Step show promises to engage audience during pride week

By Jessica Decina

Put down the pumpkins and the candy and get ready for a real treat. “Step of the Living Dead” is coming to Rider at the end of October.

The step-show will be the culminating event of Pride Week, which will run from October 24-30. Pride Week celebrates Rider’s multiracial nature that is evident from events from the Latin American Student Organization (LASO), Black Student Union (BSU), the Office of Multicultural Affairs, and the Greek Council.

“BSU’s Pride Week is an annual week of events that celebrate African-American culture and the contributions of color,” said Tyesha Jones, president of BSU. “Throughout the week there are events that help to cultivate a sense of pride in yourself about who you are, and help to educate the rest of the campus about our culture.”

The steppers’ movements provide song, dance and music for their audience. Unlike most dancers, step teams dance to the beat of their own drum. During the step routine, a person’s body becomes an instrument as they stamp and clap our rhythms. In addition to drumming out the beats, the dancers also perform synchronized moves along with their stomping and clapping. A step show often has chanting, singing, and a dialogue for effect.

This year’s show, “Step of the Living Dead,” will be performed by the Delta Sigma Theta DST) sorority for African-American women at Rider. They will be competing with other college step teams throughout New Jersey.

As one of the two Black Greek Letter Organizations (BGLO) on campus, we consider this opportunity an honor and a privilege to exemplify the community to one of the many components of Black culture,” said Tia Teaboot, vice president of DST.

“CROP Walk greatly increased participation in the community,” Schluter said. “I felt it is part of my responsibility to help those in need, especially the hurricane victims because some are now left with nothing in their lives,” said Andre Ferreira, the president of ROCAS (Rider’s Organization for Caribbean Affiliated Students). The outcome of this year’s CROP Walk was quite successful. The Lawrenceville community produced a large number of participants, which is usually the case each year. This year, however, the number of Rider students who participated in the CROP Walk greatly increased.

Teams will often mimic each other’s styles in a gesture of playful parody, so the audience shouldn’t be surprised to see some duplicate moves during this show.

The tradition of stepping finds its roots in African culture, incorporating the speech and song of the African-American Masonic rituals. Stepping in black Greek-letter fraternities dates back to the mid-1990s.

Tyesha Jones participated in a survey and won a free airline ticket to anywhere in the continental U.S. Weaver also said that she would be very excited to introduce the cameras to different parts of campus, adding that student feedback has been very favorable. Cameras could be appearing amidst the residence halls in the next two to four years.

In the meantime, Weaver expresses the importance of staying safe both on and off campus and encourages students to take advantage of the escort service.

“We want to continue our partnership with our community members at Rider,” she said.

Communication students now offered local radio internships

By Alisha Miranda

Communication students at Rider University are being offered internships at radio stations around the local area in order to gain a better understanding of radio production in the real world.

Dr. Barry Janes, Broadcasting Program Professor, and Dr. Frederick Turner, Communication Internships Director, offer internships to students interested in learning more about the industry and the chance to gain experience beyond Rider classrooms.

The internships are “not just a class, it’s applying what you have learned to the real world,” said Janes.

Junior year students, who are often better prepared to seek jobs outside of school to enhance their future.

For example NBC has been contacted by Rider to “help students tremendously.” The broadcast company has even hired 2 interns, according to Janes.

Real radio stations outside of New Jersey present students “hands-on experience”

“Nineyt-nine percent are available in or around New York and Pennsylvania,” said Janes.

Those with Public Relations and News Editorial majors are not limited to internships in broadcasting either.

“There are lots of things you can do. Internships are open to anybody in the communications department,” said Janes.

Jon Jones, who is in charge of community services and the advisor of Rider’s radio station, WRRC 107.7, adds “hopefully people are training to be in the real world.”

Janes, along with other Rider advisors, help students in the communications field think early on about their future. They assist students in taking the necessary steps “efficiently and effectively.”

“This is what you want, what you have to think about and how you get organized,” he said.

According to Janes, student internships are beneficial for many reasons. Students have the opportunity to learn about their career by learning from the textbooks and looking into the textbooks and looking into

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Well over 100 people, citizens of Lawrenceville and Rider students alike, participated in last Sunday’s CROP Walk.

Those who participated in this event walked for 6.2 miles throughout the Lawrenceville community to support victims of natural disasters as well as to raise awareness about world hunger. Rev. Nancy Schluter, one of the coordinators of the CROP Walk, feels that this event fulfilled its purpose.

Participants were not only able to learn about the growing problem of hunger, but also make a difference in someone else’s life by contributing to the funds raised.

“I always want people to come out and see that even in a small way they can make a difference,” Schluter said.

Many of the participants were very adamant about doing just that.

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Among the students involved were several campus ministry members, Bonner Scholars, Greeks and many members from the Rouch Caribbean Club. In fact, Ferreira gave the welcome speech prior to the CROP Walk’s commencement.

“I felt privileged and honored that I was chosen out of many worthy students to give the welcome speech,” he said.

Schluter was very pleased with the number of students who wanted to participate. Participants in the CROP Walk were also energetic and eager to walk for a good cause. She believed that this was because it was a beautiful day, great for walking.

However, the number of faculty and staff who were involved in the CROP Walk was low. In fact, only two or three faculty members participated in Sunday’s walk.

One of the faculty members included the Associate Dean of Students, Lawrence P. Johnson, who believes that any type of fundraising for a good cause is worth while. However, he also felt that not enough Rider students participated in the event.

“I would have hoped that more Rider students would have participated. I look forward to next year and hope that the turn-out is better,” said Johnson.

Schluter said that she still would have liked to see more students participate in the CROP Walk and that she would like to see more students involved. Nevertheless, she still believes that this year’s CROP Walk was a success.

I consider this CROP Walk successful because it was 100 percent better than last year, and that’s exciting,” she said.

The Walk also raised a large amount of money to benefit victims of natural disasters. One campus group, ZBT, raised over $100. However, all of the money has not yet been collected.

The campus ministry office will be accepting donations for the next two weeks. Those who still wish to contribute to this cause can bring their donation to Gill Chapel.