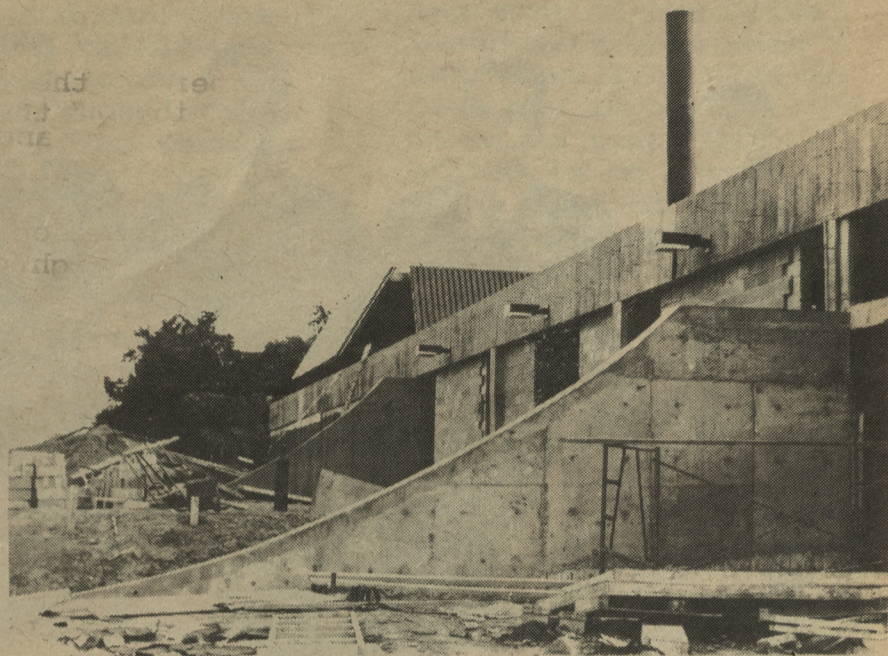


Kampus Konstruction

FACTS...

The construction is being carried out by Williams, Murphy, & MacLeod of Summerside and Charlottetown. There are four foremen, namely Brendon Ostridge, Vernon Snow, Bill Hicken, and Harry Yeo. In addition to this there are also two competent timekeepers, Hal MacDonald and Dale Cooke. Construction began last fall and is to be completed hopefully around the end of November. The new building, located next to the rink is to be completed approximately by the end of September. This building will serve as a storage depot as well as for a heating plant. We may not appreciate the state the campus is presently in but there have been many much needed improvements made or underway. The underground tunnels that have been constructed are approximately one-half mile long and connect every building on campus. Much to the disappointment of we students, the tunnels are to be used by maintenance only. Numerous sewers, manholes, electric pipelines, steam pipes, water pipes, and sanitary pipes have made their appearance on campus much to our delight. Resident students will be glad to hear there is a new heating system for the campus as well as outdoor lighting. Believe it or not the worst is over. The tunnels are almost completed and once they are the holes will be eliminated; it is hoped this will be done before the end of September. The stabilizing and paving of the new sidewalks is well underway and just in time for the influx of approximately 1400 boisterous students.

There is a very solid reason behind all the torn up ground- the more open areas there are the more crews can work and the sooner the job will be completed. At present, there are approximately 100 men employed and soon we will appreciate what is being done. As an added interest grass will be planted in the near future and next spring we should have a green campus again!



AND FEELINGS

UPEI will never look the same again! Judging by the disaster area that once served as a campus, this theory seems more than logical. Grass, now only a memory, has given way to mounds of earth, piles of concrete slabs, piping, and road machines. The probability of improvement appears distant at this point.

Returning students will be grateful for (definitely) small mercies. Summer session students also had to contend with various trenches randomly dug throughout the campus. One careless second of inattention could land you up to your neck in one of the pipelines. Pig and Whistles provided numerous casualties but it is known that even our very sober Security Police were found dangling 12 feet under to their chagrin. These traps were mostly obliterated last week, however- enrollment is down as it is- no need to lose a few more!

Of no less importance than danger to life and limb are the economic considerations of all these improvements(?). The former parking lot in front of Marion and Bernadine Halls is an excellent example. Approximately \$1000 worth of good pavement was ripped up only to be replaced by almost an equal amount designated as sidewalks. It is not surprising, with brilliant economical moves such as these, that UPEI is financially unstable- the situation doesn't appear to be improving!

Nevertheless, amid this grim expanse, a few readily noteable changes are evident. The new parking lot (well behind campus) has reached final completion- a blessing until it's time to get out of the car and start the trek through snow and ice to class. This, however, is an unavoidable hazard! The rapid advancement made on the new co-ed residence is of no small importance as well.

But whatever the redeeming qualities of the campus construction, I doubt if they will count for much as students slip, slide, and glide through rich red mud to class. May every student possess gumrubbers, old clothes, and an unfailing sense of humour!



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