

Engineers promote feminism

Well, Engineering Week is almost with us again. As those who have never witnessed the engineers at their best will soon find out, the campus will be turned upside down for a week. Since many people will, no doubt, be shocked and dismayed by some of the things which occur during Queen Week, we would like to go on record with some background to this gala event.

You see, years ago (when no one really cared about feminism) a group of far-sighted engineers were sitting around discussing human rights. A consensus was reached: all agreed that the way society treated women was disgusting. It was also apparent to those present at this historic meeting that if a change was to be made, it would have to originate among the better informed and more intelligent women (such as those who attend Universities). Since all engineers hate people who sit on their asses and talk, this open minded group decided to take some action.

It was agreed to implement a scheme which would prove to be a catalyst in the formation of a women's movement. The criteria for the plan were: it would have to be short enough to prevent a drawn out battle, early enough in the term so that the women's

course load wasn't too heavy, and it would have to be sufficiently ignorant, sexist, and provocative to bug the hell out of almost everyone. It was hoped that the women at the U of A would be angered into demanding their rights, and that this would set a precedent for Alberta society in general.

So the plan was implemented. And many, many years later, those of us who study engineering are still taking on the thankless task of attempting to provide a forum through which women could unite, spurred by anger. Engineering Week was designed so that women could

vent their disgust upon it. And every year, the only reaction we get is a few stupid letters in the *Gateway*, half of them written by guys trying to impress their girlfriends, and the other half written by shrill and stupid armchair inactivists.

Come on, women, get on the ball. So many people put so much into Engineering Week: why do you keep disappointing us? How about even a small protest march?

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Quit farting around

At the December 2 meeting of Students' Council, a motion was passed expressing Council's disappointment with the pictorial caption which appeared on the front page of the November 6 issue of the *Gateway* which

referred to James Horsman (Minister of Advanced Education and Manpower), David King (Minister of Education), and Prof. Steve Hunka as three middle-aged farts.

Council was concerned that this caption was in poor taste and may offend students as well as those named in the caption. It was further felt that the sentiments expressed in this caption are not

those of students on campus, and thus hurts the credibility of students as well as the *Gateway*.

Students' Council
Nolan Astley
President

Licence suspension no solution to the crisis

I would just like to raise some points concerning the closure of RATT. First, I have no gripes about drinking beer and having a good time, as I try to do this on a regular basis. There is a balance, however, as I also spend time working in an office in SUB (along with others in the faculty). The result is that there has to be some aspect of control at RATT. The people who go to RATT, get exceedingly drunk, and proceed to act like idiots, are hurting more than themselves. Witness:

1) Those who vandalize the elevator. During the infamous Nov. 22-23 weekend, two lights in the elevator were smashed; the other elevator reeked of beer and puke. 2) Evidence of smashed beer bottles existed in the stairwells. 3) The amount of sound generated by bands up in RATT is so loud that it blows the roof off (as well as the subsequent floors underneath). 4) The general actions (remarks, etc.) of the "children" who obviously cannot handle the responsibility of maintaining proper respect of the privileges of having a campus bar, let alone being able to control their alcohol intake. 5) The inability of RATT management to even attempt to solve the above problems.

Closing the bar for two weeks will not remove these problems. Policing the premises will only remove these problems. The only real solution is for the "children" to become adults (mentally — to match their physical development). Judging from the present difficulties mentioned above, this is a pipe dream. Prove me wrong, please.

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