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UNC construction to remain prominent

By SHANNON O'GRADY
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Orange cones, portable bathrooms, piles of brick, large machinery and construction workers will remain a familiar sight on campus this year, according to the latest report from Ed Willis, Director of Construction Administration.

Willis said several sites, including the new Alumni Center and Craige Parking Deck, are well underway while the Student Recreation Center and the new business school are still in the planning stages.

The George Watts Hill Alumni Center, located on Stadium Drive next to Kenan Stadium, is scheduled for completion next fall, Willis said. "We're still looking for November 1991, but we'd better say early 1992," Willis attributed the delay to some minor changes in the floor plan of the building.

In conjunction with the Alumni

Center construction site, Stadium Drive is tentatively scheduled to be closed to through traffic Sept. 4-5, but it is subject to change, Willis said. "Stadium Drive will be closed for steel delivery to the site, and that will depend on the manufacturer."

The parking spaces in front of Teague Residence Hall will be blocked off during the closing of Stadium Drive to give trucks room to drive into the site, said Robert Beke, construction manager.

Stadium Drive will be closed one more time because of Alumni Center construction, Willis said. But the next closing is not scheduled until the summer of 1991, when a steam line will be run from Teague Residence Hall to the site, he said.

Overall, Willis said the work on the Alumni Center was going well. "It is moving along adequately." The project is still running on budget, Willis said.

A Board of Trustees project status

report Friday listed the total cost as \$12 million.

South of the Alumni Center, construction on the Craige Parking Deck is in progress. The parking deck is scheduled for completion by August 1991, Willis said. "We hope it will be ready for the beginning of school next year," he said. "We're a little behind schedule because we encountered more rock than expected."

No modifications have been made on the original plans for the parking deck, Willis said. It is designed to accommodate 1,500 cars. Craige Parking Deck is also running on budget, Willis said. The cost for the deck, according to the BOT report, is about \$12 million.

Among the projects still in the planning stage is the SRC. The design for the center has been approved by the Board of Trustees, and planning is in progress, said Theresa Crosslands, consulting architect.

The SRC will be located next to Fetzer Gymnasium in the courtyard. "There was a lot of concern among faculty and students about that location," Crosslands said, "but everyone seems to be convinced now."

The new facility will contain aerobic areas and weight rooms for student use. There have been no changes in the design since its approval this summer, Crosslands said.

The project is being prepared for contract bidding, which is scheduled for mid-January, Crosslands said. "We are just now starting the construction

documentation phase," she said. "It is my understanding that it (the project) will go out to bid in the spring, if you consider January spring."

According to the most recent schedule, construction on the SRC will begin six weeks after a bid is accepted. "As far as students are concerned, they will begin to see work in the spring," Crosslands said.

The cost of the SRC is almost \$5 million, the architect said. The building itself comes in at a cost of \$3.5 million with equipment registering at nearly \$1.5 million.

A new business school building is also being planned. The school will be located on South Campus near the Kenan Center, said Gordon Rutherford, director of facility planning and design.

A design has not yet been finalized for the building, Rutherford said. "We've barely begun to work on the design," he said. "The architect is due to come back in the near future with some preliminary plans."

The estimated cost for the project is \$25 million, Rutherford said. "In the budget envisioned at the present time, approximately \$15 million of the cost will be general fund appropriation and about \$10 million will come from private sources."

Rutherford said some of the money for the project was coming from the Kenan Charitable Trust. "The Kenan people are putting in a significant amount of money, but it is also coming from other sources."

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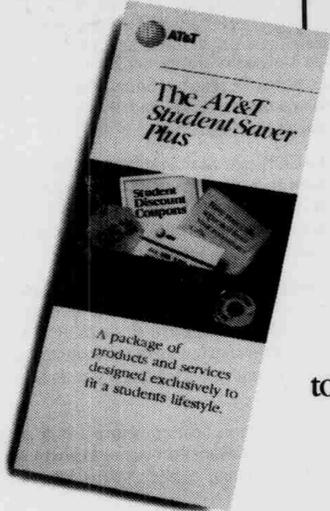
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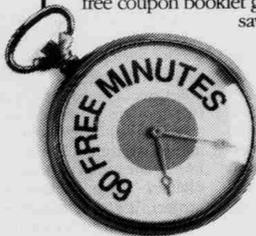
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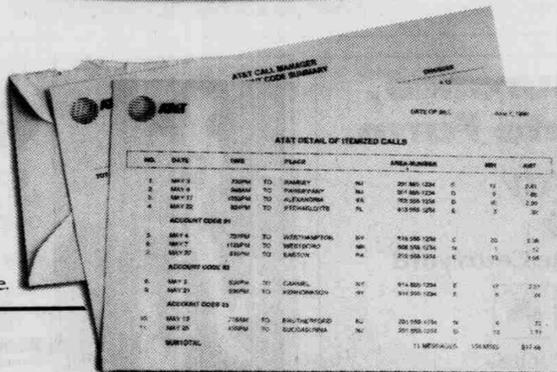
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7 dorms to get influx of cool air

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Seven residence halls on North Campus will be equipped with air conditioning as early as this spring, said Edward Willis, Director of Construction Administration.

Everett, Grimes, Lewis, Mangum, Manly, Ruffin and Stacy residence halls will all be connected to the chilled water system responsible for the cooling of more than 70 campus buildings, Willis said. "When the connection is complete, those dorms will have air conditioning."

The majority of the work on this project was done over the summer, Willis said. "Excavation was done the weekend of August 11 and 12 before the students got back, because the work was in the Pit area right by that big painted sign (the Cube)." Construction was planned to present as little inconvenience as possible to students who enjoy spending time in the Pit, he said. The area where work is now taking place, between Davis Library and the Student Union on Raleigh Street, should be cleared by the end of September, Willis said.

Once the pipes are connected from the east and west sides of the Pit, corrections and adjustments will be made in the individual residence halls, Willis said. "The inner plumbing was done when we renovated those dorms over the last three years."

The plumbing of Ruffin Residence Hall was not affected by the fire in that dorm last year, Willis said. "Of course there was smoke damage, but there was no significant damage to the building facility itself." Ruffin will be hooked up to the chilled water system at the same time as the other residence halls.

Students will be able to regulate the temperature in their rooms, said Harold Hensen, assistant director of housing for facilities planning. "Each room now has a fan coil that we're using for heat," he said. "The same units for heating will be used for cooling, so yes, there are individual controls in the room."

North Campus students said they were excited about having air conditioning. "I think it will be a lot more comfortable to study," said sophomore Beth Saunders of Raleigh. Sophomore Ronda Schrimper of Raleigh agreed. "I will study so much better," she said. "My attention span would be longer if I weren't so uncomfortable."

Ryan Lee Overton, a sophomore from Hertford, was more concerned about sleeping than studying. "You could actually get some sleep around here if we had air conditioning," he said.

The connection of the air conditioning will not change the room rates, said Larry Hicks, associate director for business affairs. New rates were established last spring to cover the cost of the renovations and the installation of air conditioning, he said.

Residents of Olde Campus fall in one of two rate categories, Hicks said. Group One includes rooms which have not been renovated and/or have no air conditioning, he said. Rooms in Group Two have been renovated and/or have air conditioning. "All of Olde Campus, except for Graham, is in group number two," Hicks said.

The new chilled water system will eventually offer service to other campus buildings in the area, Willis said. "Graham and Aycok (residence halls) will be connected (to the central system) when they are renovated." Renovations in Graham Residence Hall have been delayed until 1993.

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