

Big Oil announces big, ugly Arts building to replace old, ugly Tory

Critics say it represents the worst of corporate sponsorship, a lack of integrity, and horrid design; Sim City fans say it looks a bit like that Plymouth Arcology

KER-STEN GOR-UCK
Pronounce my name right, frigtards

Designs for the newest addition to the University of Alberta campus, the Syncrude Sanatorium for the Arts, were unveiled this week.

The building's completion date is estimated for spring of 2010, and, at 60 stories, it's expected to dwarf the elegant and historic Old Arts Building completely.

"Syncrude is very excited about working alongside the University in this project. We love giving back to the community," Greg Thorne, Syncrude's President and Chief Executive Officer, said.

The outside of the structure will be plated in black onyx, while the interior will be creepy and sterile—not at all conducive to the artistic vision originally set out by the Faculty. However, faced with the deep-pocketed energy giant pulling out of the deal altogether, the University was forced to go along with the coal- and gas-fired design.

Arts students are simply excited to hear that their area of study is finally receiving some new development.

"It's about damn time this part of campus gets noticed. Engineers don't have to deal with asbestos-filled

ceilings," coughed Anthony Sparks, a philosophy major who's been stuck in Humanities and Tory for the better part of four years.

"It may not be the most environmentally friendly structure, but at least this thing will have some fucking computers and a wireless signal," he added.

"I won't rest until my more efficient and simpler version of an Arts building is developed, giving students ample choice for studying towards useless degrees."

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In addition to funding the entire cost of construction, Syncrude also donated a large collection of new editions of books and literature to the U of A's English Department.

English students will now have the choice of using Syncrude-approved classics as opposed to the University's Bookstore stocks.

"We really want to leave a lasting impression on students at the university. It's not just about the fantastic new building we're donating, but also about encouraging original and independent thought and study," Thorne explained.

Syncrude has employed literary critics in their selection and revamping of specific novels commonly found on a university course syllabus.

Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* features an oil mogul, Mr Darcy, who wins the heart of the farmer's daughter, Elizabeth, and is allowed to expropriate his land for drilling. Emily Brontë's *Wuthering Heights*, the gothic tale about a dark and mysterious love, takes place in the wild tar sands of Alberta, and tells a non-linear tale of the gravity-assisted drainage process.

Although students are reluctant to turn down free course material, skepticism remains among the more academically minded students about the novels' credibility.

"I read *Wuthering Heights* in high-school, and I swear it took place in, like, Europe or England or something," speculated Halley Yanitski, a first-year English major. "But hey, I'm not complaining. At least now we have heating and ventilation."

Neck beards no more, campus 5-0 braces for December's hobo rush

T-WAG
Dashing Once Again

Campus police were breathing a sigh of relief with the end of November on Friday, and with it, the end of No-Shave November.

Apart from the obvious benefit of ridding campus of unshaven undergrads and unfortunate "perv-stashes," the end of No-Shave November has also come with an added benefit: ridding the campus of pedophiles-in-hiding.

"When so many people on campus look like creeps, it's hard to pick out who the real ones are," Officer Bob Barber explained. "They were just hiding in plain sight among the bad facial hair."

Of course, the blast of cold near the end of the month just exacerbated the situation for the peace officers, filling the campus with heavy jackets to go along with moustaches.

"Usually, we'd keep tabs on someone in a full-length coat with a bad moustache," Barber said. "But with the cold weather, there were just way too many people fitting that description."

As a result of the high number of creep look-alikes that were on campus, CSS had to switch tactics. They soon found that very few undergrads sport the other two components of the pedophile uniform: bad hair, like a comb-over or mullet, and aviators.

This too caused frustrations, though,



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with the numerous balding, older professors on campus who apparently still think the mullet is cool.

"Yeah, that policy resulted in some rather embarrassing rounds of questioning with university professors," Barber complained. "It was embarrassing for all parties involved."

With much of the campus now clean-shaven, though, campus security can get back to doing its normal job instead of worrying about creeps hidden among the undergrad population, which is causing a second sigh of relief in the doughnut shops throughout campus.

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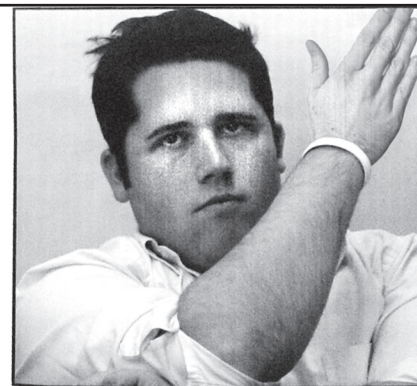
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