

News

Despite the summer recess, construction crews carry on

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The number of students has decreased for the summer, but the number of construction crews is about the same.

Several construction projects are going on now or are being planned on the University campus, according to Gene Swecker, associate vice chancellor of facilities management.

Work on brick walkways around campus is ongoing, said Swecker, but summer is a good time for repairs because fewer students are here. "It is easier to work when you don't have as many people walking around," he said.

Several paving projects are on

Swecker's agenda, including repairs to parking lots, such as the one on Stadium Drive. Paving of the P lot should be finished before the fall semester begins.

"We have just added new lights and have made a new addition to the press box in Boshamer Stadium," said Swecker. Ceramic tile will be added around the pool in Koury Natatorium right after the U.S. Olympic Festival ends in July.

Currently, the largest construction project on campus is an addition to the public health building, with a budget of close to \$12 million. This is a research facility which should be completed in October of 1989.

Other ongoing renovations

include:

- A new security services facility, which will house campus police and traffic offices and will be located near Morrison Residence Hall. The offices will be moving from the Campus Y building in January of 1988.

- Continued repairs on Everett and Lewis Residence Halls. The dormitories will receive new heating units and eventually will be equipped for air conditioning.

- Construction of a molecular biological research building, scheduled for completion this fall.

- Finishing touches on the new computer science building. It will be occupied around the first of July; work in the telecommunications area is nearly completed.

- A new elevator in Carrington Hall, the nursing building. Handicapped doors are being added to the health affairs building.

- Work on a six- to eight-month-long addition to the Finley Golf Course clubhouse. Changes include new locker rooms and a new pro shop.

- A facilities support program building near the physical plant off Airport Road, which will house physical plant offices, facilities planning and design offices and other offices.

UNC-system students will see a tuition hike

From Associated Press reports

UNC-system students who are in-state residents can expect a small tuition increase next year, while sharply higher rates are likely for out-of-state students, a legislative leader said Tuesday.

Sen. Tony Rand, D-Cumberland, co-chairman of the Joint Appropriations Base Budget Committee, said he opposed the 15 percent in-state tuition boost recommended by the panel's Subcommittee on Education. The panel called for a 6 percent increase for non-North Carolina residents.

The Base Budget Committee, facing strong opposition to the proposed increase from UNC-system officials, voted Tuesday to return the matter to the subcommittee for further consideration.

"The people are not in favor of that type of increase," Rand said. "Federal funds for education have been cut back, and we need to keep the availability of our state-supported institutions at the highest possible level."

But he said a more modest increase was justified in light of rising costs and the fact that UNC-system tuition has not changed since 1983.

Rand said he expected "a fairly drastic increase" in tuition for out-of-state students, "particularly in professional schools" which could see rates skyrocket by 60 to 70 percent.

"A small adjustment we could call acceptable," Jay Robinson, vice president for public affairs

of the 16-campus system, said in an interview. He declined to say what the university system could accept.

But Robinson said the university system preferred no increase and strongly opposed the 15 percent boost, which would raise tuition by an average of \$65 per year by 1988-89 at every UNC campus except the School of the Arts in Winston-Salem, which would be exempt from the in-state increase.

The subcommittee's proposal would generate \$9.5 million in 1987-88 and \$14 million in 1988-89.

Robinson acknowledged that the \$65 per year might seem modest "to the average person, but not to the young person who's trying to figure out where his money for the fall semester is going to come from."

He said the state constitution requires that public higher education be accessible to as many North Carolinians as possible. "With the cost of fees, food, books and everything else going up, you need to keep tuition down if we're going to keep it accessible," Robinson said.

Gov. Jim Martin proposed a 10 percent tuition increase in 1985 that the Legislature rejected. Martin did not seek to boost tuition in his 1987-1989 budget proposal, but his chief lobbyist, J. Ward Purrington, said the governor "has no philosophical objection" to an increase.

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