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Phase III, yet still in development, promises an expansion of seating for indoor varsity events, including basketball, volleyball and wrestling. Whether Alumni Gymnasium is renovated and seating is added, or a new facility is built, more space could make Rider an easier venue to host concerts and NCAA tournaments.

Fans and athletes alike will be affected. The best thing is, development is happening at such an incredible pace. A special thanks needs to be sent to Rider's athletic administration, Rozanski, the construction workers who have worked at a fast pace, and especially to alumni and donors.

Expect the SRC to open this fall. Take advantage of its features because the university has worked hard for all of its students and student athletes.

Continue to support Rider athletics. The University has already proven that it will look out for the best interest of the Rider community.

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