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It’s closing time…the end of an era

Edmonton – After 36 years, programs at MacEwan University’s west-end campus will leave their longtime home for the new Centre for Arts and Culture at MacEwan’s City Centre Campus in downtown Edmonton.

“We’re a bit sad leaving the current campus because of all the wonderful memories of this unique learning complex,” said Allan Gilliland, dean, Faculty of Fine Arts and Communications. “But, at the same time we know that we will be moving to one of the most state-of-the-art teaching and learning buildings with new performance and exhibition spaces, recording studios and art gallery.”

More than 1000 students, faculty and staff will move into the new Centre for Arts and Culture bringing a variety of programming including Theatre Arts, Music, Design Studies, and Fine Art.

The west-end building was MacEwan’s first purpose built facility and since opening more than 6,400 students have passed through its doors.

Known for years as the “Jasper Place Campus,” the building opened in 1980. At the time, the iconic orange structure – designed by Bittorf, Holland, Christianson Architects – was on the leading edge of technology. The distinctive colour of the building caused a buzz at the time, and is still a topic of conversation nearly 40 years later.

At the closing event, guests are asked to wear something “orange” to honour the iconic structure, and a bar-b-que is planned for students, faculty, staff, and neighbouring residents.

When: Friday, April 28
Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Where: Centre for Arts and Communications campus (10045-156 street)

Founded in 1971, MacEwan University inspires its students with a powerful combination of academic excellence and personal learning experiences. Offering more than 65 programs including undergraduate degrees, applied degrees, diplomas, certificates, continuing education and corporate training, the university provides a transformative education in a creative, collaborative and supportive learning environment where creativity and innovation thrive. Located in Edmonton, Alberta Canada, MacEwan University offers a unique student experience that opens up diverse pathways for achievement and growth.

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