

\$40 million to be expended in 'biggest' building boom

By EUGENE BRODY

A construction boom, perhaps the largest in its history, is underway on the U of A campus.

A total of \$40 million will be spent in the next four to five years, says J. R. B. Jones, campus planning director.

Two major projects have been started already. One is the Henry Marshall Tory Building, the other the new students' union building.

The 14-storey Henry Marshall Tory Building on Saskatchewan Drive and 112 St. will be completed in the summer of 1966.

"The \$5.9 million building will contain the departments of history, geography, political sciences and the humanities.

Tenders for the new students' union building have been called and will close on Nov. 3.

Construction is expected to get underway shortly. The \$4.5 million building, to be located west of the administration building, is expected to be completed by the summer of 1967.

The dark-grey and white center will contain, among other things,

offices for The Gateway, Radio Society, and Evergreen and Gold. A bank, theatre, bowling alley, chapel, cafeteria and new bookstore will be included.

Other buildings will be constructed in the next few years.

A ten-storey clinical building for the faculty of medicine to be built south of the University Hospital, will contain 200,000 sq. ft. Construction is expected to start before Aug. 1966 and completion date slated for June of 1968.

Work is also started on a new \$1.5 million cooling plant. The plant, to be built underground on the riverbank, will provide cool water for air conditioning in all new campus buildings.

Construction will commence in the spring of 1967 on two large buildings for the faculty of physical science. One of the buildings will house the department of chemistry, while the other will house physics, mathematics and computing science.

A new biological sciences building is to be built north of the present structure (on the site of what is now the parking lot). Construction is expected to start in April, 1966, with the completion date scheduled for June, 1968. The building will contain the departments of zoology, botany, genetics, microbiology and psychology.

Expansion of the Cameron Library is expected to begin in 1968. Construction will commence on the site of the present north and south labs.

Expansion into the north Garn-eau area is expected to start in 1968.

Many buildings, now on the drawing boards, will be erected in this area.

The first buildings constructed will house law, commerce, and arts. The latter will include english, classics and languages. These buildings will be constructed along with a fine arts building.

The faculty of law is expected to be housed in a separate building while the fine arts centre will probably be constructed along Saskatchewan Drive.

There is also a long-range planning program for an engineering complex. This complex, to be completed before 1975, will have an area of some 700,000 sq. ft.

The first building will house the department of mining, metallurgy, chemical and petroleum engineering, and workshops for technical services.

Commencement of construction of the eight-storey building will likely begin in March of 1966, with completion slated for June, 1967. It will be located on the northwest corner of the campus.

Other new buildings to be erected in the complex, over a period of ten years, will include a mechanical, civil, and an electrical building, a central classroom and library building.

Planning for all new major buildings is now underway by various academic committees.

Universities committed to the nation, leaders told

By HELENE CHOMIAK

Primarily and fundamentally the university is a body of teachers and students, says Robin Mathews, U of A English lecturer.

"A university existed long before there were presidents and provosts," said Mr. Mathews at the students' union leadership seminar held at Boysdale Camp at the weekend.

"All the buildings in the world plugged with administrators and machines cannot be a university no matter how many ribbons are cut, until one student arrives and one teacher, and one says to the other, 'let us ask ourselves about something.'"

But the university has changed throughout the ages, he said.

"Once it was wholly a theological institution, but later the university became more man centered," the lecturer said.

A more recent invasion was by the sciences which pretend not to be man centered though they really are, and the final subversion is by "psuedo or social sciences," he said.

"However, it is still a place of retreat, entrenchment, and intellectual growth and change," said Mr. Mathews, who added leadership seminars make him nervous because they are "put on by the wrong people to get the right people in a situation where they can be brainwashed and turned into rubber stamps."

Society is trying to "turn university into a Safeway store, where you pay your money, go through

the turnstiles, and get a degree," he said.

"Since university has become a 'status symbol' as many people as possible are trying to get three or four years of formal courses, said Mr. Mathews.

"Soon anything that spends 12 years in a high school will be admitted," he said. "Mass education may be bad."

Legislatures have become terribly concerned about universities because they are "terribly expensive" and "hot-beds of stimulus and response."

"Illogical propaganda disseminated by the department or state can't be accepted by critical men," he said.

"Critical man-thinking is dangerous to constituted authorities and the status quo."

They may try to repress free inquiry, he said.

