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UNDERGROUND TUNNELS

PROJECT 1: Spatial and Sensory Mapping

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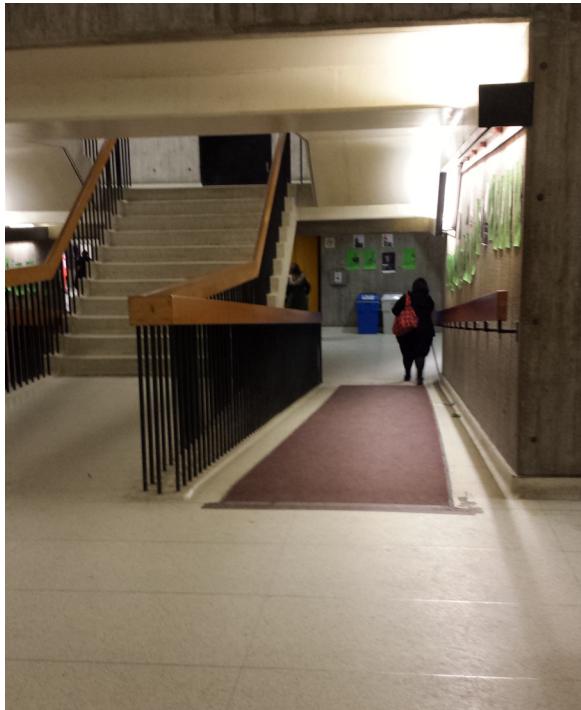


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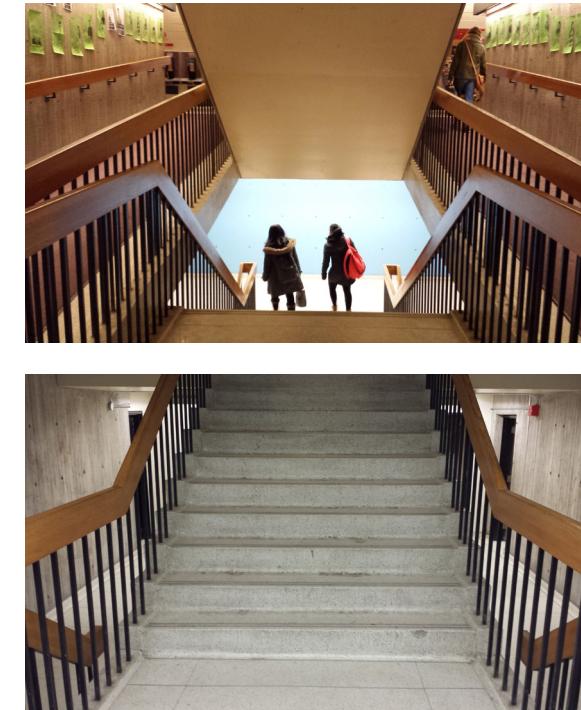
The spatial and sensory map is an indoor/underground walking route on York University campus (North York, ON) that I often take during the winter semester. Stretching from Vari Hall to the Tait MacKenzie Centre (athletic facility), it is a ten-minute route that is intended to be an alternate route from Campus Walk when temperatures drop below zero or when avoiding rain or snow. It passes key buildings on Campus Walk—Vari Hall, Ross Building, Central Square, Curtis Lecture Hall, Lassonde Building, Steacie Science and Engineering Library, the Observatory, Petrie Science and Engineering, and the Chemistry Building—and is an ideal route for anyone who needs to stop at any of the key buildings. During the day, I walk this route by myself. In the evenings, however, I take the route with others who head towards/back from Tait MacKenzie Centre—the route is seldom travelled in the evenings and is potentially a security hazard. My field study began on January 29, 2014 until February 5, 2014, travelling the route four times.



