



## Rainy weather puts campus construction behind schedule

**The Science and Mathematics Building's opening date has not changed, but the breezeway project is now lagging behind.**

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While construction on the Meredith campus is no shock for most students, faculty and staff, some have said it does present inconveniences, and they are curious about the progress of the breezeways and the Science and Mathematics Building.

"I anticipate the completion of the breezeways because I am getting frustrated by the inconvenience and the mud," junior Laura Bates said. "I know they cannot prevent the weather conditions, but the construction schedule should have been better planned to adjust for the seasons."

Greg Ahrendsen of Facilities Services said that the breezeways had been projected to be completed

by the end of September.

However, Ahrendsen said the weather has set construction behind by over four weeks.

"Weather is the primary cause for the delay, although there was an issue with getting materials in on time," he said, adding that the issue with building materials would have only set construction back about a week.

"Weather has caused hold-ups on building the ramps and getting the first floor concrete slab in," he said.

Facilities Services expects that the breezeways will be completed and accessible to students by mid-November.

"I appreciate that the school closed the breezeways because they were unsafe, but I am not happy with the amount of time it has taken for the new breezeways to be constructed," Bates said. "I was under the impression they would be finished by fall break. It is a relief that they will be opened soon."

The Science and Mathematics Building has been ahead of schedule

since last semester and is still running on track. Ahrendsen says that the weather has caused minor delays in the overall completion and opening of the building but has not affected the opening date.

"The inside of the building is 99 ½ percent complete. We are finishing up painting, floor tile, cable television wiring, and things of that sort," he added.

However, the rainy weather has caused major delays in completing the building's landscaping, sidewalks and courtyard.

"I hope the building's exterior will be completed on time because the mud is definitely a hassle when students walk to classes in Ledford and enter the Cate Center from the front entrance," said Holly Bryan, a sophomore.

The building will be completed and ready for spring semester classes.

## Breast cancer fundraiser a success

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Breast cancer is the second leading cancer-related cause of death among women today. One out of every eight women will be diagnosed with it in her lifetime. This startling fact led senior Aundrea Hildreth on a crusade to bring breast cancer awareness to Meredith students.

In the fall of 2000, Hildreth began Meredith Cares, a program that has raised \$15,000 for organizations such as the American Cancer Society for Breast Cancer and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Hildreth's main goal is to empower women to become aware of their own health issues and risks. "Because this is an all-female school, it is important for women to educate themselves on this topic," said Hildreth.

Over the past few years, Meredith Cares has evolved into a Meredith tradition, with each year becoming more and more successful.

"The first year I started this, we sold t-shirts and flower carnations. The second year we had a silent auction in the Cate Center, which was lots of fun to plan, and just last month we sold t-shirts and pads of paper. Each year is a little different," Hildreth said.

This year they sold 400 t-shirts, which is more than any other t-shirt order they have placed in the past. Because the t-shirts were so successful this fall, they may re-sell them again in the spring.

Funding for Meredith Cares has been made possible not only by the donations that have been made for the cause, but also by a donation made by LeaderShape, which has covered any additional cost that would have prevented all funds to be directly donated to the two organizations Meredith Cares supports. They have donated funds to these organizations for the past two years.

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