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Ford van, was towed to the Transportation Center maintenance garage. Until it is back in service, the EMTs are using their station wagon ambulance for emergencies.

Theater staff hears hammers

By **WAYNE COOK**
Battalion Reporter
The pounding of hammers and whining of electric saws echo through Bizzell Hall. Amid saw-

dust, stacks of 2-by-4's and a few crumpled candy wrappers strewn on the floor, the theater arts staff tries not to notice the work on the building's third floor.

The Texas A&M University Physical Plant is remodeling the third floor of Bizzell Hall for its future occupants — the Office of University Research.

All classes previously scheduled to be taught on the third floor of the building have been moved, but the remodeling has proven an inconvenience for theater arts, Richard Sodders, director of theater arts, said. "The workmen just showed up one day and started knocking out the ceiling," he said. Several theater arts faculty members who have offices on the floor are having to work around the workmen.

The remodeling was originally scheduled for this summer, after the theater arts staff had moved to its new facilities in the Academic and Agency Building, William G. Dowling, director of academic planning and services, said.

But, "I think they (physical plant employees) are trying to get a jump on things," he said. "Their schedule is very tight this summer, with all the moving into the Academic and Agency Building." The remodeling includes dropping ceilings, installing new door

facings, carpeting, and Dowling said. A physical spokesman estimated that the job to be \$26,000 to \$30,000.

Sodders may presently be inconvenienced, but he is pleased with the new theater facilities. The new facilities in the Academic and Agency Building include classrooms, faculty offices, a small rehearsal theater, and a ballet bar allowing dance and movement, Sodders said.

There will also be a new costume construction area for costume storage on a level. Sodders said this will be the department to build a wardrobe, something it has been unable to do because of lack of space.

Theater arts will occupy approximately 7,600 square feet of the 257,953-square-foot building, including the 1,118-square-foot rehearsal lab.

The only drawback to the facilities is their distance from the Rudder Theater Complex, where performances are staged, Sodders said.

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