

New organization rolls onto campus

By Jordana Tusman

When overloaded with the frustrations of schoolwork, students look for different ways to release stress. While some students choose to play a sport to escape homework, others dedicate themselves to clubs that interest them. The new roller hockey club offers students a chance to combine both.

Organized by club President, senior Mark Guglielmi, the new club was recently approved by the Student Government Association (SGA) Senate, and officially added to the club-sports roster for the start of the new semester.

"For the past three years, I've been playing unorganized hockey," said Guglielmi. "I figured we could use some funding because we're a dedicated group and deserve to be recognized by the university."

"I am always happy to see the University and SGA respond to the needs of the student," said Director of Campus Activities, David Keenan. "Club sports are a vital and productive part of campus life."

Guglielmi was quite enthused to see a great deal of interest in the club by the amount of sign-ups there were at the recent SGA Awareness Day. According to him there were approximately 15 students that signed up to join the already committed crew of 25 from last year.

"I've always loved hockey and played it as a kid in Brooklyn," said freshman John Cheng. "I wanted to

play again because I haven't played in a while."

"I've played since I was a little kid and I was captain for my high school last year, and I won offense for most valuable player two years in a row," said freshman Thomas Travaglini. "I like doing whatever it takes to win and be number one."

Freshmen like these anticipate the club's first day of the semester, but for those that played roller hockey last year at Rider, the approval of the club from the school meant they had come a long way and their effort was finally being recognized.

"When I came to Rider as a freshman, I played ice hockey, but I wanted to play roller hockey for fun whenever I could," said club Vice-President, senior Justin DePrince. "Mark and I started organizing games and playing for fun whenever we could. When I wasn't playing ice hockey, it was a good substitute."

Like DePrince, many students that play ice hockey for the school, saw the opportunity to play a similar and just as appealing game, so they took the leisure of doing both.

"I started playing roller hockey because I'm on the ice hockey team, and it was a great way to keep my legs moving during the off season," said junior Joe Dato. "Last year we had 20-30 people come out and play twice a week, and it was great when you had nothing to do."

Not only is the club a fun experience, but it's also a great way to spend your spare time hanging out with new people that share a common interest.

"It's great to play because it's when the day has just winded down and anyone who has the interest can show up and play because there's no set teams," said freshman Kevin Lavin.

If things go Guglielmi's way however, and there is a decent turnout of people that show up to play, teams may be assigned. This would also help the club members prepare to someday play against other schools.

"This would be a great opportunity to compete with other teams because I know a lot of schools that play," said Dato. "It would be a great experience to get a lot of people to come out and watch the games."

Although the members would love to play against other universities, they realize there is a lot more required than just the mere desire.

"I think the school would have to get a lot more involved because there's not much staff involved for roller hockey," said DePrince.

"Rutgers started their club last year and are now a part of the North Eastern Roller Hockey Association," said Guglielmi. "The students currently skating for Rider show some real talent and deserve to have their skills recognized."

Until then, Guglielmi said the club members will work towards this dream.

"It's great to get out of your dorm and do something," said Dato. "Some people sit around in their rooms and watch TV. We go out with our friends and play some hockey."

Scholarship students feel neglected by increase in tuition payments

By Candice Grieco

Students and their families have been upset for years over how expensive college can be. They feel discouraged every time they see the financial aid they are being awarded. Besides working on homework and becoming active on campus, many students have to work to help pay for the cost of Rider.

It is common knowledge that tuition increases a small amount every year. With the most recent increase, many students have complained that though tuition has climbed, their scholarships remained the same.

"To help with tuition, I work on campus, but that doesn't seem to do much," said sophomore Kristen DiSeveria. "Rider continually says they put more money in scholarship funds and I never see any difference in my financial aid."

DiSeveria said she feels that more could be done to help pay for the cost and feels guilty for putting her parents in a financial bind.

Former student, Kathleen Mitchell, agrees that scholarship funding is not sufficient enough to meet the needs of all students.

"Rider's financial aid was not enough to fit my financial situation, which is why I had to transfer and attend a different college," said Mitchell. "I liked Rider a lot and wish that I could still be enrolled there, but my situation does not allow me to."

However, James O'Hara, vice presi-

dent of Enrollment Management, and Anthony Campbell, Dean of Student Affairs, present a different view that many students are unaware of.

According to O'Hara, tuition as well as scholarship funding has raised four percent over the past four years.

"As tuition goes up, that number [scholarship funding] goes up too," said Campbell. "I know more money is in our budget than it was last year."

What students fail to realize is that financial need and scholarships differ. Scholarships do not increase per student with the rise of tuition. Financial assistance money increases based on financial need, he said.

"That is standard that students, as they come into an institution, get a scholarship rate. It would not increase based upon tuition increases," said O'Hara. "If your need is greater because the tuition has increased, that is where you would see the change."

Students who are finding it difficult to pay for college should talk to someone in the Financial Aid Department.

According to O'Hara, he believes that communication is key when looking for further help in this area. If a student feels strongly about Rider and needs more assistance with cost, they should not hesitate to talk to a financial advisor.

"What we are trying to actively do is look for ways we can contain costs so that the scholarships we provide are adequate," said O'Hara. "One of the things that we can all agree on is that Rider is a terrific place and that, cost-wise, it is really worth paying for."

Campus Corner

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Friday, Oct. 1

SEC Film: *Eternal Sunshine for the Spotless Mind*

7:30 p.m., BLC Theater

Bronc Buffet

10 p.m., Dalys Dining Hall

Saturday, Oct. 2

PCM/LTA Habitat for Humanity

8:30 a.m., Meet at Gill Chapel

SEC Film: *Eternal Sunshine for the Spotless Mind*

7:30 p.m., BLC Theater

WCC Faculty Recital

8 p.m., Bristol Chapel

CCM Mass

11 a.m. and 7 p.m.,

Gill Chapel

Sunday, Oct. 3

WCC Special Event: Rising Stars

3 p.m., Bristol Chapel

SEC Film: *Eternal Sunshine for the Spotless Mind*

7:30 p.m., BLC Theater

Monday, Oct. 4

Standard and Poor-s Info Session

12 p.m., BLC Fireside Lounge

PCM Devotions

5:30 p.m., Gill Chapel

Pub Alcohol Night

9 p.m., - 2 a.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 5

EOP Transfer Student Luncheon

11:30 a.m., BLC Art Gallery

Unity Day (Speaker George Curry)

7 p.m., BLC Theater

Pub Alcohol Night

9 p.m., - 2 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 6

Unity Day Events

11:30 a.m. - 10 P.m., BLC

Lunchbox Lecture Series

12 p.m., BLC Theater

PCM Faith Matters

7 p.m., Gill Chapel

IVCF Worship and fellowship

8:30 p.m., Wright A-Lounge

Thursday, Oct. 7

Free HIV Testing

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. (by Appt),

Student Health Center

Sophomore/Junior

Internship Workshop

11:30 a.m., Career Services

SEC Film: *Spider Man 2*

7:30 p.m., BLC Theater

LTA Auction

8 p.m., BLC Fireside Lounge

Pub Alcohol Night

9 p.m., - 2 a.m.

Friday Oct. 8

SEC Film: *Spider Man 2*

7:30 p.m., BLC Theater