**Lunch Box' ventures into the future and past**

By Candice Grieco

The second and third "Lunch Box Series" lectures gazed into the future with a look at technological advances, and then went back in time with an examination of female lawyers over the past two decades.

The importance of technology and the influence that many books played on predicting technological advances were ideas presented during the second "Lunch Box Series" entitled *The Future of Information Technology Then and Now*, held on Wednesday, April 13, in the Bart Luedeke Center (BLC) Theater from noon to 1 p.m.

F. William Chickering, dean of university libraries, said that certain books, such as *A Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley, *Brave New World* by F. William Chickering, and *Brave New World* by F. William Chickering, have influenced the way we use technology.

Chickering also discussed the importance of technology, saying, "We can learn a lot about the future from looking at technological advances." He mentioned that in the future, technology will be used to improve our lives, but it will also have negative consequences.

Chickering also talked about the importance of being a librarian. "Being a librarian, I need to know what is important," said Chickering.

In order to be good at being a librarian, I need to be able to think about the future.

The third talk in the series, "Additional technology may coexist," was given by Cynthia Lucia, who talked about the importance of technology and the influence that technological advances have had on society.

Lucia said, "We can learn a lot about the future from looking at technological advances."

"Women in law shake the foundation." Dr. Cynthia Lucia lectured about female lawyers in films at one of the two installments of the "Lunch Box Series."

**Residence Halls battle to bitter end**

By Jessica Decina

An opportunity for uni- ty, a love for competition and the promise of free massages brought Rider's students together in a third annual Battle of the Buildings (BOB) competition.

BOB, which kicked off Sunday, April 17, and continues till tomorrow, will end with an Ultimate Frisbee competition and a closing barbeque.

Following Sunday's kickball competition, Monday brought the competition into Daly's, where residents competed in the ice cream eating competi- tion the trivia contest. For former event, 10 students were faced with the challenge of eating an RU Kidding Sundae out of a giant plastic bowl in 10 minutes.

Scuilli, a freshman, enjoyed the competition into Daly's, where residents competed in the ice cream eating competition and the trivia contest. For former event, 10 students were faced with the challenge of eating an RU Kidding Sundae out of a giant plastic bowl in 10 minutes. Olson Hall's Mike Scuilli, a freshman, enjoyed the challenge, taking first place. Others were not so lucky.

"It was a lot of fun," said freshman Michele Imperioli, who competed in the trivia contest. "We all had a lot of fun." Oman Hall's Dan Conover, who competed in the trivia contest, said, "We all had a lot of fun."

"Your spirit counts tonight," said junior Amy Peroni, RHA President. "I hope you have great pride in your residence hall." Seven couples competed against each other in formal wear and a lip-synching competition. Residents from Hill, Olson and Lincoln quickly won the audience over with comedic and enthusiastic performances. After a brief question and answer session, the judges voted on the winning halls.

If you have great pride in your residence hall, you should consider the following events.

**Ironworker Mark McManus prides Rider's Facilities Management chief, Phil Voorhees as "a gentleman."**

Mother Nature, on the other hand, has been no lady.

"Without question, the worst or hardest thing about the job has been the weather we had this fall and winter," said Tully. Nearly 40 inches of snow, average tempera- tures well below normal, especially in January and March, and rainfall that twice caused the highest flood in 50 years in the Lehigh Valley, were among the challenges faced by the ironworkers and their contractors. Some days they lost hours shoveling out what they had just built. Mud, wind – they saw it all.

Smith, one day in late February, looked skyward and said, "I'm waiting for something to come down like this, we're all retiring."

Despite the abuse they continually take from the weather, many of the builders enjoy outdoor hobbies. Smith likes fishing, hunting and riding his motorcycle, a Harley Davidson Heritage Soft Tail. Ironworker Mark McManus is into fishing and snow skiing. He keeps his boat docked at Dewey Beach in Delaware.

But ironworker Dale Nisley, who commutes to the site 70 miles each way from the Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia, a home away from home for families of seriously ill children in the nearby area, "I cooked dinner for 125 people, and the kids at the charity can watch," he says, "I just really like doing it."

Workers on Rider's jobs represent 18 subcontractors and dozens of trades: steel erection, concrete, brick work, drywall partitioning, plumbing and heating, electrical work, etc.

Tully, who works from one of the trailers on the site, gained experience building university stadiums, doing historic renovations and working other jobs all over the country.