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Another annoyance on campus comes to light in the form of parking tickets. These tickets can cost an individual hundreds, even thousands of dollars. At \$50 apiece for the smallest offense, these financial burdens quickly add up in an age where the average college student lacks the means to pay such exorbitant fees. Consider this: a ticket in Trenton costs half as much as a Rider-issued aggravation. Perhaps the school could use the funds they generate from these tickets to build parking facilities that are not located in Ewing?

The staff of the Rider News would appreciate the feedback of the student body concerning this section. Please contact us at x7146 or e-mail us your thoughts at ridernews@rider.edu.



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Pictured is the start page for the WebAdvisor program that awaits students using the new online registration system.

ONLINE SELECTION COMING

Course registration via computer begins

By Melanie Tirpak
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Online course selection is more convenient and will now be the way to register for classes this semester, said Joanne Ceres, assistant registrar.

"We've been working on this for a couple of years," said Ceres.

According to Ceres, with online course selection, students can choose all of their classes online and register without having to leave their computer.

To prove how easy the new system is, a pilot was done last year with approximately 600 students to see how registering

online worked for them.

"It was user friendly and it [the pilot] was done in the lab to observe students," said Ceres.

The students who were randomly selected students had the opportunity to register and then offer their comments through a brief survey that was given afterward.

"It helped us work out all the bugs," said Sue Stefanick, registrar.

The survey gave students a chance to speak out while letting Rider know what could be improved, said Stefanick.

"The online survey given when students were done reg-

istering, based on results, was very positive," said Ceres.

By using the results and comments, the web course selection team, which consisted of the Office of Internet Technology (OIT), Academic Affairs and the Registrar's Office, went to work.

One such change that resulted from the survey is that now students can register for Permission of Instructor (POI) classes online, according to Ceres.

"We have been able to do POI and eliminate the need to come into the office," said Ceres. "However, multiple signatures or POI's that need

the permission of the Dean or Chair must come to the registrar," according to Stefanick.

The other students that still need to come to the registrar include first semester freshman, Continuing Studies and Graduate students.

"Freshman need advising, to them it's an advantage not to do it online," said Stefanick.

As for Continuing Studies and Graduate students they have completely different schedules in comparison to daytime undergraduate students.

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Career Services is open for business

By Brooke Olster
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A newly renovated Career Services office has also restructured some of the services offered to students and alumni seeking assistance in finding a career suitable to their interests and abilities.

Whether it be the downturn in the economy or the services offered, Career Services is busier than ever.

Possible reasons for the flood of students currently utilizing Career Services may include: a more targeted marketing strategy that publicizes the newly updates services provided, an approachable staff with proactive plans for assisting students,

graduate students, and alumni; or via word-of-mouth from friends who have had success with an array of programs and services offered by Career Services.

"As the job search becomes more competitive, students are seeing the value of preparing by getting involved in internships and taking advantage of the career advice offered on campus," said Tim Gaherty, associate director of Career Services.

In addition to Career Services, Joyce Tyler, director of Career Services, emphasizes the importance of students involving themselves in campus organizations which provide them with leadership, organiza-

tional and communication skills that set them apart from their peers who are not as involved.

"These skills make students more marketable to employers in many ways," said Tyler.

One of the major changes Career Services has undergone this year has been to have its services broken down by year.

For example, sophomores have workshops available concerning the process of finding an internship in their field of study.

Juniors are instructed in concurrent

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