Treasure excavated on campus, finally solves myth

By Nikki Northern

The construction on the Rider campus took a wild turn early on Thursday, March 31. What was once a quiet campus was in an uproar on Thursday at around 5 a.m. as construction workers’ angry voices broke the silence.

According to Dean Anne Bellcamp, Vice President of All That is Rider, construction was brought to a halt early on Wednesday because of the excavation of a mysterious object found between Ziegler and Wright Halls.

“We called off construction at approximately 2 p.m. on Wednesday,” said Bellcamp. “We were concerned for the safety of all involved.”

The decision to send the workers home was made because of a “completely unexpected” appearance, said Bellcamp.

Many construction workers believe that the reason for the early dismissal had nothing to do with their safety.

According to Bill Dozer, President of the Construction Workers of University Club, he and his fellow workers were outraged.

“We were sent home without pay for the rest of the day and told not to return until 10 a.m. the next day,” he said.

“Before Wednesday, Rider had made us stay on campus regardless of the circumstances.”

Because of Rider’s secrecy in the whole situation, many of the construction workers thought some kind of sketchy information might be being withheld from them.

“My buddies and I got together on Wednesday night and planned to return to the scene very early that morning,” said Dozer. “We knew that something just wasn’t right.”

According to Bob DaBuilder, another construction worker and close friend of Dozer’s, he had been frightened after he heard the news. So he was shocked when the current President of Rider University whispered something shady to Alexander Mustard, Vice President of Enrollment, as he prepared to enter the Rider University Administration Building.

“I heard him say something about people not being able to see them as well at night,” said Shade Itoff, another Rider construction worker.

After talking with Dozer about what he had heard, Itoff got a group of eight friends and headed for the campus with sledgehammers.

“I was ready for anything,” said As Shunpaked, a worker who was part of the group. “There was no way those greedy, arrogant University workers were going to get the best of me.”

According to DaBuilder, when they arrived at around 2:45 a.m. on Thursday, Rozinski and Mustard were standing over the spot where the object was found. From where they were standing, they could see Mustard going at the object with a crowbar and Rozinski stating what was unmistakably a Rider treasure map.

“Rozinski was reusing Mustard that it was in the correct spot,” said Shunpaked.

It was all a blur after that, he said, as the workers searched the traits and the two counterattacked with sledgehammers of their own.

According to Sgr. Jimmera Donut, the police were called right away after an unidentified security guard saw the fight from one of the security cameras on the BLC.

“We sped to the scene as soon as we heard,” said Donut. “Within 10 minutes everything was cleaned up.”

However, in the chaos that followed the attack, the treasure insignia torn from their chests and cast down the thousand steps, dared violate the honor code.

Following the announcement of the ziggurat’s construction, Rozinski reportedly pronounced, “I am President of Presidents. Dispar, for no less, is connected without me. Sna!”

Former Rider president Barto Leveche said later that he was very upset when he initially heard the news about the ziggurat, but later came around.

“First I freaked out because I wouldn’t be dead in time to figure out the clues on the map and bring the treasure back,” said Leveche.

The story of this treasure has been circulating since the college was first erected, said Bellcamp. “The lucky one who finds it will never have to worry about grades or finances again!”

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It will serve not only as a channel to the Pantheon of Higher Education, but also as a tomb for all future Rider presidents—a vault of incomparable wealth to ease their passage into the Afterworld of Holy Education.

Higher Education has given us!” High Priests of Fighting Halls exhaled, “Our new Pantheon of Higher Education would serve in lavishly decorated rooms as a temple with a detailed engraving of chronicles revealing Rider’s Ascension to University Status—a fitting place to meet with the Pantheon, the overseer said. Despite the celestial grandeur of its hallowed halls, the Pantheon is accessible to all who wish to participate in the university’s Pantheon of Higher Education’s great educational events. The stairs adorning the Pantheon are ornate to the top of the ziggurat. At the pinnacle will be a temple with a detailed engraving of chronicles revealing Rider’s Ascension to University Status— a fitting place to meet with the Pantheon, the overseer said.

Born and raised in Princeton and surrounding town seeking to plunder the great treasures within, including a piece of parchment detailing the Student Recreation Center budget.

Infidels will come and try to pillage that which the Holy N.J. State Pantheon of Higher Education has to offer!—Infidels will come and try to pillage that which the Holy N.J. State Pantheon of Higher Education has to offer!—High Priests of Safety and Security Diane Swanson said. “All those who tread within the Nine Degrees of Student Identification embalmed upon their foreheads will die a horrible death from the fearful curse of past Administrators!”

She added, “Their cars will also be towed—and also, no guests. Yes, that does include the Student Government Association. The high-priestess has spoken!”

Though not open to mortals, visitors will be allowed access to a nearby altar and obisidian idol where prospecive students and Westminster pilgrims may come to pay homage to the former president and seek his counsel, in prayer, concerning Strategic Planning.

The stairs adorning the front 10 foot pyramid will be made of bricks with the names of contributing alumni on them, although they might be slick with the blood of infidels who, with their hearts ceremoniously torn from their chests and cast down the thousand steps, dared violate the honor code.

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