

CAMPUS CRIME BEAT

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SMOKIN' IN THE GIRLS' ROOM

At 1:30pm on 5 June, Campus Security received reports of a women's washroom in Corbett Hall smelling of smoke and alcohol. Constables arrived on scene and found a male in one of the stalls. He calmly told 5-0 everything was alright and that he was just smoking some crack. The 36-year-old was removed from campus.

OOPS, I DROPPED MY PENCIL AGAIN

At 6pm on 8 June, a 50-year-old male

was seen acting unusually in Rutherford Library. The caller believed him to be looking at girls' legs under study desks. He was spotted in a stairwell a short time later, and was found to be neither a staff member nor a student. He was promptly escorted from campus.

A DOZEN SHOULD BE ENOUGH

At 3pm on 28 July, constables on patrol spotted a familiar fellow on 112 Street. He had 13 warrants for his arrest and had been previously trespassed from campus. He was in the company of another male who admitted to being an IV drug user, and who was found to have 25 needles in his possession. Edmonton Police Services (EPS) was called to the scene, and the two males were removed from campus.

DOUSING THE FIREWALLS

A fire broke out in the southeast quiet study lounge in SUB at 8:45am on 29 July. A passerby noticed the flames, called 911, and pulled a building fire alarm. Campus Security and the Edmonton Fire Department arrived on scene, and the fire was extinguished. There were no injuries reported; however, there was extensive smoke and water damage to the entire lounge—damages are estimated at \$40 000. The cause was found to be arson, and anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers.

BEATINGS AROUND THE BUSH

At 2am on 14 August, constables on patrol found a female sleeping in a parked vehicle near HUB Mall. A drunk male suddenly appeared from some nearby

bushes, yelling at the officers to get away from the car. He then shoved one of the constables and a struggle ensued.

The antagonistic alcoholic managed to avoid a charge of assaulting a peace officer and was instead ticketed for public intoxication. The male and his sleeping beauty were both from out of province and were escorted from campus. The officer was not injured in the ordeal.

PREGNANT WITH A CUBIC BABY

At 5pm on 15 August, Campus Security received a report of two males breaking into a vending machine near the equipment room in Van Vliet. They left the area via the east entrance with the coin box shoved under the pants and shirt of one of the perpetrators. One suspect is described as 5'11", 20 years old, skinny,

and with short brown hair. The other is 5'7", 18 years old, slim, and with clean-cut dark hair. Anyone with information on the mischievous duo is asked to contact Campus Security.

THIS IS YOUR CAR ON DRUGS

At 8pm on 17 August, constables arrived at the Faculty Club after receiving a report of a male sleeping on the front foyer couch with no shoes on. They identified the 23-year-old male and suspected him of being under the influence of drugs. He was in possession of keys to a vehicle parked on Saskatchewan Drive that had extensive body damage and smashed windows. The shoeless sleeper was turned over to EPS, who had previously been involved in a hit and run elsewhere in the city.

SUMMER IN REVIEW

Compiled by Natalie Climenhaga

I-HOUSE TO REFUSE GENDER SEGREGATION

10 MAY

With the possibility of welcoming several students from Saudi Arabia during the 2007/08 school year, the University of Alberta was faced with reconciling cultural tolerance and existing student housing options.

Seven female Saudi students had been offered scholarships from a company in Saudi Arabia to study internationally, marking an unprecedented breakdown of the gender barrier in the predominantly Islamic nation. But when U of A International Recruitment approached the management team of International House in April to see if the campus residence would be able to house the seven Saudi females on a female-only floor, the difficulty of accommodating specific cultures or religions within the larger multicultural framework of the University campus was highlighted.

According to Asad Chaudhary, Vice-President (External) for International House, the environment of the residence is one of cultural integration as opposed to cultural segregation and, as such, wasn't a good fit for the potential incoming female Saudi students.

However, Doug Weir, director of International Student Services with the U of A's International Centre, said the U of A maintained an enthusiastic and promising response towards encouraging the enrolment of the Saudi females. At the time, Weir suggested that alternative housing options for the girls could be arranged in HUB, Newton Place, or East Campus Village.

—Jennifer Huygen, News Staff

U OF A SECURES PATENTS

24 MAY

A proposed new Patent Policy was ratified on 22 May by 62.9 per cent of the University of Alberta Association of Academic Staff (AAS:UA) membership. However, concerns surrounding its implementation remained after the vote.

The most significant change under the new policy surrounded Clause 2, which states that there will be rebuttable presumption that all inventions, so long as they fall within the inventor's area of research and regardless of where and for whom they were invented, are now covered by the University's Patent Policy.

At the time, Mechanical Engineering professor and former AAS:UA executive member Lorenz Sigurdson said this change was a point of concern for some in his faculty. He also noted that the inclusion of students under the policy raised some worries that it might negatively impact co-op programs.