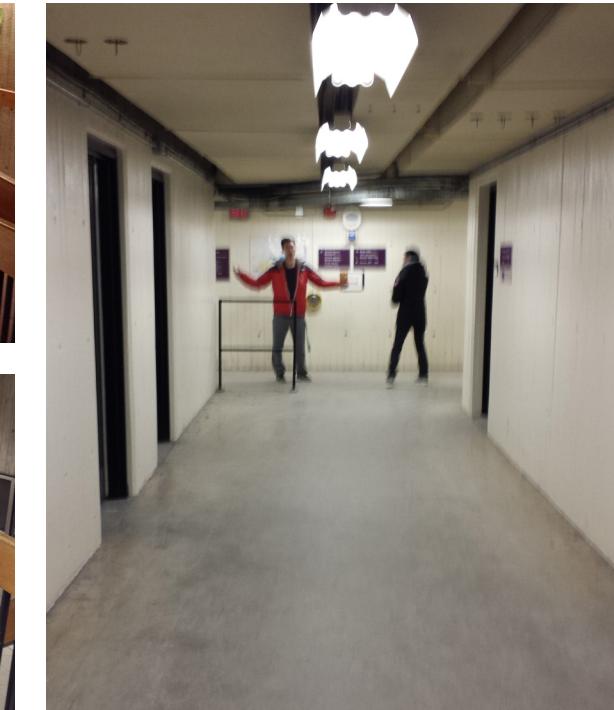
CURTIS LECTURE HALL
Hallway between Central Square Curtis
Lecture Hall (north of Tim Hortons/Pizza Pizza)



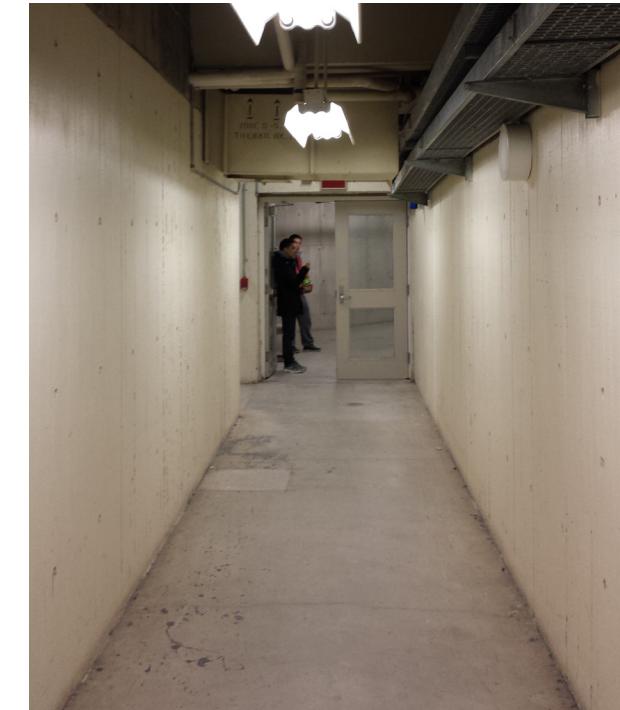
CURTIS LECTURE HALL
North of Tim Hortons



