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Construction crews working to bring the campus up to speed

by Teresa Latham

Even though most students were taking their break over the summer, hard work was still being done at Meredith. Many noticeable improvements and changes have taken place on our campus. Students returned to school to find everything from new windows in their rooms to a re-modeled Joyner.

The amphitheater, a place of noted beauty on campus, has been an area of concern to all that have seen the refurbishment take place. Charles Taylor, vice president of business and finance, said they are filling in the moat and repairing the weathered steps in the amphitheater, but the rest of the lake will be back to normal upon completion of those projects. "The amphitheater will be ready for use by Cornhuskin'," said Taylor.

The International House has had some much needed improvements done this summer as well. On the exterior, they have resurfaced the walls with a stucco surface and have plans to change the porches and add to the entrance way roof.

On the interior, some walls have been altered and repainted, and new carpets and furniture have been added in the rooms. New landscaping will be done around the International House,

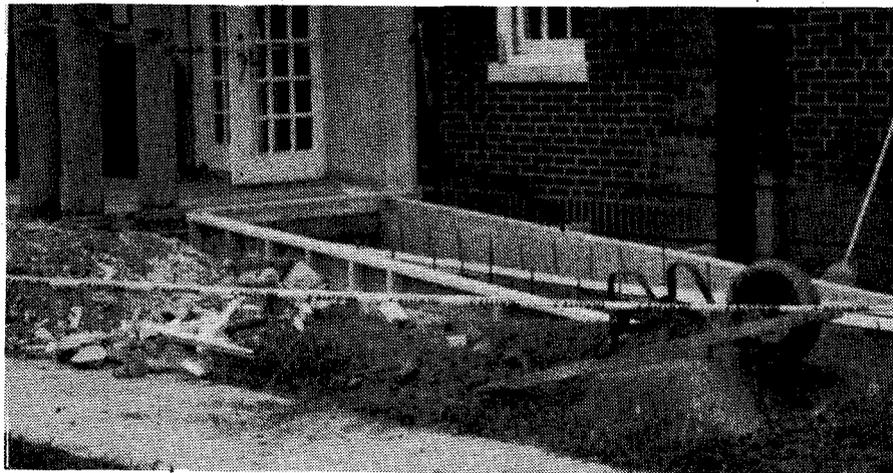


photo by Christina Peoples

Workers are building a new ramp in front of Joyner, which is slowing down traffic now, but will hopefully speed things along in the future.

and plans have been made to replace the existing parlor furniture as well. All of these changes are scheduled to be completed by late September.

Due to the opening of Ledford, space has opened up in Joyner, and there has been some restructuring and modernizing of the facility. "The building has gotten a general facelift, which includes new carpet, paint, refinished furniture and some structural changes in offices," said Taylor.

Along with new double-insulated metal windows put in Brewer, Faircloth and Stringfield, new windows will be installed in Vann next summer. These

windows increase efficiency because they allow less air leakage and do not require painting.

Weatherspoon Gym is undergoing a much needed renovation. Additions to the back of the gym, more offices, another studio and a much larger weight room are being constructed right now.

The weight room will also house new exercise equipment. This part of the building will be for both class and personal use. This area is due to be ready by the spring semester.

"Over the next few months, we will be moving earth between the

beltline and the loop road in preparation for a new commuter parking lot," said Taylor. This construction is being done in conjunction with C.C. Magnum Construction, the same company that is widening the beltline.

If you are a senior and are still getting lost, don't worry.

Several offices have been relocated to serve students more efficiently.

When asked about the reason behind the shuffle, Taylor described the moves as a "domino effect."

He went on to explain the consolidation of Financial Aid and Admissions set the ball rolling for other offices to move in an attempt to better suit individual needs.

Administration also wants to centrally locate other related offices.

For instance, the student development offices— Student Activities and Leadership Development, Dean of Students and Career Services— are all located in Cate Center with the exception of the Vice President of Student Development office.

The Personal Growth Counseling Center has been moved to Carroll Health Center to consolidate all health-related offices.

Professors cook up a new recipe for education

by Kimberly Zucker

Meredith's faculty convocation kicked off the new year in Jones Auditorium August 29 at 10 a.m.

Students packed the auditorium to see their professors in a new light.

Several professors from many departments performed: Dr. Goode, home economics; Dr. Weir, English; Dr. Swabb, biology; Dr. Zingraff, sociology; Dr. Bross, physical education; Dr. Creah, speech and communication; and Dr. Parker, education.

These professors entertained the audience with their imaginary fall retreat, in which they were trying to discover their purpose for education.

The professors stepped up to give us some of the many reasons why they enjoy their respective fields.

Dr. Parker had the task of writing their adventure down and she quickly realized the possible difficulties of writing a paper.

Dr. Weir's most memorable moment occurred when one of her students informed her of the "snot" on the end of her nose.

Dr. Swab wandered around, thankful to be in an ecosystem full of trees and yellow-bellied sap suckers.

Dr. Goode was trying to be fashionable in a camouflage jacket and while

figuring out how to get an interior design team to redo her tent.

Dr. Zingraff was enjoying studying people and taking field notes, while Dr. Bross was trying to figure out how to get everyone to exercise.

Dr. Creah, the only male on the trip, happily communicated that he would not stand for sexual discrimination.

Problems arose at dinnertime because no one would help Dr. Goode cook, so she left angrily.

When the others realized how badly she was needed, they sent Dr. Creah after her in hopes that his good com-

munication skills would bring her back.

He succeeded and they helped her cook dinner around the big pot.

They realized they all have something to offer: Dr. Goode taught them how to cook; Dr. Creah helped them communicate with each other; Dr. Bross taught them how to create a well-balanced diet and exercise; Dr. Zingraff taught them how to learn from

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