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Rider University will be holding its annual Safety Week beginning on Monday, Oct. 27. Safety Week is an event in which the Residence Life staff, the Greek community, Safety & Security and some faculty and students will help the cam-

pus community focus on safety initiatives and the promotion of a safe and healthy lifestyle.

This week is designed to help students become aware of the vast number of safety issues on campus and in their lives, especially those areas that they have direct con-
trol over, according to Jamil L. Mosley, Residence Life area director. For example, there

will be posters and bulletin boards around campus encour-
aging non-use or responsible use of alcohol, drugs and sexual activity.

“Food, shelter, academics, and social life; these are few things that students look for and expect when they think of college,” said Deawakak Dolo, a Resident Advisor (RA) in Conover Residence Hall. “These are necessary. We don’t know what good are they in the absence of a safe environment?”

The week’s committee, which is co-chaired by Christine Carter, coordinator of the New Student Resource Center, and Cindy Threatt, director of Residence Life, will be supervising and sponsoring the week’s events. As for activi-
ties, people are encouraged to participate in the residence halls throughout safety week such as a bulletin board contest, for which there will be a prize. In addition, there will be a poster competition regarding it by the way of literature, flyers and posters, which will contain safety-related information on a fire safety, sexual safety, and alcohol consumption.

As a RA, the greatest concern that I have for my resi-
dents is that they are safe from internal and external forces on campus and ultimately from themselves,” said Dolo.

The Safety Week committee also has plans in the works for a campus wide program that may involve instruc-
tion on self-defense. RAs are required to make safety related bulletin boards as well, whether they enter the bulletin board contest or not. Students can get involved by attending the events and taking the time to read the information that is being posted.

People can get in touch with their respective RAs for more information regarding Safety Week literature and activities.

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able to speak to the manager,” said Campbell.

According to Public Relations Director Rommel, as quoted in The Times of Trenton, officials at Rider learned last year that Sambuca was using the univer-
sity’s name in advertising to attract students to their themed nights. Rider initiated a “cease and desist” order for the bar.

“Rider became aware of the Drink Off! when officials from TCNJ faxed me a copy of the flier,” said Campbell.

College students going to bars not serving alcohol and the flier explicitly stated that people under 21 years of age would not be admitted. The issue is that the contest promoted binge drinking, which is defined as five drinks in a row for males and four for females, according to the Journal of Studies on Alcohol at Rutgers University.

The fliers were also found on TCNJ’s campus.

“I think one [flier] was found in our student center. I don’t know if they were posted anywhere or if they were just handed out but they certainly did not go through our normal channels of poster advertising that our school has in place,” said Patrice Coleman-

Bohrwacht, director of College and Community Affairs at TCNJ.

“We find this event to be irresponsible and danger-
ous,” said Rommel. “We do not allow this advertising on campus.”

“As an educational institu-
tion we have a responsibility to promote safe and responsible alcohol consumption,” said Rider President Mordechai Rozanski.

Representatives from TCNJ have taken a similar stance.

“We denounce the whole idea and are very concerned with the welfare of our students,” said Coleman-

Bohrwacht. “Our student life staff has been very engaged in taking action. Our campus police have been in touch with various Trenton officials who have also been working with the owners of the club to sort out what happened on Tuesday.”

Sambuca planned to pro-

vide a shuttle bus from the club to TCNJ and Rider and school officials had to deal with this issue as well. The shuttle was scheduled to make a trip every half hour from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. as advertised on the flier.

The worry for officials at both schools was that allowing the shuttle to operate would be an act of condoning the party.

“We will not allow the bus on our campus,” said Rommel.

Sambuca had a more difficult time taking a stance on the shuttle since they are a state-

funded school and therefore their campus is considered public property.

The Trenton Police Department (TPD) was on the case from the beginning and was aware of possible illegal activity at Sambuca. The con-
test, reportedly, did not take place.

“We were alerted to possible underage drinking at Sambuca and that the fliers had been posted, we began moni-
toring it,” said Lt. Joe Juniak of the TPD. “Upon entering the premises on Tuesday night (the TPD) charged five individuals with underage consumption of alcohol while in an alcohol serving establishment. The ABC [New Jersey Division of Alcohol Beverage Control] then investigated the property. The results of their investiga-
tion will not be known until it is complete.”

Sambuca often has cam-

pus themed nights. According to HotClubs.net says “Come Party With The College of NJ” on Tuesday nights.

It is still unclear if the fli-

ers found on either campus were distributed by Sambuca or by an outside individual or agency.

“Sambuca is under investigation by the ABC and the Trenton police department is working with both schools to determine where the fliers originated, whether it was from Sambuca or another source,” said Juniak.

“The fliers are not a viola-
tion by themselves at this point until the investigation confirms or disconfirms certain facts, such as if there were prizes offered for the contest and other details, said Juniak.

No matter what the out-

come of the investigations are, Sambuca could face some serious repercussions as a result of Tuesday’s activity. “Sambuca is facing charges for having underage customers on their property and a possi-
ble revocation of their liquor license,” said Juniak. “We are currently monitoring all of our bars for underage drinking and we do not want people adver-
tising underage drinking.”

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Castleberry and Andre Peteira.

“We’re really looking for-
ward to [MAACness],” Hower
said. “It’s our season. We’re ready to start the season.”

To make the night “MAACin’ as possible,” Torchia

said many different groups on campus like SGA, SEC, Athletics, Emerging Leaders and Campus Life were teaming together to facilitate the event.

“MAACness at Rider is a tradition, so we try to get as many different organizations as involved as possible,” she said. “It’s a great opportunity so the heart of what makes it so great is that so many different groups want to get behind it.”

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