Attorney General speaks on terrorism

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Protecting New Jersey is a difficult job because many places here seem attractive to terrorists, according to New Jersey Attorney General David Samson.

The Attorney General discussed his job and its responsibilities Monday morning in Sweigart Auditorium. He also spoke about the N.J. Domestic Security Preparedness Task Force which was created to protect the state from terrorist activity.

"If there is a disaster, plans of response are in place," said Samson. "What we’ve done is build on that and add to it a terrorist threat.

Samson explained how he must incorporate this aspect of his job with other obligations of his position. As attorney general he also supervises many employees in the Department of Law and Public Safety’s ten divisions, such as Civil Rights, Criminal Justice and State Police.

"A big challenge for us in New Jersey is how we deal with terrorism and domestic security, and how we deal with civil liberties," Samson said. "My responsibility is to find the right balance."

Touching on the challenges of protecting the state, Samson listed two main obstacles, including the population and that the war on terrorism is unlike any that has ever been fought on U.S. soil. Samson explained that with a population as diverse as it is, it is a good place for terrorists to blend into the population. He also informed the audience that many of the terrorists that participated in the events of Sept. 11 at one point passed through or stayed in the state.

"Terrorists find a haven here," Samson said.

He explained how the war on terrorism is different from other wars when he discussed the places that are threatened by terrorism. To serve as a guiding principle, Samson said, terrorists must not be able to use the campus as a target.

"Civilians are targets," Samson said. "We’ll fill this position.”

During the speech Samson stressed unity and collaboration as ways to stop terrorism. He believes federal and state governments must work together, as well as various intelligence agencies if the war on terrorism is to be won.

"Nobody can do it alone," Samson said. "We can do it, if we do it together."

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Security Briefs

All information provided by Vickie Weaver, director of Safety and Security

When Sorority Girl's Attack

Another incident occurred on campus when a bystander was caught in the middle of a person-to-person feud in the early morning of Saturday, Sept. 28.

The student who started as a verbal altercation soon turned physical when one sorority member grabbed another sorority member in order to attack a third girl.

The female in the middle was caught off balance and as a result, injured her arm.

After reporting the incident to Safety and Security, the victim sought medical attention.

Car Trouble

A dispute over car keys turned violent outside Wright Residence Hall in the early hours of Sunday morning, Sept. 29.

While visiting a resident friend, two off-campus roommates got into a physical altercation over a vehicle.

After a verbal attempt to resolve the situation failed, one visitor decided to strike the other in the chest.

Lawrence Police Department was notified and responded.

A request for a letter of Persona Non Grata was issued.

Denied

"No" wasn’t in a male visitor’s vocabulary on Wednesday, Oct. 2.

The male visitor repeatedly bothered a female resident who displayed no interest in him at all.

The female student called security after attempting to rid herself of the individual proved to be unsuccessful.

Security obtained the male’s identification and advised him to not pursue the student.

Rude Awakening

A male student had a rude awakening in Hill Residence Hall on the early morning of Friday, Sept. 27.

The resident awoke to find an unknown male sound asleep on the floor of his room.

The student had locked his door and had no idea how the individual had gained entry into his room.

Upon arrival of security, the student sleepy said he was confused earlier and just went to sleep. He was not found to be intoxicated.

Freshmen gain valuable new resource

By Justin Budgick
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In the weeks to come, Rider will be opening the doors to its new Student Resource Center.

The Center will be a facility geared toward new students, one that emphasizes the need for a “central ground” on the campus where students, lost amidst the overwhelming number of departments and extensions to remember, can go for help.

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The center is there to help students. It’s really there as a friendly place for students to get questions answered and help bridge success, said Dr. Anthony Campbell, dean of student affairs.

"They don’t know where to go, this will be a place where they can go," said Campbell.

The idea for the Center did not just recently come to him but was, instead, the product of years of surveying the Rider campus as well as others he had visited.

"The idea for the Student Resource Center evolved," said Mayo. "I would go to conferences at other colleges and see what they had and what I could bring back and what would work.

"The Center seemed to me to be something that would serve our students well. Freshmen needed a place where they could go, sort of a one stop place.

According to Mayo, it’s not going to be a place where the administration is going to be doing academic advising, per se. Forms will be available at request also.

"It just seemed like instead of running around campus this could be a place where we could coordinate all of those activities," said Mayo.

"We’ll get them to their advisors," said Mayo. "We’ll get them to their advisors.

Mayo hopes to expand the role of the Center to include workshops, events geared specifically toward freshmen, and the coordination of tutoring. The Center will not necessarily be taking over those functions but acting as a “gatekeeper.”

"We’re not going to do the counseling itself but we’ll get them to the counseling center if we have to," stated Mayo. "If they don’t know where else to go, this will be a place where they can go."

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