CURTIS LECTURE HALL
Down the ramp and flight of stairs



LOWER LEVEL CURTIS LECTURE HALL
Technically the Central Square Basement



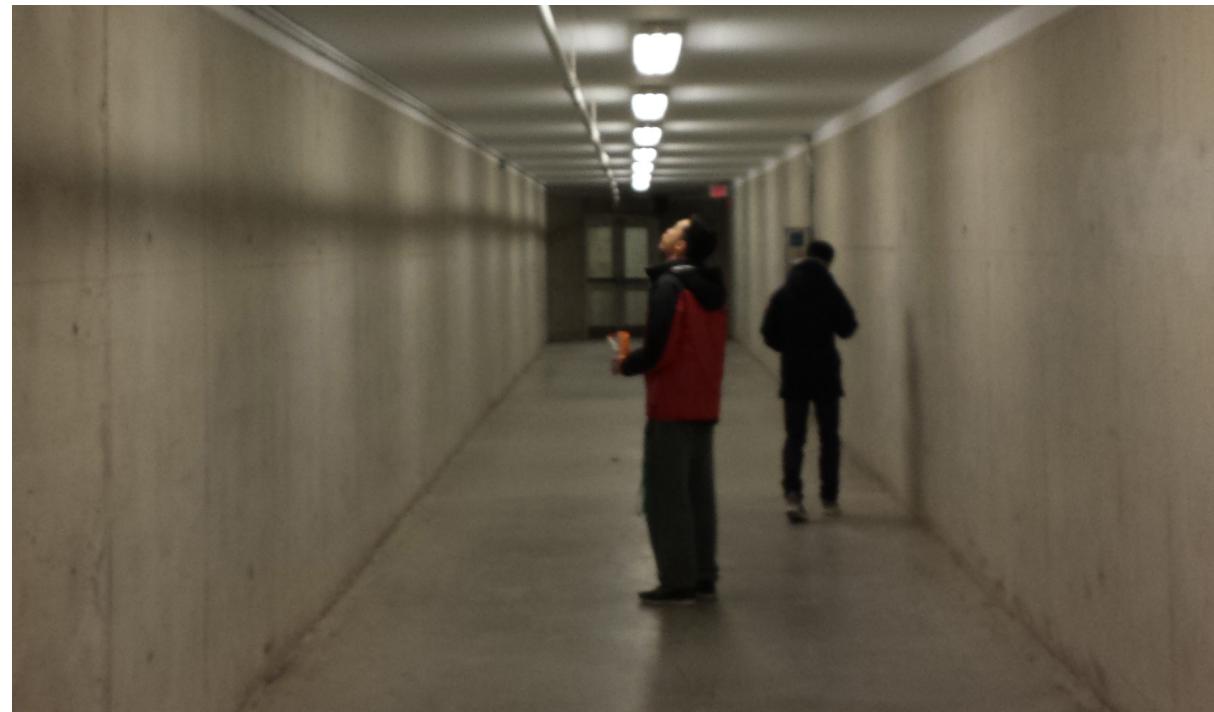
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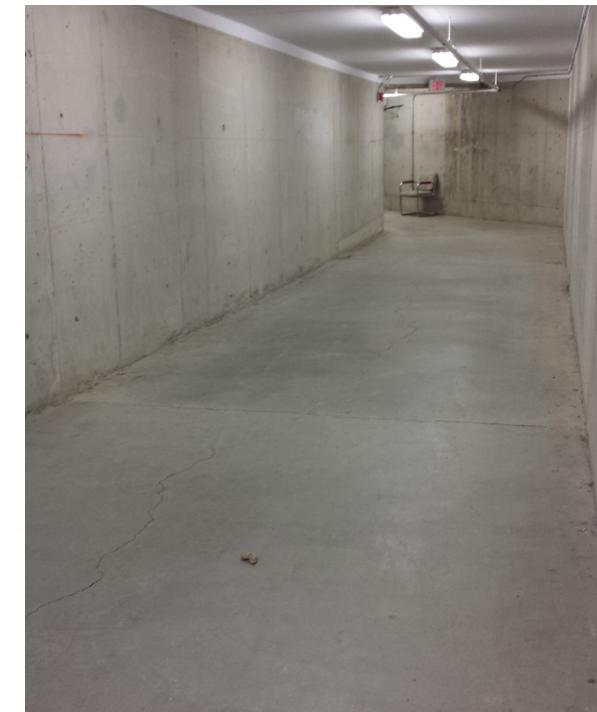
CONNECTING HALL TO LASSONDE

Top Even if you needed help, the emergency line is dead and there are no cameras/security mirrors
Bottom Damp cement hall that echoes



CONNECTING HALL TO LASSONDE

No cameras, dim and a cool temperature; Daniel and Davy accompany me on the evening trip



