Letter To The Editor: Student desires neglected

I am writing you not as the Student Government Association Equities Coordinator, nor as Chairman of the Facilities Committee in Student Senate, nor as a member of President’s Council, nor as a Vice-President of Switlik Residence Hall or Sociology Club but as a concerned member of the campus community.

My concern is that The Rider News is not completely in touch with the majority of its audience, the students. It has avoided some important topics such as the controversy behind having New Jersey’s Poet Laureate Amir Baraka speak at Rider. This item of interest involves the issue of freedom of speech which is exercised in Baraka’s writing.

Another story that slipped under the paper’s radar was that of Midnight MAACness. I apologize, I am incorrect, there were three sentences that made mention of MAACness on page 11 of the Friday, Oct. 18 issue. I suppose those three sentences were sufficient in describing one of the largest school spirit packed events of the year. Midnight MAACness, which occurred on Friday, Oct. 11 was organized through an intense cooperative effort. Those who gave to themselves as benefit others included members of the student government, faculty, administration, various Rider students who wanted to make a different and, of course, the staff department and the people that made that evening possible. They were all let down by this paper’s opinion of what is important to the students of our campus community; evidently Midnight MAACness was not important.

The following day, Saturday, Oct. 12, the new Homecoming King and Queen were crowned without mention of their success. They, as well as the court, were forgotten about because The Rider News did not think that the students cared to read about which one of their classmates, friends or student leaders won the competition. Instead, on the front page of the very same issue with the three sentences on Midnight MAACness, were articles about an academic program that would benefit a handful of students and another article on a new disaster plan.

I believe that some of the paper needs its own disaster plan every week. Its inordinate focus seems to be raved by a cyclone of indifference to what is truly important to the student body. It also does from time to time confuse real news with a sensationalistic writing such as on last week’s front page. “There was a story that was hyped up because of the person involved, not because of the incident that occurred. The article, “Alumnus arrested on burglary charges” includes quotations from the suspect’s ex-girlfriend. The caliber of the incident did not justify the story to be shot onto the front page. “Security Briefs” would have been the most appropriate place for the incident mentioned.”

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Robert Fink
Sophomore Accounting

Innuendos: Delayed gratification

I was raised in the Catholic Church and I was always taught that abstinence was the best policy. “Wait until after marriage,” they said. Who really does that nowadays? I can probably guess that many people lost their virginity back in their high school years.

I heard a story once that my high school’s principal caught two people having sex in a confessional box in the chapel…go figure.

There are some, however, who are trying to preserve themselves for one special person. I must congratulate these people on a valiant effort. But is it worth it? I am not speaking about sharing oneself in a loving bond and all that other stuff they tried to tell me in school. I’m talking about the reason why many people didn’t wait, the pure pleasure behind the act. Will these people who have waited all this time experience some kind of super orgasm?

I would think that the delayed gratification would enhance the orgasm. If it does not improve it on the physical level, it must do so on the psychological level. We all know the feeling of delayed gratification in some form or another. Though the act itself probably doesn’t seem any different to a person who has already experienced it, to those who haven’t, satisfying any longed desire seems much more intense.

A sexual orgasm must be pretty amazing for those who have waited. It would be the pinnacle of someone’s sexual experience. It’s a shame to think a person would walk into the game hitting a homerun then hitting foul balls the rest of his or her life. But if this is what a person wants then he or she really shouldn’t be criticized. I would only feel bad if after waiting a prolonged period of time to have sex, the orgasm wasn’t that good. That would just be wrong.

Sincerely,
Tim Green

Letters To The Editor: Review bowls a strike

Thanks for the excellent review of Bowling for Columbine. I’ve been telling everyone I know to see it, and I hope that your review will inspire many Rider students to go. It brings the dark side of American culture into the court, were forgotten about because The Rider News didn’t think that the students cared to read

A group of Princeton University students, called the Princeton Peace Network, holds weekly demonstrations on Nassau Street. You can join them each Saturday from 1 to 2 p.m. in front of Palmer Square. For information on other opportunities to learn and/or resist, you can visit the Coalition for Peace Action at: www.peacecoalition.org.

Sue Albert
Peace Education Committee
Coalition for Peace Action, Princeton, N.J.

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Even though someone had an unfortunate experience in the position as a Resident Advisor (RA) does not mean he or she should go out and publicly slander the person involved, not because of the incident that occurred. The article, “Alumnus arrested on burglary charges” includes quotations from the suspect’s ex-girlfriend. The caliber of the incident did not justify the story to be shot onto the front page. “Security Briefs” would have been the most appropriate place for the incident mentioned.

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RAC responds to criticism

The Residential Advisor Council (RAC) was disappointed to read Ms. Olster’s column about the Resident Advisor (RA) position. As a council, we come together to discuss our job and to provide campus programming. Each year the council works to better serve the Rider community. We are(far more than) one voice. We discussed and came up with solutions on a plethora of topics.

Each individual has a unique experience within Resident Life Office (RLO). We are in no position to tell Ms. Olster she shall shut up. If she found her position or her well-being so threatening, there were outlets she could have contacted and people willing to listen. It’s a pity that one individual’s opinion can overshadow the opinions of the other 53 RAs, 10 Resident Directors and three Area Directors that may have been positive.

As adults, we should realize that with a job comes benefits as well as sacrifices. Our supervisors set general limits to protect ourselves, our residents and the campus but we shall stretch. But we shall stretch. It’s a shame to think a person would walk into the game hitting a homerun then hitting foul balls the rest of his or her life. But if this is what a person wants then he or she really shouldn’t be criticized. I would only feel bad if after waiting a prolonged period of time to have sex, the orgasm wasn’t that good. That would just be wrong.

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