**NEWS**

**Security Briefs**

An incident involving a frying pan and a run in with a bottle of vodka and a bathroom door lighted this week’s entries.

**FEATURES**

Dr. Mannmol D. Chaudhary, newly appointed dean of the College of Business Administration, is profiled.

**OPINION**

Editorial: A Year of Fear - A reflection on America’s condition one year after the Sept. 11 2001 attacks.

**SPORTS**

Women’s field hockey anxious to begin new season.

**RENOVATIONS UNDERWAY**

Daly’s nearly finished, library on deck.

By Melanie Tirpak

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While students were working summer jobs and lounging on the beach, Rider University was hard at work fixing up the campus. Already Daly’s, the C-Store and parts of the library have been visually improved.

“The project (Daly’s and C-Store) started the day after graduation to be done on time for this year,” said Dean Tony Campbell.

This time, the school went a little further than adding a new revolving door like it did last year. Now there are new tables, chairs, a fireplace, lounge area, different food stations and even an outdoor patio.

“The dining hall had to be renovated,” said Campbell. But this project wasn’t just done overnight. It went through a long process that led to the results one sees today.

“Requests for proposals for food service were done last season. Last year’s menu, including a change in chicken fingers, lack of half subs, mainstays of last year’s selections, and other beloved items in order to take on a new ice-cream theme, with milkshakes and the massive “RU Kidding?,” not a single ice cream dish has yet to be served.

Negotiators Attempt to Avoid Strike

By Sharon Kelley

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To the faculty of Rider University: Don’t pull out the poster board and markers quite yet. Chances are, a new contract will be agreed upon, and a strike will not occur.

But you might want to keep the markers handy anyway.

Talks over the summer have been negotiating a new contract covering all aspects of working conditions for some 400 full- and part-time professors, coaches, librarians and reading clinicians at Rider and Westminster Choir College.

The current contract, a 139-page book, officially expired Aug. 31, but it has been temporarily extended.

According to Jeff Halpern, associate provost and chief negotiator for the administration, Halpern’s optimism about a settlement.

Castagnera states chances of a strike are slim because neither the University nor the American Association of University Professors (AAUP)—Rider’s faculty union—wants a walkout.

“We do have some tough issues to work through this weekend—the workload of full-time professors on Westminster Choir College campus and the status of health care — but the drive is there to make these difficult issues come together,” says Castagnera.

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Father Bruno Returns

By Clint Rudnick

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When Father Bruno Ugliano returned to the campus this month, one of his first duties was speaking at a Sept. 11 remembrance ceremony.

The topic of his speech ironically was forgiveness.

The topic has intense meaning for Bruno today. A tumultuous time for him has ended with him not needing to ask for forgiveness. His career nearly ended last summer after a woman accused him of sexual abuse 20 years ago. He hopes he will be forgiven by the community for the alleged crime he was cleared of.

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