

Big alterations in store for campus marketplace

Renovations to add new entrance

BY KELLI BORBET

STAFF WRITER

Contractors on South Road are opening doors.

UNC charged New Atlantic Contracting with completing the \$11-million project that will change the look of Student Stores.

The first part of the process, currently under way, is adding a new South Road entrance to the store.

Student Stores, located in the heart of campus, has not been remodeled since it was built in 1968, and University officials felt it was time for some change.

"We wanted to make the building more attractive and convenient for customers," said John Jones, director of Student Stores.

Jones said there are key areas that are being remodeled in the projected 15-month process.

He said the project includes remodeling the Pit level and the third floor of the building. The building's first floor will be remodeled as an extension of the stores.

"We are really excited about the remodeling, and we hope that the students will be too," Jones said.

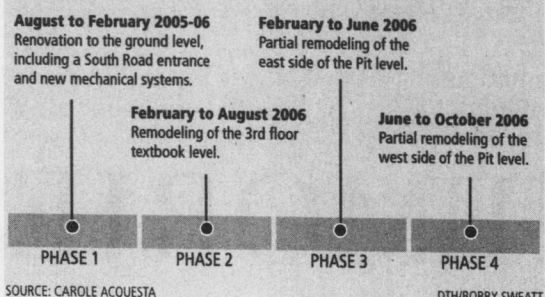
He added that a positive aspect of renovation is that the entire store will never have to close during the remodeling.

"We hope sales will not be affected because all of our merchandise will still be available — just in different areas of the store," Jones said.

Carole Acquesta, a facility architect and project manager, said the project has been divided into four phases to keep the building open

Student Stores renovation

During the next 15 months, Student Stores will undergo a huge transformation.



SOURCE: CAROLE ACQUESTA

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at all times.

The first consists of the development of the first floor with the creation of a South Road plaza entrance.

All mechanical systems, including the new heat and air conditioning unit, will be installed during this phase, which is slated to be completed by February.

University planners want the ground level completed before renovations on the second and third levels begin so that store merchandise can be relocated.

Phase two will consist of the remodeling of the textbook level on the third floor. These changes will begin in February and will extend through August 2006.

After the January book rush, the textbook level of Student Stores will be closed, but books still will be sold in another area of the store.

The third phase will entail partial remodeling of the east side of the second floor. This phase will begin in February and will extend through June.

Acquesta said the final phase of the project will begin in June,

when changes will be made to the west side of the second floor.

All phases are scheduled to be completed by October 2006.

Jones said one important factor in the remodeling process is making the building more attractive from the outside by installing more windows to open up the building.

"Since it was built, the Pit level has usually had display cases at the main entrance," Jones said. "But our plan is to open up the display cases and just have the glass windows to brighten up the store."

He said they also will install glass display cases at the southern entrance. Officials hope the construction will provide a more inviting streetscape along South Road. Jones said he is optimistic that the remodeling will increase sales because of the additional store space.

"We just hope that our customers keep shopping during construction."

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UNC not on list of accepting campuses

Students say more work is needed

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STAFF WRITER

The University's acceptance of the gay community is not where it should be, according to some students.

The Princeton Review ranks universities in 62 different categories, including gay community acceptance — a list that didn't include UNC in even the top 20.

The survey asked: "Do students, faculty, and administrators at your college treat all persons equally regardless of their sexual orientations?"

Some students said the rankings shouldn't be a shock.

"I'm not surprised the University did not get in the top 20 with that question," said Zachary Howell, a senior public policy major from Charlotte.

Howell, a member of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender-Straight Alliance at UNC, said the University's relations with the LGBTQ community could be improved.

"A lot of what happens here is people do not know when they're being homophobic," he said.

The New College of Florida in Sarasota earned the top ranking as the most accepting of the LGBTQ community out of the 361 colleges The Princeton Review surveyed.

Wendy Bashant, the dean of students at New College of Florida, said she was not surprised by any of the rankings NCF received, including the top spot for the most politically active students and seventh place for the number of "Birkenstock-wearing, tree-hugging, clove-smoking, vegetarians."

"Being different is celebrated," Bashant said. "Guys can wear skirts here and not get beat up."

Bashant said tolerance for all sexual orientations is key to such a high ranking.

"I think it's because we're small, that makes it personal," said Konnie Kruczek, director of student activities at NCF. "If someone is out and gay, you know (them)."

NCF has a student population of fewer than 700, but the university community is very open and accepting of the gay community, she said.

But there might not be the same sort of acceptance at UNC.

More publicizing of the University's anti-discrimination policy would help, said John Tirpak, a senior public policy and French major and former publicity co-chair for GLBTSA.

"The administration could take a much more vocal stance," he said.

He also said an attack on Franklin Street last year, labeled

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ZACHARY HOWELL, GLBTSA MEMBER

a hate crime, likely had a negative effect on community relations.

"That probably affected the score," Tirpak said.

Students at NCF also are attempting to develop further understanding and acceptance between individuals of differing sexual orientation.

"That article really sparked us to do more," said Brian Oberlander, an NCF student.

He said the campus community also wants to facilitate discussion among students through a newsletter.

