



An artist's conception of the new Commerce building to be completed in 1984. It even has little futuristic people!

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Self esteem...
a miscalculation.

Outdated Commerce building needs addition



Workers begin ripping out trees in the Arts quad to make way for the new building.

by Karen Kebarle
The sound of crashing trees in the Arts Quad marks the start of construction of the new Business Administration and Commerce Building. The new building was originally planned 10 years ago and is already outdated in size.
The building was planned in 1971-72 for 1200 undergrads, 300 grads and 80 staff members. The Business Faculty now has 1800 undergraduates, 300 graduates, and 85 staff members, and is still growing. The new building, which will not be finished until the spring of 1984; therefore, requires

the addition of another floor which is still in the planning stages.
The building was first proposed "just at the time when the government shut off money for new (university) buildings," says Dean Smith. The Provincial Government has been reviewing the University's building grant request since '71-72, and finally included the grant in its March '82 budget.
Now, 10 years after it was designed, the building "is not as large as we would like it because of the tremendous growth of the Faculty," says Dean Smith. Ex-

pected growth makes a phase 2 already necessary, he says.
Dean Smith says he is also not completely happy with the building's location, since it will infringe on the Arts Quad's green space, and cause the destruction of the trees there. The choice of the site was "a major political battle at the time" because of such drawbacks, he says.
However, since the edge of the building will be 60 feet from the old Arts building, Smith says that "there's going to be just about as much green space left as there is now." The building's budget also includes a lot of money for landscaping the north end of the quad, he says.

Mr. Blake Pratt of the U of A's Design and Construction office admits that there has been a lot of concern raised over the trees.
However, he claims that "the trees that we're cutting down are ones that we don't believe could live if they were transplanted."
The building was designed to be more aesthetically pleasing by being the same height as HUB, Rutherford, and the Arts building.
It will be conveniently connected directly to Tory on several levels by a Galleria similar to the one that connects North to South Rutherford. Two walkways will connect it to HUB and to the Arts building.

Dean Smith stresses that only the size of the building is outdated. Changes have been continuously made in the original design, including the planned addition of a partial extra floor to increase the capacity, and the addition of computer facilities. "It will be a modern building in every sense of the word," he says.
In general, the Faculty is very happy to have the new building, he says. However, "It doesn't fully meet the needs for the future as it would have if they'd built it 10 years ago."
"There's no question that we'll need a phase 2. But when we'll get it is another question," he says.

Krishnas defend possession of arms

by Allison Annesley
Edmonton Temple Hare Krishna President, Tim Moore, denies rumors that claim the church intends to use recently acquired Alberta farmland for storing munitions: "We may keep guns on the farm, but you won't find any farm in Alberta without them. The idea that we're storing arms for some military take-over is ludicrous."
One of the organization's farm communities in West Virginia first experienced trouble with arms. Local Krishna haters attacked some of the farm's devotees and even killed one member. The temple leader was also forced to dig his own grave, though no charges were ever laid.
Moore says that sheriffs in West Virginia advised the group to maintain a system of self-defense. "Krishna is of a non-violent philosophy," states Moore.
CFRN recently interviewed

the Edmonton chapter, but the President felt betrayed by the amount of air time given to comments by an anti-cultist.
The organization hopes to purchase a piece of land opposite the farm already donated by Indian supporters. But because of what Moore describes as "discrimination by culturally isolated people of lesser intellect," the exact location of the second piece of land is being kept secret.
Krishna plans to establish a farm community on the land to be

run self-sufficiently. The church wants to build a wax museum on the farm for the exhibition of various themes.
There are also major plans underway for the farm temple. Stained glass, gold leafing, and marble will be used in its decoration. Moore defends this expense by claiming the ornateness of the temple will draw larger membership.
"Fewer people would come if we met in a barn," says the President.

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