

Dirty work at Hanes won't mess with art

Construction only creates an eyesore

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The fences, machinery and muddy mess outside of the Hanes Art Gallery might not obstruct the building physically, but the juxtaposition of steel shafts and student sculptures creates a shocking eyesore.

But that will probably be the extent of the damage done.

Construction workers are laying pipe in a large hole outside of the gallery.

The heat and steam pipes will run from an existing line in the Hanes parking lot to the new Institute for Arts and Humanities, located at the recently built Hyde Hall.

"We are still early in the year, so it is impossible to tell yet if the construction is going to negatively affect us," said Mary Sheriff, professor of art. "Right now it is just ugly."

"Everyday when we walk outside we have to stare at a big gaping hole."

Charles Marshall, construction manager, said that the project is slated to finish Dec. 1. The project is not extremely complicated or intense, Marshall said, so it should finish on schedule.

Beyond the dirt and bulldozers, the pipe laying has not affected the physical appearance of Hanes.

All of the outdoor artwork that was in place still is present, though not as readily visible.

Students and faculty members who park in the Hanes lot likely will be the most inconvenienced.

Marshall said that the work is planned to progress in short phases, so that at any given time the smallest possible amount of spaces will be closed off.

"We are basically going to creep across the parking lot and try to stay out of the way," Marshall said. "This project really shouldn't pose a problem to anyone ... I would be surprised if it did."

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Freshman Erin France lies on the sidewalk Tuesday morning while students make their way around the construction in front of Hanes Art Center. Workers are laying steam and heat pipes from Hanes to Hyde Hall.

Raleigh man gets West Nile

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RALEIGH — Charles Williams is a forester accustomed to dressing to protect himself from the heat and mosquitos.

Long-sleeved shirts, heavy pants, work boots and two kinds of insecticides are his standard work apparel.

But he wasn't so prepared as he unpacked his car after returning from vacation.

Williams, 53, a consulting forester, believes that was when he was bitten by a mosquito that infected him with West Nile virus, North Carolina's third human case of the mosquito-borne illness this season.

"I just wasn't prepared for that first hour back from vacation," Williams said in a phone interview Wednesday. "I just wasn't thinking."

His symptoms began Aug. 6 with extreme muscle ache and then included nausea, vomiting,

rash, fever and headache — "sort of like having the flu but maybe 10 times worse," he said.

His health now? "Not too good, not too bad," he said. His doctor said Williams' recovery period should last two to three weeks. There is no treatment for the virus.

One central N.C. man died from West Nile virus earlier this year.

The other victim had a less serious form of the disease, called West Nile fever, and has recovered.

State health officials also identified one human case of Eastern equine encephalomyelitis in a Scotland County child who remains hospitalized in critical condition.

EEE is a rare viral disease transmitted by some kinds of mosquitoes.

It attacks the central nervous system, causes inflammation of the brain and can be fatal to animals and humans.

Wild birds serve as natural hosts for the virus. Mosquitoes bite the birds and then can transmit the virus to humans and animals.

West Nile virus is spread the same way as EEE. There has been only one human case of EEE in North Carolina this year.

Williams visited his doctor Aug. 12 and was admitted to the hospital Aug. 18 with inflammation of the brain, its lining and the spinal cord. He got the verifying test results back Aug. 20.

He's recovering at his home in Raleigh after being released from the hospital for one week.

He said he will make a few changes in his lifestyle, including wearing insecticide every time he goes outside.

"Whether I wear shorts and sandals any more, I don't know," he said.

"I'm hoping cold weather gets here fast."

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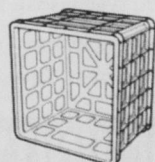
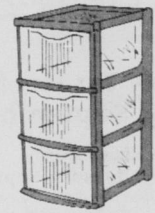
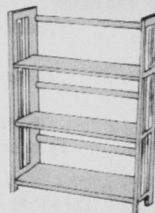
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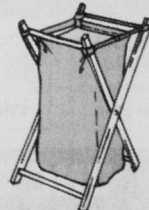
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