

dorms, it is not necessary to inconvenience students, cause safety hazards and lose the right to privacy. Sophomore, Crystal Simmons, summarized my feelings on the construction best, "The construction on South Campus must cease!"

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Craige: A Cloudy Haze of Dust



Do you wake up to the sun shining through your window, the sweet smell of the morning air or even the sound of birds singing? If you do, then you obviously don't live on South Campus! It is not unusual to wake up to a cloudy haze of dust and the typical sound of machinery, if you live on South Campus.

For me, the construction has not been that much of a hassle, and I accredit it to the fact that I live in Craige Residence Hall. Unlike Hinton James,

Craige has had minimal disruptions due to construction. The only major "problems" that have occurred are, at times, the heat or the hot water have gone out for a couple of hours and the bus stop in front of Craige has been changed a couple of times. We also receive e-mails weekly updating us on the construction process.

Although the construction really has not been that bad for Craige residents it has been somewhat of a distraction for South Campus. Hinton James residents have had to hike 5-10 minutes out of their way just to get to their dorm. Some bus stops have also been changed without notifying students, and in some dorms they have had to do without water for several hours. Is this too much? Is there no way that they can work on construction and accommodate the residents at the same time?

My overall view about the construction on South Campus is not a negative one, more so a concerned approach. I know that there is a definite master plan to what will become UNC (specifically South Campus) when the construction is all finished, but right now I just don't see how this is going to be better for our school. It just seems like dorms are being built on top of dorms, and the whole campus looks a mess due to the construction. I feel sorry for those perspective students who come to visit UNC. If I were visiting I think the construction would have an effect on my decision of whether to attend this university.

Don't get me wrong, UNC does need improvement and I believe the construction will have a positive outcome in the end, just right, now I am a little skeptical. I just hope that they will have everything finished by their due date. Like many other freshmen, all we have seen of UNC is a university under construction. It would be nice to see a construction-free UNC before we leave. But for now all we can do is wait and see, and hopefully all of this construction will benefit us in the end.

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