

Week dedicated to empowering women

By **TIM GREEN**
Staff Writer

The Gender Studies Colloquium is held to honor students who are doing "scholarly work" about gender issues in their courses, according to Dr. Judith Johnston, director of the Gender Studies Program.

On Tuesday, March 12, the Gender Studies Colloquium was held in the Fireside Lounge of the Student Center.

"We were delighted with the quality of the papers of the nine students selected to present their work," said Johnston.

The papers were chosen from a number of essays submitted by various instructors in different academic departments, according to Johnston. The essays were chosen by a panel of three judges, each from "very different fields."

The honorees were Melissa C. Castro, Ilona Kremer, Amanda Sancataldo, JoAnne Cook, Denise Ondersin, Lynne Delli, Robin Fodor, Cheryl Sciacca and Mary Kay Mitchell.

"I felt honored," said Delli. "It was my pleasure to be there with the other students and teachers."

Delli's essay was entitled "Changing Manners and Morals of American Women in the 1920s." She discussed how a woman's role has changed over the decades.

"Today women have more choices," said Delli. "There were so many double-standards in the 20s. There have been many changes socially and professionally. We have come a long way."

The presentation also included two students from Westminster Choir College; Kelly Caplin and Joshua Robinson. They performed songs from the musical *Parade*, which tells the story of the lynching of a Jewish man in the early 20s, according to Johnston.

Aside from honoring students, the colloquium has an educational purpose as well.

"The event is meant to broaden the horizons of those who come to watch it and to teach the audience about gender issues," said Johnston.

This year marked the 20th anniversary of the Gender Studies Colloquium. To commemorate the event, a volume of essays will be published.

"The volume will include



Photo by Jennifer Kuhn

Amanda Sancataldo reads her paper entitled, "Prejourations: An Illustration of Gender-based Power Issues" at the Gender Studies Colloquium held on Tuesday, March 12 in the Fireside Lounge.

essays from all previous colloquiums, including the essay 'Prejourations: An Illustration of Gender-based Power Issues' by Amanda Sancataldo, who was an honoree from this year's event," said Johnston.

The book will be edited by Dr. Mary Morse, from the English Department, and Kathryn Holden, of Moore

Library.

The presentation organizers were very happy that attendance was over 100 people, according to Johnston.

"We are pleased to sponsor it each year," said Johnston. "This is our 20th anniversary, and we expect to continue."

Rider hosts a buzzing spelling bee for children

By **TERESA FRISCIA**
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To most college students, the spell-checker has become the best invention for last-minute papers.

On Wednesday at Rider's Student Center Theater, elementary and middle-school students were trying to spell words that even the computer does not recognize.

The 37 fifth- to eighth-graders were all winners, said Arnold Ropeik, senior editor of *The Times*, which sponsored the contest.

"Instead of medals to hang around their necks, these fine future adults, champions all, will win the kind of prizes they will carry on their lifelong march through the English language," he said.

"I've been on this stage many times because this is my school," added Ropeik, a 1947 graduate of Rider. "But never for anything more important than kids."

The 37 young intellectuals spelled words such as "oscillation," "auricle," "peregrination," and "variegated." However, some words posed more problems than others. A Franklin Elementary student spelled "femi-

nine" as "femon," and a Princeton Academy boy accidentally spelled "subjugate" as "subjigite."

Nevertheless, Ropeik reminded the children that they are all winners.

"Words are what it's all about," he said. "Win or lose you're the best of the best and you're all champions."

Even though the competition was fierce, all of the contestants received a thesaurus and a Merriam-Webster Dictionary, which Ropeik called "the book that makes you more sophisticated."

As Wednesday's winner, Ami Parekh will go to Washington, D.C. to continue the word battle at the National Spelling Bee.

Last year's third-place winner became this year's second-place winner. Raghav Srinivasan, a sixth-grader at the Melvin H. Kreps Middle School, will still have the next two years to try to win the trip to the National Spelling Bee.

In a generation that has the technology to do almost anything by computer, the spelling bee students have more, Ropeik said.

"These kids are all growing up in the

computer era," he said. "That computer looks at you with a dead glass eye unless you use your mind. That computer is only as good as what's up here.

"These kids are our best chance to conquer some, if not all, the world's most painful problems," says Ropeik. "Where will the answers come from if not from the young leaders who so very soon will inherit the wind?"

Third place winner, Laura Hendrickson of the Pennington School, received a \$50 Best Buy gift certificate, a Franklin Desktop Spelling Ace and four tickets to a Titans game. Second place winner, Srinivasan received a \$100 Best Buy gift certificate, a Franklin Desktop Spelling Ace and a Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary. Parekh, the first place winner, received four tickets to a Trenton Thunder baseball game, a Franklin Desktop Spelling Ace, \$100 Series EE U.S. Savings Bond, as well as an all-expense-paid week in Washington, D.C. for the National Spelling Bee.

Adventure club offers exciting trips for students

By **CYNTHIA REMY**
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In an effort to provide fun-filled activities for students on campus, the Ski and Adventure Club has announced its idea to sponsor trips to places such as Vermont and Montreal.

During winter break, it sponsored a ski trip to Vermont, said David Gill, president of the Club. The cost was \$240 and included the lift ticket, lodging and transportation to the ski-resort.

For Spring Break the club had planned a trip to Cancun, Mexico. Unfortunately, the excursion had to be cancelled, according to Gerard Green, Fitness Center director.

Despite this one cancellation, the trips, which are open to the entire campus community, usually generate a good response.

"We usually get 10-12 people who are interested," Gill explained.

He also mentioned that funding for these trips comes from the organization budget as well as Student Administrative Services.

