Letter To The Editor: Riders shortcomings

Dear Editor,

After spending a year and a half at Rider I made the decision to transfer to a different university. My reasons were numerous and although it took me months to make up my mind, I am glad I decided to leave.

One of many reasons for leaving was the senseless vandalism occurring. Not only did I read about it every week in The Rider News, but I also experienced it myself.

I received scratches all over my car's hood and trunk during my freshman year. Despite efforts to have them buffed out, they still remain. That same year, during winter break, my door was left open after being checked and as a result I had a number of things stolen. During my second year, I had my door set on fire. I filed a report with Security but by no means all, seem to disregard: the students. Many, of this it is not taken so seri-

usly. Rider's shortcomings are numerous and although it was damaged in the hallway, which added to the amount of fines to pay, or someone had thrown up in the stairwell. In addition to this the bathrooms, although cleaned every day, were disgusting and depressing. And would it kill Rider's bud-

get to provide paper towels or hand soap?

To get anything repaired around campus was a miracle. Most organizations basically have the students in the palm of their hands. If you needed an answer as to when some-
ting was going to be fixed you had to make at least five phone calls only to find out a work order hadn't even been put in. Although everyone is extremely busy, most of the time it just seemed like no one cared.

It's sad and hard to admit, but the attitude at Rider was never a positive one. Rider is a place where it's funny to steal someone's laundry or put a dead squirrel on a doorknob. These types of things may be what makes Rider so fun for some students, but for me it did nothing but make me more and more depressed. I hope that Rider can improve on some of these things with its new president. Hopefully change is around the corner and good things will happen in the future.

Sincerely,

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Letter To The Editor: Democrats responsible for lack of black advancement

From its inception in 1792 up to the Civil Rights era of the 1960's, the Democratic Party had never attempted to intro-
duce, sponsor or support one law that would benefit African-Americans. Every law that it was involved with during this 168-year period was designed to hurt blacks, none were ever introduced to help them.

Both the archives of history and the War Between the States reveal that had the Democrats supported the same types of laws in 1864 that certain members of the party decided to support in 1964, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 would not have been necessary.

The following information was taken from Congressional records and the chronicles of history regarding the rela-
tionship between blacks and Democrats from 1792 to 2002.

What we called the Civil War, or the War Between the States was really a war between the Democrats and the Republicans over slavery. The Democrats fought and gave their lives to expand it and the Republicans fought and gave their lives to ban it.

While Democrats passed Jim Crow Laws, Black Codes and a multitude of other repressive laws to keep African-Americans in bondage and deny them their constitutional rights as citizens, Republicans passed legislation to see them free, such as the Thirteenth Amendment, the Civil Rights Acts of 1866, the First Reconstruction Act of 1867, the Fourteenth Amendment, the Fifteenth Amendment, the Ku Klux Klan Act and the Civil Rights Act of 1875.

While Republicans sent troops to reconstruct the south and protect the newly freed slaves, the Democrats formed terrorist organizations like the Ku Klux Klan to terror-
ize the newly freed slaves. The Democrats murdered, mur-
-lated, intimidated and assu-

sinated countless numbers of blacks to regain and maintain control of the south.

While abolitionists and radical Republicans were devot-
ing their time and money to establish many of our tradition-
al black colleges that bear their name, Democrats used every means possible to keep blacks from attending these schools.

When the Democrats consistently refuse to pass Anti-lynching laws to pro-
tect blacks. Three whites that opposed the Democrat's racist practices formed the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to protect African-Americans.

When the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. led a multitude of protests from 1960-1962 to gain civil rights for African-
Americans, Democratic President John F. Kennedy ignored him, Attorney General Robert Kennedy approved FBI wiretaps on him and Democratic Senator Robert Byrd referred to him as a "coward" and a "traitor maker."

Letter To The Editor: Rider swim teams deserve coverage

I can't believe that the college newspaper is so out of touch with what's going on in all sports on your campus. You have one of the best programs at Rider and you totally ignore it.

The men's and women's swim teams are the best pro-
gram in the MAAC and you refuse to cover them. The conference championship is this week and there is a very good chance that the men and women could win. The women have won two of the last three championships and the men have been runner-up the last three years. Where is the coverage? When will you send a reporter to cover this program?

The Rider parents would like to see a reporter at Loyola College to cover what could be a very exciting story. If you send someone please tell them to check in with the Rider parents' section. We'll be the loudest ones there. You won't be able to miss us.

We hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Curt Bergh
Rider Swimming Parent

Quote of the Week:

"Probably the difference between man and the monkeys is that the monkeys are merely bored, while man has boredom plus imagination."

— Lin Yutang