

# Classroom, athletic and living spaces undergo renovation

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Someone entering the campus during the summer months may have thought it was a giant construction site rather than an established university.

Over the course of the summer, three residence halls received nearly complete renovations, the Athletic Center was renovated, and several other changes were made to various sites on campus.

The construction projects were costly. Bill Sides, the director of facilities management, said, "The work that we did from May until August is in the neighborhood of \$12 million." The construction was paid for by a bond and various other payment methods.

In addition to the construction and renovation projects, the facilities management staff also looked into the causes of an underground explosion that occurred last year outside of Davis House, disrupting power to the residence hall and surrounding buildings for several hours.

Sides also said engineers were consulted about the best method of checking all underground cables to determine the possibility of another such explosion, but there seemed to be no easy way to examine all existing cable.

Taylor and Davis Houses and Eford Residence Hall underwent the most costly and complete of the renovations. At a cost of \$4 million, the buildings received data wiring, card access systems, new ceilings and air conditioning, improved ventilation systems

and lighting systems in bathrooms, and a new coat of paint.

The renovation of the Athletic Center was the second most expensive construction project, with a price of \$3 million. Indoor tennis courts were removed to add a second floor to the Athletic Center building that will be used for office space for coaches. New locker and weight rooms were constructed, and the air conditioning and heat systems were improved.

Renovations and slight improvements were made to DeTamble Auditorium in Tribble Hall and to the large classroom in the Z. Smith Reynolds Library for the inclusion of data wiring.

Lounge space in Collins Residence Hall was renovated to become a freshman seminar

room. New walls, computer wiring and partitioned space were also added.

Two chemistry laboratories in Salem Hall were upgraded, and new equipment was added. The Greek lounge in Babcock Residence Hall received cosmetic repairs.

Demolition began in Reynolds Gymnasium for additional space in the gym. Office facilities will be upgraded and locker room space will be added for women.

Construction of a soccer stadium is underway on the field near Polo Road to replace the temporary field. The grading, drainage and seeding have been completed. Lighting will be done by the beginning of the season. After the completion of the fall season, permanent stands, locker rooms, bathrooms and concession stands will be constructed.

The renovation of Groves Stadium was completed over the summer. Seats were replaced, concrete was coated, and new lighting and roofs were installed.

Additional construction projects are planned for the next few months. In September, initial steps toward improving the air conditioning in Scales Fine Arts Center will be taken. The actual work will take place over next summer.

During the Christmas holidays, the pool chlorine and filtering systems will be upgraded. The ceramic tiles in the Collins bathrooms will also be changed. More computer wiring will also be installed at various sites around the campus over the next few years.

Tribble, Kitchin House, Johnson and Bostwick residence halls will undergo renovations during the summer of 1996.

## Pilot program giving ThinkPads a trial run

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One hundred first-year students got a head start on their orientation last week when they came to campus early to take part in a pilot ThinkPad computer program.

These students received training and will take part in programming all year designed to help smooth the path for next year's entering freshmen, who will all receive laptop computers as part of the Plan for the Class of 2000. Each pilot program participant has purchased an IBM ThinkPad laptop computer at a price of \$3,136.95.

Participants in the pilot program attended two computer training sessions last week. Rhoda Channing, the director of Z. Smith Reynolds Library and the director of the training programs, said, "What they have been

getting is just the very basic training." She said more intensive training will continue throughout the year.

Freshman Andrea Lindsay said, "I knew some of the stuff already because it's like what I had at home, but I learned some new things, too."

According to David Dyer Sr., the director of university stores, approximately 150 students in addition to the 100 pilot participants have purchased ThinkPad computers.

In addition to the computer pilot, a second pilot program will be held during the spring semester for first-year seminars. Paul Escott, the dean of the college, said about 30 faculty members have expressed interest in seminars and he expects 15 seminars to be offered in the spring. The plan calls for 60 first-year seminars with 15 students in each to be offered during the 1996-97 school year.

A total of about 221 students will

participate in the two pilots, all of whom live in Collins Residence Hall.

Escott said the students in the two pilots were selected from about 350 applications based primarily upon the order in which the applications arrived, with some consideration to creating a representative sample of the entire freshman class.

Escott said the resident advisers in Collins have already gone through training, so they will be able to assist the new students with ThinkPads. Also, a computer lab in Collins has been upgraded to provide network connections for computers.

The computer pilot program also includes 100 faculty members, half with laptop computers and half with IBM desktop computers, Escott said. Those with laptops received preliminary training Aug. 17 and 18 while training for those with desktops will not occur until additional hardware

arrives. The Academic Computer Advisory Committee has been responsible for planning the pilot programs up to this point, Escott said. However, when the faculty meets Sept. 11 it will vote to approve a new committee to oversee the first-year seminar program.

Escott said that in order to prepare for the computer aspect of the plan for next year, numerous computer support personnel have been hired. Ten new employees will aid the different academic departments in handling the new technology introduced by the plan, and additional positions have been filled in the computer center and the library. Escott said, "We wanted to be sure we didn't underserve any area of campus."

Escott said the money for the new employees is coming from past budget surpluses that were temporarily reinvested in endowment funds.



Wendy Coulson

### Weightlifting, Wake style

Sophomore Michelle Gasperini clutches an armful of newly-purchased textbooks outside the bookstore.

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for the development of the academic and social climate on campus."

Following its rejection of "hatred and bigotry in any form," the newly-passed policy states the university does not "limit freedom of religious association or expression, ... presume to control the policies of persons or entities not affiliated with Wake Forest, (or) extend benefits beyond those provided under other policies of Wake For-

est." According to Greason, this final statement allows for opinions about homosexuality that many people hold as a matter of religious principle. It also keeps the university's policy on sexual orientation just that: a policy held by the university that others, such as business associates of the university, may not have, Greason said.

"As a price of doing business with the university, they don't have to agree with us on this point," he said.

In addition, the university is not required to further extend benefits, such as medical insurance, as a result of its sexual orientation policy. According to Greason, the university will not extend insurance coverage to an employee's partner in a same sex marriage, which is not recognized by North Carolina law.

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Davis House, where there is a machine for that.

The cards cannot yet be used to buy drinks from vending machines or to do laundry on campus. Dyer expects the system to be in place by mid-September.

Students will eventually be able to place money on their cards through two ATM-style machines, one located in Reynolda Hall beside the ARAMARK offices and the other in the Campus Bookstore.

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