

# Safety Week focuses on self-protection and health

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 Daly'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 van 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 Daly's and a self-defense workshop, respectively.

In the Switlik lounges on Tuesday, Residence Life staff

and the RHA put on the program entitled "A Hot Affair" which emphasized the importance of safe sex through a series of skits.

Weaver gave the presentation on self-protection in the ZTA sorority house.

"It's an opportunity to minimize ways of becoming victims—trying to safely remove yourself from [dangerous] situations," said Weaver.

Ziegler Hall also took part in safe sex programming. A nurse from the Student Health Center came over to talk to the large group of freshmen about different sexually transmitted diseases and options for safe sex.

"Hill RHA sponsored a Haunted House on Wednesday," said Carter, "where they promoted safe trick-or-treating."

She said that Residence Life had safety-related programming in the halls all week. At Pub Night on Thursday, the program



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## ZTA sisters get lessons in self defense during Safety Week.

"Who's Under The Sheets?" was geared towards promoting safe sex. A blood drive was also done in the Cavalla Room in the BLC.

Friday's event includes a Step Exhibition sponsored by the Intercultural Greek Council (IGC).

"The Step Exhibition is part of the Black Student Union's (BSU) Pride Week. Different step groups from around the

state will come to perform," said Carter. "It should be a great event, and we will give out free Safety Week giveaways to the first people who attend."

However, Weaver emphasized the importance of safety year-round.

"I think Safety Week is very important," said Weaver. "It's something we shouldn't just focus on during one week, but all the time."

## 'DEBATE'

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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 likelihood that a situation will arise that will require it."

He added that it would be irresponsible to categorically say "no, never ever," to the draft, because there are conceivable situations where it might be needed.

Moderator Rebovich called attention to the fact that the Universal Draft Bill in the House was sponsored by representative Charles Rangel, (D) of N.Y. Holt said that Rangel was trying to make a point that if the government is going

to send young people to war, they should be prepared to send their own sons and daughters too.

Holt added that Rangel voted against his own bill, eliciting a murmur of chuckles among the audience.

Spadea said in response, "two wrongs don't make a right."

Both candidates tried to side-step a question about the possibility of an invasion of Iran over its nuclear program.

Holt said he is skeptical of the Bush doctrine, which advocates pre-emptive action, saying it is flawed and places too great a burden on intelligence.

Spadea similarly ducked a direct answer by mentioning an obligation to use force in a post-9/11 world to bring "rogue

states" to heel.

When further pressed by *The Times* of Trenton panelist Robert Stern, Spadea said he would support military action if the nuclear program of Iran turned out to be a hostile one. 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 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 within three days of the President's "remember Poland" remark.

"Slavinia was counted in this 40 nation consortium," Holt said. "Yes, they let our planes fly over—they were counted in this coalition of the willing."

The candidates also butted heads over illegal immigration into the U.S.

Spadea proposed a general amnesty to working illegal immigrants, because the costs of deporting them all would be too great. Instead, he proposed

that they grant all the immigrants who "want to be here and become productive citizens and taxpayers."

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 constituency, even when in Washington, D.C.

After the debate, when asked to comment on which candidate had the strongest position, Rebovich said jokingly, "I'm just here to watch the time, I don't even know what these guys said."



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