Social Responsibility theme continues

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In its second year, Rider’s theme, Ethics and Social Responsibility, seems to have taken on new meaning on campus. The current theme is intended to help students understand their responsibilities as members of the local community, according to Dean of Students Anthony Campbell.

The university theme is formulated by combining students, faculty and the administration’s input and is revisited by the Rider community every two years. A core committee is responsible for the brainstorming of new ideas and facilitating efforts to obtain feedback from students and faculty. A larger theme committee, led by university provost Phyllis Frakt makes a final decision as to what the theme will be.

In past years, the committee has sought strong support from the Student Government Association. Rider’s theme is intended to connect a broad array of social issues and academic disciplines. The theme, Ethics and Social Responsibility, has a clear connection to Rider’s community values statement. “By cutting across academic departments, we can effectively create a common discussion that is then used to strengthen connections in and out of the classroom,” said Dean of Freshmen Ira Mayo.

With each theme comes numerous events and lectures. Various speakers are sponsored by their related academic or student departments. For example, on Oct. 9, the Multi-Cultural Center will sponsor the popular Unity Day.

“Incorporating the underlying theme of holding oneself accountable for their actions in academics can be beneficial to students of all majors,” said Professor of Communication Jonathan Millen, who delivered the theme address to freshmen at Opening Day. Students have come to their own conclusions about the chosen theme.

“Social responsibility is a huge part of college life and it is important that we bring new students to our school learning how to do this through time management and preparedness,” said senior Kenny Masola.

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2002 Welcome Week assures freshmen are well-prepared for move-in

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Welcome Week’s 2002 theme, “RU Connected,” provided incoming freshmen with an assuring feeling during opening week.

With the largest freshman class in history, the “RU Connected” theme aimed at providing new students and their families a positive move-in experience and ultimately building a strong sense of school pride, according to Cassie Iacovelli, Assistant Dean of Campus Activities.

This year’s theme was chosen by student organizations on campus and included a comprehensive calendar of activities to accclimate students to the campus. The underlying intention was to help new students feel a part of Rider and to make these activities and programs more accessible. “We want to coordi- nate, not compete,” said Iacovelli when referring to the need for different organizations to work together to plan activities and not alienate each other.

Activities that will occur throughout September as part of welcoming freshmen to the campus are traditions such as Cranberry Fest and Awareness Day. “I think it’s very assur- ing to know how much effort has been made by fellow students, faculty and the administration in their preparation for our arrival on campus,” said freshman Matt Reeve. “They have gone to great lengths to make sure we are well-informed and not feeling isolated.”

The “RU Connected” theme has a broad mean- ing. “To some it means staying connected to the latest technologies used in the classroom. To others it means improving the communication between students and the administration or between organizations on campus or even to the surrounding community.” “I felt my first few days here were very posi- tive ones,” said freshman Diana Deering. “Because of the sense of enthusiasm and spirit that I encoun- tered among the students thus far, I truly feel as though I have made the right decision to come to Rider.”

Campus Commuter Lot Collision

Four student vehicles were damaged in an accident on Tuesday, Sept. 10, in the Commuter Lot.

A female student reported that her Jeep Cherokee had been struck by a Pontiac Grand Am driven by another student. The accident had caused her vehicle to collide with two other parked vehicles.

Lawrenceville Police Department indicated that a summons may be issued. The Jeep had to be removed by tow truck, and eventually all vehicles involved were cleared from the scene. Damages are as yet undeter- mined.

Drinikin’ in Lincoln

A male student drank nearly an entire bottle of vodka and then proceeded to lock himself in the bathroom and pass out on Tuesday, Sept. 17 in Lincoln residence hall.

Security had to break down the bathroom door when the suspect did not respond.

An ambulance was notified and the student was transported to the hospital, where he was treated and released.

The incident was referred to judicial affairs.