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### Security Briefs

This week, read about multiple beatings, and a Poyda tidal wave.

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New WB show ruins Batman's legacy.

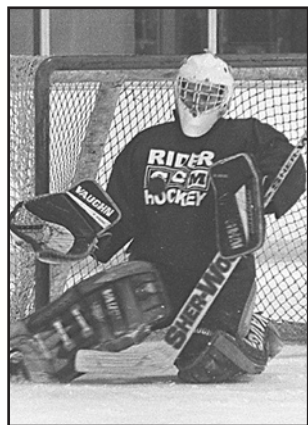
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## OPINION

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The ice hockey team skates its way into another season.

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## Go Figure!

These weather advisories were posted simultaneously on the web site of the National Weather Service, concerning New Jersey:

"New Jersey continues in a drought emergency with more stringent water use restrictions imposed on August 20."

"Flood watch: A flood watch remains in effect through Wednesday evening."

## WEEKEND WEATHER



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## RIDER AND SANDA

### Two schools, one program

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Ten years ago, in the heart of the Shang'Hai business district, Sanda University was established. Surrounded by huge corporate names such as Ford, GM, and Kodak, and founded by representatives of three of the most prominent universities in China (its name translates roughly into "Three Big"), Sanda has displayed limitless potential for those majoring in the business field.

A few years after Sanda's establishment, the University staff encountered Dr. Phyllis Frakt, vice president of academic affairs at Rider, who was touring campuses in China. Frakt had toured nearly ten campuses, and Sanda had been the last one.

Eager to establish a lasting rapport with Rider, well known for its business program, Sanda representatives suggested an agreement to Frakt.

"Sanda was very eager to propose this to us," she said. "The University had a desire to promote the new generation of international business entrepreneurs for China."

After examining the University's resources, Frakt had agreed to bring the proposal back to Rider to be considered.

"Frankly, a lot of the other universities already had relationships with universities in the U.S. and they would merely be adding Rider to their list," said Frakt. "These universities wouldn't be giving Rider their full attention;

Sanda would."

The proposal consisted of an exchange that would involve Sanda students coming to Rider as well as Rider faculty teaching at Sanda.

Upon returning to Rider, Frakt had found that the administration was excited and pleased with the proposal set forth by Sanda.

After the idea had been settled on, the two universities began to draw up an agreement that would take four years to be finished.

The agreement, signed in April 2002, holds opportunities for Sanda students, Rider faculty, and the student body at Rider.

Sanda University students will be given the opportunity to attain a Rider business degree, Rider faculty will be offered research and teaching opportunities, and Rider students will have the opportunity for internships overseas.

A select number of students entering Sanda University this fall as freshmen will be "groomed" with a curriculum reflecting that of Rider University. As of January of their junior year, these students will transfer to Rider, complete one year of study on campus, and return to Sanda in the spring to finish their courses.

However, students cannot stay at Rider when they graduate. A problem has arisen that was in the control of neither Sanda nor Rider.

The United States government refused to grant several students from Sanda University visas, due to a lack of assurance that Sanda students coming to Rider would return to China, rather than take advantage of employment

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**-Phyllis Frakt**

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## University updates disaster plan

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It is a common occurrence in New Jersey to have a fire drill, but now earthquake drills could be just as common.

Rider's original Emergency Response Plan has been in use for a while, although due to the events on Sept. 11, 2001, the plan has been modified for maximum safety.

"It would not be smart to figure out a plan in the middle of a crisis; we need a good plan in advance," said Vickie Weaver, director of Safety and

Security. "All the plans going in to this operation must not only be practical, but they must have all the local agencies, internal and external, in agreement."

These agencies include the Red Cross, Hazardous Materials crews, the Lawrence Fire and Police department, state police bomb squads, Rider Safety and Security, and, most importantly, the student body.

This modified plan addresses questions such as "Do the agencies know our school?" and "Who are the key players involved?"

The key figures in this plan start with Dean Anthony Campbell, the school's emergency director, who dedicates his time to ensure the new disaster plan is successfully implemented.

The line continues through numerous people and security divisions, such as Department Safety Coordinator Frank Scharibone.

A manual is being produced along with the plan to benefit Rider and universities around us.

This "Big Book" is also

known as the "Rider University Response Manual." It identifies the key individuals involved in the plan, and identifies the methods used in the plan itself.

People in the plan are not only school officials.

"Everyone has a role, a job to do," said Weaver. "It is a community effort."

The disaster plan is not limited to University-related incidents. It also covers the surrounding township. If something should happen outside

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## Unity Day 2002 a success

By Cynthia Remy  
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This year's Unity Day was a time for both celebration and remembrance. The event promoted diversity while encouraging education about the world we live in.

Nationally renowned actor Edward James Almos kicked off this year's celebration with a keynote address on Tuesday, Oct. 8.

Unity Day has been a 4-year long tradition here at Rider.

"It originated in the Communication Department to address racial issues on campus," said Don Brown, assistant director of multicultural affairs and community service.

Unity Day is a faculty-  
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