "Rider has established an action plan focused on enrollment growth and long-term financial stability and did so long before the pandemic arrived. We've taken aggressive steps over the past five years to deal with issues related to affordability, competition, program offerings, shrinking state and federal funding, student success, retention, campus facilities and infrastructure and enrollment challenges."

Hartman pointed to two new programs Rider launched last year, Lifting Barriers and Cranberry Investment, that aim to increase enrollment. The Lifting Barriers initiative is intended to help students and families break through significant obstacles they face in obtaining a college education and a successful career; it also lowered the tuition sticker price for Rider by 22%. The Cranberry Investment guarantees undergraduate students who fulfill their responsibilities will get a job or academic opportunities within six months of graduation.

"We are continuing to take bold steps to stabilize the finances of our university. The need to grow enrollment is critical, and every single person at this institution should be engaged in helping to increase our undergraduate and graduate populations," said Hartman. "We are confident in Rider's unique strengths and the steps we have taken to remain financially stable while continuing to support students on their journey of achieving their personal and professional goals."



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President Gregory Dell'Omo was optimistic about bringing in prospective students during his Sept. 2 convocation.



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Q&A with former Gov. Mark Schweiker sparks conversation

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FOLLOWING the Sept. 11 ceremony, a Q&A was hosted by the Rebovich Institute for New Jersey Politics with former Pennsylvania Gov. Mark Schweiker in the Mercer room at Daly's Dining Hall.

On Sept. 11, 2001 Schweiker, as governor, was also the chairman of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Council, making him the top executive emergency response. Typically, the FBI handles crisis management, investigation and the state governments have the responsibility to handle consequence management.

Schweiker explained as Flight 93 was being overtaken, the FBI was tracking it over Ohio before it lost communication.

Because of his ability to quickly and adequately respond to events, Schweiker has advised many mayors and governors dealing with tragic situations like the Columbine High School massacre in Littleton, Colorado.

The first student asked question went to graduate student Austin Ferguson who asked, "When specifically looking at current terrorism, security, what changes have you seen from the start of conflict involvement after Sept. 11?"

Schweiker said, "I wish everyone would answer with the integration of the federal agencies and their ability to, quote-unquote, play together. Trade Information. Relative to counterintelligence [and] counterterrorism."

The sense of bioterrorism in the county level's capacity Schweiker described as having more sensitivity and acuity, especially with first responders.

Schweiker continued, "You know, you might be able to talk about when you approach a fire, and you're not sure what's in there, you're going to go in carefully. Well, when it comes to now, and PD is called out, they'll approach it carefully. That mindset didn't exist before September of 2001. It does now. So I think the interaction between the levels of government and the different response entities is much better and I think sensitivity is very high."

On the topic of partisan politics, Schweiker explained how plenty of state governments are getting the job done without the political drama.

"But I realize your real question is, you know, given the state of affairs in Washington, D.C., and the seeming inability to even get the cap, the hard



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Micah Rasmussen hosted the Q&A event with former Pennsylvania Governor Mark Schweiker, where students, staff and alumni were able to ask the former governor questions about his experience.

infrastructure bill passed, which has never been a partisan,... it was always out there was never going to be without a final doubt going to go do it, that took a long time. So kind of a surprise. So I do believe we have plenty of states where the bipartisan model is alive and working. I do believe we have, you know, the alt-right and the far-left, poison some of the debate," said Schweiker.

University dashboard reports first COVID-19 cases of semester

By Shaun Chornobroff

IN the first week of students being fully on-campus, Rider had four COVID-19 cases among its student body and faculty, according to the COVID-19 dashboard that is updated every Friday on the university's website.

The dashboard, which tracks COVID-19 cases, tests, as well as quarantined and isolated students, showed that the four positive cases were split evenly between on-campus faculty and staff from Sept. 6-10.

"The cases that we got are not unexpected. We've all been hearing about the prevalence of the Delta variant, so what we experienced was not unexpected," said Vice President for Strategic Initiatives and Planning and Secretary to the Board Debbie Stassola.

Stassola said she also expects the number of tests to rise, because Rider is having more people on campus.

In the initial dashboard, Rider had only administered 39 COVID-19 tests. However, Stassola expects to see a bigger increase in the testing numbers around the university.

"I do expect the number of tests to increase because the dashboard numbers on Friday do not reflect, obviously, the weekly testing that began just this week for unvaccinated students and faculty," Stassola said.

Rider currently has 96% of its students and 87% of its faculty vaccinated, according to the dashboard.

Stassola said that she expects the employee vaccination number to increase to as much as 90% when the dashboard updates again on Sept. 17.

Rider had two students quarantining at the time of the dashboard's release. While Stassola is expecting a jump in quarantined students, she isn't expecting it to be anything in comparison to the past.

"They won't rise as much as last year because a lot of quarantine last year had to do with close contacts before we had the benefit of the vaccine," Stassola said. "This year, now that most people on campus are vaccinated, that means they do not necessarily need to quarantine just because they are identified as close contacts."

With that said, Stassola acknowledged that there could be a jump in the future. "What it's really going to depend on is how the cold and flu season goes this fall," Stassola said. "Because so many of the symptoms of COVID overlap with the flu, and it's hard for us to tell whether someone has COVID or not, and therefore, if they're symptomatic with those kinds of symptoms, we will likely put them in quarantine until we get their COVID test results."

COVID - 19 Counter

Confirmed Cases
Last updated: *Sept. 10, 2021*

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Cumulative total of laboratory-confirmed cases of COVID-19 at Rider University (Since Sept. 6, 2021)

COVID - 19 case reports to Rider University by month:

Month/Year	Student Case Reports	Employee Case Reports
September 2021	2	2

Rider University reports its testing numbers and other coronavirus statistics every Friday at rider.edu/dashboard

ON CAMPUS STUDENT TESTING

Weeks	Health Center	Surveillance Testing
Sept. 6-10	15	24
Total	39	39

Student quarantine and isolation

Students in quarantine have been identified as close contacts of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, are completing their travel advisory required quarantine or have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and are awaiting test results. Students in isolation have tested positive for COVID-19. This week there are:

Two students quarantining on campus and two students isolating off campus

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CDI hosts event for LGBTQIA+ students and staff

By Tristan Leach

On Sept. 10, the Center for Diversity and Inclusion (CDI) held a dessert reception for LGBTQIA+ students, staff and allies. The reception allowed students to interact with their peers as well as meet staff who work specifically to help students who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex queer, questioning and asexual.

