**Editorial: Spray me, cuff me**

A light, let’s think about a hypothetical situation. A student has an altercation with another student, whether it be physical or verbal. Security is called and arrives on the scene. The security officer feels threatened and rather than having to call the Lawrenceville Police Department to assist them, they can douse the threatening student with pepper spray, handcuff them, and throw them in a security car.

Currently Rider is petitioning to change a current state regulation that does not allow private school security officers to carry defensive weapons such as pepper spray and handcuffs.

This is something that should concern every student on campus. Do we really want Rider security guards to be able to carry a weapon that can burn our eyes, inflame our mucous membranes, and inflame our throats, thereby constricting our breathing?

These additions to security's arsenal are not mild weapons. In fact, they have been known to cause serious injuries to some with pre-existing medical conditions such as asthma, sickle cell anemia, and other breathing disorders. Police officers carry pepper spray and handcuffs and they are trained officers of the law. How much training do our security officers undergo before they are hired to protect our campus?

It is true that Rider security must uphold school rules and that they should be able to defend themselves against irate student attackers but they are also supposed to protect the student body.

This issue must be carefully considered by every organization on campus that cares about student welfare. Rider security would have to undergo proper training for using pepper spray and for using handcuffs and that would take time and cost Rider money.

Even if the security guards do undergo the proper training who’s to say that pepper spray and handcuffs would be necessary on our campus? How often do security guards encounter a situation where they have to resort to physically restraining someone? If an average student were to sprays someone in the face and eyes with an abrasive chemical because they felt threatened they would most likely be subject to a lawsuit. Should security officers have the power or the right to be able to use exercise such methods?

Also, imagine being led out of your residence hall with your hands cuffed behind your back. It is a humiliating and degrading experience that you might not be able to forget. You then begin to think about some more things and ask yourself, if what was I thinking?

Innuendos: The hook-up hangover

After a night of drinking, many of us have experienced a hangover. The symptoms usually consist of a headache, vomiting and other undesirable side affects.

Does hooking up, another activity done by many college students, have similar unwanted results? Before I can analyze this subject I feel I should try to define the term “hooking up.” Based on what I know, the definition of hooking up is vague. I’ve heard it ranges from just kissing to promiscuous sex.

In any matter, activities like these do sometimes leave a nasty taste in your mouth.

I believe that hooking up does have its downside; however, these symptoms tend to hit people much further down the line. While at the time, getting with someone random part may seem like fun or even a bit adventurous, many people do not think about the repercussions of having carefree intimate contact, but they do exist.

I would think the major drawback from hooking up is regret. Though it was nice at the time, when you look back it isn’t as pleasant. You look back and ask yourself, if what was I thinking? Then you begin to think about some hook-ups you’d wish you never had and question with disgust. You can try forgetting about them, but they will always be there in the back of your mind.

I also feel that if a person does a lot of hooking up, a feeling of emptiness will eventually set in. I think a person begins to see that the hook-ups were purely based in lustful desires, and not in love. Most people are in search of an everlasting love, and when it is realized that the hook-ups were never about love, it begins to eat away at a person.

Like anything else in life, I feel there is nothing wrong with something when it is done in moderation. The same goes for hooking up. People can have regrets that they did it, but some people can have regrets that they never did it. I see nothing wrong with the occasional hook-up, as long as it is done with caution.

I am not going to give the safe - sex speech; most have heard that rant before. I just ask people to keep to the possibility of sexually transmitted diseases and pregnancy in mind. I would just like people to know that these are potential dangers. So hook-up if you want, but just be careful when it rears its ugly head years down the road.

**Quote of the Week**

“I was angry with my friend
I told my wrath, my wrath did end.
I was angry with my foe:
I told my wrath, my wrath did end.”

—Robert Blake

**This Week in History ...**

**Dec. 1, 1880**
A telephone was first installed in the White House.

**Dec. 1, 1955**
Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a city bus.

**Dec. 2, 1942**
The Manhattan Project achieved the first man-made atomic chain-reaction.