**Rider Safety Week 2004**

By Jeff Frankel

Rider Safety Week 2004 kicked off Monday to start a week long initiative to promote the well-being of students on campus. The event began in Dal'y's on Monday, Oct. 25, with members of Safety and Security handing out information to students and a detective from the department gave crime prevention tips.

Vickie Weaver, director of Safety and Security, said that giving out safety tips was a significant part of the week. “We work with students to try to minimize risks,” said Weaver.

In order to keep Rider a safe campus, it is important to remind everyone to take responsible measures to keep themselves and others safe, according to Christine Carter, of the New Student Resource Center and Orientation. “The purpose of Rider Safety Week is to promote student awareness about different ways to stay safe and healthy at college. Different departments and student organizations sponsored various safety-related programming, from campus safety, driving safety and safe sex,” said Carter.

Many clubs participated in the program, including The Association of Commuting Students (ACS), The Student Athlete Mentors (SAMs), the Office of Safety & Security and Zeta Tau Alpha (ZTA). These clubs and organizations sponsored a NJ Department of Law and Public Safety run on vehicle safety that was parked outside of the Bart Luedeke Center (BLC) and had members giving out safety tips, a kick-off table in Dal'y’s and a self-defense workshop, respectively.

In the Swiftik lounges on Tuesday, Residence Life staff handed out information to students.

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On rebuttal, Holt said flat-out, “there is not going to be a draft, I oppose it and I see no possible measures to keep them out.” Holt added that Rangel’s “position is correct when he says this 40 nation consortium,” Holt said. “Yes, they let our security and taxpayers.”

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Holt said he would oppose it unless the U.S. had international support. “As we learned in Iraq the solution must truly be international,” said Holt. “My opponent is correct when he says this is a global conflict against terrorism, he is absolutely correct but when he says we need international credibility.”

His opponent responded that it is “irresponsible for members of Congress to attack a coalition of what was between 30 and 40 nations.” He added, “Thank goodness for the American Congress, and thank goodness our president had the strength to stand in opposition to French public opinion and act to keep the world safe.”

Holt was quick to contradict Spadea, calling to attention the withdrawal of Poland with in three days of the President’s “remember Poland” remark.

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Holt contended that the real threat from illegal immigration are both security and America’s dependence upon people who are here illegally.

In their closing remarks, both candidates emphasized their suitability as representatives because they would stay in touch with their constituents, even when in Washington, D.C.

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