

Campus update: "running smooth"

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The signs are everywhere: mud, dust, noise, pot-holes, and more mud. York's \$100 million construction campaign is underway and, according to York officials, almost everything is running smoothly.

As promised, the York administration has taken steps to ease some of the pain. A hot-line to inform the community about construction development began operation last month. It is manned 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., although Director of Construction for the Department of Physical Plant Mike London said that "as things heat up, as the hot-line heats up, we may have to man it on a 24-hour basis."

As well, the Advisory Committee on Physical Access, which London heads, is ensuring that access to the campus is maintained through diversion of walkways, roads, and bus routes during construction. The committee is also looking into changes to the Scott Library loading dock, including the installation of a

freight elevator, as the Ross loading dock will close during construction of the Entry Pavilion. The installation of a loading ramp at the Behavioural Science Building is also being considered.

- Student Centre Corporation Vice-Chairman Mourad Mardikian reports that everything is on schedule with the Centre, to be located east of BSB. Excavation is scheduled to start in mid-January, with completion slated for February 1990. According to Mardikian, the project is still budgeted at \$14.5 million. The SCC is waiting for new estimates, which will include interior layout, but is confident that these will come in on budget.

- London reports that Reserved Lot AA (East of the Ross Building) will be shut down when construction on the Centre begins. He said the lot will remain open as long as possible, and that "we may not even use all of it," as space for the student centre.

- Phase three of the Fine Arts Centre is still scheduled for completion

next fall, according to London. There were a few budget problems that were ironed out when the electrical and mechanical operations of the building were redesigned.

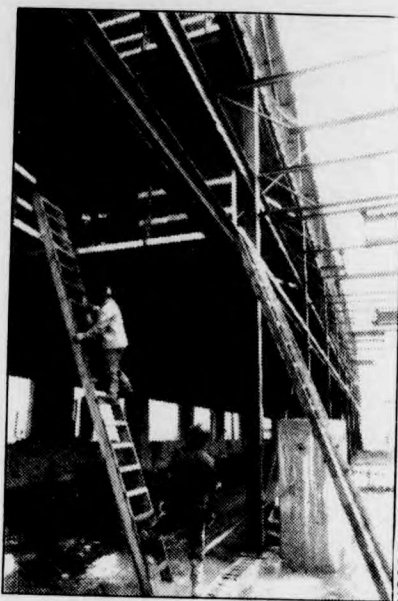
The building will house the theatre, film, and video departments.

- The Entry Pavilion and New Academic Building — to be built just east of the Ross Building — are on schedule, but still in the design stages. Architectural drawings will likely be ready in the spring, and construction should begin sometime next summer, London said.

A Temporary Classroom Building will be erected east of the Physical Plant Building. London hopes to have it in use by January 1989. The building will be converted to offices once the New Academic Building is completed.

- The Computer Methods Building on Keele, north of the Kinsmen Building, is "just about ready to roll," said London. It will be leased out as office and retail space.

- The Retail Consolidation Build-



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FINE ARTS PHASE III: Budget problems ironed out.

ing is still in the early planning stages. The complex would have 48,000 square feet of retail space and 55,000 square feet of office space, and would be built east of the Student Centre.

- Two student housing projects are at different stages. Plans for a 270-bed undergraduate residence are being drawn and the building, to be built should be completed by August 1990.

Construction on apartment-style low-rise residences, consisting of 214 bachelor and 162 one-bedroom units, will begin as soon as the contract is awarded. The apartments will be located south of Osgoode and across from the Assiniboine Road residences. London said it is unlikely that they will be ready by the original target date of August 1989.

The Ministry of Colleges and Universities has allocated about \$8.5 million to the housing projects.

- Extensive work is underway on Fraser Drive in preparation for the new residences. Assiniboine Road is currently being used at a detour. London hopes to get the bulk of work done by early December, including paving, but he said that more work will have to be completed next summer.

Daycare

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ing to Meikle, will cause greater problems next year.

The CDC is currently running on a \$104,000 deficit. In addition, the province has ordered CDC to paint the daycare, purchase about \$11,500 in cots and toys, but will not provide additional funding. Failure to comply with the province could result in the loss of CDC's license.

Michael Kurts, Communications Assistant to the Minister of Community and Social Services, says the government hasn't changed its policy. "In the past, daycare subsidies have been offered to other places in Ontario. Other places haven't used their subsidized childcare spaces, so Metro got them. This year, they are able to use those spaces, and more, so there are none left to reallocate to Metro."

In addition, Metro will only admit a child from its 5,000-child waiting list if another leaves the system. This "one in for one out" controlled admission system allows a child to enter anywhere in the Metro daycare system, not necessarily where there is a vacancy.

"If a lot of children leave CDC at the end of the school year, we may not be able to fill the spaces," says Meikle. If CDC cannot fill its spaces, it "could be in danger of being closed down."

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Despite the results of Crandles' and Seaman's meeting, Dan Silver, Founders College Council President and member of the Cock and Bull management board, was still not happy with the predicament the pub is in.

"The probation is still unjustified, as we have not been found guilty of any infraction," Silver said. "(The Cock and Bull) should not be on any probation whatsoever."

Crandles will make his final decision after further meeting with Seaman.

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