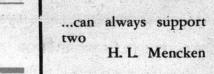
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Gateway office scene of confrontation Posters provoke clash

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One of the anti-sexist protesters and a number of his engineering opponents face off in the Gateway office yesterday. The offending posters are piled in the foreground.

7000 people employed

by Mike Walker and Peter Michalyshyn

An anti-Engineering Week protest erupted into violence yesterday.

At about 3:00 p.m. a number of male and female university staff and students burst into the Gateway office in SUB with over 50 princess posters torn down from CAB. They were closely pursued by a group of engineering students.

A confrontation followed, during which the groups argued heatedly over sexism and Engineering Week.

dividuals who are concerned about sexism... these posters are offensive to us," said one of the protesters, none of whom were associated with the Gateway.

"Are you going to change anything with theft?" said one of the engineers, complaining that the posters were taken down illegally.

"How many women have you talked to that found it offensive?' said another. "This is the first encounter we have had with any hostility.

One of the seven protesters was allegedly assaulted by an engineer while carrying some posters away from the scene.

The man, who has asked not to be named for fear of reprisal,

claims he was kicked in the forehead by his assailant. Two engineers who witnessed the incident said his head was

injured during a scuffle when it struck a brick wall. 'I do not know who the

assailant was...I broke it up," said Rob Leedham, a fourth year electrical engineering student.

Two protesters helped break up the scuffle while another three brought the posters to the Gateway office, seeking publicity. The other three joined them about five minutes later.

Once in the Gateway office, the two groups squared off on opposite sides of the room and traded insults and accusations over the crumpled posters strewn on the office floor.

These posters are a threat to said one of the women," protesters, all of whom asked not to be identified.

This is reinforcing and expressing ideas that go out into sexist?"

We are a group of in- the world... that is where you get the basis for discrimination against women in the work force."

The engineers followed the protesters to the Gateway office intending to "find out where they were going and then call Campus Security," said fourth year elec-trical engineer Ian Goodacre.

"It's the wrong way to protest, as far as we're concerned,' said another.

There's no excuse for it no matter what their views are," said fourth year civil engineer Bob "Nobody has ever com-Koziol. plained to anyone before... these people just can't form their own vigilante groups... They're breaking the law.

One engineer pointed out the posters were put up with permission and suggested the protesters should respect that.

"I don't think we have to respect the fact that women are oppressed," said one of the protesters. "That's propagating the oppression of women ... and your kicklines do too.'

The engineers weren't convinced the queen contest was sexist.

"Do you hear the kicklines complaining?... The princesses? Are they sex objects?" one engineer said.

The anti-sexist protesters and the engineers argued for another half hour in the Gateway before the protesters walked out. The engineers stayed a while longer to explain their points to the Gateway.

As a result of the confrontation an SU Forum is planned in two weeks in SUB Theatre, to debate "Is Engineering Week

niversity nerates

by Jim McElgunn

Did you know that the University of Alberta employs more people than Texaco Canada? These and dozens of other gems were released Tuesday in a report on the economic impact the U of A has on the Alberta economy. The report was written by grad student Patrick Hahn of the Management Advisory Institute, an advisory group of commerce and business administration students.

The report says the university is one of the largest industries in the city. In addition to directly employing more than 7000 people, an estimated 21,000 jobs in Alberta are dependent on the university.

The university also provides buying power in the local economy through wages and salaries, purchase of goods and variables as the propensity to save services, and spending from out- or spend money more efficiently,

of-province students and visitors attending seminars and conferences.

The report estimates that the total economic impact of the university on the Alberta ec-onomy was \$230.7 million in 1979-80.

The report compares the university's function to that of a "Like any large corporation. manufacturing firm, a university provides a specialized product higher education - in return for funds... Inputs, financial and human, are transformed into a 'finished product' which provides a service to or meets a need of the society.

But the university contributes more than jobs and spending power to society, says the report.

'How, for instance, can such

or invest more wisely, the enhanced adaptability to social change, the increased awareness of and interest in government, the propensity to educate children more thoroughly and the myriad of other indirect benefits associated with higher education be measured?" asks the report.

The report has been publish-

provincial government is considering how much to grant to the Alberta. university. But Ron Thomas of university Community Relations When asked it the report might be interpreted by, say, the done to try to attract more funding to the university." The report was written, he says, to inform the funding, Thomas said, "That's public through the media about possible... yeah, sure."

ed during the time when the the university's major economic contribution to Edmonton and

says "it's not really something ministry of Advanced Education and Manpower as an implicit argument for more government

Horsman com

by Cliff Engelmann

has a policy on the matter, Advanced Education minister Jim Horsman told the Federation of Alberta Students yesterday.

And students here have an Farkas. opportunity to let him know what

they think about university fun-There will be no tuition ding, student loans and other increases until the government issues when he appears on campus Monday at noon in SUB Theatre.

This is an excellent opportunity to let Horsman know about students' concerns with tuition fees," says SU vp external Kris

Student leaders will meet

with Horsman in February to discuss tuition fees.

Horsman also told FAS if they can get all the institutions in the province to submit applications through FAS for the student position on the Students' Finance Board, he will definitely pick one of their nominees.