In the future, the Ski and Adventure Club may consider combining forces with other campus organizations such as the Student Entertainment Council and the Student Government Association, he said.

"If they're doing something and we're doing it, then we'll team up," said Gill.

Students can look forward to the club sponsoring more trips, according to Gill.

"Things we might do are paintball, white water-rafting, and we're thinking of going to Great Adventure," said Gill.

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Parking lots seem jammed

Students voice their opinions about the 'lack' of spaces

By BRIAN PERONI
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The overall consensus of Rider students is that parking causes frustration and stress.

"Parking is horrible, and there aren't enough spaces," said Marie Brophy, a junior commuter. "It's very frustrating when you pull into the lot and you can't find a spot."

Some feel that the main problem is the fact that people don't know how to follow directions.

"How hard is it really? 'C' is commuter, 'R' is resident, and 'G' is Greek parking," said ACS President Regina Marsicano. "How hard is that to follow? Apparently, people just don't get it."

Others say the problem is with students' attitudes.

"We are lazy," said junior resident Kristen Lucca.

Matt Larezzo, a junior resident, suggested that people should just register their cars. If they registered their car, Security would know who is a Rider student and who is not.

Some members of the administration were contacted but were unavailable for comment.

A parking garage, and the idea that freshmen should not be allowed to have cars on campus was brought up by Lynn Schaible, secretary of Student Development.

"By doing this, maybe we could alleviate some of the congestion in the lots," adds Schaible.

Lucca said she was personally affected by the parking situation.

"I called for an escort from the Open Lot, and security said it would be at least 10 minutes, and I wasn't going to wait that long," said Lucca. "I could be in my room in



Photo by Jennifer Kuhn

The parking lot located in front of the Student Center, which is labeled 'Commuter' is constantly jam-packed with cars. Students are always complaining about the lack of parking spaces and some feel that certain measures should be taken in order to fix the problem. This is due to the increase in enrollment which has led to less parking

ten minutes."

The bottom line is, parking is a problem for everyone, not just a single person or group.

According to students, something needs to be done, and it needs to be done soon.

Some of the ideas brought up by students are more spaces, signs that are more visible and understandable, and more cooperation in following directions to alleviate the problem.

People need to be aware and park in the appropriate areas, according to Anthony Belfiore, community service coordinator for the Multicultural Center. "It is definitely a matter of being a responsible member of our community."

Security Briefs

All information provided by Vickie Weaver, director of Safety & Security.

Marijuana a familiar odor to campus, filled a wing of Ziegler Residence Hall on Tuesday, March 5.

A male staff member explained that he detected an odor coming from a room. Security knocked on the door of the room in question and it was answered by a male student. As the door was opened, the odor intensified and lingered in the hallway.

Security searched the room and observed two possible marijuana cigarettes in an ashtray and a small box which contained a possible marijuana substance, along with three drug paraphernalia and some fireworks.

Lawrence Police Department (LPD) responded and charged the student with possession of under 50 grams of a controlled dangerous substance grams and the possession of paraphernalia, and then placed him under custody. The student was also charged with campus violations.

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One female student broke the rules when she drove on College Drive on Friday, March 8, after Safety & Security revoked her driving privileges.

Security noticed the female student driving on College Drive and attempted to pull her over with its emergency lights and horn. The female ignored Security and increased speed where several students were walking. She continued on until she reached the South Drive, where she drove off campus. The female's driving privileges were revoked again, and she was charged by campus Security with reckless endangerment and failure to comply.

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A female visitor took her anger out on her friend's car in the Poyda Lot on Sunday, March 10.

A male student explained that a female friend, who later became aggravated with him, had visited him. Earlier that day, the visitor went to the lot where the male student's vehicle was parked. From prior conversations the male suspected that his friend had damaged his car with either a hammer or other unknown tool, hitting the mirror and scraping and scratching both the driver and passenger side doors. The male was concerned that his friend would do more damage, so LPD was contacted. During an investigation the male student revealed that the female friend had struck him in the face with her fist and car keys. It was recommended by Safety & Security to issue a Persona Non Grata (PNG).

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An unknown object struck a female student in the leg as she was walking towards the Campus Mall on Tuesday, March 12.

The female explained that as she was walking in the mall area, she was struck in the leg by an unidentified item. The object hit the inside of her leg, which broke skin and caused a small amount of bleeding. She yelled out loud and noticed a group of males outside of Hill Residence Hall.

The investigation of the males and a check of the area ended with negative results. Basic first aid measures were administered. Investigation is still continuing, contact Safety & Security at x. 5029.

Campus Profile

A weekly look at one of the members of Rider's community.



Who: Nathaniel Toles

Position on staff: Beverage Attendant in Daly's Dining Hall

Responsibilities: Fills soda, juice and milk machines when they become empty, makes sure that beverage machines are working properly, takes care of cafeteria upkeep, and cleans counter tops.

Prior education, experience and/or awards: Attended Trenton Central High School, worked at Rider University in Daly's Dining Hall for almost 30 years, and received an engraved rocking chair for 20 years of service at Rider.

Other: Enjoys working on cars and drawing in his spare time.

Sociology Club raises money to feed the needy of



Danielle Lovenberg, President of the Sociology Club, presents Peter Wise, Director of the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK), with a check for \$300.

Money was raised during a recent Sociology Club fundraiser where students sold humanities t-shirts for a small fee.

TASK provides homeless and hungry people of the Trenton area with food and shelter.

Rider's Sociology Club aims to provide students with the chance to apply and expand upon life lessons taught in the classroom. Several Rider alumni have gone onto prominent careers using their Sociology background.

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