Before speeches, students and staff mingled and talked, ate donuts, fresh baked cookies, blondies and cereal treat bars. Set on the tables were pronoun pins for students and staff to wear and take with them after the event. Students and staff alike were happy to take one and wear it proudly during and after the event.

Freshman acting major Madeline Yu-Phelps said, "I use they/them pronouns and I am happy when people ask me. Before I knew, I felt awkward about it, because I didn't know if I was she/her or he/him or any other combo. I recently figured it out. I always appreciated it, but now I love it."

Among the many people who attended were CDI Executive Director Pamela Pruitt and CDI Assistant Director Ashley Archer. Both Pruitt and Archer gave speeches and welcomed all in attendance to the CDI.

The event also highlighted the Spectrum Pride Alliance, an LGBTQIA+ organization that aims to be another safe space on campus for LGBTQIA+ students. Hundreds of students who signed up for the club attended the event.



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Students and staff had open conversations at the dessert reception.

Sophomore dance major Marissa Stellato said, "I guess it just makes me feel more comfortable being around people I can fully relate to. My high school GSA club was really bad, because no one ever showed up. It makes me feel prideful."

As the event carried on, students filtered in and out. This being one of the many LGBTQIA+ events that will take place this school year, many students expressed interest in attending more.

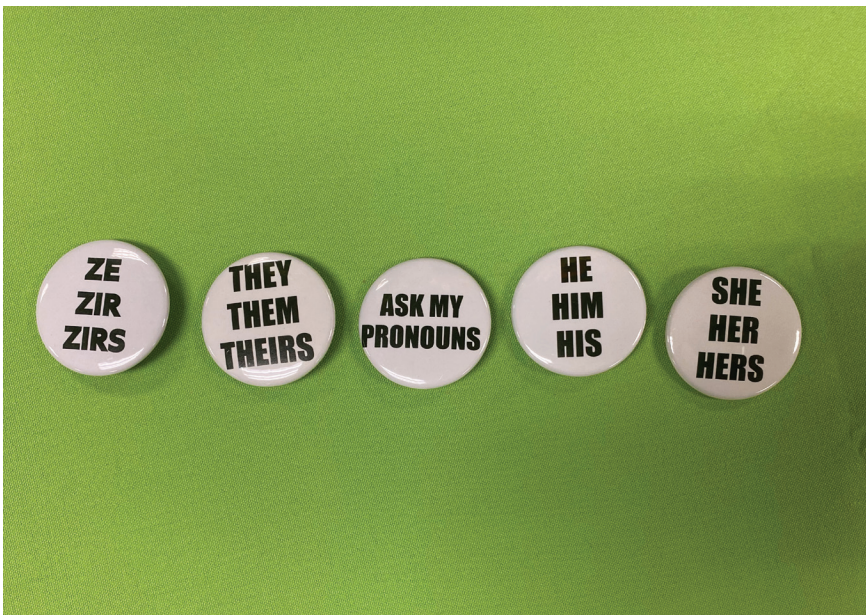
Freshman contemporary theater practice major Maddie Sullivan said, "I'd go to a majority of [events]. I can't stay long but I want to meet more people."

Rider has a four out of five star rating on the Campus Pride Index for inclusion of LGBTQIA+ students.

Archer said, "Campus Pride is submitted once every year. There are certain areas that we look at: student affairs, public safety, student health. What I think is getting us there is that we are always, constantly thinking about what can we do? We get individual scores in each area and we say how can we improve next year? If we get a three out of five in an area, we say what can we do to get a four next year? We are constantly evolving, constantly wanting to understand what our students want."

The CDI at Rider strives to include all students, faculty and staff.

Archer said, "I always think about intersectionality and recognizing who our people are. We create what I call a brave space, we engage in dialogue. It's all about asking pronouns, getting away from binary language and just creating a space where folks feel comfortable. CDI is home."



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Rider gave out pronoun pins at the reception for students to have.

Live band, DJ and mechanical bull: Rider's Rock Fest

By Amethyst Martinez

RIDER hosted 'Rock Fest' on Sept. 10, one of the first large-scale in-person events to be held since the start of the coronavirus pandemic. It featured a live band, DJ and many activities for students to participate in throughout the night.

Kayla Wagner, a junior digital marketing major and student entertainment traditions chair, was one of the students who helped put together the event.

"COVID-19 has definitely presented an added challenge to planning events, but the goal of bringing the Rider community together through these events has always remained the same," Wagner said in an email to The Rider News.

With COVID-19 rules on campus always evolving through new information and studies on the virus from health experts, it was uncertain how the event would turn out.

"Planning for Rock Fest began months ago, so there was always a looming sense of uncertainty about what the event would actually look like, given the fact that our world with COVID-19 is changing on a daily basis," said Wagner.

Rider hosted Rock Fest outside to alleviate some COVID-19 restrictions, paired with the fact that masks are no longer required outdoors on campus.

Wagner said, "By taking advantage of the outside space, the Rider community was able to experience the event exactly as they would pre-COVID, which I think was definitely an experience we've all been needing this past year and a half."

Rock Fest hosted a wide range of activities for all students to participate in.

"Activities at Rock Fest included a mechanical bull, dunk tank, inflatable ax throwing, an obstacle course, a rock wall and spin art. We had live music and a DJ. Students were able to eat at food trucks from NOMAD Pizza, Empanada Guy, and Ben & Jerry's," said Wagner. Rock Fest also included a bonfire, also known as the 'Broncfire'.

Rock Fest was planned to bring the Rider community together because of the difficult past year it has been due to COVID-19, with many students opting to stay home the previous fall semester.