CONNECTING HALL TO LASSONDE

Peculiar empty chair greeting students as they enter

CONNECTING HALL TO LASSONDE



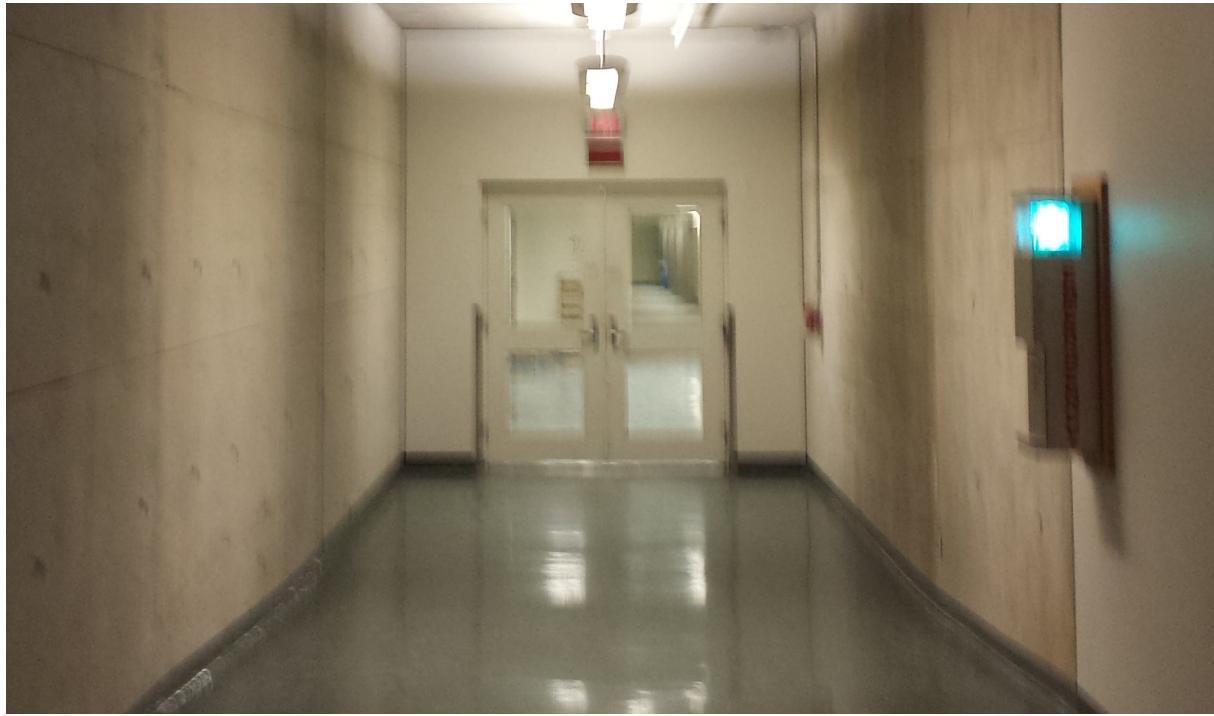
Vari Hall

Tait MacKenzie
Centre



LASSONDE BUILDING

The damp, cool hall ends with double doors that lead to the lower level of the Lassonde Building, the building north of Curtis Lecture Hall



LASSONDE BUILDING

Among a set of small classrooms, there is another set of doors that lead to a slightly downward ramp; notice the illuminated emergency line



LASSONDE BUILDING

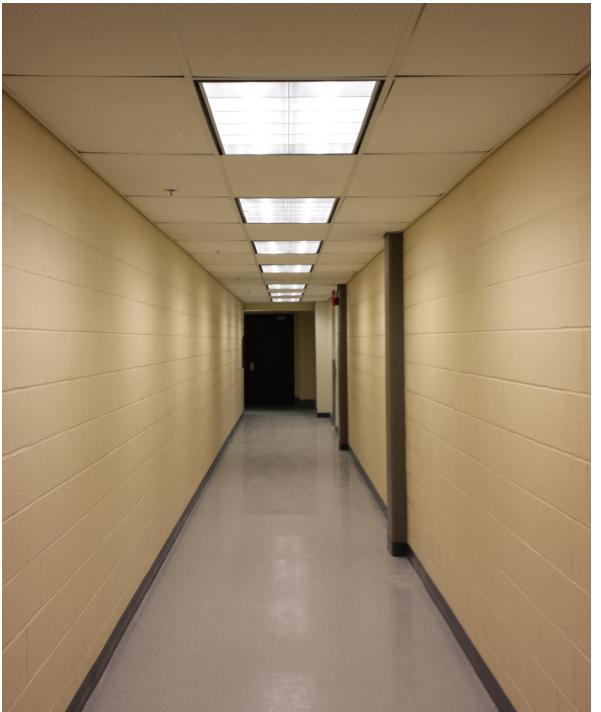
Quiet basement with mechanical rooms; hall becomes Lower Level Steacie Library

