President Mordechai Rozanski’s master plan made crucial strides this summer as the new residence hall on the Lawrenceville campus was complete in time for fall opening and the Student Recreation Center (SRC) is nearing completion.

Although the New Building was open for move-in days, Rozanski and the Rider community officially opened it during a special ribbon-cutting ceremony at the annual Cranberry Fest on Thursday, Sept. 8.

“It is a milestone in our renewal,” said Rozanski. “With this new building, we met the students’ needs.”

Although it may seem that only the group of students currently living in the new living spaces would benefit from this building, it actually has long-reaching effects on the University, according to Residence Life Director Cindy Threatt.

“I think that not only is it really exciting for our students who have had the opportunity to live in the halls this year, but also for students to know that as they move up over the years, it’s an opportunity for them to live in the hall,” said Threatt. “I believe that it is seen as a success for all of the [Lawrenceville] campus. All of campus is looking at it as an accomplishment.”

The new residence hall offers several living options unique to Rider, including two- and four-person apartments; and three-, four- and eight-person suites. Apartments include amenities such as single bedrooms, kitchen units, living rooms, bathroom, individual air conditioning and heat controls, and washers and dryers. Suites have similar fixtures, except that they do not include kitchens and washers and dryers.

Senior Mark Lonetto, a resident of one of the new four-person apartments, is excited about all the features that the new residence hall provides and its impact on the University as a whole.

“T love having a more private, private living environment,” said Lonetto. “I feel like I’m really getting a chance to live and not just be in a dorm.”

Sophomore Judy Muth died in a car accident that killed both her and her brother James. Judy recently earned a seat in Kappa Alpha Epsilon. Sophomore Brittney Caeser

Tragedy sends shockwaves

By Mike Caputo

Sunday, Sept. 4, 2005, was a heartbreaking day for the entire Rider community as two students, Judy and James Muth, were killed in a tragic car accident on the way to the Lawrenceville campus.

Judy, 19, and James, 18, sister and brother, were traveling to Rider with their mother, Wendy, for freshmen move-in day. Judy, a sophomore, was driving her Dodge Stratus that she treasured, according to sophomore roommate Britanny Caesar. James, an incoming freshman, was alongside his sister and presumably eager for his first day of college life.

According to information released by Middle Township Police Department in Cape May County, N.J., while traveling north on State Highway 47 in Cape May County, the Muth’s vehicle lost control “upon negotiating a curve in the roadway.” It then “traveled onto the shoulder of the roadway, then back into traffic lanes, crossing into the southbound lane, striking head on with a vehicle heading south.”

Judy and James were pronounced dead at the scene. Wendy was airlifted by helicopter to AtlanticCare Regional Medical Center in Atlantic City, and the driver of the southbound vehicle was transported to Burdette Tomlin Hospital.