"Events like Rock Fest are exactly what makes Rider the community that it is. From my perspective, as someone who worked to plan the event behind the scenes, it was an incredible feeling to finally see the campus community unite together at Rock Fest after being apart for so long," said Wagner.

The event held many social activities for students to get to know each other. Emily Siegel, a freshman acting major, was one of the attendees.

"I think people really just stick to who they've made friends with at times like these. It's nice to say hi and talk to people that I don't usually see," said Siegel.

Hundreds of students attended the event, and it concluded with a fireworks display.



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Students take turns riding the mechanical bull in front of the Pub during Rock Fest.



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The 'Jason Dumm' band covers songs including "All Star" by Smash Mouth at Rock Fest.

Rider faculty, staff share thoughts and stories of 9/11 tragedies two decades later



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‘I remember hearing that an airplane crashed into the World Trade Center and thinking that it may have been an accident.’

“Very early that morning, before 7 a.m., when driving to school, I noticed that there was a bit of fog, although later in the morning, the day turned out to be bright and clear. When I heard that the second plane hit the second tower, however, **it was clear that this was not an accident.** It was a devastating day for so many people. While we did not lose anyone in the attack, it was heartbreaking to see ‘missing persons’ posters all over the city and, especially, in the Times Square subway station placed there by family members hoping to be reunited by their loved ones,” said Cynthia Lucia, professor of film and television.

‘We were baffled, basically’

“When the second plane hit the second tower... we were baffled, basically... we weren’t so much frightened as puzzled about what could be going on, because at that time, **you didn’t think about terrorist attacks and you certainly didn’t think about planes as weapons.**” said Matthew Goldie, professor of English.

‘Everybody was in a mad panic’

“I was shocked that something like that could even happen here in the US and anyone would even try and do something like that to our country. And just devastating, not really knowing. Knowing those people in those buildings... And just wondering if someone could get out or not. **I mean, that had to be horrific... not only seeing it from afar but being part of it.** So the families... who lost their loved ones. And so... it was really sad that day,” said Kevin Baggett, Rider men’s basketball coach.

‘No one was tired anymore. Nobody was grumpy anymore. We knew it was an attack’

“The word came back that the second tower got hit, and then immediately, **no one needed to tell us at that point that it wasn’t an accident.** We were a part of the emergency preparedness. Part of our area for emergency preparedness included New York and DC. When the word got out about the second aircraft, it just exploded. No one was tired anymore. Nobody was grumpy anymore. We knew it was an attack,” said Thomas Reddington, coordinator of Veterans Affairs.

‘You’re in shock’

“When the second plane hit, then you said, ‘Oh my god, this is something that’s very serious.’ Then once you turn the TV on and begin to see the pictures and what’s going on, you’re in shock. To see how a building of that size... to see it crumble like it did you say **‘How in God’s name could that happen?’** And you just start thinking of all those people. One of the first things that I still think of to this day is people jumping out the windows, it is the most powerful, scariest vision. They showed that while this is happening live,” said Gregory Dell’Omo, Rider president.

‘We were together as one’

“But what was always really great was to see everybody come together; you know, **it was one time that I’ve been alive to see that the world and the country come together.** Regardless of your race, regardless of your gender... We were together as one... And here we are now. You know, all splintered again, as a country based on diversity and race and everything... whenever you see a country come together like that, it’s just, that’s what made me proud to be an American... in those days in those times, and I just wish we would be more consistent with that,” said Baggett.

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‘Only gradually did things turn back to somewhat normal.’

“The Sept. 11 anniversary this year, 20 years after that terrible event, is **an important opportunity to reflect,** remember and honor those who lost their lives and those first responders who tried to help others, in many cases losing their own lives,” said Lucia.

‘The world came together’

“There are times when we really have to be aware of our need to be together as well as a country to support one another. And it’s through these kinds of tragic events, that becomes critically apparent and the balance between individual rights and responsibilities and togetherness really need to be sort of recalibrated to get that balance in the right way... I think it’s important to recognize the anniversary because **I hope that it continues to allow us to reflect on not what happened, but what we’re doing now and how we’re going forward as a country and as a world.**” said Dell’Omo.

‘I took a lot for granted’

“One significance is that it gave me, and hopefully a lot of people, **greater recognition of what our freedom really means for us in the United States.** I took a lot for granted and thought something like this could never happen where I live. I really take for granted the value of living in America,” said Barbara Blandford, director of Student Accessibility and Support Services.

‘This made an impact on everybody’

“I don’t like calling it an anniversary. I don’t know, I think of it more as a remembrance or a memorial... For our generation, this made an impact on everybody. I think it’s important to remember, and hopefully remember the lessons learned. And you know, most importantly **remember those who... sacrificed on that day or who gave everything on that day, the first responders and military.**” said Reddington.

‘Life was precious after’

“In New York, there were so many stories of people helping each other... strangers helping strangers... and everybody just kind of felt like life was precious after it happened. **It manifested most immediately in travel restrictions...** I remember when people could walk you up to the gate to say goodbye... and you didn’t get searched at the airport... all of that changed,” said Kelly Ross, associate professor.

‘We’re pretty resilient’

“I think the legacy [of 9/11] is that we as a country, we’re pretty resilient. As a country, we have the ability to just do amazing things, we have a lot of amazing people... It just makes me want to always remember back on 9/11, **I think about those families that lost a loved one first or loved ones,** you know, so I still never forget that,” said Baggett.

‘We lost eight members of the Rider family’

“Just remembering that day, what happened, what it did to us... why we should remember and remember those who were killed, and everyone involved in the rescue... Because we are transitioning, **we’re going to pretty soon have an entire student body that was not walking the earth when this happened.** So as educators, we have a real challenge to make sure that we remember and memorialize this. We lost eight members of the Rider family, one student and seven alumni. And... we’ve been reading their names for 20 years,” said Reddington.



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Rider President Gregory Dell’Omo and Student Government Association President Elizabeth O’Hara stand together at Rider’s 9/11 memorial.



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Members of the Rider community pay respect to lives lost on Sept. 11, 2001.

