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Lost grill part of a larger problem

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Many students found the Underground to be a comfortable social spot where they could enjoy Ricki Lake and a juicy burger. Now, however, their Ricki Lake is tainted with the taste of microwaved broccoli. What really happened to the Underground grill? Was it, as claimed in an official college letter, simply a matter "out of our control?" Or was it something more, part of a widespread trend of inefficiency that plagues the campus? Is this all in all just another brick in the wall?

Cafeteria director Brad McNeely bore the brunt of the pressure over the summer as the Guilford County Health Department as well as the county Fire Marshall warned that the hoods on both grills—in the cafeteria as well as the Underground—needed to be brought to code.

The problems with the grill hoods are not new. Dating as far back as 1996, a full year before McNeely assumed his position, health inspections have noted that facilities overall in Founders Hall needed to be brought up to standard. Notations such as "minimal progress has been noted in upgrading equipment" recur in each inspection report. Each of those notations has focused on the grill hoods as the primary culprits.

Why, then, if these hoods were in such dire need of repair three years ago, were they not repaired? The physical plant is responsible for maintenance needs on campus. Why were they unable to complete the upgrading? McNeely noted financial constraints as a possibility, but also stated that "Constant notations from the Guilford County Health Department about the status of equipment in food service areas needing to be improved were not met in a timely manner."

Although time was allotted to renovate working restrooms to include new tile and facilities, as well as automatic flushing sensors in the urinals and toilets, time apparently was not available

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Science Center behind schedule

Completion Expected in March 2000

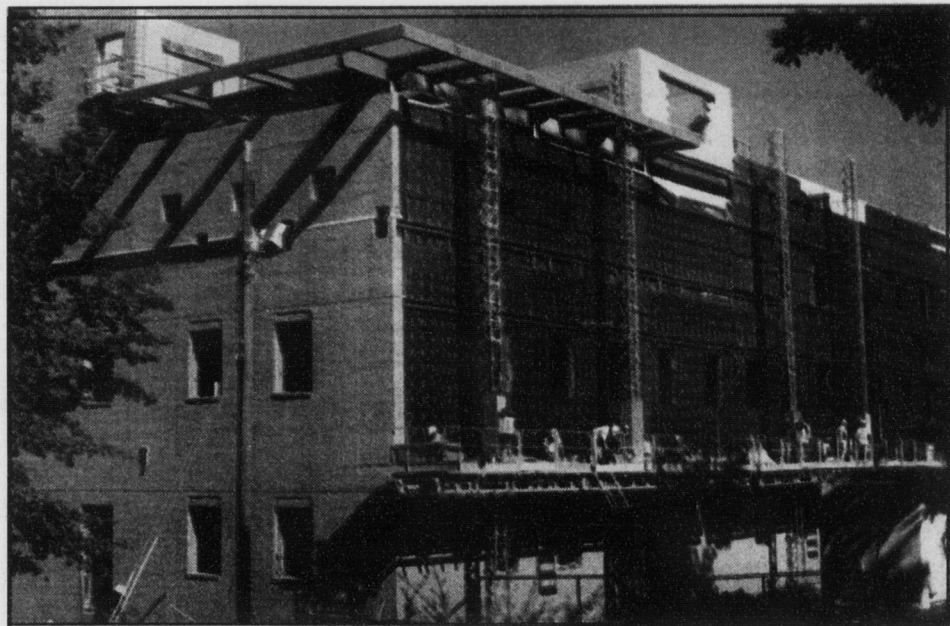
By Daniel Fleishman
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The Frank Family Science Center will be open for classes in March 2000, at least nine weeks behind schedule.

During the spring and summer, when the building contractors applied to the city of Greensboro for permits, they were continually delayed. At each successive step of the building process, the city took six to eight weeks to process the required permits.

Every time the construction is to proceed a step further, permits must be requested from the city, and no work can be done until they have been received.

"Greensboro is a booming city with a lot of construction, so



The new science building is moving slowly on its way.

there were delays getting the permits from City Hall," said Thomas Yang, the Director of Campus Facility Services, who is overseeing the architect and the contractor and attempting to keep the building as close to originally scheduled as possible.

A majority of the structure of the Science Center has been assembled at this time. As of the last week of August, the brick walls have all been completed with the exception of the east

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Britta McNemar suffers heart attack

Will be released from hospital this weekend

By Marjorie Hall
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On Sat., Sept. 4, Britta McNemar, the president's wife, suffered a heart attack resulting from an arterial blockage.

McNemar went to Pittsburgh last weekend with Don to celebrate her mother's 90th birthday. She was with her brother, who is an ear, nose and throat doctor, when she had the attack.

"She was very lucky," said Bobby Wayne Clark, vice-president. "She has been in capable medical hands from the instant of the attack."

Britta underwent coronary bypass surgery in Pittsburgh on Monday. The operation went well and doctors expect a rapid and complete recovery.

"This has been relatively minor as these things go," said

Clark. "The operation was successful and she is now in good shape."

The president will stay in Pittsburgh until this weekend and will be handling school business through fax and e-mail. Britta will most likely be released from the hospital some time this weekend and will stay with her family in Pittsburgh for ten days to two weeks.

Britta McNemar has been an active member of the Guilford community since her

husband's inauguration in 1996 and many students and faculty have had the opportunity to work with her in some capacity.

As Britta is still in intensive care, flowers cannot be sent. McNemar will provide an address for those wishing to express their support after Britta is released from the hospital.

The McNemars express their gratitude for the outpouring of sympathy and support from all corners of the Guilford community.

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