

Baity Hill to house students until Nov. 1

Cobb project sees continued delays

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Over the hill and through the woods to Baity Hill they go, and go, and go.

The students living in the southernmost buildings, originally assigned to Cobb Residence Hall, will remain on the outskirts of campus until November, housing officials said.

Renovations on Cobb are scheduled to be finished Oct. 18, and the residence hall will open to students Nov. 1, said Rick Bradley, assistant director of Housing and Residential Education.

Students originally were told they would move back sometime in October.

The move across campus will take three weeks, Bradley said, and it will be performed by professional movers at the expense of the Cobb project construction company.

"I'm really dreading the move because it's going to be exam and paper season," said sophomore Marissa Hall. "I think that's really bad planning. I'd rather almost live

here the first semester."

In addition to what many have called poor timing, students living at Baity Hill have been faced with other inconveniences.

Many have complained about the remoteness of the complex. Baity Hill lies about a quarter-mile south of Hinton James Residence Hall.

Katie Nichter, a freshman English major, said that when friends call to make plans, the trek to campus is often enough of a deterrent to stay home. "It's like, 'I'm here now, I don't want to go back.'"

To slice a chunk of time from their walk, students have been cutting through the woods and up a steep 25-30 foot incline.

Hall said someone had anchored a rope at the top of the hill to help people make the climb, but it has since been removed, and the area is covered with netting.

Even with the shortcut, it is 10 minutes to the nearest bus stop and 25 minutes to classes, Hall said.

Baity Hill is embedded in pine trees on South Campus, just east of the Smith Center.

Though the secluded and quiet location is ideal for new families, it can be dangerous for someone traveling on foot.

"I don't think it's really safe, and that's unfortunate," Hall said.

Nichter also said she felt unsafe,

and she had other complaints as well.

"I live in the living room," she said. "It's hard. I have less privacy than the other girls in the apartment. I can't shut a door to keep anyone out."

Some apartments have a person in each room and two living in the common area.

Though it is difficult to keep others out, Nichter said it's even more difficult to meet new people.

"I could go in and out of the building all day and not see anyone," she said. "It's been harder to meet other freshmen. I feel like I've been robbed of a typical freshman experience."

Freshman Matthew McKirahan said that even though it's quite a hike, the area is nice and the rooms offer a little more than the typical dorm, including kitchen appliances.

But he added he would be more than willing to trade a stove for a five-minute walk to campus.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ A Study Abroad Fair will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. today in the Great Hall of the Student Union. Program representatives, study abroad advisers and returned and international students will be available for questions.

■ Bakari Kitwana will present and sign his latest work, "Why White Kids Love Hip Hop: Wangstas, Wiggers, Wannabes and the New Reality of Race in America," at noon today in the Pleasants Family Reading Room in Wilson Library.

■ University Career Services will host the Carolina Career Fair from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. today in the Smith Center. There will be 107 employers attending the event, which is open to all majors and years.

■ The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender-Straight Alliance will hold a barbecue at 5:30 p.m. in the Connor Residence Hall quad. Students, faculty and staff who are interested in making UNC a safer

space for LGBTQ students are encouraged to attend.

■ The Mu Zeta chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity Inc. will sponsor a graduate and professional school forum at 7 p.m. today in Greenlaw 101. The panel will cover such areas as business, law, education and medicine, among others.

■ Overeaters Anonymous will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. today at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 300 E. Rosemary St., in the Augsburg Room. There event is free and does not have any religious affiliation. For more information, call 968-0304.

■ The Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History will host a "Black Popular Cultures/Black Popular Struggles Symposium" at 7 p.m. today. There will be a talk with Raquel Rivera, author of "New York Ricans From the Hip Hop Zone," and Bakari Kitwana, author of "The Hip Hop Generation."

■ Randy Cohen, a columnist for The New York Times Magazine will speak at 7:30 p.m. today in Carroll 111 as part of the third annual Honor and Integrity Week.

■ The Student Attorney General's staff now is accepting applications for staff counselors. The counselors prepare and argue cases before the Honor Court. Applications can be found at honor.unc.edu, and are due by 5 p.m. Friday in Union 3505.

■ The Sierra Club will host a forum for Hillsborough mayoral and commissioner candidates at 7 p.m. today at the F. Gordon Battle Courtroom. The environmental club gives campaign endorsements for local municipal elections.

To make a calendar submission, visit 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 car robbery was reported at 11:55 p.m. Tuesday at 211 Church St., according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Chapel Hill Police Department spokeswoman Jane Cousins said two women arrived at their home and saw an unknown man standing near the entrance. The suspect walked toward the women and started talking to them, Cousins said. She said the suspect asked them for their car keys and threatened to kill them before he drove off.

The car, a tan Acura valued at

\$3,000, was located at 4:30 a.m. Wednesday in Durham by Durham police, Cousins said.

■ A 54-year-old Carrboro resident was cited Tuesday night on misdemeanor charges of marijuana possession, police reports state.

Joseph Carl Pilarski, of 117 Cheek St., was cited at 9:37 p.m. at Lincoln Lane in Chapel Hill, according to reports.

The reports state that Pilarski also was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Pilarski was found sitting in a truck along a part of the road where a no parking sign was posted, and an officer saw drug paraphernalia in plain view on the seat inside the truck, reports state. Marijuana was found when an officer patted down the suspect, according to reports.

Pilarski is set to appear in District Criminal Court on Nov. 28.

■ A 41-year-old Chapel Hill resident was arrested at 3:05 p.m. Tuesday on charges of breaking and entering, possession of drug paraphernalia and trespassing, police reports state.

Willie Burton, 41, of 6 Shepard Lane, was arrested after an agent of the property told police Burton had been told to leave and not come back on the property, reports state.

During a probable-cause search, officers found a crack pipe in Burton's pack of cigarettes, according to reports.

■ An incident of indecent liberties with a minor was reported at 4:41 p.m. Tuesday, police reports state.

The incident occurred at Gomain Avenue at the home of the offender, according to reports. Police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said that the victim was a teenage girl and that someone had rubbed her leg inappropriately.

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