Editorial:

Don’t mess with Texas, or Lawrenceville campus

President Guns N’ Rosencrantz’s campus master plan has received a great deal of praise recently. The plan is extremely ambitious in nature and could bring much more national prestige to Rider University. So, what could possibly be wrong with such a great set of ideas?

The answer lies in Rosencrantz’s plans to re-structure and re-landscape the Lawrenceville campus. Portals are being constructed, new buildings erected and traffic patterns changed and to these changes we at The Bronc Bugle cry phooey! Rider’s campus is as pretty as a princess just the way it is and Rosencrantz had better keep his hands off of the palace that students currently enjoy.

Rosencrantz says that the residence halls need a makeover but that is clearly not true. Who needs a roof nowadays anyway? Many students have expressed their undying love of and devotion to the roofless residence hall look. The style may not have caught on yet, but it will. Seriously people, roofs are so 1980’s.

In addition, Rosencrantz plans to build a link between Hell and Zoom Residences Halls that will result in a portal leading into a “piazza.” Now, Rider is a New Jersey school, so why are we building a huge structure dedicated to a player for the New York Mets? That’s right people! Mike Piazza has actually paid Rosencrantz to name this new “piazza” after him. We at The Bronc Bugle have never tolerated bribery and this treachery will not go unnoticed. Protest, people, protest! It’ll be fun, I swear.

Rosencrantz has also begun building a new Student Recreation Center (SRC), which will be linked to the Alumni Gym in the future. Ladies and gentlemen, what’s with all the linkage?

Furthermore, why even bother building the SRC when our beloved “Zoo” is still alive and kicking? While I have yet to see an actual animal contained therein, the Alumni Gym has got it all.

Upon entering the gym, students find themselves in a room so filled with possibilities for fun and entertainment that their heads could very well explode. This room is, of course, the lobby. What gym would be complete without one? None I tell you! The “Zoo” has this in spades.

Need more features in your gym? Well how about a basketball court? That’s right, a basketball court. Who needs a fancy schmancy SRC with a track and all that other jazz? We got a basketball court! Oh yeah!

Lastly, the traffic pattern is being changed. Cars will be required to enter the campus from the back entrance and make a full circle around the Lawrenceville campus before making their way to the residence halls and class buildings. Obviously, this presents many problems for students.

How are we now supposed to anger our commuter friends by walking unrealistically slow in front of them as they attempt to drive by? This pastime is as old as Bob Dole himself and to take such a blatant shot at it is despicable. Never again will students be able to take tying a shoe in the middle of a crowded intersection. It’s just sad.

Rosencrantz’s attempts to improve this campus are certainly honorable, but he shouldn’t be messing with the appearance of the Lawrenceville campus. It’s pretty just the way it is.

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