



Photo Illustration by Spicy Tuna Roll

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

Construction to be delayed until the spring

By **Newt Gingrich**
& **Davidius Maccarus**

The Rider community has been looking forward to the new construction being completed by the fall. Students have put up with loud noise, roads being blocked on campus and bad views from their dorms. The construction was projected to go into the summer and be completed by the fall of 2005.

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.

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 now defunct campus papers, *The Rider Nudes* and *The Bronx 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 con-

crete 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. "It's 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 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."

achieve. This is a disgrace."

Most of the grades will be restored to A's by the end of the summer, so some seniors may be affected when trying to apply for a job. However, Guildenstern 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 A's to any of his former and current students, so they will be receiving B+'s.

"They're lucky they're even getting that," said Dr. Frederick Spinner 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."



Photo Illustration by Spicy Tuna Roll

This sign proudly hangs on the Lego Construction trailer next to Alumni Gym, near the site of the SRC construction.

'VIRUS'

Continued from page 1

Also as a result of the virus, half of the records that maintain faculty members' criminal history were erased. More than 67 faculty members have been employed at Rider after receiving their degrees from a program in which they were enrolled during their prison sentences. As part of the requirements, the faculty members were required to be placed into a university to instruct the students as part of their community service. Thirty-two of the former inmates were charged with Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) and Possession of Narcotics. The rest all have various indecent exposure and child endangerment charges, and some have violations of the poetic licenses they received in grammar school.

"We hope to have all of their records straightened out since the state requires us to keep that information on file," said Guildenstern. "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 Guildenstern says 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 students or 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 A's."

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 Iksnazor, 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 A's, so what makes me stand out from the rest of the student body, then?" said senior Sarah Mahtal. "A lot of the people here can be out smarted by Jessica Simpson, and now they're getting grades they could never

SECURITY BRIEFS

Something Happened

An unidentified suspect not affiliated with Rider in any way performed an undisclosed violation of the rights of a resident pedestrian in the middle of a parking lot. At this time, a formal investigation has been initiated and task force teams have been deployed. Lawrence Township Police assistance was offered and declined. But, it's OK, feel safe. They're watching.

To Hell With Safety!

Three residents of Hill were arrested late Tuesday night when they were observed throwing fire-extinguishers, pieces of the sprinkler system, bicycle helmets and three-pronged electrical outlets into the rainy night through a bathroom window. One of the suspects said later that he, "Detests anything that is supposed to make us feel safe. It's a sham."

The suspect was then hit by a truck and killed while being led across the Campus Mall by Security. They did not use the crosswalk at the suspect's request. An investigation is pending.

Yep, again.

Things were so boring this week that we're actually telling you about kids who got busted for smoking weed. You ready? A guy and a girl got caught smoking weed in the gazebo. No, not that one, the one by Fine Arts. It's happened before, it will happen again. I'm sure a campus employee or a security officer saw them. They weren't too sure. We make that part up every week anyway.

So they got busted. Yeah. It sucks for them. The guys that sell to them, they don't really care. There will always be more customers, especially next fall. Yep, another gleaming day in the history of campus justice. Oooraaaaah!

Relief followed by Fear.

Six students in Poyda suffered bouts with a highly contagious, flesh-eating bacteria and were rushed to Capital Health Systems at Fuld where they underwent emergency surgery to remove the infected flesh. They're being held in guarded condition. Health officials say it's nothing to worry about. In unrelated news, the BLC recieved an envelope full of crushed-up Ritz crackers. The school was shut down and quarantened for 46 hours until Hazmat teams declared the site, neutralized.