FLAG HOLDS GATHERING
Students raise voices against injustices

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A candle-lit gathering of the Friends of Lesbians and Gays (FLAG) was held last night in the residence quad at 9 p.m. to show support for equal rights for all.

The event, a follow-up to last Wednesday's Day of Silence, was called the Night of Noise and according to FLAG President Kyle Zack, was facilitated to bring awareness of the fact that the Lesbians, Bisexuals, Gays, Transsexuals and Intersexed (LBGTI) members of the community live with injustice everyday.

"During the gathering, I had a bunch of statistics pointing out these injustices that I read aloud," he said.

"For example, U.S. emigration policy forbids same-sex emigration for people who would like to live together out of the country; in 37 states, it's legal to fire someone based on their sexual orientation and in 48 states, it's legal to fire someone based on their gender identity, as in transsexualism."

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Battle of the buildings to be waged

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Mosley and other planners of the event got the idea from a conference many residence life staff members attended last year at the University of Minnesota, run by the National Association of College and University Residence Halls. Since then, the Residence Hall Association (RHA) Executive Board has been trying to make it come to Rider.

"RHA really spearheaded the event, especially the Executive Board,” said Mosley. “RHA Hall councils are also involved, although more in recruiting people in their respective buildings to join in the activities. We asked people what kind of events they would like, and the board went through them and made the ones they could do happen. The finance board supplied funding for the grand prize.”

The building that has the most points at the end of the week will be visited by massage therapists for four hours. The money provided by the Finance Board is enough to hire about five masseuses. Only residents of the winning building will be able to take part in the free massages.

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Forum rates media war coverage

By Nancy Wilensky
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A forum meant to serve as a critique of mainstream U.S. media coverage of the war took place at Swegart Hall on Thursday, April 9, at 9 p.m.

In Dr. Thomas Simonet and Dr. E. Graham McKinley's forum “The Media at War: Mainstream vs. Alternative News Sources,” the professors first stressed the difference between American newspapers and other countries' newspapers by showing front pages from a few different regions. Simonet explained that in the U.S. newspapers the coalition forces are advancing and liberating, while in other countries Americans are the oppressors.

A show of hands demonstrated that most people in the room got their news from television. Simonet listed which