

BACUS backs ESS

by Mike Walker

The Engineering Queen contest has friends as well as detractors.

BACUS Council (the Commerce faculty's students' council) defeated a motion Monday to send a letter to the Engineering Students' Society (ESS) asking it to "re-evaluate the need for the annual Queen Contest and kickline."

Although BACUS president Liz Lunney, who proposed the letter at a specially convened meeting, deliberately avoided asking the members to condemn the activities as sexist, the debate centered around whether BACUS should take a position against the queens and kicklines.

"It makes no suggestion that BACUS finds it sexist... that's an individual choice," Lunney said. "As a faculty which is about 50 percent female, I think this is an important issue for the women in the faculty."

Student Andy Mankowski thought the commerce students should not take a position on the issue since it might harm BACUS's relationship with the ESS.

"They are a little bit sensitive on the point now. They think that we're the only other good faculty on campus," he said. "Anything in the future that we hope to do with the engineers will be severely damaged by this."

Students' Council commerce rep Phil Soper argued in favor of the letter.

"We have a lot of females, and males as well, who could have been offended by it," he said. "The letter... just asks for a re-evaluation of the theme behind Engineering Week."

Student Wayne Olmstead agreed: "It seems to me... that we're making a pretty moderate statement. Nowhere here are we even asking them to cancel Queen Week or the kicklines."

Perhaps the most businesslike view was expressed by one student who said, "From a commerce student's point of view, the reality of the situation is that sex sells."

But, in the words of student Chanchal Bhattacharya, "Sex sells... 150 years ago, so did human beings."

Latin America forum coming

An exiled former Chilean political prisoner will speak at a U of A forum on Latin American affairs next Tuesday.

The forum takes place on Tuesday, January 27, in room 142 of the Students' Union Building at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free, but a small donation will be solicited to cover film rental charges.

Ricardo Alcaron, former president of the Political Prisoners' Association of Chile, and Fred Judson, a U of A grad student representing the Latin America Solidarity Committee, will discuss American involvement in and impact on Latin American affairs.

The forum, sponsored by the U of A Chaplains' Association and the Latin American Solidarity Committee, will be a brief overview of the corporate and governmental ties between the USA and various Central and South American regimes.

Asbestos

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off, and a shower for the workers must be arranged to prevent leakage," he said.

Although the University expects the government to pay for at least part of the asbestos program, (as it has for other Edmonton public buildings), it has not yet received any government funding.

To date, the University has completed work inventories on SUB, the Chemical Engineering Building, and the Physical Education Building.

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Closing of Nominations:

1700 Hr., Thursday, January 22nd, 1981

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