

The way we were...

by Peter Michalyshyn

Imagine over 1800 engineers loosed on the university intent on committing what they call "just having a good time."

Imagine Engineering Week. It's the time of year when the notorious, though much-maligned students of that faculty feel free to tell each other they suck.

It's also their time of year for pub crawls, boat races, keg races,

and of course, the Engineering Queen contest, the event *The Gateway* loves to hate.

On past occasions *The Gateway* has protested the Queen contest because it is blatantly sexist. On one particularly memorable occasion it published a picture of a staff member holding a plate of juicy, delectable ribs. Under the picture a caption read, "Butcher Bohdan, an engineering alumnus, claims his selection of processed meat has the current slate of engineering princesses beat by a country mile. We'll find out at the Queen's Ball on Saturday just who beats whom."

Unnamed engineers showed their appreciation for that comment by sending 100 pounds of raw meat to *The Gateway's* office, or all over the office, as it were.

The engineers, however, never admitted the Queen contest was sexist.

"We don't feel it's sexist, and neither do the girls (Princesses and those in kicklines) themselves," says Ed Spetter of the Engineering Students' Society (ESS).

"Even the girls in engineering

don't think it's sexist," Spetter says, adding he thinks women engineering students are "the most liberated on campus."

The clubs get extra points for "harmless" stunts, approved by the ESS, who accept no responsibility for "harmful" pranks that may just crop up, coincidentally, during the Week.

In 1978 the ESS, then presided over by "stuntman" Mike Ekelund, supported the defacing of the Anthony Caro sculpture directly south of Rutherford South Library.

The engineers said at the time that they wanted to comment on the artistic value of the sculpture; they wrote "Mechanical #1" and "Civil #1."

Professors in the Faculty of Engineering wholeheartedly support Engineering Week, according to Spetter.

And as for *The Gateway*? Well... "We've been generally ignored," Spetter says.

"I honestly don't know why."

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Dawn of Int'l day

by Randal Smathers

Engineers do not have a monopoly on "weeks" this year, as plans are currently underway for International Week. This will be the fourth such annual event, and is set for March 3-11.

Barry Tonge, Coordinator of Programs at the International Centre, said that the Rainbow of Culture is expected to be one of the more popular events again

this year. "It's kind of an international variety show, which primarily features students of the University."

There were 42 events last year, divided equally between educational and social/cultural events. Tonge is expecting a spokesman from the Canadian International Development Agency to be one of this year's keynote speakers. The topic of his lecture is going to concern environment and development. "We should have something to appeal to just about everybody," said Tonge.

Tonge is also anticipating some events to be planned in coordination with the Women's Studies department, as Women's Day is in the middle of International Week this year.

Many of the events are still in the planning stages, but interested students should look for a poster and guide book to come out in late February with program details. Guide books will be available at info desk to be set up around campus.

There are about 1,550 international students on campus, but participation in International Week does not end with them. Many of the departments with foreign interests also participate.

Some of the departments have regularly scheduled events, such as seminars, which can be profiled in the International Centre's guide, while others host special events.

Students who may be interested in volunteering can contact Michelle Lobo at the International Centre. Volunteers are needed for "just about everything", from writing blurbs to making posters, and operating audio-visual equipment.



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