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This week check out an interesting new approach to parking and a devastating blow.

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Rider F.L.A.G. strives to rebuild its campus reputation despite lack of university funding.

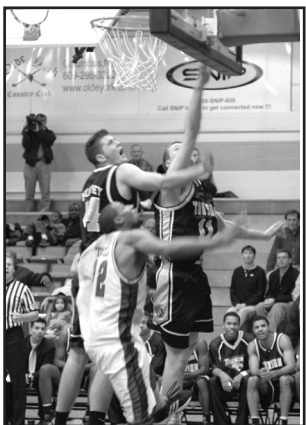
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Do we want to be dominated by pepper spray and handcuffs?

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The men's basketball team has begun their season playing well.

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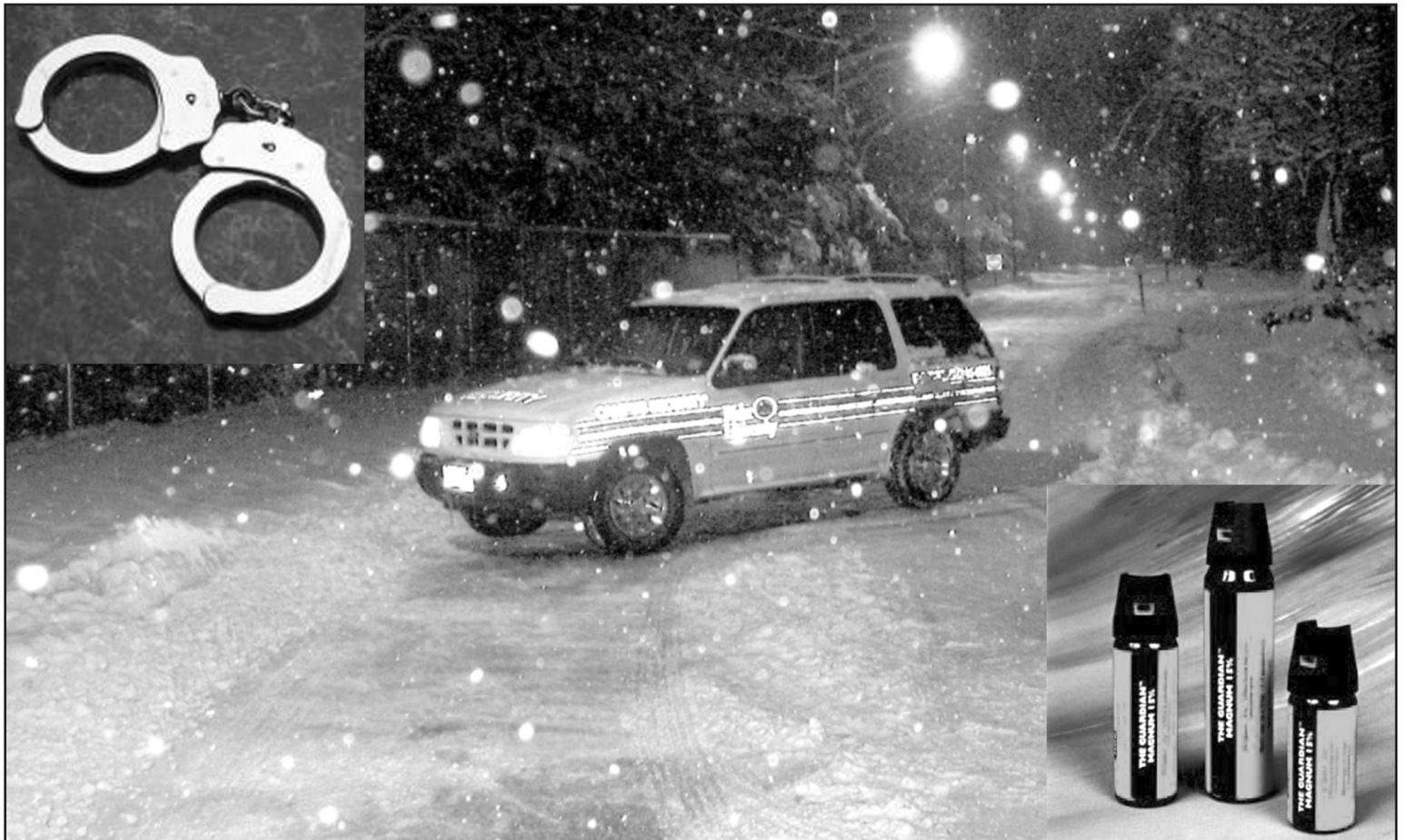
Weekend Weather!

Bundle up in your coats and make sure to put on your hat and scarves because the temperatures will continue to be cold.

However, you will be able to adorn your sunglasses because the sun will be shining brightly over the snow glistened campus.

PEPPER SPRAY? HANDCUFFS?

Security lobbying for defensive measures



Staff photo by Michael D. Lovullo

Rider Safety and Security is attempting to gain the right to carry pepper spray and handcuffs.

By Brooke Olster
Staff Writer

The next time students find themselves in a fight on campus, they may want to think twice before calling security.

Rider's Safety and Security department has recently been exploring more defensive security methods, such as pepper spray and handcuffs. These measures are designed to ensure the safety of the campus, security officers and students, according to Vickie Weaver, director of Safety and Security.

The threat of terrorism has caused a

rise in public concern for proper safety and security measures to be taken, including on college campuses.

According to current state law, colleges and universities without commissioned police departments (as determined by Rider's Board of Trustees) on campus are not permitted to utilize measures such as pepper spray, handcuffs, and appropriate weapons, according to Weaver.

Because Rider is a private institution, there is no on-campus police department like many public universities in the

state. However, the Lawrenceville Police Department's (LPD) proximity to Rider's campus has been advantageous to its security officers.

Rider's Safety and Security department, along with several other security departments from colleges throughout New Jersey included in the New Jersey College and University Public Safety Association (CUPSA), have collaboratively created a position paper that they have submitted to state legislators and officials in hopes of

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Alpha Phi Omega excels at volunteering

By Melanie Tirpak
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Helping out the community is the goal of a group on campus that has done up to 500 hours of community service recently and is nationally recognized.

Alpha Phi Omega, a community service fraternity on campus, covers more than just Lawrenceville.

"We're a nationally recognized co-ed community service organization," said President Jessica Franko. "We're not known just in the United States, but the world over as the largest recognized coed organization in the world."

There are approximately 300,000 students involved in the organization at

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350 colleges and universities.

"I think it's a really great organization, especially for people in college who want

to get involved, but don't know how," said Franko.

As president, Franko is very involved, doing around 100 hours of community service and working with everyone else.

"My job is to oversee all duties and activities in the chapter, taking active role with each different situation," said Franko.

Everyone's job is important, which is apparent in the groups motto, "leadership, friendship and service."

People in the organization have worked for such organizations as Habitat for Humanity, Womanspace, Up 'Till Dawn and the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen,

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