

# Engineers "visit" King's

by Darrell Dexter

Initiation or hazing of freshmen has been a long standing tradition of the engineering society at Dalhousie. This year was to be no exception to the rule. On Wednesday, September 19, as had been the case in other years, the engineer freshmen were taken to a party on their behalf. The party was to include being covered in everything from sour milk to special sauce and of course ample quantities of beer.

The second part of this traditional "Feast of Engineers" is a "spontaneous" raid on the University of King's College women's residence. In past years this raid has included such antics as scaling drain pipes, to trying to muscle past a raft of campus police. The campus police are employed especially for the event and usually have a two or three day notice of their arrival. The engineering society makes no secret of their intentions to continue their hallowed tradition.

The University of King's College is a small liberal arts college located on the fringe of the Dalhousie campus and has an annual enrollment of around 400 students. It is a quiet place that has a habit of producing the leaders of college life at both its own campus and Dalhousie's. Every year the college prepares for the "engineers raid", that which is referred to by many at the college as the onslaught of "the black and gold hoards."

This year, as was the custom, the college again prepared for the raid, un-

knowing that this year would be something quite different. This year there would be eggs thrown, windows broken, campus police beaten up, and engineers hit with flashlights. In the opinion of many, it would be the most violent outburst seen on the campus.

Keith Wellband, President of the Dalhousie Engineering Society, said that the raid on Alexandra Hall was a tradition and, to his knowledge, one the Engineers were going to continue. He went on to say there were eggs thrown, windows were broken and campus police were beaten up. He also pointed out that the raid was spontaneous and was not an official function of the Engineering Society. He said that from the reports that he had received the raid was something that the campus police were "up for". Wellband concluded that "for the damages that did occur, on behalf of the engineers, I apologize."

The actual raid as described by various members of the King's community was "more violent than usual but still a success in terms of school spirit for both the engineers and the college." One campus police officer, Jeff Morris, a second year science student, said that there were some students there who were too drunk to participate. "One of them asked me if I was a C.P. and when I replied yes he asked me to take him home. We just put him off to the side to watch. I felt more sorry for him than anything."

In the course of the night the engineers were to do such things as light fireworks, attack the administration



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building, batter the main door to the dormitory, try to break in the fire escape door and try to use a fire hose taken from the Dunn building on the C.P.'s. It must of course be mentioned that the engineers were encouraged by some young ladies who were present at the windows during the raid.

Campus Police Chief Dave Auld said the raid which started out more or less as a routine thing became quite violent as "tempers flared". He said: "I instructed the C.P.'s to try and talk the engineers out of what they were doing. No one went out there with the intention of hurting anyone else. The incident where the C.P. hit the engineer with a flashlight, he had no choice as he was tied up by three people and the

flashlight was in the only hand he had free," Auld explained. He added that besides "he only hit him a glancing blow on the shoulder."

Auld is the author of a letter that the engineering society will be receiving at some point in time this week. The letter will ask the Engineers to pay for the damage caused by the raid. The estimated amount of damage is unknown at the present time, but was termed considerable.

Auld says he doesn't want to be forced to take this any further than necessary, but he intends to get some compensation for the damage. He

said that "I'm sure if we went over and busted up their housekeeping we would see a bill."

Regardless of whether or not the engineers pay their bill, some people just won't be able to forget the raid. The administration at King's will not be looking fondly toward Dal engineering students wishing to stay at King's and the people who worked the campus police won't forget the treatment they got. The unfortunate thing is that violence of this type in one year can act as a spark for what is to come. Both King's and engineers are noted for their long memory.

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decide whether or not these government projects are too costly in terms of environmental losses as compared to technological gains.

In an effort to stress the importance of an effective method of negotiation between government and native peoples, Dr. Naysmith described some of the future projects involving the North which are dependent upon the settling of land claims. The proposed projects include: a Polar Gas system which would run from the high Arctic Islands through the McKenzie Delta, through Manitoba into the Eastern Delta, the L and G

(liquified gas) Tanker System in which liquified gas is put into tankers and moved through the Northwest Passage around to the Maritimes or up the St. Lawrence River,

as well as the proposed Alaska Highway Natural Gas Pipeline which would run through the Southwestern part of the Yukon, and over which the Canadian government and the Yukon Indians are currently embroiled in negotiations.

Among other arguments for the land claim settlement of the Alaska Highway Natural Gas Pipeline, Naysmith raised the point that revenues from

the pipeline would make the difference between the Yukon being considered a "have" or "have not" area in the eyes of the Canadian government.

This would influence the government's decision on granting the Yukon provincial status, a situation which Dr. Naysmith assures us, the native people are generally in favor of.



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