**Construction of new buildings goes well**

By Joel Clack

Work continues smoothly on the two major construction projects on campus: the Arts and Media Technology Center (building E15) and the EG&G Educational Center (building 34). "We've had a fantastic winter," said Campus Architect Harry P. Portney.

Completion of the Arts and Media Center is set for April 1984, according to Director of Finance John A. Currie '57. Pledges totaling close to $20 million of the estimated building and maintenance costs of $22 million have already been received for the building.

Costs have risen for the Arts and Media Center since its inception, Currie noted, but "... not substantively. They redesigned the curtain wall and got some new bids." Full completion of the Arts and Media Center, including the furnishings, is set for fall 1984, contingent upon the raising of additional funds, said Nelson C. Lees '53, Director of Resource Development.

The EG&G Educational Center is scheduled for completion in fall 1984, according to Harold E. Edgerton '27, Kenneth Germe-shaw '31, and Herbert Co- Ves '33. The three donors pledged $15 million of the estimated building and maintenance costs of $22 million.

**Kitchen construction begins**

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and accepted by both parties. The proposal by Senior House students to place the kitchens in the basement of the Holmes and Atkinson entries and on upper floorsspanning entries was also approved by the Corporation Executive Committee.

Over 7% of the students were in favor of the kitchen plan," said Margaret Kayser, housemistress of Senior House. "It is a pleasant surprise that the [basement] construction is going well." "It was a very amicable solution," declared H. Eugene Brammer, director of Housing and Food Services. "An added advantage is that with the current plans, the net loss of housing space is zero," which "was a prime consideration in building the kitchen," he noted.

Residents in both dormitories will be given the option of choosing commons meals, should they not desire to cook, Brammer noted.

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