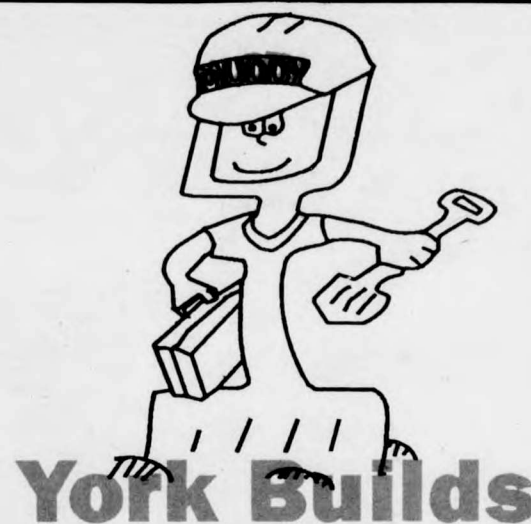


Welcome to new and returning students!

York University is in the midst of a massive campus development program. Our aim is not only to create new space for classrooms, faculty and staff offices and student housing, but to build facilities that will enhance the academic, cultural and social life of the University and improve the convenience, safety and attractiveness of the campus.

This newsletter provides a brief description of building projects currently underway.

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PROJECT UPDATES

Student Centre

The Student Centre is located east of the Behavioural Sciences Building (you can't miss the prominent skylights) and is designed to create additional space for student activities. The Centre will accommodate a variety of facilities including a food court, restaurant/pub, student club space, student government offices, child care facility, art gallery and a used bookstore. The Student Centre will be independently managed by the Student Centre Corporation.

York Lanes

Located directly east of the Student Centre, the York Lanes project will consist of new offices and retail facilities. The York Lanes project will also house a upgraded and expanded bookstore - comparable to some of the best university bookstores in Canada and the United States.

Vari Hall

Currently under construction in front of the Ross Building, Vari Hall will incorporate new instructional facilities as well as faculty and staff offices for selected academic departments. The formal entry pavilion to the building will become the main focus for the campus.

Calumet College and Residence

Located at the west side of the York campus near Stong and Bethune colleges, the project will provide a new home for Calumet students. The building will combine college administrative offices and space for student activities with a 264-bed residence for undergraduate students.

Niagara Boulevard Widening

To alleviate traffic congestion at the south side of the campus, Niagara Boulevard was widened to four lanes (from Murray Ross Parkway to Fraser Drive) over the summer.

Crosswalk Upgrades

Activities are under-way to upgrade some of our campus crosswalks to new and safer standards. A pushbutton device will activate overhead flashing amber beacons so that drivers have advanced warning of pedestrians crossing. New standards at all crosswalks around Fraser Drive are expected to be operational this Fall. Please take time to read the following "Six Steps to Crossover Safety", supplied by the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto:

1. Stop and look. When you approach the crossover, come to a complete stop. And dismount if you are riding a bicycle. Look in both directions for a reasonable and safe gap in traffic.

2. Push the button. Find the button that activates the lights and push it. Make sure the button lights up, then you know the overhead amber lights are flashing.

3. Look. Look. Be sure to look in both directions down the street. Make sure all approaching drivers have seen the flashing lights and are slowing down.

