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A definite cause has not been disclosed by Lego or the University, but The Stall Journal has learned that an ancient Native-American burial ground was once present where Rider now stands and that it may be the cause of the delay. This story broke years ago in the news defunct campus papers, The Rider Nudes and The Bronc Bugle, but was never followed up because both papers had their funding pulled soon after.

"I can't believe this is happening," Freshman Billy Fry said. "My life depended on the new construction being done. I want an apartment!"

Sickness has become a huge factor in the shortage of workers, but a cause has yet to be found. Contractor Bob Keithnich explains that "a lot of our guys are out with what doctors are calling the flu and stomach viruses. We can't afford to hire more workers because we don't know when the guys who are sick are going to come back."

Last week, a chunk of concrete in the shape of a boulder came loose and injured three workers working at the Student Recreation Center (SRC) site. Workers and Lego's Insurance Investigators were baffled. The foundation of the building is also another problem.

"It seems to be sinking and we don't know why," Smith said. "As if something is pulling it into the ground. We asked the Geology Department to take a look, but there's only one old guy in an iron lung over in the office."

Key administrators on campus have suggested bringing Rider's Real Ghostbusters into the case, who are already present on campus to perform other services.

"We want to make sure that what we've got is their kind of problem," director of Public Relations Fox Scully said. "If we need them, we'll bring them over. But they keep demanding 6-foot hoagies. It's so expensive."

Unfortunately, this will not be the case. "We are working as fast as we can, but we have to get the job done right," said construction foreman Don Smith of Lego Construction. "For the job to get done right, the project can't be completed by the fall. We just need more time."

Lego believes it will be done by the spring but more realistically, a few weeks after the spring semester starts.

Construction to be delayed until the spring

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An ancient Native-American burial ground may be the cause of Lego Construction's recent rash of delays and accidents.

We hope to have all of their records straightened out since the state requires us to keep that information on file," said Guldener. "The teachers will just have to submit a form with all of the information about the crimes they committed and we'll enter it right back into the system."

Although Guldener explains that the OIT staff worked hard all day to ensure that the student records could be salvaged, the virus had left no recoverable information on the network, and no academic transcripts remain for any of the students, leaving officials to guess what each student has received as a grade.

"What we have to do is a last resort," he said. "Some professors have said they remember what grades the students have received in some of the classes, and can generally remember if others were good or students not. So, for those grades, we'll enter them back into the system, but for the others, we've decided that we'll have to give them all As."

Some teachers say that there are some students whom they can't even remember having in class, so they think this is a fair solution.

"Yeah, you can only remember about 1/4 of your students' names most of the time," said Dr. Gordy Iknazot, associate professor of nursing. "This is a great idea because it is consistent with our philosophy of academic integrity and still is fair to the students, whose fault it was not."

However, some students are outraged.

"I worked hard for all of my As, so what makes me stand out from the rest of the student body, then?" said senior Sarah Mahal. "A lot of the people here can be outsmarted by Jessica Simpson, and now they're getting grades they could never achieve. This is a disgrace."

Most of the grades will be restored to As by the end of the summer, so some seniors may be affected when trying to apply for a job. However, Guldener said that this would be a short amount of time when considering the extent of the damage.

"It's important to see that this is a long, difficult process that requires cooperation from all," he said. "In no time, things will be back to normal and kids will be happy with their grades."

However, one teacher refuses to give As to any of her former and current students, so they will be receiving Bs. "They're lucky they're even getting that," said Dr. Frederick Spinnner of the Communication Department. "Unless they can find a way to use coercive strategies, those students will have a 3.85 G.P.A. [as a result of his B's] instead of a 4.0."