“Even though you may not have experienced it firsthand... **you do know that there are times being together is going to be something that’s really important,** particularly as we go through tragedy and adversity and that’s a very encouraging experience. It’s strange to say that, but... you never really appreciate who you are as a country, until you go through those kinds of tragic events,” said Dell’Omo.

FROM THE EDITOR

Reflections from the post 9/11 generation

THE 20th anniversary of 9/11 on Saturday left most Americans recounting where they were and what they were doing on the day that altered the country forever, but for many young adults, this day of reflection marks the beginning of the only environment they have ever known.

Today's college-aged students have no recollection, if they were even alive, of a time before tragedy struck American soil and changed virtually every facet of life. The fear and underlying anxiety of being raised in a post-terror-attack society has permeated an entire generation.

Sophomore elementary education major, Emili Dimoski, explained the phenomenon of trying to resonate with an event that her generation didn't experience.

"We only know post 9/11 ... We don't have the same perspective or emotional connection that older generations do when remembering it," said Dimoski.

Young adults in this age group don't have the luxury of looking back at a simpler time where their nation was at peace, rather, only the constant reminder in the back of their minds that there is always potential for tragedy. These students have been raised in a nation that is understandably guarded after the loss of not only 2,977 people, but an overwhelming sense of security 20 years ago.

"All I know is what other people have told me about it," said Dimoski.

When it comes to the fear of another terror attack happening in her lifetime and the general caution that has become normalized for this generation, Dimoski reflected on what that day in 2001 might have felt like for educators and how they must have handled such a profoundly sad and terrifying situation while also being responsible for the wellbeing of the children in their care.

"Because I want to be a teacher, I think a lot about how those things would affect my students," said Dimoski.

When asked how the impacts of 9/11 are experienced in the newer generation, sophomore music major Bella Nakum said, "We don't know what it's like to not constantly be looking over our shoulders." This could not be closer to the truth. Although every United States citizen has been affected by and adapted to a post-tragic society, for today's young adults, there is no time before which they can compare.

However, issues of national security and newfound fears of attacks that may have seemed unfathomable decades ago are not the only repercussions of Sept. 11.

Although many people use this anniversary to reflect on the perceived unity that weaved throughout the country after this tragedy, an undeniable consequence is the suspicion, discrimination and danger faced by Muslim, Middle Eastern and racially ambiguous Americans in the aftermath of the terror attacks. A demographic of people who, like any citizen, were affected by the events of Sept. 11 as an American were also, and continue to be, subject to racism and xenophobia in its wake.

Nakum, who uses she/they pronouns, is British Asian and typically refers to herself as Brown. She talked about the experiences of racially diverse Americans in the climate following Sept. 11, saying "they don't feel safe in their own country anymore, but not for the reason everyone would think."

Nakum depicted the worry her family faces during seemingly normal activities, like traveling.

"We are scared that my dad would be held back at an airport, and he has been ... My dad deliberately dresses a certain way to go to an airport," said Nakum.

When the anniversary of 9/11 comes around, the unique experiences of people of color often get overlooked and whitewashed when reflecting on this tragedy's aftermath. Although Nakum is too young to recall the details of that day, its effect on racism is something that their family has experienced firsthand.

The emotions surrounding this anniversary were undoubtedly complicated. There is a deep sadness in the monumental loss of life as well as the disruption of a country's sense of security, especially as many grieve for a version of a nation they were not even alive to participate in.

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FOUND ON SCREEN

"The Little Things" movie review

SPOOKY season is right around the corner! This means it is time to put away those romantic comedies and start indulging in some hair-raising and skin crawling thriller and horror movies! I am a huge Halloween fan, and since I also love movies, this time of year is by far my favorite when it comes to what is on the big screen.

I have always loved watching classic horror movies, such as "Halloween" or "Scream" during this time of year. But psychological thrillers, such as Alfred Hitchcock's "Psycho," are by far must-sees during this haunted season.

Over the past week I had the privilege of seeing the psychological thriller "The Little Things." This movie stars Oscar winners Denzel Washington as Deputy Sheriff Joe Deacon, Rami Malek as Detective Jim Baxter and Jared Leto as Albert Sparma.

The performances of these actors were beyond fantastic and blew me away. Their portrayal of these characters made you as an audience feel connected to them and left audiences on the edge of their seats.

This story surrounds Washington's character of Deacon, who is solving a crime in Los Angeles where he used to be employed as a detective before being transferred to the East Coast. As the story progresses you learn more about his character's past and why he ended up having to transfer. John Deacon also meets Malek's character, Baxter, who is a top detective in L.A. and they form a close relationship. Without giving too much away, you learn that these two characters have a lot in common and end up sharing similar experiences while trying to capture a serial killer that is terrorizing women in their county.

The main suspect ends up being Leto's character, Sparma. Sparma is a very intriguing character and ends up being the embodiment of terror. Leto does an incredible job of portraying this character's psychological dysfunction and allows the audience to feel as though they are inside the suspect's mind.

Leto does a phenomenal job at leaving the audience wondering just what his character is guilty of and if he really is the serial killer the detectives are after. Both Washington and Malek leave you rooting for the good guys and loving them from start to finish, while Leto makes your skin crawl and may give you nightmares with his fantastic portrayal of a possible serial killer on the loose.

This movie has incredible twists and turns, even up to the last minute. The audience leaves this movie wondering what the truth really may end up being, and allows every person to develop their own thoughts about who may be the hero versus who is the villain. "The Little Things" ends up leaving you on the edge of your seat for the full two hours it is on screen.

If you are a thrill-seeker, crime fanatic or a person who enjoys suspenseful movies, I highly recommend "The Little Things," directed by John Lee Hancock, streaming now on HBO Max.