Vari Hall

LASSONDE
BUILDING

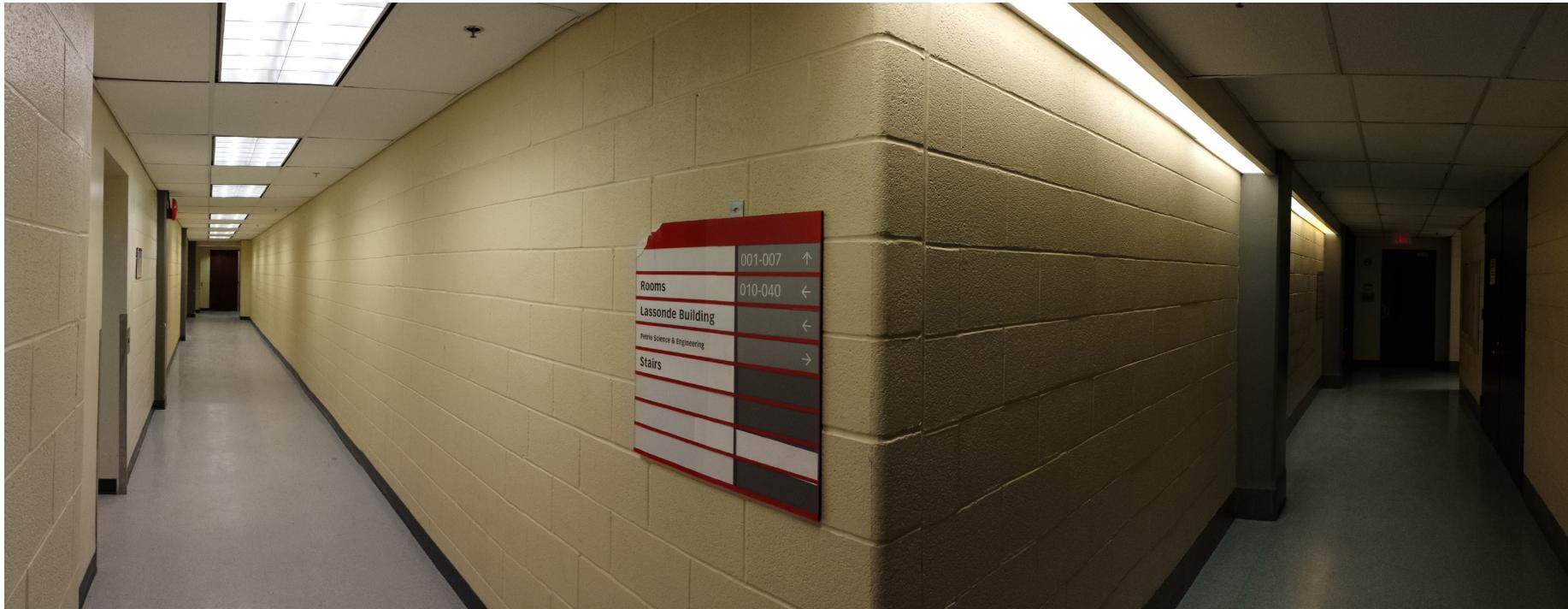


Tait MacKenzie
Centre



LOWER LEVEL STEACIE LIBRARY

Quiet lazily lit halls with noisy machinery behind some rooms



PANORAMIC VIEW OF CONNECTING HALLS IN LOWER LEVEL STEACIE LIBRARY

Contrast in lighting, partially because the darker hall leads to a window that invites natural light



WINDOW IN LOWER LEVEL STEACIE LIBRARY

Although dark, it is evident that we are still on a lower level, or we may be on the main floor and the outdoor paths are elevated

