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## Construction creeps east



Pile drivers have given way to steel beams and thick cables on the eastern end of campus, as East Carolina continues to build its physical plant.

### Expansion bug hits campus

Tearing down the old and raising the new seems to be the current trend of campus construction.

Along with the new science building, several dormitories and classroom buildings, the Development Evaluation Clinic and Day-Care Center for Handicapped Children has become the newest project of ECU's Expansion program.

The Biology and Physics departments, presently located in Flanagan, will move to the new Science building by September 1, 1969. This move allows for needed expansion of the Chemistry Department as well as Biology and Physics. Chemistry will now move into the vacated rooms of the old Science Building.

A new general classroom building, that will be nearly twice as large as Austin, is expected to be completed for fall quarter. It will be located between Memorial Gym and the new Music Building with an estimated cost of 2.9 million.

The new building will house the geography, history, sociology, political science and German departments which were previously located in Austin, Joyner Library, Graham, and the Nursing Buildings.

Dormitory expansion entails two new high-rise buildings for both men and women, which will accommodate approximately 900 students. Estimated costs will run close to \$3 million.

The university's electrical distribution system is being replaced. The improved underground distribution system will serve to provide increased capacity for the expanding campus.

On the lighter side, a new soda shop is being built near the Nursing Building. This octagonal structure will be finished in October and will be a needed relief for all students.

ECU has requested funds in addition to the \$10 million currently being spent on academic improvements from the North Carolina State Legislature. If approved a new building to house the School of Art will be constructed where Old Austin once stood.

University Vice-President and Business Manager, F.D. Duncan expressed an urgent need for more construction. He is quoted as saying, "Despite the fact that we are continuing to expand, we need more buildings."

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