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Renovations planned for Mary Hobbs

♦ Plumbing and electrical systems set to be repaired while students gone for summer

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Mary Hobbs hall is one of the oldest buildings on this campus. If you ask many residents about it, they will say that it looks like it, too.

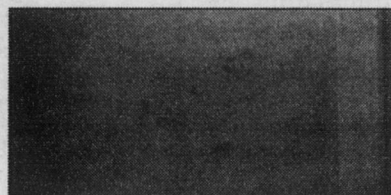
However, this summer begins the start of renovations that will take two years to complete.

On Sunday night, a meeting was held between the residents of Hobbs, Elgina Manuel of Residential Life, Thomas Yang, Director of Facilities, and Tom Moreau, the architect in charge of some of the renovations.

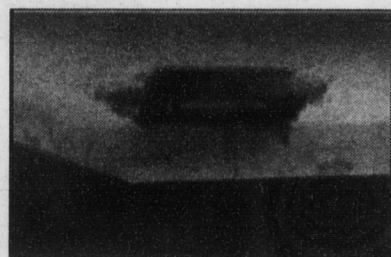
Elgina Manuel began by telling the residents of a new program to increase community within the cooperative hall.

Since the closing of the Hobbs cafeteria in the summer of 1997, members of the hall have felt the loss of togetherness between residents.

The new program would entail a Sunday brunch, in which members of Hobbs would be able to bring food items from the cafeteria to the dining area in the basement of the building. This



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Mary Hobbs hall, built in 1909, needs to have its plumbing repaired and peeling paint and wallpaper fixed.

idea is under consideration by members of Hobbs and Residential Life.

Thomas Yang then began to describe the renovations of the building scheduled to be started this summer and completed the following summer.

The first repairs and additions will be to install an air conditioning and heating system to fit in with the rest of the dorms. Along with that will be the hook-

ing up of an exhaust system for the bathroom facilities.

The next will be to add a new boiler system to the building so that there will be adequate and environmentally sound heating of the dorm.

"We want to give you a comfortable place to live," said Yang at the beginning of the meeting.

The cafeteria renovations were discussed and at this time there is no answer as to whether

or not the area will be brought up to code during the summer repairs.

"I can't say right now, yay or nay. What you really want is an answer and these people probably can't help you," said Manuel.

The structural plumbing is also an important issue that was discussed. Plumbing in Hobbs

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Lauren Fortuna, as Mrs. Webb, prepares breakfast.



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Baseball players interrupt George's wedding.

Our Town performed for packed houses last week

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The Guilford College Theatre Department's production last weekend of Thornton Wilder's classic play *Our Town* played each night of its four-day run to a full house.

Actors are always appreciative of a full house, but this time they were enthusiastic for another reason as well. The production was a benefit for the

Multicultural Resource Center and raised \$550.

"The theatre dept was really happy with the turnout," said Marjorie Hall, who managed the box office.

The benefit follows last year's production of a series of one-act plays that dealt with AIDS issues, *Pieces of the Quilt*. That production was produced with and benefited Triad Health Project.

The benefits are a tradition that the Theatre Department chair and director of *Our Town*, Jack Zerbe, would like to see continue.

"I would like to see the theatre department designating one of its productions every year as a benefit," he said.

"And the reason for that is because, as far as the way I think about this beast called theatre, it should be something deeply connected to the life of the community in which it lives."

Commenting on the value of theatre as a forum for exploring issues important to a community, Zerbe said, "There's a reason why

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"[Theatre] touches people both intellectually and emotionally and gets them worked up to go out and change things."

—Jack Zerbe