For the Crater Good
Ugly mountains of dirt to build beauty
By Cara Latham

Over the summer, construction of the new Student Recreation Center (SRC) and the new residence hall in between Hill and Ziegler began, and the movement of the baseball field to the back of the Lawrenceville campus near the tennis and track field was initiated. This is all part of phase one of the overall construction plan on campus. Phase one is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2005.

In addition, other types of construction and renovations also took place, including $300,000 worth of renovations in Lincoln residence hall and renovations to both the library and the freshman biology labs. “Everything’s on-time,” said Phillip Voorhees, assistant vice president of facilities management. “We’re 80 percent completed with the underground work in the quad.”

Currently, the Gilbane construction crews are working on the underground elements, including laying the gas lines, water main, fire main and sewage lines. Also, one of the permits for construction on the SRC was approved this past Wednesday, Sept. 22.

“Construction crews began pouring the concrete footings for the new Student Recreation Center building,” said Voorhees.

The other major part of construction began last July, with the groundbreaking of the relocation of the baseball field. It will be moved to the back of the campus, near the tennis courts and soccer fields. This part of the project should be finished by this November, according to Voorhees.

“Right now, they’re doing the final graining of the soil, and working on the sprinklers and irrigation system,” he said.

Voorhees said that by the end of this week or next, sod will also be placed on the fields.

Dean Anthony Campbell, associate vice president of student affairs, said that laser technology is being utilized to ensure that the new field is level and has a high quality surface.

War stirs up young voters
By Randy Townsend

Rider students turned out to hear New Jersey politicians discuss key issues that will affect November’s presidential election and encourage eligible voters to become more involved with the political process.

The panel discussion, held by the Rider University Institute for New Jersey Politics, featured Brian Nelson, executive director of the New Jersey Republican State committee, Kevin Hagan, CEO of the Democratic State committee, and State Assemblymen Bill Baroni and Reed Gusciora.

Dr. David Rebovich, managing director of the Institute moderated the discussion.

“As a group, 18 to 24-year-olds vote the least,” stated Rebovich in a press release.

“Even in presidential elections, only one-third of this group cast their ballots, compared to 55 percent of all other Americans.”

In a recent survey of 357 colleges by The Princeton Review, Rider ranked number one as the most politically apathetic college.

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