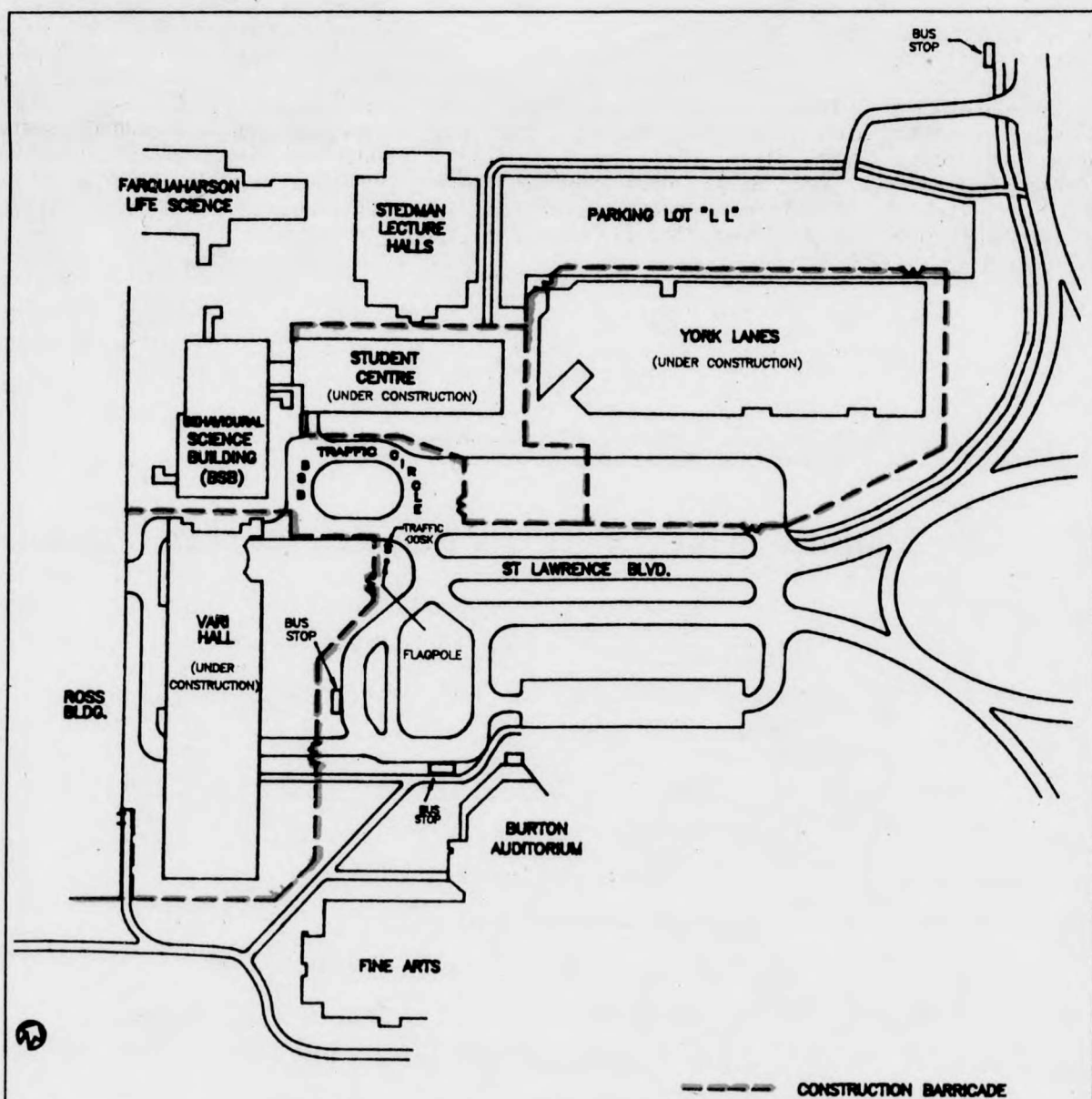
4. Point. Extend your arm and point in the direction that you intend to walk using the crossover. Make eye contact with all drivers to make sure they are following your movements.

5. Wait. Stand and wait safely on the side of the road where you can be seen until the traffic in the closest lanes comes to a complete stop.

6. Walk. Start to move into the road only when you are certain traffic in the lanes in front of you has come to a complete stop. Then walk carefully into the crossover and wait for all traffic going in the opposite direction to stop. Then finish crossing the street.

Parking Lot 9A

For the convenience of all members of the community, a "temporary overflow" parking lot has been created at the southeast corner of the campus (near HH Lot). The lot will accommodate close to 750 additional vehicles and, we hope, will bring much needed relief to the parking situation on campus during the start of the new academic year.



ACCESS DISRUPTION

With the on-going construction of the Student Centre, York Lanes and Vari Hall, construction activities will be more intense at the central core of the campus. Safe and convenient alternatives are being planned to minimize impact on pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Directional signage will be plentiful to assist members of the community in travelling around construction zones.

The map illustrates the location of construction barricades for active projects near the central core and routes to travel around the sites. Orange lines indicate construction barricades for Vari Hall, Student Centre and York Lanes near the Central core of the campus.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

While some disruption and inconvenience will be inevitable during the construction programme, you can help us help you by:

- identifying problem areas/unsafe conditions by calling the Construction Hotline at 736-5445.
- observing signage
- keeping yourself informed of access changes/disruptions reported in the *York Builds* newsletter and the *York Bulletin*.