The Princeton Review has ranked gay-community acceptance on college campuses for 14 years, said Robert Franek, author of The Best 361 Colleges.

"It has always been a question and a ranking in our book," he said. "We want to provide clear and savvy information for students and their parents."

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ "Petals and Buds ... pastels by Patricia Savage" will be on display from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today in the Totten Center Classroom. Savage is an instructor for the N.C. Botanical Garden's illustration courses. She uses chalk pastel to paint wildlife.

■ Carolina Women's Center will host its "Kickoff in the Quad" from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today in Polk Place.

■ The UNC Department of Family Medicine and Family Medicine Center staff and faculty will host a lunch fundraiser for hurricane victims from noon to 1:30 p.m. today in the second-floor lobby of the William B. Aycock building. The cost is \$5 for one barbecue sandwich and chips. Beverages not included.

■ Orange County's Economic Development Commission will meet at 5 p.m. today at Chapel Hill Town Hall, and the OWASA Board

of Directors will meet at 7 p.m. today in the Operations Center at 400 Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro.

■ The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender-Straight Alliance will hold its first general meeting at 7 p.m. today in Union 3205.

■ N.C. Hillel will host the college tour debut of Maital Guttman's film from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. today. Guttman is a native North Carolinian and a former Robertson Scholar. The film is called "Mechina: A Preparation." Food will be provided.

■ The UNC chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists will meet at 7 p.m. today in Carroll 33. The program will feature Greensboro News & Record Managing Editor Ann Morris and News & Observer Deputy Managing Editor Dan Barkin.

■ Virtuous Woman magazine

will hold an interest meeting at 7 p.m. today in Union 3206A.

■ The Media Resources Center and Davis Library will begin their fall film series at 8 p.m. today outside Lenoir Dining Hall.

■ Registration opens today for N.C. Hillel's Taglit-birthright Israel, a free 10-day trip to Israel. You must be between the ages of 18 and 26 and never have traveled to the country before. Register online at <http://www.nchillel.org>.

■ A new steak house, Bin 54, will open today in Glenn Lennox. The restaurant is a partnership between restaurateur Giorgios Bakatsias and chef Charlie Deal.

To make a calendar submission, visit <http://www.dailytarheel.com> for a list of submission policies and contacts. Events must be sent in by noon the preceding publication date.

POLICE LOG

■ A UNC student was arrested 4 a.m. Wednesday after he tried to escape paying taxi fare, according to Chapel Hill Police reports.

Sophomore Franklin St. Claire Clark IV was arrested at 143 W. Franklin St. on a charge of violating a city ordinance when he failed to pay his \$73.20 cab fare, reports state.

According to police reports, Clark had accumulated the tab during a trip from Raleigh to Chapel Hill. Police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said Clark told the cab driver he needed to go to an ATM and then fled the vehicle.

Clark had left behind membership information from a country club to which he belonged, allowing police to track him down, Cousins said.

Clark was taken to Orange County Jail on a \$200 secured bond, reports state. He is scheduled to appear in District Criminal Court on Nov. 14, according to police reports.

■ Four cans of Budweiser beer were reported stolen from a residence at Melville Loop at 3:03 a.m. Wednesday, according to the Chapel Hill Police Department.

The suspect entered the victim's house and stole the beer, valued at \$4, according to police reports. The

burglary was not forced, reports state, and the case is under further investigation.

■ A man was arrested for possession of a crack pipe 4 a.m. Tuesday after he was found looking into vehicles at the Chi Omega House, 313 E. Franklin St., Chapel Hill Police reports state.

Steven Cory Newsome, 37, was arrested on one misdemeanor charge of possessing drug paraphernalia, according to reports.

The crack pipe was found when an officer patted him down for weapons, reports state.

Newsome was cited by police and is scheduled to appear in District Criminal Court on Nov. 14, according to police reports.

■ Christopher Hideya Adams, of 1035 Exchange Place in Durham, was arrested at the 800 block of East Franklin Street at 10:11 p.m. Tuesday on a charge of driving while impaired, Chapel Hill Police reports state.

Adams was arrested after he was involved in a traffic stop, according to police reports. He registered a blood alcohol level of .16 on the Intoxilyzer 5000, reports state.

■ A car was vandalized Tuesday at Granville Towers, Chapel Hill Police reports state.

The victim reported to police at 4:18 p.m. that his car mirrors had been broken off by an unknown suspect who kicked the mirrors.

■ A man was arrested Tuesday after he was caught leaving a gas station on Raleigh Road without paying, police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said.

Juan Hernades Davalos, 35, was arrested at 6 p.m. Tuesday at 828 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. on misdemeanor charges of larceny of motor fuel, improper registration and having no liability insurance, according to police reports.

He was released on a written promise to appear in District Criminal Court on Oct. 3.

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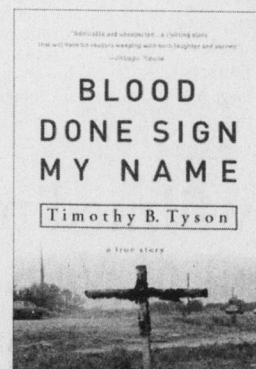
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