Founder’s Day is filled with events

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An annual Rider tradi-
tion, Founder’s Day, will take place on Saturday, Nov. 2. The Founder’s Day ceremony will be the highlight of the day, recognizing the Andrew J. Rider Scholars. These scholars receive the highest academic honor a student can achieve while an undergraduate at Rider. The event will occur in the Student Center Theater at 11 a.m.

This year, President Bart Luedeke will award certificates to Rider’s top 53 undergraduate students. These students are selected based solely on their grade point averages and must fulfill a list of additional requirements. The top four seniors, three juniors, and three sophomores are chosen from each of Rider’s individual colleges (College of Business Administration, College of liberal Arts, Education, and Sciences; College of Continuing Studies; and Westminster Choir College). Dr. Susan Denbo, associate professor of Business Policy and Environment in the College of Business Administration, will give the faculty address and Jason Barker, a senior in the College of Continuing Studies, will give the student address.

Each year, the college of the scholar who gives the stu-
dent address rotates so that one year, a scholar from the College of Business Administration will give the Student Address, and the following year a scholar from the College of Liberal Arts may give the Address. The faculty speaker is chosen from the list of those who received the Rider University Award for Distinguished Teaching. Recipients are announced each year at Commencement.

“I am extremely honored to have the opportunity to address the Rider community, including the Andrew J. Rider scholars, on Founder’s Day,” said Denbo. “Supporting the academic achievements of these students is integral to our values at Rider.”

The Dominic A. Iorio Faculty Research Prize will be presented to sociology profes-
sor Dr. Richard Burch by Dean Emeritus Iorio. This award, endowed and named in Iorio’s honor, was established in June 1997 upon his retirement and is intended to annually recognize schol-
ary endeavors in teaching and service. The recipient of this prestigious prize is chosen by the University Honors Council and is asked to present their research to the Rider community in the Spring of 2003.

Founder’s Day has histori-
cally taken place on the same day as another Rider tradition, Family Day. The simultane-
ous occurrence of these two traditions allows families of the

scholars to attend the Founder’s Day ceremony as well as any of the other events taking place in conjunction with Family Day.

Family Day is full of events throughout the day to entertain families and Rider students. A continental break-
fast begins the day at 9 a.m. in the Student Center, followed by 10 a.m. screenings at the News 12 New Jersey offices, at 11 a.m. with various work-
shops and athletic competi-
tions taking place later on.

The Junior Class Ring Ceremony will occur at 3 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge, and Alpha Psi Omega will be featuring an improv show, Laughing Stock at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theater.

Information was provided by Patricia Lutz, from the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost.

Senate from page 1

before the election.

The Supreme Court accepted Lautenberg as Torricelli’s replacement and allowed the change on the bal-
lot to be made.

Lautenberg, 78, served three terms as senator before declining to run in the 2000 election. He is a self-made millionaire who founded Automatic Data Processing, a major computing services firm. While serving as senator, Lautenberg became a millionaire by building up a small business benefits services, Inc. The business allows employers to offer fami-
lies prescription drug coverage.

Both candidates are direct-
ing attention to improving education and healthcare issues and lowering taxes.

Forrester, along with other

issues, wants to increase mil-
liary spending and improve the alliance between the U.S. and Israel, and improve the immi-
gration process.

Lautenberg is focusing on economic development, upgrading critical local transpor-
tation, and improving national defense.

During the past month, Forrester has been accusing Lautenberg of avoiding debates because he is not up to the job.

He uses the former senator’s age as an issue of whether he is capable of serving for another term.

The candidates did agree to have two debates before elections are held. One aired on News 12 New Jersey, and the other airing on WNBC in New York. The News 12 debate was held on Oct. 30 and lasted about 90 minutes. The debate included four third-party candidates along with the two major party can-
didates, which lasted an hour, and then a half an hour ses-

sion between Lautenberg and Forrester. The WNBC debate will be held on Nov. 2 on The Geraldo Rivera show.

In a recent poll conducted by Quinnipiac University, Lautenberg was leading Forrester 52 percent to 43 percent. The survey found that the former senator also led among independent and women vot-

ers. The poll questioned 603 New Jersey voters and has an error rate of plus or minus four percent.

When asked about the election, some students voiced their opinions on the candi-
dates, the issues and candi-
dates supported and who they

thought will win the election.

“Perhaps the major issue is that I had to predict who

was going to win the election, I would choose Lautenberg,” said Ian Wentworth, a theatre major.

He uses the former senator’s campaign because he is not up to the job.

“I don’t worry, we’re just spending the night here. Smelling the stench of alcohol on the males’ breath, the female told them to leave, which they did. The matter is still being investigated.

Dumber Than Last Week

Making their daily rounds, Security observed an unregistered vehicle parked on the grass outside of Conover Residence Hall.

While checking the car for identification, security personnel noticed the student leaving Conover and heading in the direction of the car. Upon questioning, the student denied ownership of the vehicle and immediately walked back inside the residence hall.

While Security was in the process of locking the doors, the student returned, claimed ownership and was escorted to Security to regis-

ter his vehicle.

The student was charged with disorderly conduct for giving false information.

Fun With Pumpkins

Halloween festivities started a bit too soon for

some on the early morning of Tuesday, Oct. 21.

Security reported to Poyda Residence Hall in response to an unsuccessful prank, which left a first floor room window dented and the greater portion of a pumpkin lying on a nearby walkway.

The pumpkin came from the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority house, whose front door was yet another target of the prankster(s).

Another sign of holiday vandalism was spotted in the fire lane between the University House and Zeta Beta Tau. The investigation is still pending as the vandals are still missing.