

FASS building shaping up nicely

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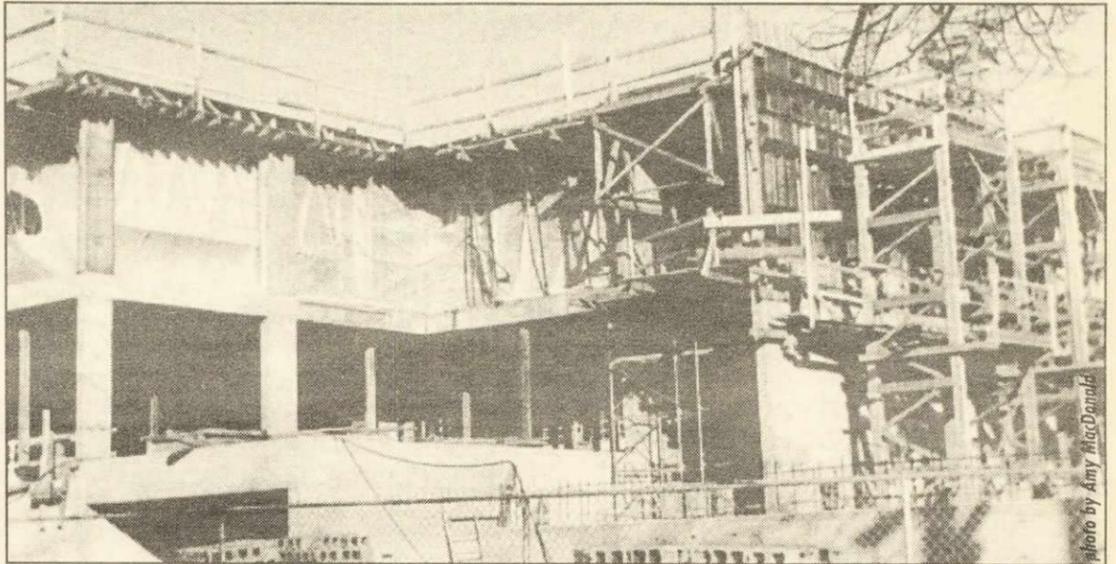
The construction of the Facilities for Arts and Social Sciences building (FASS) is going "extremely well" according to Facilities Manager Bill Lord.

The good weather in Halifax has been helping to move ahead. 98 percent of the concrete has been poured and the third floor will soon be started. The construction of the building is under the same firm manager as the new Computer Science building.

Many people on campus have noticed the significant change since the beginning of the break.

"It's been going up quickly since the Christmas holidays," said Raymond Martin, a Dalhousie student.

Bill Lord says the budget was a bit of a struggle and needed to be increased. But he is cautiously confident that the building will be finished by September. Lord also says that Dalhousie students were the million-dollar donors to the building.



Shapely: FASS Building starting to look well rounded.

New law cuts down on drunk drivers

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A new law brought in by the Nova Scotia government on December 1 has had some effect on the number of drunk driving offenses, says the Halifax Regional Police Department.

Constable Frank Bowes says the actual numbers on drunk drivers won't be available until February or March, but he says there were random spot checks over the holidays and 11,000 vehicles were checked. Of those vehicles stopped, no one was charged with drunk driving offenses. Two people had their licenses suspended for 24 hours and five drivers were suspected as being drunk and taken off the road.

Drunk driving offenses in-

clude driving while intoxicated, refusing a breathalyser and failing a breathalyser test. If the officer thinks he smells alcohol, that is reason enough to administer the breathalyser. If the person refuses to take the test, then that is a drunk driving offense.

Constable Bowes says although the real numbers on drunk driving aren't ready yet, there have probably been more arrests. These arrests would have been made at places other than the spot checks.

Bowes says the public is starting to get the message on not drinking and driving. He says people are making better decisions when they go out drinking and the evidence for this is in the numbers at the spot checks.



SWIM TEAM HAS EXOTIC TRAINING CAMP

Over the Christmas break, 24 members of the swim team left for Barbados for a training camp. The team was down south for twelve days. They stayed in Bridgetown, Barbados.

The team practiced for two hours each day, once at six in the morning and again at four in the afternoon. In the meantime, they were free to sightsee, travel and sunbathe. They did a lot of work and further solidified its team building process.

The swim team has done this four times in the past eight years. Similar training camps had been held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and at the University of Miami.

NO NEW DENTAL FEES

The dental clinic at Dalhousie said would not increase prices even though similar clinics at other Canadian universities are. The increases are due to rising metal prices. The increased prices on metal brought the price of dental work up three hundred percent.

Dalhousie's dental clinic was still using metals from the year before. But the director of the clinic, Dr. Cunningham, said the clinic was set up with the goal to not increase prices.

Dr. Cunningham said there will probably be more fees for dentistry students in the following years.

PRIME MINISTER JOE COMES TO HALIFAX

Joe Clark came to Halifax on the election trail this week in 1980. Clark said that Canada has no responsibility in external affairs, especially in the crisis between the Soviet Union and Afghanistan.

Clark said that the Trudeau government stopped selling nuclear arms to India without consulting the opposition parties. And now, Clark says he wants to do things without having to consult his opposition. The Clark government, in its election platform, said it plans to impose cultural and economic measures against the Soviet government.

Who Knew?

Creatures of the Ice Age

The woolly mammoth lived during one of the ice ages, and closely resembled the modern day elephant. These mammals ate willow, fir, and alder leaf plants. Although they lived during an ice age (full of very low temperatures), the woolly mammoth stayed warm by growing long coats of hair.

Researchers suggest that the mammoth lived in northern parts of Asia, America and Europe.

We aren't completely sure why these mammals became extinct. It's been theorized that man came on the scene and began hunting the mammoth, or perhaps they moved into the mammal's habitat.

The last woolly mammoth died approximately 10,000 years ago.

Birthdays (Friday, January 14)

Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965)

The 1952 Nobel Peace Prize winner was known as a humanitarian, medical missionary, musician and theologian. Schweitzer travelled throughout Europe, Africa, and the United States to fundraise for the extensive medical facilities that he established throughout the world.

"A profound Christian, Schweitzer was unorthodox in that he rejected the historical infallibility of Jesus while following him spiritually".

Benedict Arnold (1741-1801)

Although he started with good intentions, fighting as an American Revolutionary General, Arnold eventually turned to treason. It all started in 1775 when Arnold unsuccessfully invaded Canada through the forests of Maine. After not getting the promotion he felt he deserved, with time Arnold became embittered towards Congress. He was eventually court martialled after disputes with local authorities but he was cleared of these minor charges and reprimanded by Washington. Despite this punishment, he was given command of Fort West Point. Meanwhile, he had already begun his treasonable correspondence with New York City's Sir Henry Clinton. In this correspondence he arranged to delude West Point in exchange for money and British commissions. After the plot was unveiled, Arnold escaped and lived unrewarded as an unhappy outcast in England and Canada.

Quote of the day

"When we observe contemporary society one thing strikes us, we debate but make no progress. Why? Because as people we do not yet trust each other" — Albert Schweitzer.

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Watch for upcoming job postings available at the Student Employment Office in mid-January.

An information session will be held in late January to answer all your questions with interviews following in February. Don't miss out on this great opportunity!



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