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Courtesy of Rotten Tomatoes

GREEN CORNER

Going for the gold and green: sustainability at the 2020/2021 Olympics

COMMUNITY is often the first word that comes to mind when thinking about a return to the Rider campus this fall. For the first time since March of 2020, our talented, diverse community will once again roam the Lawrenceville campus -- a reunited herd of Broncs ready to rejoin one another in the safety and comfort of our academic home. Among all of the troubling headlines of the summer, many of which pointed to the devastating effects climate change is increasingly wreaking on the planet, uplifting stories of another community gathering shined brightly as our global elite athletes met in Tokyo for the delayed 2020 Summer Olympics. A much-beloved tradition, the Olympics once again served as a unifying event aimed to entertain, inspire and unite both athletes and spectators from around the world. Perhaps, more than ever, the focus was not only "going for the gold" but "going green" too.

The Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games brought the world together in the shadow of two planetary crises: the COVID-19 pandemic, which nearly emptied stands and almost caused the event to be canceled, and climate change, which forced athletes and spectators to swelter in 104 degrees Fahrenheit heat. The Olympic Games can no longer ignore the environmental challenges of the modern world, and its organizers made big efforts to "green" the games, hopefully setting a new precedent. The environment has already been on the Olympic agenda since 1994, but sustainability formally became one of the three pillars for the games in 2014. Eager to promote the Tokyo Olympics as the most eco-friendly games ever, the Olympic Sustainability Committee produced a thoughtful, thorough sustainability plan and policy to guide its production. To earn the title of being the first-ever carbon-negative Olympics ahead of the games, the Tokyo organizing committee purchased 150% of the needed carbon credits to offset the predicted greenhouse gas emissions with the funds going toward local projects intended to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by a greater amount than the 2020 Tokyo Games emitted.

According to Aaron Smithson in an Aug. 13 article for the Architect's Newspaper, "Organizers arranged for electric transport vehicles to move athletes around the Olympic village, while cardboard bed frames and medal podiums 3D printed with recycled materials aimed to reduce waste. The Olympic medals were crafted from upcycled smartphones, and Team U.S.A. entered the opening ceremony wearing belts made of recycled plastic bottles. The extra energy from the city's grid required to power the games was reportedly powered entirely by renewable sources, and it is also certain that the prohibition of international spectators considerably reduced travel-related emissions tied to the event."

Despite its efforts, many environmental experts still feel these actions do not add up to an ultimately sustainable model. Recently, Martin Müller and five colleagues at the University of Lausanne systematically evaluated how sustainable 16 Summer and Winter Olympic Games were between 1992 and 2020. The team devised nine indicators to assess the sustainability of each Games. They suggested that "the overall sustainability of the Olympic Games is medium and ... has declined over time" due to the general size and scope of the modern Games.

The report suggests that many of the more visible environmental actions taken by Tokyo Olympics' organizers are effectively inadequate in the grand scheme of things. The report highlights issues that climate activists have been raising for decades, including the idea that new Olympic-specific construction projects and the staging of massive global events, regardless of how many cardboard beds are involved, is an essentially unsustainable concept. As many

environmentalists have argued for years, there may be a need for fundamental shifts in how the Olympics are conducted, including a move away from the host city bidding system. For the winter games, location is getting more complicated with warming temperatures. Climate change could very well cause the Winter Olympics to melt -- with unprecedented consequences. Even before the Sochi games commenced, several athletes showed concern over warmer temperatures and slushy snow, making skiing and snowboarding events potentially dangerous.

As many environmental studies suggest, it is ideal to lessen our overall travel and consumption levels and work toward new modes of doing -- not only within the Olympic Games but also within our everyday living. While returning to campus this fall, it is a great time to consider what daily choices you will make to do best for yourself, others and our shared planet. What rewarding, new, eco-friendly habits will you create? For starters, consider making efforts to eat, shop and socialize locally. It's safest for the environment as well as for overcoming the COVID-19 pandemic. When doing your back-to-school shopping, use your buying power to intentionally purchase from ethical, environmentally conscious, responsible businesses. Choose products made from recycled materials over those made from virgin materials. Support small, community businesses over big-box retailers. The possibilities are endless, and eco-friendly ideas are abundant and easily available all over the internet, including on the Rider Office of Sustainability website, www.broncsgogreen.com and on all of the @BroncsGoGreen social media accounts, including Instagram, Twitter and TikTok as well as @RiderLawEcoreps on Facebook.

As college students and expert critical thinkers, consider ways to lessen and take control of your carbon footprint, say by carpooling or taking public transit to destinations, turning off the lights and unplugging electronics when not in use, or properly recycling on campus and using refillable water bottles regularly. One way to really 'go for the gold' and help your fellow global citizens with ease is by joining the Fill it Forward rewards program. It has the user earn points and rewards for refilling one's reusable water bottle. In return, money is donated on their behalf toward global clean water initiatives with each barcode sticker scanned through the Fill It Forward app. Stay hydrated to do good for yourself, others and Mother Nature simultaneously. Now that is a thing of true beauty. Fill it Forward barcode stickers are available at many of the water bottle refill stations throughout the Lawrenceville campus and through the Office of Sustainability. Email broncsgogreen@rider.edu for more details. May you always feel inspired to go for the gold and green in all of your academic, athletic, creative and professional endeavors both on campus and everywhere, Broncs. Welcome back. Let's make it our best year yet.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Men's soccer inconsistent in non-conference play

By **Trey Wright** and **Carolo Pascale**

RIDER men's soccer saw the good and bad of its squad over the past two games, splitting two non-conference games against La Salle and Stony Brook.

Game 1

On Sept. 11 Rider traveled to the outskirts of Philadelphia to La Salle University, to take on the Explorers. Coming into the evening match with a record of 1-2-1, the Broncos looked to get a win against a team they had beaten in five of its last six tries.

Rider took the opening kickoff, and for the first quarter of the game, it looked as if it was going to be a battle in the midfield trenches.

However, once the goose-egged score was broken in the 28th minute by senior forward Zaki Alibou, the match looked to go in the Broncos favor, as Rider had five shots compared to the Explorers zero.

Yet the second half was all La Salle, who tied the game on their first shot with a goal, five minutes into the second half.

The Explorers took the lead with a shot to the low-end of the right side of the goal in the 54th minute, scoring its second goal in as many shots.

Rider senior midfielder Guillermo Pavia Vidal re-tied the game in the 65th minute, but La Salle answered right back with another goal that ended up being the game winner.

