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Fast food chains coming to York

by Enza Vaccher
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Some very popular names are coming to York.

Wendy's, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Panzerotto and Pizza, Caraway's Delicatessen, Manchu Wok, Treats, and Yogen Fruz will all be in the Student Centre.

If everything goes as scheduled, the York community will see this become a reality in the middle of March, 1990. March 15 is the target date for the opening of the Student Centre's food court. It will have a seating area for 550 people, making it one of the largest food courts in the Metro area. The office spaces in the Centre will be completed within the three months following the main floor's opening.

The Student Centre Corporation (SCC) is looking forward to the opening. Its members insisted the public area of the Centre be finished before the academic one because they wanted students to see a completed section before the end of the school year.

Rob Castle, the Centre's general manager, is sure students will be pleased with the wide variety of foods to be offered in the court. His reasons for choosing a

broad variety of big-name tenants?

"We wanted big names because we knew the market here at York was huge," he said. "There is a lot of money to be made."

He said that the big names have played a part in the new projections for the food court's revenues. He said that after conducting market research, the SCC is expecting to receive \$250,000 more than it had originally forecast in conservative estimates made last January.

Castle also said they chose different types of foods to avoid competition within the court itself.

When asked how he thinks these food outlets will affect caterers already on campus, Castle said it will provide some very healthy competition.

"Overall, everyone will benefit," he added.

Castle said the food court tenants will not accept scrip because the university has to ensure that Marriott has a guaranteed market.

"Our tenants would love to accept scrip," Castle said. He said resident students will have to take up the issue with the administration. He also said, however, that the first concern for the SCC is the commuter students.

"The aim is to provide commuters with a home which they cur-

rently don't have," Castle said. "A lot of the services we are providing are being done with the commuter student in mind."

Director of housing and food services Norman Crandles foresees a loss in sales for campus caterers Elite and Marriott almost immediately after the food court opens.

"We expect a 50 per cent drop in sales," he said. "However, we expect that over the course of time, it will balance out."

Crandles said the cafeteria in Central Square will be hurt the most. It is now used as a meeting place, but after the food court opens, he feels students will probably hang out in the Student Centre instead.

How will the present caterers deal with the loss of business?

Elite Foods, the caterer in Central Square, only has one year left on its contract. Crandles doesn't know whether it will be doing anything to combat the competition.

"Elite has been at York for about 10 years," he said. "They have never changed the variety of their food during that time, so they probably won't start now."

Some areas will not be hurt that much by the anticipated competition, Crandles said. He said, because of the meal plans, Marriott will not lose many customers in the colleges and that places like Marky's are stable and will retain their business.

Buildings need reconstruction

All tenants must leave 4 and 8 Assiniboine

by Andrew Goss

All tenants must vacate the 370 apartments at 4 and 8 Assiniboine Road (south of Osgoode Hall Law School) by May 15 in order to allow for the building's restoration, said director of housing and food services Norman Crandles. By that time, said Crandles, the new townhouses being built nearby will have been completed and there will also be ample space available in the other two Assiniboine apartments as well as at 22 Moon Road for the dislodged students.

Also, the entire housing, food services and beverage departments, which are housed in 4 Assiniboine, will have to move. Crandles said he doesn't know where these offices will be moved to yet.

The restoration project is similar to one done on 6 Assiniboine during the summer of 1987. The main problem, explained Crandles, stems from a chemical — calcium chloride — which was added to the cement during the construction of the apartments in order to speed up its the drying process. This was apparently a common method used in the late '60s. Added to the cement problem is the fact that there are a few shelf angles missing (shelf angles are metal reinforcements on the corners of buildings) and the net results are cracks in the concrete. Crandles compared the problems to "cavities that need fillings."

The 'fillings' will cost between \$3 million to \$5 million, said Crandles. In 1987, \$1.6 million was spent on 6 Assiniboine. Crandles was not sure where the money will come from to finance the restora-

tion due to the fact that the reserves in building maintenance were spent on the 1987 project.

The company that constructed the apartments, Vroom Construction, was also responsible for the building of both Bethune and Stong residences. However, the director of construction Michael London said that a different type of concrete was used in the building of the two residences.

The York University Tenants Association's (YUTA) president Lance Odland said he is happy with the guarantee received from Crandles that there will be spots available for all who have to vacate. Odland said also that Crandles has promised to provide boxes and moving aids, such as dollies, to help the students with the moving process. YUTA realizes the construction will take most of the summer.

Calumet building over budget

The Calumet College Building project is about \$1.25 million over budget, said Henry Graupner, manager of York's facilities planning and management. Graupner has the primary responsibility for determining Calumet's building budget.

Originally it was estimated at a June 26 Board of Governors' (BOG) meeting that the budget was \$1.5 million over, but the Calumet Project Committee reduced the budget to the current sum.

The budget "overrun" occurred because the initial budget was established in the early stages of planning before the working drawings, and additional changes, were made, said Graupner.

A basement was added to one of the buildings and an increase in height of the buildings was made, he explained.

"The facilities of the building have not increased," said Graupner, "but the space for the facilities has." The budget increase will cover the cost of this increased space, he added.

Two-thirds of the additional money will come from revenue generated from undergraduate rents over a period of time, from the residence portion of the building. Graupner could not give an estimate of rental rates.

The remaining third of the money will be covered by York University Development Corporation (YUDC) generated funds, according to the minutes from the BOG meeting.

Two-thirds of the three-storey

building will be for residence rooms for 264 students, and one-third will be for academic and administrative space for classrooms and offices for professors and support staff.

The building, located west of Stong and Bethune, is presently under construction. Foundations for the residence portion are 85 per cent complete, said Debbie Kee, communications officer for the construction department of York's physical plant. Laundry rooms, porter stations and caissons (foundation chambers) are completed and all the caissons for the academic portion of the building will be done on Friday.

Kee said the project is "right on schedule" and will be ready for occupancy in the late summer of 1990.