

Founder's Day is filled with events

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An annual Rider tradition, 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 student 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 Dominick A. Iorio Faculty Research Prize will be presented to sociology professor Dr. Richard Butsch 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 scholarly 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 historically taken place on the same day as another Rider tradition, Family Day. The simultaneous occurrence of these two traditions allows families of the

scholars to attend the Founder's Day ceremony as well as any of the other of 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 breakfast begins the day at 9 a.m. in the Student Center, followed by Welcoming Remarks at 10 a.m. with other various workshops and athletic competitions 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

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before the election.

The Supreme Court accepted Lautenberg as Torricelli's replacement and allowed the change on the ballot 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 pushed for issues such as the Patient's Bill of Rights, increasing prescription drug benefits under Medicare, and tightening drunk-driving standards. He also supported the assault weapons ban and the Brady Law. Lautenberg co-sponsored legislation to abolish parole and toughen policies for violent criminals.

Forrester, 49, is the former mayor of West Windsor and has served as a member of the Mercer County Republican Committee. He also served as

Assistant State Treasurer for Governor Tom Kane and managed pension and healthcare systems for the state. Outside of politics, Forrester became a millionaire by building up a small business, BeneCard Services, Inc. The business allows employers to offer families prescription drug coverage.

Both candidates are directing attention to improving education and healthcare issues and lowering taxes.

Forrester, along with other issues, wants to increase military spending, strengthen the alliance between the U.S. and Israel, and improve the immigration process.

Lautenberg is focusing on economic development, upgrading critical local transportation, 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 candidates, which lasted an hour, and then a half an hour session between Lautenberg and Forrester. The WNBC debate will be held on Nov. 2 on *The Gabe Pressman 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 voters. 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 candidates, the issues the candidates supported and who they

thought will win the election.

"If I had to predict who was going to win the election, I would choose Lautenberg," said Ian Wentworth, a theatre major and communication minor. "New Jersey loves Democrats in the Senate, so most likely a Democrat will win the election no matter who is running. Therefore, I think Lautenberg is most likely going to win."

On the other hand some students were concerned that after Torricelli dropped out of the race, the issues left the race with him.

"This election seems to be a lot of party arguments rather than policy and regulation arguments," said Colleen McMullen, a junior marketing major. "Torricelli's resignation was a lot of fuss over a few days. I don't see why the Republicans made such a big deal out of the whole situation. If it were the other way around, they would have fought for the change in candidates."

Security Briefs

All information provided by Vickie Weaver, Director of Safety and Security

Threesome?

A loud banging on a first floor window abruptly awoke a female resident during the early morning hours of Thursday, Oct 24.

The resident student reported that two males tried to get into her room after supposedly receiving permission from the female's roommate.

An unknown male suspect was seen being pushed through the female's window by another unknown male, and upon entrance said, "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 witnessed a 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 placing the boot on one of the vehicle's wheels, the student returned, claimed ownership and was escorted to Security to register 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.

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Correction:

In the Friday, Oct. 25 issue of *The Rider News*, a letter was printed entitled, "Sports Column Didn't Fumble After All."

The letter was accredited to Katie Bateman. However, it was not written by Katie Bateman.

The Rider News apologizes for the misunderstanding about the author of the article.