Rec Center, not a new gym

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The new Student Recreation Center, or SRC, should be completed by August of 2005, according to Rider President Mordechai Rozanski.

Rozanski announced the new plan and layout for the building in his second Town Hall Meeting, which was held yesterday.

The ground breaking ceremony, which will be held on April 1, will be for both the SRC and the Alumni Gym, according to Rozanski.

The plan will be broken up into two phases, with phase one to be completed in August 2005.

“This will be a 45,000 square foot facility, two levels of three basketball courts, a 3,500 square foot fitness center, services room and locker room,” said Rozanski. “This is all on the first floor. On the second floor there will be a jogging track. Phase two will be able to complete on the upper level offices and a boardroom. As resources become available we’ll be able to accelerate.”

The delay on phase two is financial, according to Rozanski.

“My ambition is that we can get to phase two faster, if we can. We need a raise of another million and a half dollars to create a link between the SRC and the Alumni Gym. This link and the lobby will be the most important,” Rozanski said.

Rozanski also said that his efforts to hire a Vice President for Enrollment Management have been proceeding. Rozanski recently narrowed a field of 38 candidates to three finalists.

“I’m very impressed with the candidates we have and I’m sure that they will help us hit the ground running,” he said.

The position brings with it duties relating to admissions, financial aid, marketing and issues of retention, according to Rozanski.

“The community will hold public forums with the candidates from March 22-24. The forums are designed to give the community a voice in this decision,” Rozanski said.

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“We want you to meet these folks and give us your feedback and advice,” he said.

Rozanski hopes to have the position filled by April. “They may not be here on campus until this summer, however,” he added.

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A wallet was stolen from a student’s room in Swiftkill residence hall on Feb. 27 at 4:39 p.m. The room was unlocked when the wallet, which contained miscellaneous cards and cash, was removed. Lawrence Police Department (LPD) services were offered and accepted.

The investigation is ongoing.

A cell phone was also stolen from a room in Gee residence hall at some time between Feb. 25 and 26 as well as one on March 1. The room was locked at the time. LPD services were offered and refused.

It wouldn’t let me in! 

An ID card reader was stolen from a door in Olson residence hall on Feb. 28. The complainant said persons unknown removed the card reader between 2 and 5 a.m. A search of the area yielded nothing. The value of the card reader is $500 and the residents of Olson will have to pay for it if it is not recovered. The investigation is continuing. Call 609-896-5029 with any information regarding this case.

Pick-pocketing 101

A wallet was taken from a coat pocket of a male resident student in Wright Hall sometime between Feb. 28 and 29. LPD service was offered and declined. The investigation is continuing.