—Natalie Climenhaga, Senior News Editor

PUBLIC INTEREST ALBERTA TURNS THREE

7 JUNE

Public Interest Alberta (PIA) celebrated its third birthday in June as it geared up to become a player in provincial politics—an uneasy feat or a group that criticizes the Alberta government.

As an advocacy organization, PIA has run six campaigns that promote social issues in Alberta. Graham Thomson, the *Edmonton Journal's* Legislature columnist, said at the June birthday bash that he didn't expect Alberta's political climate to support PIA for as long as it has.

"This is a province that doesn't have a rich culture in questioning authority. For [PIA], it's been a long uphill battle to actually do much," he said. "They should

be congratulated for pushing so hard for so long, because it must be frustrating for them."

—Scott Fenwick, News Writer

FRANCOPHONE COLLEGE PROPOSED FOR U OF A

12 JULY

Edmonton students hoping to continue their postsecondary studies in French, but who don't necessarily want or need a university degree, may have their wishes granted if a proposed francophone community college is approved.

The proposal is currently under review, and according to Dr Art Quinney, acting University provost and vice-president (academic), if everything runs according to plan, the community college should be up and running by September 2008.

He also explained how the program would be associated with Campus St Jean (CSJ), the U of A's existing francophone campus.

"It would be a program of Campus St Jean—the faculty—and administered through the faculty, so clearly it's a program that reports to the dean," Quinney said.

—Catherine Scott, News Staff

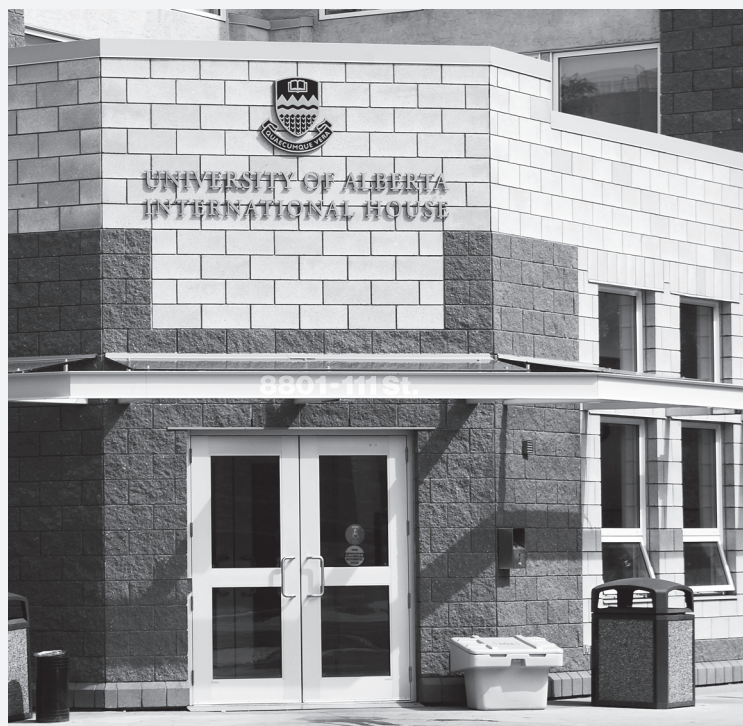
GREEN LIGHT FOR GREEN SOUTH CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT

26 JULY

With the expansion of the LRT along 114 Street, the University of Alberta proposed a plan to develop South Campus as sustainably as possible in hopes of lessening its environmental impact and boosting the University's reputation.

According to University Vice-President (Facilities and Operations) Don Hickey, the U of A now has the opportunity to start fresh with South Campus and address environmental stability of the site.

"Now you have a green field in the middle of an urban environment;



MICHELLE CHAN

NO FEAR OF COOTIES HERE International House will maintain gender mixing.

how do we best develop it, taking into account all kinds of sustainability practices?" Hickey questioned. "How do you lessen the footprint on the environment when you're building?"

Instead of addressing only the energy efficiency of buildings, the development planned for South Campus will go beyond its design and layout by being more accommodating to walkers and bikers, as well as by incorporating the U-Pass.

—Kim Smith, News Staff

NEW POWERPLANT PLAN PROMISES FEWER LOSSES

9 AUGUST

After a summer of locked doors and dry taps, the Students' Union revealed plans for the immediate future of the 'Plant.

The new strategy will see the 'Plant

reopen its doors come September, but with a different operating structure. The SU will run Dewey's Lounge as a licensed coffee shop, while the space east of the main bar, formerly the buffet, will be used as student study and relaxation space, as well as an area for student groups.

The SU will also retain control of the kitchen space, to be used for short-order items at Dewey's and to house their catering service that currently operates out of L'Express in SUB.

"The primary goal in all of this is to make a functional space that students are going to use that's not going to be wasting students' money," said Eamonn Gamble, SU Vice-President (Operations and Finance). "We use our business revenues to fund our services, to fund our space, to fund our advocacy; and if a business of ours is losing money, it's impractical."

—Ryan Heise, Deputy News Editor

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