



Campus construction makes strides

□ The cranes are lifting beams to crews working on the new math and science building daily.

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The construction work around campus seems to be encircling us all. Everywhere we turn we see the old being dug up for the new. Some of the current projects are drawing nearer to a close while others are just beginning.

Construction on the north entrance of the Cate Center wrapped up last Thursday. The area is now being restructured for student use.

The crews were working on a heating, ventilation and air conditioning upgrade by increasing the size of the steam lines. The Cate Center and the Gaddy-Hamrick art

building will benefit from the new installations because it will now have a central air unit and, therefore, will be more energy efficient.

Greg Ahrendsen, the projects manager said the weather had been favorable for the project, and the small amount of rain did not thwart progress.

Erin Litten, one of the crew members working on the Cate Center project, said, that because the weather had cooperated,

everything had gone as planned.

The new math and science building "is moving right

and electrical engineer. Merrit is pleased with the progress of the building and said it "should be finished by second semester next year."

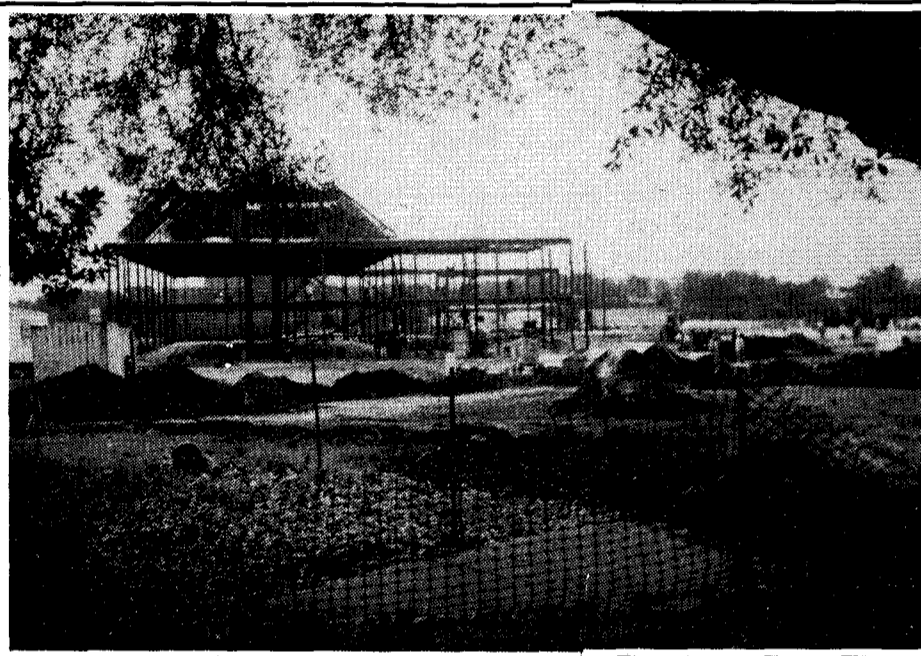
Meredith sophomore Jill Lowman said that she no longer thought the construction sites were a problem.

"We have adjusted to it now," she said.

Yet Lowman said she was frustrated because Meredith is "such a beautiful campus," but students and visitors to campus could not see its beauty at this point in time.

Students can expect to read out the College's upcoming projects including a plan to expand the chiller plant, the metal building behind Belk Dining Hall.

Construction crews plan to tear down the metal building and put a two story building in its place. This will be done over the winter, and by the spring, it should be completed.



The math and science building is taking shape. Crews members are optimistic with the progress.

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"We should be out of here on schedule," he said.

along," according to Gary Merrit, the mechanical, plumbing

Project Courage unveiled, portrays strength of Mirabel sisters

□ Freshman FYE class sculpts and paints art to honor sisters' valor.

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Meredith's freshman class was in for a surprise when they signed up for Christa Phillips' FYE class.

Unlike many freshman year FYE classes where students work on assignments, readings

and small projects, Phillips, assistant professor of theater, had her class of freshman dive into a semester long creative endeavor called Project Courage.

Because of her theatrical background, Phillips--a first-year FYE instructor--knew she wanted the students to produce a creative project.

Project Courage was inspired by the 2001 Freshman Summer Reading Program's novel *In the Time of the Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez.

Phillips decided on the name Project Courage after considering many ideas but finally decided that the name best represented the valor and strength of the Alvarez sisters.

Phillips' class spent the first half of the semester brainstorming ideas for a culminating creative display and creating individual collages pertaining to the events and characters in the book.

During their weeks of brainstorming, the class decided to divide into three groups to come up with ideas for the final

project and then regroup to share their ideas. However, when the ideas began circulating, each of the three groups of students decided to create three separate pieces of art.

"I left the ideas up to the students, while I provided the materials for them to work with," said Phillips. The students spent the last 3 weeks of the semester creating the display.

The finished pieces were unveiled Monday, Dec. 3 in 125 in the Studio Theater in Jones Hall. The displays included a white canvas imprinted with

the faces of the characters, a massive red butterfly, and a paper mache butterfly with multi-colored wings.

Freshman Courtney Morrison said the different colored wings represent each Maribel sister in the book.

Phillips said she is hoping to have the collages displayed in the Cate Center so members of the Meredith community can view them. Phillips also wants to lead a similar project next year with incoming freshman but wants to spend more time on creating the final product.



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