

Landscaping

Arboretum Being Built

By Ian Turnbull

Plans to build a 700 acre arboretum along the Humber River from Highway 27 to the Clairville Dam have been accepted in principal by the Board of Governors and three other interested groups.

The co-ordinator of Landscaping and Technology, Rick Hook, said the Board of Governors, Borough of Etobicoke, Metro Parks and Recreation Committee, and the Regional Conservation Authority have approved the spending of \$1,000 in additional costs to cover planning fees.

The groups are now "looking at a legal agreement to comit themselves further to the plan", said Mr. Hook.

Harry Edmunds, Director of Physical Resources, said recent budget cuts have not affected the planning of the arboretum and that Humber has approved of money being spent for the second phase of the plan.

Of the 700 acres to be used, Humber owned 130 and has since acquired 200 more. Other owners include Lonsmount Construction Ltd., Deltane Construction, Woodbine Downs Ltd., The Ontario Jockey Club, and the Conservation Authority of Ontario.

Much of the land is located on a flood plain and is unsuitable for commercial development. It is hoped that the present owners will be amenable to the arboretum proposal.

The arboretum will include greenhouses, gardens, and wooded areas with pathways, along with recreational facilities. There are to be riding trails, a track, a baseball diamond and picnic areas. Public facilities such as washrooms and shelters are planned as well.

The construction of the arboretum is to be spread over a period of 10 or more years.

Hired to do the landscaping is Don Hancock a professional architectural landscaper.

Humber has received a donation of 150

trees and shrubs from Weall & Cullens Nurseries Ltd., to be planted on the 28 and 29 of April.

Grass seed was also received from Otto Pick Seeds Ltd., said Mr. Hook, who expressed thanks for the donations.

Last year \$50,000 was spent on a drainage and water system for the area which is southwest of the school.

Mr. Hook said it is the drainage and water system that will absorb most of the projects expenditure.

Development and maintenance of the arboretum will necessitate substantial additional funding from the other agencies involved.

Landscaping students will also work on the arboretum for a two week period in September as part of their training. This will be worked into the course on a continual basis.

Osler

Spaghetti feast

by Brad Hibner

Wine and soft music accented the candlelight spaghetti banquet at Osler last Wednesday night. The feast was organized to raise funds for second-year Nursing graduation brooches. There are over 100 nursing students expected to graduate this semester. Their gold-filled custom-made brooches are expected to cost about \$40 each.

Maria Corvinelli, second-year Nursing Student, organized the evening with the assistance of Marney McAlpine, residence supervisor. A dozen other students participated as cooks, waitresses, and maintenance between 5:30 and 7:30.

"We didn't do badly," said Ms. Corvinelli. "We managed to raise about \$230. That's about \$90 profit," she said with a smile.