"Canadian universities should consider with the greatest care the role played in them by citizens of the United States as teachers.

"I'm not sure we should have them," he added.

They are here for a higher salary and are politically impotent because the United States can cut off their citizenship and leave them stateless, said the English professor.

"But we need all of the intellectual community to be committed to the nation."

"Canada is in the most critical period in its history, and not only do we have grave problems, we have 'no leader,' he concluded.

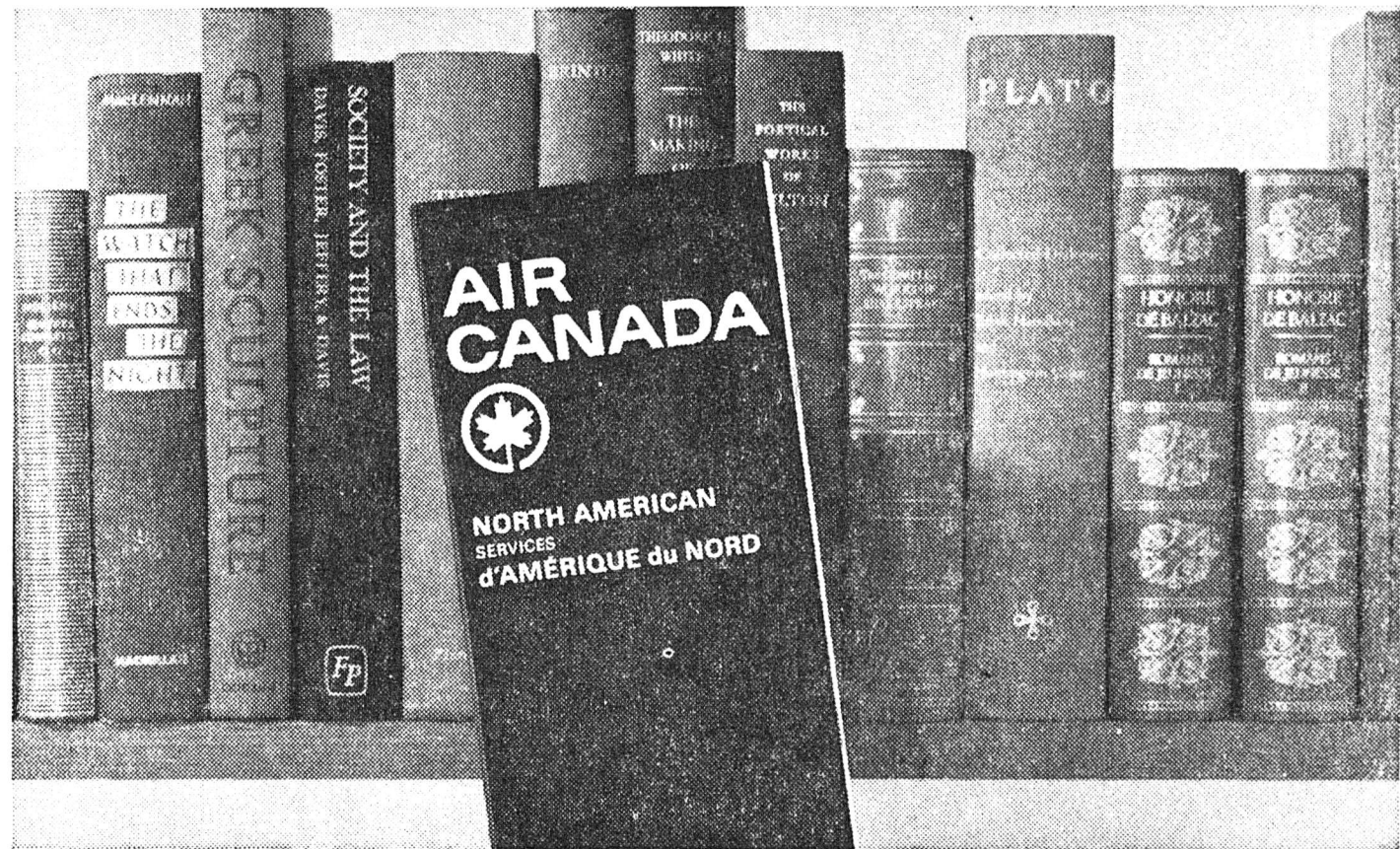
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