La Salle scored three goals in 17 minutes while Rider had no answer to stop the bleeding. The Explorers netted one more goal to put the game out of reach for Rider in the 86th minute.

The scoreboard read 4-2 when the final horn sounded, with the Broncos going down to 1-2-1 to begin the 2021 season.

"We didn't play very well and we know it," said Head Coach Charles Inverso after the match.

"We didn't come to play, which is disappointing because we usually compete well. Against Stony Brook we need to become better as a team. We have a lot of new guys and this is a process. If we trust the process we will be a good team."

Game 2

Coming into the game against Stony Brook, the Broncos looked to turn it around after dropping their last two games to Saint Francis and La Salle. Rider did just that with a much needed 3-1 win over the Seawolves.

That doesn't mean it wasn't a hard fought match, because it certainly was.

Stony Brook started the game off quick with their first shot coming in just the third minute. Meanwhile, Rider didn't register a shot until the back end of the ninth minute.

Alibou, continuing his streak of impressive shot totals, registered two shots in just the first 26 minutes of the match.

"He's a very talented guy and everyone knows that. He has a lot of creativity [...] he has the talent to do that and the talent to score 10 or 15 goals," said junior goalkeeper Guillaume Veinate.

The game started to get chippy with the first yellow card being dealt to Broncos junior midfielder Matt Araujo in the 29th minute. Three minutes later, Alibou got into a scuffle with three Seawolves and there was some pushing and shoving but several players from both teams, as well as the referees, did a good job to calm the situation.

"It was a very difficult game, very complicated, and we worked together and worked hard. This is the key, you work hard," said Alibou.

At the end of the first half, the score read the same as it had at the start of the match, stuck at 0-0, with Rider taking four shots in the half while Stony Brook took three.

In terms of fouls and yellow cards, the Broncos had the lead in both departments with nine fouls and three yellow cards.

In the second half, Rider came out fast and on the attack and it paid off. Broncos junior back Lenny Cidolit scored in the 54th minute to give Rider a 1-0 lead. The goal, assisted by Broncos senior Jeremy Peterson, ensured that Rider would not go scoreless in this one.



Andrew Xon/The Rider News

Senior forward Zaki Alibou has gotten on the scoresheet four times in the past five games.

The Broncos then extended their lead over the Seawolves, scoring two more goals less than seven minutes apart, giving Rider a 3-0 lead. Sophomore forward Justin Ruffino scored in the 67th minute, while Alibou scored in the 73rd minute.

"It was pretty good and he had been struggling a little bit recently. He's a big body and that second goal was huge," said Inverso on Ruffino's performance.

In the 87th minute, a bouncing ball and in-tight shot lead to Stony Brook's only goal of the evening, making the final score 3-1.

"This was a very important game for us after we lost two games in a row. Everyone's going to feel better with this so let's enjoy this win," said Alibou.

Rider now moves to 2-3-1 on the year as the Broncos gear up for their final non-conference game of the season when they take on the Fordham University Rams at home on Sept. 22.

"[Fordham] is a really good team and they made the NCAA tournament last year. We've always had tough games with them and we know they'll be a challenging opponent," said Inverso.

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RIDER UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS

WEEKLY RIDER SPORTS SCHEDULE

Sept. 15	Sept. 16	Sept. 17	Sept. 18	Sept. 19	Sept. 20	Sept. 21
			<p>WVB VS FAIRFIELD 1 P.M.</p> <p>WSOC VS SIENA 1 P.M.</p>	<p>FH VS DREXEL 12 P.M.</p> <p>WVB VS QUINNIPIAC 1 P.M.</p>		<p>WVB VS IONA 7 P.M.</p>

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FIELD HOCKEY

Rider poised for success in conference play

By Dylan Manfre

RIDER field hockey has played five games in the 2021 fall season, and Head Coach Lori Hussong said the team is now in the “emerging” phase of the season. The roster is composed of a young group that Hussong recruited for the future and an offensive-heavy set of upperclassmen.

The usual suspects of seniors, including Carly Brosious, Julia Divorra and Tess van Ommeren, have led the offense stronghold to a 4-1 record and outscored its opponents 13-7. Divorra was last season’s Northeast Conference (NEC) Player of the Year and now leads the conference in goals with six. Brosious is in third with three.

The Broncs’ most recent wins came against Towson and Georgetown, who did not play in 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. van Ommeren and senior midfielder Kat Conroy were responsible for the goals in the 2-1 victory over Georgetown.

Each goal came off a penalty corner — something Rider has placed a heavy emphasis on dating back to late last season.

“I think the ball is getting hit down a little bit faster and [van Ommeren] was able to deflect it up a little bit better, and our passing off of plays and our shots were on target,” Hussong said after the Georgetown win. “We practiced a lot this week and put in the extra work to make sure we can execute better.”

Freshman beginning to impress

Hussong wishes she had more stability in her lineup. Coming into the season without defenders Kaitlyn Flemming and Brittany Romanczuk, who graduated in May, forced Hussong to revamp the defense.

