Words from the Wise: Raising the volume on radio negligence

Despite the best efforts of the WRRC, it remains a fact that hardly anybody on campus listens to the radio station.

It’s sad to say because the station offers such a diverse musical selection and the staff members and the DJs are all quite energetic and dedicated to making it the best that it can be. I think that the radio station could be much more popular and I have several ideas about how to bring this about.

The first way would be to force it on the campus community. I think that the radio in Dulay’s should constantly be tuned to 107.7-FM. This way students are forced to listen and, if they like what they hear, they can tune in to the station on their own time. To allow this, there should be a sign prominently displayed in the hall that says students know that they are listening to WRRC and informs them about how to receive the signal in their rooms.

In addition, DJs should take the time to post flyers around campus and advertise the station. A big part of the problem is that people don’t know about WRRC and the kind of programming that they can expect. If they see a flyer on the wall for a dedicated rap show or rock show, they will be more likely to tune in since they know that they will like the music that will be played.

Another way to increase the station’s audience would be to start an Internet stream of the station. Currently, WRRC’s signal is very weak and can barely cover the entire campus. Putting the Internet signal on a dedicated internet portal would allow anyone, anywhere to listen to the station at any time. This would help DJs whose parents and friends wish to listen; in they can simply click a link and hear the show in high quality. It also allows students who do not own a radio to listen. In my room, there is no stereo. My roommate and I use our computers to play CDs and a stereo would just take up too much space. However, I would love to listen to WRRC and an Internet feed would be the only way to allow that.

I have a show on WRRC and it is disheartening to give so much to an audience that cares so little. I can only imagine how the station’s general managers feel, as they hold some of the hardest working people I have ever met. So many people have given so much to make this an incredibly entertaining outlet for the use of Rider students, and no one seems to care.

I think all that can be changed if people would simply listen. So the next time you have some free time, why not tune in to WRRC 107.7-FM? I am confident that you’ll find something you like.

Letter to the Editor: Another view on vandalism

Dear Editor,

After reading about all the vandalism that occurred last week, I thought I’d write to you from a victim’s point of view. My car was one of the few that was vandalized on Halloween.

This past Friday, Nov. 1, my roommate and I were leaving to go out to dinner. When I got to my car I saw that my driver side mirror had been torn off. The mirror was left on my hood for me to find.

When I got to Security, around 4:15 p.m., they checked their book and saw that my damage was already noted at 7:50 a.m. They were waiting for me to report it. They asked me if I had planned to go through my insurance company because that would require a phone call to the Lawrenceville Police Department (LPD). I planned to go with my insurance company, so the police were called. I waited for 30 minutes while the LPD drove here from next door, just to have the police officer tell Rider Security that his report was sufficient.

By Wednesday of that week the adjuster came to give me an estimate. After noting that the mirror that I had clipped off the fender and scratched on, the adjuster decided that once the fender was back and repaired, the scratches buffed out, the door repaired (which included removing the pin stripping and door handle so as not to paint over them) and the alarm system removed, the total damage came to $844.90. Luckily, the insurance company paid for the entire thing because it was considered vandalism, but what I had to go through just to get all of this fixed was ridiculous.

It is pathetic that I was one of the luckier people who only had a mirror ripped off as opposed to others who had convertible tops and tires slashed or their car set on fire. I felt that this was a selfish act and it is horrible that innocent people have to pay for the maliciousness of others. This was an unnecessary ordeal that I was put through because some people wanted to ruin Halloween. I probably would have laughed if my car was covered in toilet paper, but the fact that actual damage was done blows my mind. I expected stuff like this to happen when I was in high school, but not in college where you would think the students would be more mature.

I have to say, throughout all of this, Rider Security was very helpful. They assisted in writing up a report and by calling the LPD.

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Letter to the Editor: A series of unfortunate events

Dear Editor,

I write to you this year, about to graduate in December, I look back at all the “great” times I have experienced at Rider. I write this letter now as I have come to realize just how unsafe we are on campus.

Every week I read about the vandalism of cars and other property and just a few weeks ago, the shooting of two people.

When I heard about the shooting, at first I felt sorry for the victims. Then I realized I was almost at the breaking point because of the increasing trend of vandalism. I was never given a reason as to why it was done, but I think it was to cause fear in the riders.

The next experience happened during the summer. I was working a job, but because of personal reasons; it was bad because of the problems this school had given me. First, I was paired up with a roommate who liked to smoke something other than cigarettes.

Needless to say, he got caught smoking in our room while I was away and he got kicked off campus within a month of the semester starting. He was banned from being in any of the halls because of this. But I would see him every now and then walking through the hallways.

I had a single for a few months until Rider decided I would have to pay extra money if I decided to continue living by myself. I decided not to give Rider any more money for a single I really didn’t need. I moved down the hall with another student whose roommate didn’t remove the wireless network.

During spring break of 2001, it seems that nearly $6000 worth of electronic equipment was stolen from a number of rooms. As I remember, I noticed that my $220 DVD player had been stolen. In other rooms, a Playstation 2 was stolen, another resident’s laptop was gone and a stereo system was taken as well as other things.

It’s two years later and the burglar was never found. Rider has never apologized to me or attempted to reimburse me for something that was obviously not any of the residents’ faults. I say this because there was no forced entry in any of the rooms and Security had told me that a lot of the damage was actually done by students.

Dear Editor, I think you will find that this is the reason why most students are afraid to report a theft. The only way students will feel safe is if the campus provides a safe environment, so it can be cut off. ridernews@rider.edu

Michael Sebastian
Senior

Far from perfect, or even from worse, Campus Security is not the best, but it is better than nothing. This is something that I think we all should give credit for. I have had some experience with Campus Security and I would have never imagined that my phone would be bugged. I can only imagine what other students have gone through.

One of the most important changes in my campus experience is the lack of attention from Campus Security. The campus community should be more involved with Campus Security and make them do what they are paid to do.

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“People are so afraid of going to the bathroom because of the 24-hour campus police,” Crowell said. “They will just go to a nearby convenience store instead. This is a big problem because the police force is not enough to cover the entire campus.”

If something happens to someone who is not registered, the police have to search the entire campus to find them. This is a big problem because it takes too long to find people who are on campus and not registered.

One of the biggest problems is that not everyone knows how to report a crime. The police have to go around and ask people who they think might have information about a crime. This is a big problem because it takes too long to find people who are on campus and not registered.

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