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**Hub City garage rises slab by slab**  
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NEW BRUNSWICK: Concrete panels weighing up to 70,000 pounds have been hoisted into place for an 815-car parking garage taking shape at George and Morris streets.

The garage, being built along with the College Hall dormitory, is about 30 percent complete, according to the New Brunswick Development Corp., but the parking site will likely not open until the first quarter of 2005.

Although the garage is expected to be mostly complete by the end of this year, its exit will take drivers under College Hall, and dorm construction must be largely finished before anyone can drive beneath it, said **DevCo** President Christopher Paladino.

"We have to wait to a point that inspectors are comfortable that there's enough completion of College Hall," Paladino said.

The garage is largely being put together using concrete slabs that are made in Pennsylvania, with the reinforcing bars inside, and then sent whole to New Brunswick. They are being stored at the old police station on Route 18 until workers can bring them to the construction site.

Workers are generally adding 13 to 15 slabs a day using a massive crane that has forced a closure of Morris Street, said Sarah Clarke, **DevCo** vice president. On their best day workers hauled in 24 slabs of varying sizes, she said.

Next to the garage, work on the 12-story, 671-bed dorm also continues. College Hall is expected to open in 2005. The garage and dorm are expected to cost a combined \$75 million.

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