

Engineers really boring NERDS

by James T. Kirk

A national Engineering student's organization aimed at changing the popular image of engineering faculties recently began a recruitment drive on campus and may succeed in having Engineering Week cancelled.

According to Horace Whitehead, the Alberta chapter president of The National Engineers for Respect

and Deceny Society (NERDS), students have been "on the whole, very receptive to our objectives and philosophy of existence."

"Basically, we're concerned that because of a small minority of engineering students, the entire faculty has been stereotyped as a bunch of beer-drinking, nymphet-chasing bozos."

"Actually, most of us would rather stay at home with a good

technical manual than go out on a Friday night."

"What we're trying to do is start a public relations campaign designed to break down these stereotypes and foster better relations with other faculties, especially Arts."

With this in mind, NERDS has been actively lobbying to have Engineering Week, the annual second semester blowout in which engineers run wild over the cam-

pus, cancelled.

"It's exactly the kind of thing that we don't need. As usual, there's a small but vocal minority behind this thing, spoiling it for the rest of us."

"Even if we can't get it cancelled, there are enough of use that are going to boycott it so that it probably won't come off anyway."

"We're presently organizing some alternate activities that will be

a little more reasonable."

Those being planned include a 'nifty calculator contest' to find out whose calculator makes the neatest noises and has the most functions, and a marathon 'compute-off' in which engineers would compete with each other in trying to solve complex mathematical equations.

Also on the agenda are various seminars whose topics will cover consumer product studies as they relate to calculators, batteries, plastic pocket savers and other engineering paraphenilia.

As well, information exchanges letting everyone know for example, "from which retail outlet flood pants can be purchased most cheaply," will be held.

Skit Night is another area where White's group is trying to change the engineer's traditional focus.

"I enjoy a good joke as much as anyone but some of the skits have simply been too much for any right-thinking person. We'd really like to see the skits reflect more wholesome themes and values than what has been the case in the past."

"Some new ideas that various group members have suggested are, 'Humorous Job Interviews,' 'Humorous Work Situations,' and 'How To Cover Your Ass When The Bridge Falls Down'."

When asked exactly how many engineers had actually joined NERDS, Whitehead merely nodded significantly and said, "Lots. Actually, most engineers are NERDS."

Whitehead also mentioned that he would be heading up a slate of NERDS for the Student Union elections in the spring.

"Our group needs a stronger political voice. We want to eliminate the guys who give us a bad name, we want respect from the other faculties and we want engineers to be taken more seriously on campus."

Getty gives sewage plant perfect name

by Failin Mytests

Premier Don Getty has relented on the Kananaskis Country name change. In a decisive move he has renamed the Rosedale Sewage Plant the Lougheed Treatment Facility.

Getty described the move as being "decisive," and he feels it shows him to be a true leader.

The new name is intended to be a statement on our times according to Getty. "Mr. Lougheed was a great administrator, he is responsible for a great amount of the progress this province has gone through in the last decade. I wanted to portray that image of our society, and effluent is certainly a great reminder of our progress. This is a strong statement of what Albertans, and conservatives everywhere are all about."

Ray Martin of the New Democrats described the move as being wasteful: "The New Democrats have always accused the Tories of being wasteful, and I think this proves it," he said. "Mr. Getty is trying to associate all Government waste with Mr. Lougheed, and that just won't do. Mr. Getty is going to have to take a lot of shit over this."

In an ongoing commentary on the situation, Dr. Eagleman of the



Lougheed at black-tie sewage plant re-naming ceremony: up to his knees in shit.

Political Science department feels the move to be politically astute. "Getty has made his first true political decision," he said, "I think this move may set the pace for his entire term in office. . . ."

The Treatment plant has recently begun renovations. New landscaping on the exterior as well as an entirely new interior decor has lightened the mood at the plant.

The foreman at the plant, Mr. E. Lector, was very impressed with the renovations. "I think the old place looks great," he said "I would have preferred a different shade of blue on the walls, but who am I to complain."

The cost of the renovations should be about \$3 million. Getty feels the money is well spent. "We take waste seriously," he said.

However, Lougheed himself was unimpressed and, in fact, distressed about the decision.

"It stinks, it's the shits," he said agitatedly. "My low-life grandfather stole the shit outta people and got a mountain named after him. I bust my ass for 20 years for this province, taking shit from everyone and their dog, and they name a fucking sewage plant after me. Now I'm going to have to take shit forever. I think that's bullshit."



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