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Summer time is always a tough period for businesses on Marshal Street. But now, a new factor has these businesses under more pressure than ever before. N-C-C News's Sam Carter has more.

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(Nat Sound :03 construction)

Every year at the end of May, thousands of students leave the Syracuse University area. This exodus of people can put a heavy strain on the businesses that line Marshall Street. According to management of some of these businesses, revenues drop between 20 and 70 percent during the summer months. But this year has been especially hard because of a brand new issue, Orange Crate Bartender Monica Nowiki (No-wih-key) explains

(Track 2)

[TAKE SOT

NAME:Monica Nowiki

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DURATION:0'13"]

<" <" The thing is with the construction going on. It's not necessarily that no one comes here. It's usually that you have families going and taking tours of campus and coming in to eat and stuff. But now the construction there is nowhere to park. No one wants to come to this area.">.">

Manager of J Michael Shoes Erik Hicks agrees that construction has been a major problem this summer.

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NAME:Erik Hicks Sound Bite

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<" any locals that want to come up and they hit that... it can be pretty frustrating">

Although things looks bleak now, Shop proprietors do expect business to pick up when construction is completed

I'm Sam Carter..., N-C-C News.