LOWER LEVEL STEACIE LIBRARY



Vari Hall

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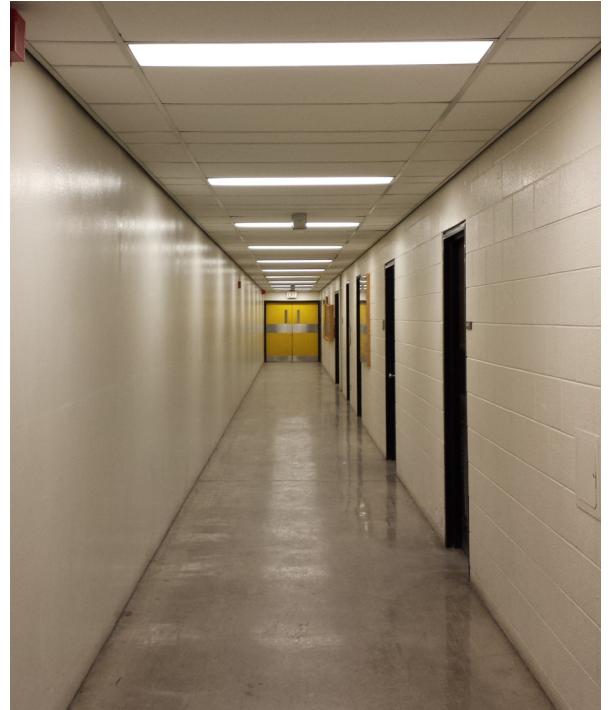
HALLWAY IN LOWER LEVEL STEACIE STAIRCASE

Because the Observatory/Chemistry Building closes at 9 PM on weeknights (closed on weekends), this hallway is not always accessible. The door leading to this hallway is in a staircase that leads to the main floor of Steacie Library, so the alternate route is to exit Steacie and continue the route by using Campus Walk



PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE HALLS IN THE SHIPPING AND RECEIVING AREA

Lower level Observatory; both the green and blue doors will lead to the yellow doors



