Campus construction hard to ignore

With bulldozers and men in hard hats congesting the campus, can academics still flow smoothly?

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When going through the main walkway of Gavilan College, it’s hard not to notice the gated areas of construction. Funded by Measure E, this project will be going on longer than most students expected.

If you look around, you will notice that there are no phone lines on campus. This is because everything is underground. Currently workers are updating the electrical wires, gas pipes and telephone lines. They are also installing new boilers, plumbing and electrical systems.

Soon they will be working right through Parking Lot A. This particular project was estimated to take up to about 8 to 10 months. Eight months may seem like a very long time, but this is just the beginning of an even longer process.

After all the underground work is done, the next part of Measure E will take place. One by one, buildings will be torn down. Workers will be rebuilding each one from the bottom up, newly renovated and very much modernized. The classes that take place in the building being worked on will be moved to temporary portable classrooms.

Measure E was passed on March 2, 2004 by the district voters.

This bond money is making it possible for the school to make all these much needed and appreciated renovations. "Gavilan has been in a state of need for a long time. This is the biggest project in our history," said George G. Berezny, CUNA's vice president of administration and business services.

"As long as I don't fall in a ditch, I'm okay."

Lucero Villalobos, Student

College is moving into the 21st century..." says Michael Pedregon, one of the campus custodians.

It's hard for new students to find their classes at any school. But now that Gavilan is under construction, it will be even harder. The debris from the construction may also be a problem for many students and staff with allergies.

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