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The air will be frosty, as snow will continue to fall through the weekend. Bundle up, because temperatures will dip into the 20s. Hurry up and buy a shovel and ice-scraper, since the snow will begin to accumulate late Friday night.

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INVASION OF PRIVACY?

Listings legal, but baffling to some



Staff photo by Jennifer Kuhn

The student telephone directory has recently come under scrutiny for privacy-related issues.

By Tim Green
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The Student Telephone Directory, which lists the phone numbers and addresses of nearly 3,000 resident and commuter undergraduates from the Lawrenceville and Westminster campuses, appeared in December to mixed reactions.

While some students see the book as useful, others feel uncomfortable about having their information released

to the whole University and beyond.

"I hate that thing. It is such a violation of privacy," said junior Amy Holmes. "I don't even remember being asked about having my number in there."

The book is produced by College Directory Publishing of Conshohocken, Pa., which makes money by selling ads in the directory's "yellow pages" to local shops and restaurants. Along with students, advertis-

ers receive copies of the book.

Federal law gives Rider the right to publish the information as long as students have the option to decline.

The University asks all incoming freshmen their preference and offers all students a chance to change that preference every semester. Some students, however, say the "confidentiality option" in the letter to freshmen is not clearly explained.

"I think it should be my

choice to have my phone number and address in the directory," said freshman Jayah Miller. "No one ever informed me about it."

When told about the letter, Miller said she did not remember reading it.

Junior Jere Smith did know about the notification, but she still thought Rider should do a better job of informing the students.

"The only time I found out

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University gains wireless capability

By Brooke Olster
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Rider's Technology Department has recently installed a wireless Internet access service on campus so students and faculty can log onto the Internet from various points around campus.

These points of access include most classrooms in Sweigart Hall, a few classrooms in Memorial Hall, along with the common area, the Snack Bar, the entrance area in the Student Center, Daly's, some of the library, the Bristol Myers Squibb center in the Science building, and several lounges in Residence Halls.

'Starting this fall, all freshmen and sophomore accounting majors are required to use laptops which are intentionally equipped with wireless access.'

-Dr. Don Wygal

According to Tim Fairlie, Director of Network and Communication Services, all Residence Halls will have at least one

lounge with wireless access by summer.

The idea of providing students with wireless Internet access began in the accounting department, which has provided incoming accounting majors with laptop computers intended to be used for their studies.

Since accounting students would be using computers with wireless capabilities, Sweigart Hall was the first building to be wired with points of access. Up to 50 users can log onto the Internet from one

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