Jenkins was next in line for Rider to lose to a ranked opponent as he lost by major decision to No. 11 Paul Siemon. Freshman Jeff Black had to face the No. 2 wrestler at 197 pounds, Chris Skretkowicz. Skretkowicz won the match by pin in the first period. This upped Hofstra’s lead to 35-3.

In the final match of the night, the Broncs ended up on a good note as freshman Tyler Rees won a very close 3-2 decision in the heavyweight class against the highly touted Gian Villante.

“Tyler had a good victory against another very talented freshman, who was a New York champion [in high school],” Taylor said. “Tyler believed there was a lot for his young wrestlers to learn from facing a quality opponent such as Hofstra.”

Any time a young team like ours faces a team with sixth ranked senior, it encourages them to work harder and get better,” he said. “There were some matches where we can make some adjustments that allow us to win next time.”

While Rider has to regain its focus with two CAA meets taking place at Alumni Gym this weekend, Rider will face Boston University on Friday at 7 p.m. and will host Sacred Heart on Senior Night, Saturday at 6 p.m.

After this weekend, the Broncs will have almost two weeks to prepare for the CAA Championships held at Boston University on March 5-6.

“We are going to work hard during the break,” said Taylor. “We have already started.”

Perfect timing

By Mike Caputo

It is usually easy to figure out whether time can be a basketball team’s enemy or friend toward the end of a game, but on Sunday at Alumni Gym, it was just plain confusing.

The Broncs were locked in a 63-63 tie with Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) rival Canisius with 4.3 seconds remaining in front of a televised audience. There were only two seconds remaining on the shot clock, if Rider scored or missed the opportunity, Canisius still would have possession with at least 2.3 seconds left.

Then the confusion started.

Point guard Jerry Johnson took the inbounds pass directly in front of the Rider bench but lost the ball. Guard Chuck Harris, of the Griffins stole the ball and took it all the way for what was apparently the winning lay-up at the buzzer. Head coach Mike MacDonald immedi-
ately ushered his team off the court into the locker room with jubilation.

“As soon as Canisius left the court in a hurry, I knew the game wasn’t over,” said Rider head coach Don Harnum on the “Don Harnum Radio Show” hosted by Dyryl Fein. “We were able to stay calm and let the dust settle.”

The “dust” that Harnum was referring to was the huge mistake made by the clock operator. Rider’s clock operator assumed that there was a shot clock violation when Johnson lost the ball, meaning that there would be a change of possession and a stoppage of play.

The clock did stop, but when the operator saw that play was continuing, they started it up again with a delay. This was the reason why Harris made it all the way across the court in less than three seconds.

After the referees went over the situation utilizing the television monitors provided by the MAAC Television Network, Canisius (18-6, 6-9 MAAC) was called back out of the locker room and the game was sent into overtime. Rider (15-9, 10-4 MAAC), took advantage of its second chance by going on a final minute 10-2 surge to win by a score of 81-74.

“I thought we handled overtime almost flawlessly,” said Harnum.

The controversial play was reviewed on Tuesday by MAAC officials and it was clarified that the referees made the right call. It was discovered that Harris’ lay-up did not count because it was not released in the accurate elapsed time from when Johnson originally lost possession of the ball. The Broncs are used to late-game controversy, especially in the one point loss to Iona on Monday, Feb. 7 at Sovereign Bank Arena.

“I just said this can’t be true and this is not happening,” said shooting guard Kamron Warner. “We had a questionable call against Iona last week and I said, not again.”

Rider’s recent pattern of unusual events continued Wednesday night at Fairfield. The Arena at Harborday was evacuated during the second half of the game because of a grease fire in the concession stands. After about a ten-minute delay, play resumed and the Broncs defeated the Stags 74-66.

Rider is currently tied with Niagara in the loss column for first place in the MAAC with three games remaining on the schedule. This includes a home television match-up with Niagara on Saturday, Feb. 26, which may decide first place.

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Mike Caputo
For love of the game

On a day when the National Hockey League (NHL) officially canceled the 2004-2005 season because of a greedy bargaining war, I thought it would be nice to shed light on a special ice hockey player with an intense passion for the sport. If you haven’t heard of her already, you probably do not read the local sports sections in the Trenton area. Her name is Angela Treannie and she is a senior goalie on Rider’s club ice hockey team. What makes her situation so special is that she is the only woman on the entire squad of 28 players.

But Treannie would be the last one to tell you that her situation is special. She doesn’t play for making headlines or creating controversy; she plays because of her love of the game.

Before moving to New Jersey, Treannie lived in Massachusetts and Fort Worth, Texas. She grew up with a goalie stick in hand, and earned herself a spot on her high school varsity team. Boys’ ice hockey team, that is.

Treannie earned a spot onto the Broncs after succeeding through the grueling tryout process. She was nervous at first, until she realized where she was. “At first I was reluctant to try out,” she said. “Once I got out on the ice, I realized that I was able to stop these college guys’ shots.”

Unfortunately, this will be Treannie’s first and final year as a member of Rider’s team. She transferred from Mercer County Community College to Rider after her sophomore year. Treannie spent her junior year making the adjustment to living on campus at Rider, which according to her is much more “demanding” academically than her previous experience.

Treannie’s efforts on the ice hockey team will be celebrated tonight at senior night before Rider’s important

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Canisius 70 Rider 68 (OT)*

2/13

Niagara 72 Rider 42*

Wrestling (10-7, 4-2 CAA)

2/15

Hofstra 35 Rider 6

Men’s Swimming (5-8)

Women’s Swimming (3-10)

Schedule

2/17-2/19

M/W Swimming and Diving at MAAC Championships

2/21

M/W Indoor Track and Field at MAAC Championships

Wrestling

last Saturday at the Armory in New York. Sophomore Jasmine Fenlator won the shotput and junior Mechea Medine was victorious in the long jump for the women. Freshman Randy Nixon and Sophomore David Payne both qualified for the ICAAs in their victories in the 55 meter hurdles and sprint, respectively.

Seven members of the swimming and diving team earned MAAC All-Academic honors. These members were seniors Briana Cohen, Lisa Ferragamo and Sam Engle; and sophomores Andrew French, Eric McFerlin, Adrianne Glassow and Hayley Wittack.