

New HUB construction continues

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Completion of the new additions to the HUB, including a bookstore and a new dining room, is scheduled tentatively for December 15, 1974.

According to John D. Miller, director of physical plant planning and new construction, the construction is continuing on the schedule set last year.

"The HUB was originally designed to be added onto," Miller said, but since the HUB was completed in 1955, no additions have been constructed to accommodate the building's growing services.

According to HUB Manager William Fuller, the University Board of Trustees approved plans for expansion 10 years ago but construction costs delayed the project until last year.

The project is the result of a year's planning by a group of faculty, students and staff members. The committee developed the plans which were approved by the

Board. Bids were taken from contractors and the contract was awarded to G.M. McCrossin, Inc., of Bellefonte.

The expansion is expected to cost \$5.6 million and will be funded solely by the University. "The HUB is the same as the dorms," Fuller said. "There will be no state money used in the construction. The trustees must provide the funding."

The new additions were designed by Philadelphia architects Harbeson, Hough, Livingston and Larson.

An 800-seat triangular dining room will be built in an adjacent unit on the east side of the existing structure, facing White Building.

The cafeteria-style Terrace Room will be moved to the east addition and the present dining facilities will be used for an expanded snack bar, Fuller said.

He also said part of the HUB parking lot is closed because of the construction of a new kitchen stretching under the lot. "After it is completed, the ground will be

covered over and the lot will be restored to its original form," Fuller said.

A new four-floor wing will be built to the west of the existing building, with the fourth floor extending over the existing structure. The area will be used for student activity offices and other areas to be determined later.

The lower levels of the west wing will be used for expanded operations of a 45,000-square-foot interim bookstore. The bookstore will deal mainly with texts and trade books but also will offer a line of stationery and other University-related items and gifts.

The existing courtyard will be enclosed to the north of the building, leaving the front open to form a student lounge.

Fuller said the building will remain open during construction. "Outside of a little inconvenience for people entering the building and the closing of certain rooms, the building will be functioning normally," he said.

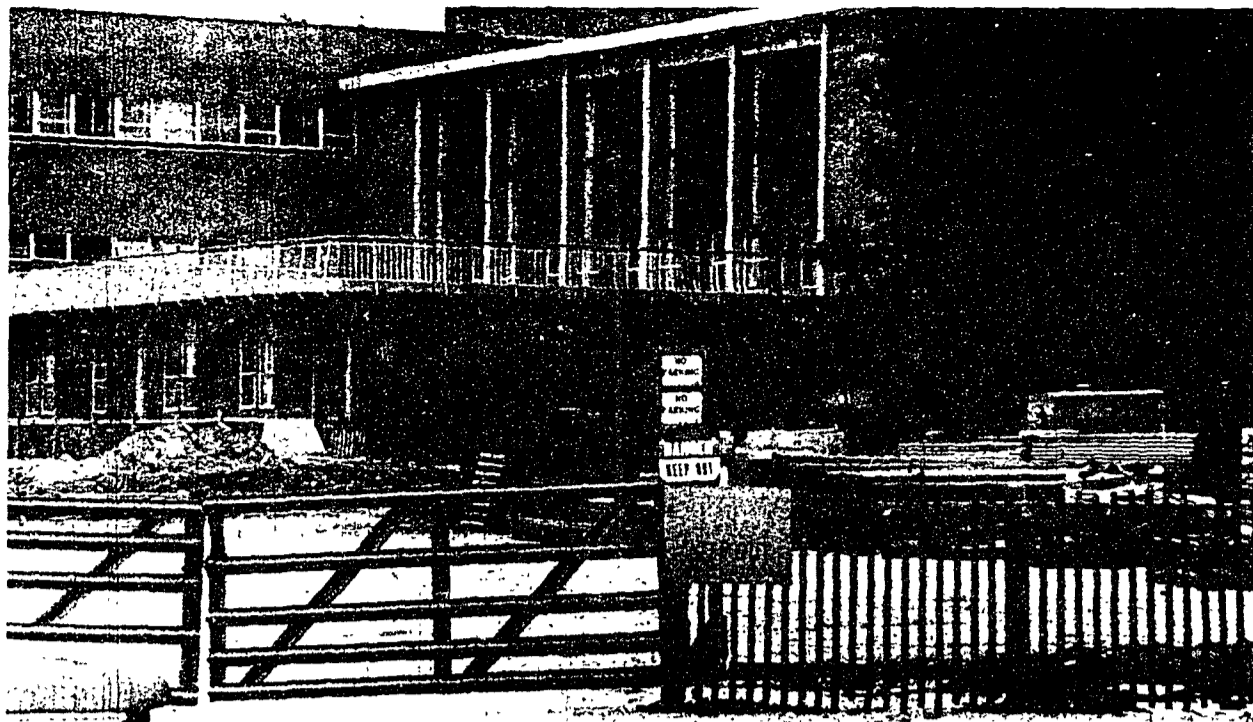


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But the official, Charles J. DiBona, said there was no evidence so far that any such oil cut-off was threatened.

Last weekend Libya nationalized 51 per cent of all the foreign oil companies operating there, and King Feisal of Saudi Arabia is believed to favor using oil as a way of influencing U.S. policy toward Israel.

Libya also announced a stiff

price increase of more than \$1 per barrel.

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