A Chilly Welcome
Students dig out before they dig in

By Lauren Varga

Move-in weekend brought more than just students back to Rider. It also welcomed the first major snowstorm of the season.

However, the massive accumulation only impacted the late registration of classes, which was moved from Sunday, Jan. 23 to 24, and caused residence halls to open on Friday, Jan. 21 for early travelers who wanted to arrive before the storm hit.

According to Facilities Operations Director Mike Reca, the University was prepared for the estimated 16 inches of snow the Lawrenceville campus received during move-in weekend.

“All week leading up to [the storm] we bought our materials—calcium chloride and salt,” said Reca. “We were also watching national and local forecasts and the [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration] (NOAA).”

Due to the amounts of snow that hit our campus, Facilities called in reinforcements.

“I thought we were going to get eight to 10 inches,” said Reca. “When [the storm] continued on Saturday, Jan. 22 and I heard that there was going to be more precipitation, we knew there was going to be four to six more inches. At that point I put a call into Shearer-Penn, an arbor tree remover company with big machinery, to help clear the larger amounts of snow.”

However, not everyone appreciated the plowing efforts. Students spent countless hours digging their cars out of the parking lots after plows stranded the vehicles behind mounds of snow.

“It took me hours but I dug my car out on Sunday,” said junior Christine Frawley. “I put a call into Shearer-Penn, but they didn’t answer. So many people went to an end, plow teams should have made a better attempt to clear out both the Residence and Open lots.”

“[Facilities] didn’t plow the parking lot very well.” Junior Carolyn DeMarsico felt that after the storm had come to an end, plow teams could have easily cleared out more parking spaces for students, she said.

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By Randy Townsend

After about seven years of planning, 23 students from Shanghai’s Sanda University have arrived at Rider to begin a year-long residency that will help earn them dual degrees in intercultural communication.

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