out with the OLD & in with the NEW

Everyone saw the construction work around campus, but few were really sure what facilities were being renovated, and most importantly for themselves, when the projects would be completed. The projects William and Mary undertook were numerous, but reaped large benefits. Having state-of-the-art science buildings, the most efficient technology in the School of Education, and an environmentally friendly Business School allowed William and Mary students and faculty to flourish with top resources at their fingertips.

Mary, however, were confused and disappointed about the side-effects of the construction, one of which was closed roads. As a senior, Kyle Kearney reflected upon her last three years at the College. "The passage behind Swem on Landrum Drive was open my freshman year but has been closed for the past three years at the College. "The passage behind Swem on Landrum Drive was open my freshman year but has been closed for the past three. I don't see any progress in that area, and it has been an eyesore more than anything else," Kearney said.

In addition to being kept informed of what was going on around campus, students wanted projects to start on time. "I have heard of work being done on Small Hall, but it would be nice if they actually started it," senior physics major Andrew Leister said.

One of the most widely known projects was also one affecting a large number of students: the new School of Business. Miller Hall was 160,000 square feet of not only classrooms, but also meeting and conference spaces. While the facility itself was top-of-the-line, students worried the location was not. "I think it's important that they are integrating both the undergraduate and graduate business schools, creating a cohesion between the two," junior Jessica Hecht said. "Unfortunately, the location is very out of the way for those of us who live close to Colonial Williamsburg," Hecht said.

With future projects including the new School of Education, renovations on Tucker and Andrews Hall, and the new $6 million Career Center to be built next to Zable Stadium, construction at the College was something to get used to. However, the many state-of-the-art projects helped students and faculty achieve new levels of success in their work.

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