PETRIE BUILDING/OBSERVATORY

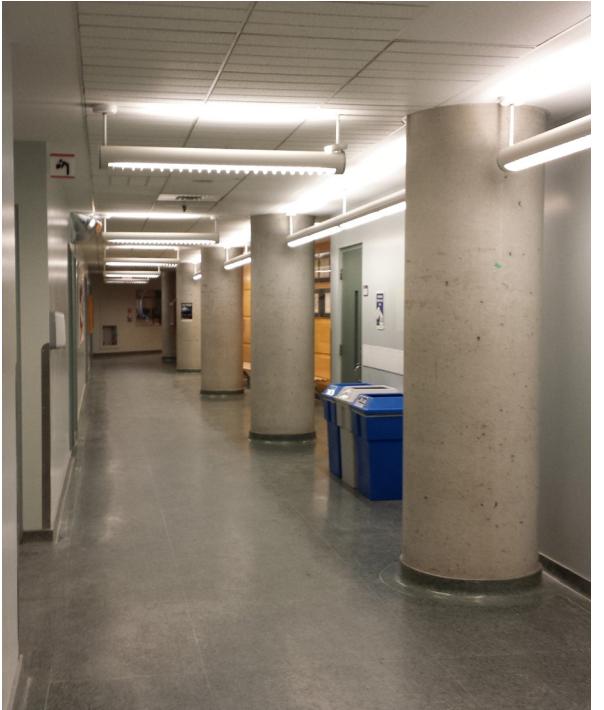
Connecting Door to Chemistry Building

**PETRIE BUILDING/
OBSERVATORY**



Vari Hall

Tait MacKenzie
Centre



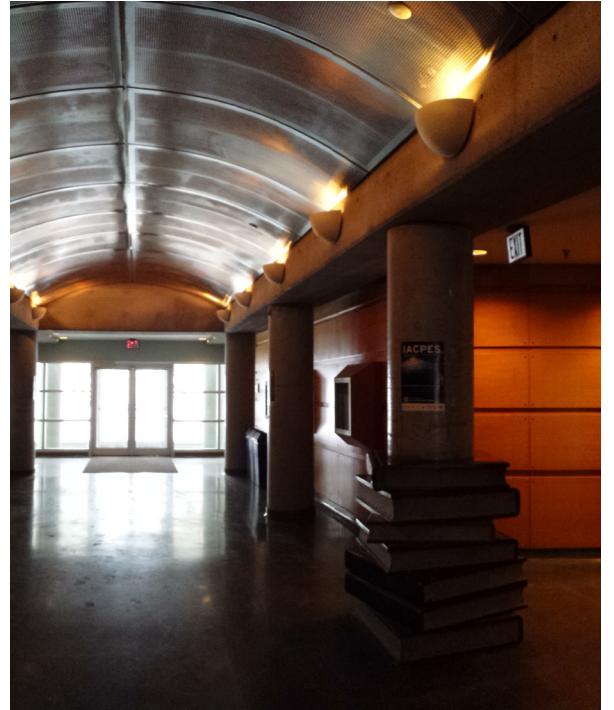
CHEMISTRY BUILDING

The route is no longer on the lower level and is now in line with the ground floor; noisy area at certain times of the week due to lecture halls on this side of the building



PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE CHEMISTRY BUILDING'S EXTERIOR

Note that Campus Walk is on an angle and elevates when travelling east on campus



CHEMISTRY BUILDING INTERIOR

The route passes the lobby of the Chemistry Building, which is only open until 9 PM every weeknight (closed on weekends)

CHEMISTRY BUILDING



Vari Hall

Tait MacKenzie
Centre



WEST CHEMISTRY BUILDING

There are classrooms and labs aligning the corridor which make the hallway smelly and loud



TAIT MACKENZIE CENTRE

This is the only time that the route is outdoors as there are no connecting underground routes

WEST CHEMISTRY BUILDING/
TAIT MACKENZIE CENTRE

Vari Hall



Tait MacKenzie
Centre



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MOVEMENT

The movement throughout the route is consistent. Translucent yellow arrows indicate alternate/tangent routes that lead away from the travelled route. These arrows also indicate areas where I may have hesitated to continue moving due to the merging routes and other students getting in the way of a consistent movement. Travelling in peak hours between Vari Hall, Ross Building, Central Square, and Curtis Lecture Hall delays the movement due to slow-walking travellers.