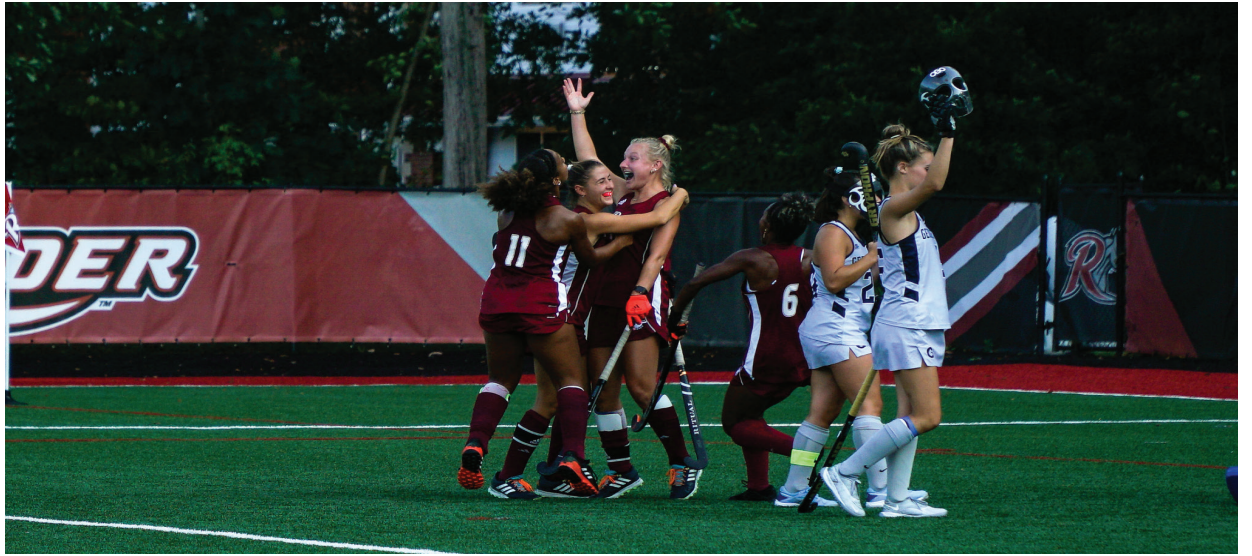
She speculated that a different lineup has been used in all five games. They are still trying to find out what works for Rider. Some parts of the experiment have worked and others have not, with players such as freshman Alyssa Hoffman being shuffled in and out.

“I wish we had a set formation that we could rely on,” Hussong said.

Hussong can rely on the strong play of freshman midfielder Abby Hartwell. Hartwell has been a regular starter and contributed three goals and six points for the season. She has taken after Brosious and admires her work ethic.

“She puts everything on the line. She’s always trying her hardest,” Hartwell said. “I think as a player ... that’s amazing to have a visual to watch to keep going.”

Freshman Lyric Scott, who is also Hartwell’s roommate, seems to be Hartwell’s complement,



Andrew Xon/The Rider News

Rider field hockey is 5-1 on the season after wins against Georgetown and Towson.

similar to how Divorra and Brosious developed into a 1-2 punch. Hartwell and Scott traded quick one-touch passes in the Georgetown game, which riled up the crowd because of their agility and field vision.

Hartwell believes the only thing stopping her and Scott from evolving into what Brosious and Divorra are now is time. They have six games together while Brosious and Divorra are going into their fourth season at Rider.

“It always takes time, but I think our chemistry is really well, and I think we definitely have the potential to get there,” Hartwell said.

Brosious said she was proud of Hartwell and the other freshmen in a phone interview with The Rider News earlier in the week. She agreed that the freshmen class reminds her of her now senior teammates when they were newcomers.

A familiar foe

When the schedule came out and Rider was playing Towson, the team thought of it as just another game.

However, there was something special about this matchup. Former Bronc Lena Vandam was in the goal.

Vandam, a one-time Goalkeeper of the Year, one-time Co-Goalkeeper of the Year and arguably one of the best netminders to ever play for Rider, left for Towson as a graduate transfer to pursue her Master’s degree. When the pandemic struck, it was unclear if the reunion game would ever happen.

The Rider-Towson game was played on Sept. 12, and the Broncs got three goals past their former teammate in a Rider 3-2 overtime victory. Vandam finished the game with 11 saves.

Divorra scored twice, and sophomore forward Josefina Golppi recorded her first career goal.

Vandam’s impact on the program is immeasurable. Dan Hussong, who worked with Vandam during her three years in Lawrenceville, told then backup goalkeeper, Kaitlyn Tomas, to mimic what Vandam does.

“She’s aggressive, which is a plus,” Dan Hussong said of Vandam. “You got to be careful with an aggressive goalie. If you can get them to go down, then they’re vulnerable, but if they go down and get the ball, they’re great. And she is very good at that.”

Lingering Injury

A big part of the Rider offense is missing from the spring 2021 roster.

Junior midfielder Sierra Giuliano has not played a game this season because of an injury sustained in a preseason summer league game.

“I got hit with a field hockey ball two days before preseason,” Giuliano said in a phone interview.

Lori Hussong said it will keep Giuliano out two to four weeks on Aug. 29.

Four weeks from Aug. 29 is Sept. 26. The two-week mark was on Sept. 12. She did not play in Rider’s game against Towson.

“We’re coming up to the end of my recovery but it’s definitely been a long process,” Giuliano said.

Giuliano was a Second-Team All-NEC last season and led the Broncs in assists with five. She was not on the sidelines at all when Rider played Georgetown on Sept. 10.

She is hoping to make her season debut at the start of conference play when Rider plays Merrimack on Oct. 1.

NCAA

NCAA releases gender equity review in August

By Dylan Manfre

THE law firm Kaplan Hecker & Fink LLP was tasked with reviewing how the NCAA handled the 2021 women’s college basketball championship (WBBC) along with other women’s sports championships and how it compared to that of the men’s tournaments.

The firm released its 88-page report after an independent review in early August displaying how the NCAA can better support women’s sports and its student-athletes who voiced clear disdain at the inequities during the postseason basketball tournament.

The report concluded that the women’s basketball championship could be valued between \$81-112 million per year in 2025. This is when the NCAA’s agreement with ESPN expires.

March Madness, the name given to the men’s college basketball postseason tournament, generates revenues comparable to the Super Bowl and is one of the highest-grossing sporting events in North America bringing in nearly \$130 million per year, according to a Business Insider article. The report describes the men’s basketball championship (MBBC) as being “in the pantheon” of U.S. sports properties.

Adding the March Madness branding slogan to the women’s basketball championship is one of the main “immediate action” items the law firm suggested the NCAA do. Using this branding for women’s basketball is something the NCAA had never previously done.

Other immediate action items the NCAA could do, as detailed by the report, is holding a meeting between its corporate broadcasting partners, which are CBS/Turner and ESPN, to “determine strategies and a game plan to expand NCAA official sponsorship support beyond the MBBC to the WBBC and NCAA’s Other Championships.”

