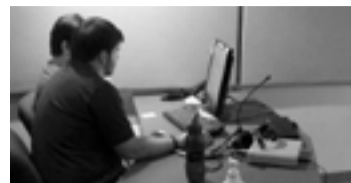




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Residence halls' repairs begin

By Pablo Rodriguez
Campus Editor

There will be ongoing renovations and repairs throughout the summer in various residence halls.

Thomas Hall and McKinney Hall are currently under construction, however, these are not the only buildings that will be renovated and repaired.

The renovations in Thomas will cost \$2,105,000.

The installation of a sprinkler system and fire alarm upgrade, which must be completed in compliance with the Fire Sprinkler Dormitory Act, are among the renovations.

The act requires that every residence hall must have the sprinkler system installed and upgrade to their fire alarm system, Jan. 1, 2013.

Mark Shaklee, associate director of housing, said the only residence halls that need to meet the requirement are Thomas, Taylor, Ford, Weller, and McKinney Halls.

"We have done a building at a time each summer," Shaklee said. "We still have to do Thomas this summer, Taylor the summer of 2011 and Ford, Weller and McKinney in the summer of 2012. That would finish all the residence halls."

Other renovations at Thomas include the installation of new ceiling tiles and lighting in the main lounge, dining room and basement.

The corridor carpet on two floors in the North towers will be replaced. Two directors apartments will be remodeled and kitchen and bathroom and laundry facilities will be added.

New windows will be installed in Thomas as part of a separate project and budget.

McKinney Hall will receive new shingles, as the old ones were badly worn and there were leaks as consequence.

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Faculty retire, move to on to next chapter

By Rashida Lyles-Cowan
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Three Eastern faculty members shared their experiences as teachers, co-workers and beyond as they prepare for their retirement and enter the next phase of life.

Each annuitant has pursued a different avenue during their career, but all served the community of students in an effort to help them prepare for their future.

Audrey Edwards, director of the integrated secondary education program, said her biggest accomplishment was learning how to individualize instruction for unprepared students and with disabilities. Edwards informed people about the program, managed the admission process and taught three courses during her career at Eastern.

"I taught two sections of ISEP, a section of EDF 5510: Social Foundations of Education, and ISEP III," she said.

Edwards said talking with the students and colleagues is among the things she will miss most. However, grading papers is not.

"I've graded each assignment about 100 times," she said.

Edwards said she accomplished more than she planned for, including: earning a doctorate, becoming a professor and publishing a book.

Although she planned to teach for a few more years, Edwards decided to retire because of the state's financial situation.

"I wanted to lock in my pension benefits before things get worse," she said.

Since retirement, Edwards said she has time to think about what she wants to do with the rest of her life.

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Butch Thompson, job site supervisor, saws boards to be used on the Habitat home Saturday afternoon. Over fifty volunteers came from the Coles county community to participate in the event. It's expected to be completed in August or September.

Habitat for Humanity gives second chance

Through the project the community has shown true volunteer spirit

By Jennifer Brown
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Single mother Lee Kidwell-Pedigo has been through tough times, but now she's ready to get a fresh start in a new home.

Saturday marked the first volunteer weekend hosted by the Coles County Habitat for Humanity for the construction of the new home, located at 408 North Fourth St.

Construction will be ongoing through the summer and is expected to conclude in late August or early September.

"A friend of mine told me about Habitat of Humanity," Kidwell-Pedigo said.

Marcia Tyler, Kidwell-Pedigo's mother, said her daughter first applied last October or November.

Taylor said the outpouring of the community to help build her new home humbles Kidwell-Pedigo.

"She's surprised how quickly all of this has happened," Taylor said.

Kidwell-Pedigo said she is grateful that a lot of people are willing to come out from the community to help.

"One man heard it on the radio in Par-

is and drove over to help," Kidwell-Pedigo said. "All you do is show up on a Saturday morning and go right to work."

Habitat for Humanity is advertised on the radio and TV to attract volunteers to the building site.

They put announcements in church bulletins and plans are in development for a Facebook fan page.

Kidwell-Pedigo said she has also decided to play an active role in the home's construction.

"It's my home and it's what I'd do anyway," she said.

Dick Anderson, vice president of Coles County Habitat of Humanity, is one of the few working on site that has never done construction. He has worked on farms, however, and is aware of the skill-set that the job requires.

Anderson said the houses Habitat builds usually are about \$65-70,000.

"They get an interest-free mortgage," Anderson said. "If they were to sell the house once they got it, it would go for \$100,000."

Jim Glass, the superintendent of the

Habitat project, is guiding the volunteers in building the twenty-fifth Habitat home in Coles County.

"I've been involved for about six to seven years," Glass said. "I've been in construction all my life."

Glass said he has spent time as a travel superintendent and it has brought him back to Charleston.

Habitat for Humanity makes most of its money for the projects through local donations and fundraisers.

"There's corporate donations," Glass said. "Local businesses donate as well."

"We'll go to corporations and see if they'll donate materials," Anderson said. "We're having a yard sale and a furniture sale when students go back to college."

On the Fourth of July, Habitat will host the Fun Run and a golfing event.

"I'm so grateful for the people who volunteer and the people at Habitat," Kidwell-Pedigo said. "All the hearts of people are so big and I'm very grateful."

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New home for Pedigo family

In this video, Dick Anderson, vice president of Coles County Habitat for Humanity, talks about the new home they're building for the Pedigo family.