UN CONFERENCE AT RIDER
Campus hosts series of live video feeds

By David Maccar
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A live videoconference was held yesterday between Rider students and others including United Nations (U.N.) ambassadors in Rider’s Teaching and Learning Center (TLC) on the topic of “The Future of the United Nations.”

Those involved in the conference included Rider students, members of the U.N. Ambassadors Club, U.N. ambassadors and faculty members from many locations.

“Listening to and being a part of a scholarly discussion on burning issues of the day exposes students first-hand to global debates, nuances of world opinion and the possibility of finding common ground within the parameters of each debate,” said Dr. Roberta Fiske-Rusciano, adjunct assistant professor of the political science department, who arranged the session on campus.

The videoconference is a component of Rider’s global and multinational studies curriculum. This is the third such conference to be held at Rider and it is the first of three planned for this semester. Previous sessions were held on the topics “Can There Be A Just War?” and “Universal Human Rights and Infringement of Cultural Values” which took place last semester, said Whitman. Conferences such as this present unique opportunities to listen to ambassador’s discussions and to participate as well.

“Students will have the opportunity to listen to a roundtable discussion conducted by the ambassadors,” said Fiske-Rusciano. “Following discussion, they can pose questions and discuss various issues with the global leaders. Programs such as the U.N. videoconferencing give students the tools and skills they need to thrive in our global society and explore their global citizenship.”

It’s a good opportunity for students to gain a new perspective on global issues, according to Blair Saxman, a senior political science/global and multicultural studies major. Saxman is one of three leaders of Rider’s Model U.N. Team this year.

“The return investment is that we get to learn about the inner workings of the United Nations and its philosophies,” said Rice.

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Honor code a possibility

By John Budgick
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In response to the issue of prevalent plagiarism on college campuses, Rider has brought up for consideration the idea of an honor code, a formal set of standards to which individuals would be expected to adhere, standards that govern actions both inside and outside of the classroom, according to Dr. Anthony Campbell, vice-president of Student Affairs.

With the onset of the information age and the ever-increasing enrollment at colleges and universities, students find themselves bombarded with opportunities to plagiarize and take advantage of peers and mentors.

The driving factor behind the establishment of an honor code is, essentially, that it must be founded by way of a grass-roots approach. Each honor code is unique to the campus community it belongs to,” said Campbell. “But one thing does not change… in order for it to be successful it has to come up from the culture of the community.”

The prevalence of online report generators and other such services has supported this pandemic, bringing to light a situation that has existed for quite some time.

An honor code can take many forms and may be academic-based, behavioral-based or both. At its heart, however, is a responsibility, which is shared amongst students and faculty that emphasizes community values and ultimately creates a healthy, vibrant campus whose members are able to feel secure in trusting their fellow classmates, according to Campbell.

Several well-known schools have established honor codes with varying degrees of success. The University of Virginia (UV), for instance, has an honor code that has been in place for 160 years, which has been met with a great deal of approval from its students. Its code is rather severe, with the only punishment in place for a student found guilty of lying, cheating or stealing by a jury of their peers is expulsion, according to the UV website.

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Library to get facelift

By Tim Green
Enterprise Reporter

Aesthetic changes to the Moore Library are a top priority for F. William Chickerling’s agenda as he steps into his new role as Dean of University Libraries.

Chickerling said that it is necessary to make the library cosmetically appealing, which he believes will improve the use of the dated facility.

“I hope we can make some changes in the look and feel of the library,” said Chickerling. “It needs to be more attractive.”

Starting this year the layout of the first floor will be changed to give students more space so that they may use the library more effectively. As time goes on, many renovations will be made to the first and second floors of Moore Library.

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