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The Bronc Diner, after changing many of the foods from 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.



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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 as 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



Staff Photo by Jen Kuhn

Students check out the many new changes to Daly's Dining Hall. Ongoing renovations are nearing completion.

two years ago," said Campbell. "In the contract, we asked for people bidding on it for information about how they would make renovations for the dining hall."

Aramark was the food service chosen. They gave a \$2 million dollar grant towards renovations, and Rider added

an additional \$500,000 in order to meet budget requirements.

Next, a committee was chosen to lead the project. The group consisted of Dean Campbell, Jan Friedman-Krupnick, Julie Karns, Christina Petreska, Phil Vorhees, and Tim Richards.

Joseph Sapphire was the architect and V.J. Scozzari was the contractor.

"It was no one person, but a group," said Campbell.

There was one group that was instrumental in the project, according to supervisor Jan Friedman-Krupnick.

"The real people that made it happen was the Facilities staff," she said.

The staff consisted of supervisor Phil Vorhees, along with Mike Recca and Gary Taylor.

There was one more group of people that was involved in the process. It consisted of those who were most affected by the changes: the student body.

"It was really important to get students involved, so they would be a part of the decision-making," said Friedman-Krupnick.

The Residence Hall Association (RHA) and the

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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 professor of sociology and leader of the faculty's bargaining team, a strike will probably not happen, but he is "guardedly optimistic."

"We are now onto issues that can spark conflict," stated Halpern. "There's still some distance between us [the faculty union and the administration], but no one has said this is as

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Dr. James Castagnera, associate provost and chief negotiator for the administration, shares 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.

There has been a lot of give and take between the two parties already. According to Rider's AAUP website, negotiations started in

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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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