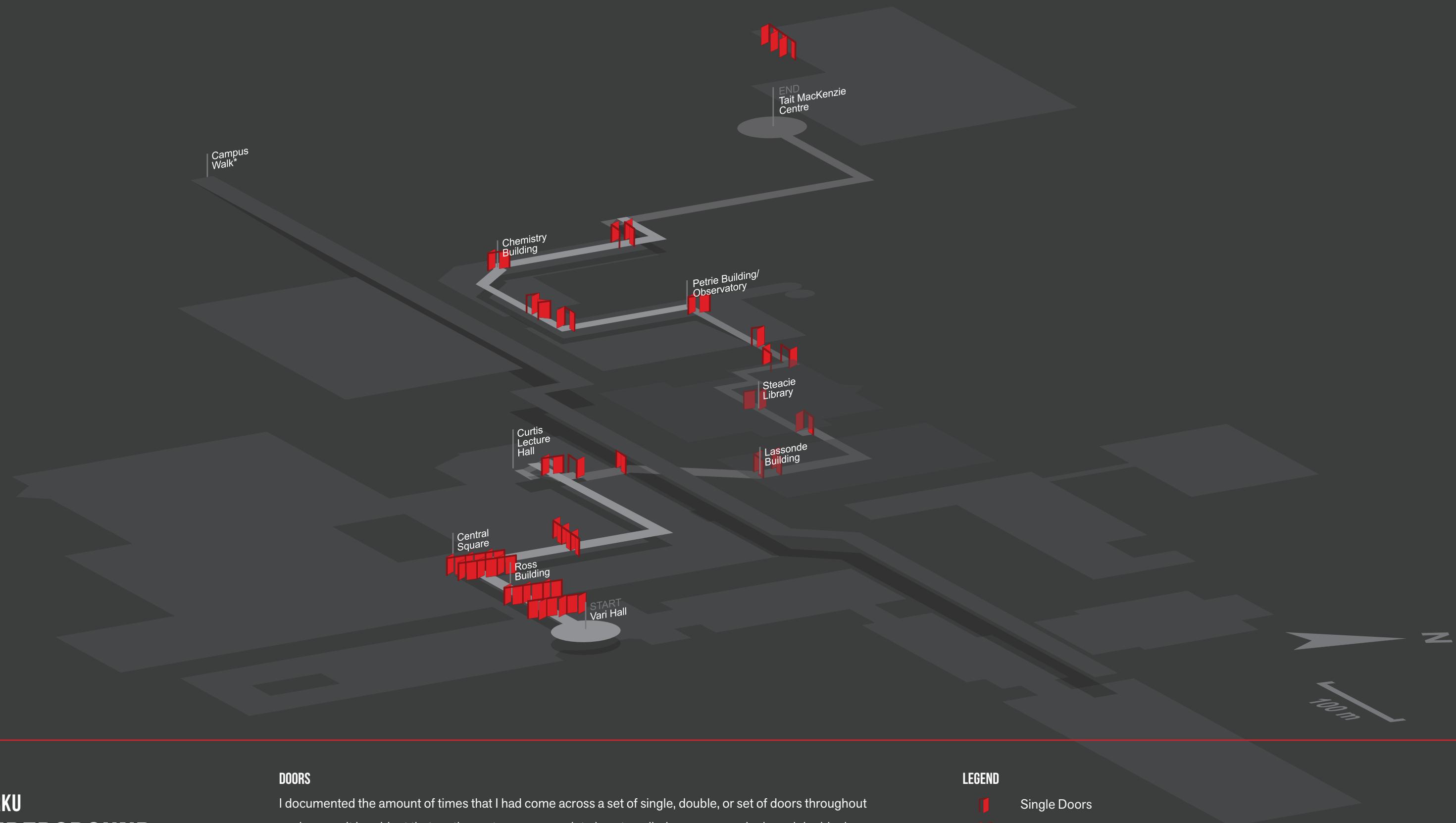
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TEMPERATURE

This route is intended to be an alternative to Campus Walk when the weather is too cold or too wet. Majority of the route is warm and indoors, except for the walk between the Chemistry Building and Tait MacKenzie Centre. Although it may be ideal to use in bad weather, it may not be efficient for someone who is running late or does not want to waste time in the winding path.

LEGEND

- Warm
- Cool
- Cold



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DOORS

I documented the amount of times that I had come across a set of single, double, or set of doors throughout my journey. It is evident that, as the route progresses into less-travelled areas, more single and double doors are used. Sets of doors only occur in areas such as Vari Hall, Ross Building, Central Square, and Central Square—the areas on campus with the most traffic.

LEGEND

- Single Doors
- Double Doors
- Set of Doors (3 sets of double doors)



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SMELL

The smells throughout the route vary depending on location. Overwhelming food smells are located within Central Square, where there is a Pizza Pizza, Tim Hortons, and cafeteria available. Cement hallways and the Shipping and Receiving Area smell of mould because they are the underground routes. Majority of the populated areas have a pungent smell that is mixed with sweat, feet, garbage and washrooms.

LEGEND

- Disgusting Smell (mix of sweat, feet, garbage, bathroom)
- Appealing Smell (Food)
- Mix of Disgusting Smell with Food
- Mould



NOISE

Majority of the route is underground and avoids most encounters with people on Campus Walk. Vari Hall, Ross Building, Central Square, and Curtis Lecture Hall are undeniably the most noisiest of areas. Depending on the time of day, most of the underground route is quiet with chatter and shuffling seldom breaking the silence. Noise normally picks up at the Chemistry Building, where there are classes.

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LEGEND

■	Uncomfortably Loud	■	Conversations	■	Jingling Keys
■	Loud	■	Music	■	Echo
■	Busy	■	Yelling	■	Silence
■	Background Noise	■	Machinery		
■	Intimate Conversation				