The report said because of the NCAA’s packaging and marketing of the women’s basketball championship, it has “not achieved its full marketplace potential value.”

To bridge the gap, the report suggested the NCAA consider holding the women’s and men’s Final Four in the same arena and on the same weekend. The report states this potential shift would “maximize impact on future TV negotiations.”

“The NCAA’s historic decision to sell the MBBC and WBBC media rights separately has exacerbated the difference in value between the Men’s and Women’s events,” the report says.

Viewership of the women’s basketball tournament has increased in recent years signifying its rising popularity. The 2021 tournament delivered an average of 23.9 million more viewing hours than 2019, according to the report. This reflects a 52% increase since that year’s tournament. (There was no NCAA tournament in 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic).

The report attributes this increase to the games being shown on more of ESPN’s family of networks.

A goal of the review was to bridge the inequality gap between men’s and women’s sports. After University of Oregon women’s basketball forward Sedona Prince posted viral videos from the women’s basketball championship, displaying blatant disparities in weight rooms, swag packages and other accommodations between the men’s and women’s tournaments, it sparked a larger conversation.

“It was obvious that there were a lack of resources on the women’s side,” MAAC Commissioner Rich Ensor told The Rider News in April. “They didn’t have enough staff to pull it off correctly. They didn’t have the resources to present it correctly. On the other side, the men are having all the help they could possibly use.”

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Broncs drop two of their last three games after recent losses to Saint Francis and La Salle.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Star forward says Broncs 'have more to prove'



Andrew Xon/The Rider News

Women's soccer sophomore goalkeeper **Ellie Scaincalepore** made multiple crucial plays in Rider's win against NJIT.

By **Jacob Tiger and Carolo Pascale**

RIDER women's soccer rounded out its non-conference schedule going 1-1 with a win against NJIT on Sept. 8 and a loss against Bucknell University on Sept. 12.

Game 1

On Sept. 8, the Rider women's soccer team finally conquered a familiar and troublesome foe: the NJIT Highlanders, who had beaten the Broncs in five consecutive matchups since 2016. With a final score of 2-1, the Broncs were able to vanquish the Highlanders in a hard fought victory.

"I don't know the last time we beat NJIT. It's been awhile. They've had the better of us for quite a few years," said Head Coach Drayson Hounsoume.

The win is even more impressive considering that Rider was without its top scoring option, junior forward Makenzie Rodrigues, who was sidelined with an injury. However, the Broncs remained determined and were confident they would come out on top.

"Mentally, I knew that it was going to be tough," sophomore goalkeeper Ellie Scaincalepore said. "I think NJIT put up a great fight, but I had confidence in the girls in front of me and that's all that you can do. Instill confidence in the rest of the team and move forward that way."

The Broncs seemed to lack a sense of connectivity in the first half and struggled to get anything going offensively. NJIT was aggressive, routinely making deep trips into Rider territory and earning multiple shots on goal.

Despite the persistence of NJIT, Scaincalepore and the Rider defense held its own, preventing the Highlanders from scoring in the half.

With a scoreless game at halftime, it was clear that Rider needed to find some sort of groove if they wanted to come out on top.

Fortunately, Rider's offensive woes would not follow them into the second half.

NJIT struck first in the 58th minute, taking a 1-0 lead, but Rider did not hesitate to return the favor with interest.

In the 63rd minute, Broncs sophomore midfielder Hannah Freeman notched her first goal of the season, making the score 1-1. 15 minutes later, junior forward Chloe Fisher gave Rider the lead thanks to a quick steal and pass by Lindsey Maslow.

Now possessing the lead, Rider simply needed to continue their stellar defensive performance, and that's exactly what they did.

Although the Highlanders gave it their best effort, Scaincalepore was able to shut down both attempts, sealing a much-needed win for the Broncs.

Scaincalepore's performance was invaluable, making five crucial saves, along with a multitude of other fantastic defensive plays.

"Ellie had a great game. We've been talking about [how] big saves change a whole game, and today she won us the game," Fisher said of Scaincalepore's performance.

Game 2

Rider's game against Bucknell on Sept. 12 was its last non-conference game of the 2021 season and it didn't go well for the Broncs, who dropped the game 3-1.

In just the 16th minute, Bucknell took a 1-0 lead when Bucknell's Paige Temple took a shot from 30 yards out that Scaincalepore just missed as it hit the back of the net.

"Several individual things broke down that we will work on in practice," said Hounsoume.

Bucknell held onto that 1-0 lead into halftime. During halftime, Hounsoume changed the formation that Rider was using to try and combat the Bison's midfield.

"We were struggling to adapt to Bucknell's diamond midfield so we changed formations at half time to mirror their set up," Hounsoume said.

Rider started better in the second half and the

Broncs got lucky when Bucknell scored a rare own goal in the 55th minute, tying the game at 1-1.

"It came within the period of us aggressively attacking and getting dangerous balls into the 6-yard box, and from that, we were able to put them under pressure and cause them to make a mistake. The ball was on the left wing and with now a forward two, me and Makenzie switched with her overlapping me, getting the ball on the left side of the 18-yard box and crossing a ball into me, which resulted in the defender scoring an own goal," said Fisher.

After the own goal, Bucknell took back over scoring two goals in just over five minutes, one in the 78th minute and the other in the 83rd minute, making the score 3-1.

Despite some late pushes from the Broncs, Bucknell would hold strong and keep the score at 3-1, which would be the final.

In goal, Scaincalepore faced 22 shots, making seven saves, and allowing all three goals.

"Defensively we are all disappointed for giving up three goals," said Hounsoume.

The Broncs finish their non-conference games with a record of 2-3-1 as they look towards the start of league play next week when they take on the defending Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) champion Siena Saints on Sept. 18.

"The plan stays the same with our mindset, goals and morale. We are all ready to compete with the teams in the MAAC, especially me as it will be my first time playing against these teams. We have goals which we are going to give our all to achieve this season and hopefully create something special which can set something for Rider women's soccer program. It is a very exciting time ahead for us and we can't wait to play our first conference game this upcoming weekend, we have a lot more to prove which makes it so more exciting," said Fisher.

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