

Engineers heist beauty queens

At 8 p.m. Thursday, 11 first-year engineers methodically began kidnapping four of the five NAIT queen candidates from "wherever they happened to be."

"One was in her bathrobe," said an engineer. Another was on duty at the cash register at Zorba's. The manager took over her position.

The girls spent the night on the campus. Taken to Kelsey Hall, they were put up in rooms of varsity girls.

Negotiations to exchange the girls for a keg of beer culminated in a confrontation Friday noon. Three hundred NAIT students invaded the university campus shortly before noon. They encircled SUB with their cars, then blocked traffic by locking the cars and deserting them.

NAIT students swarmed through SUB looking for their queens. The engineers directed them to the Gateway office.

Put back on course, the NAIT supporters headed for TL-11. "It was all arranged in advance," explained one engineer.

"It's a good thing it went off well because we had our queens there as well as theirs."

The NAIT queens were returned in time for the election of the queen at the Friday night ball. The keg of beer was supplied by NAIT's Faculty of Business Administration.

Triumphant engineers surveyed the damage. Posters throughout the engineering building were ripped. A first-year chemistry class in TL-11 was cancelled.

Blocked traffic around SUB had at least seven policemen issuing tickets. "The students will just tear them up," predicted one university student. A towing service was busy carrying NAIT cars. Several cars were reported to have had emergency brakes still on.

"This is the second insult we



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have given them," boasted one engineer. During Christmas the sign above the NAIT building was changed from reading "Season's Greetings" to "Go Engineers."

NAIT students retaliated by painting NAIT in red letters on the arena. "It was all scuffed off in a game that very night," scoffed an engineer.

Engineers were not agreed on reasons for the two raids. "The NAIT students shoot off their mouths about us," claimed one engineer. "You can hear them anytime over in the beer parlour on Kingsway." Another claimed it was a retaliation against any future reprisals by NAIT students. "We believe in doing to others before they do unto you," he said.

Elaborate security is planned for Engineering Week, Feb. 1-8. "For the last week, none of our queens will live at home. They will be guarded 24 hours a day. They're not going to be alone for anything—or hardly anything," said an engineer.

The CBC was informed in advance and present at the exhibition in TL-11 Friday. A Journal reporter and photographer were given a press conference in the Engineering Students Society

headquarters. A Gateway reporter was rebuked.

"The last time we pulled a stunt like this, you people (Gateway) weren't even interested," commented an engineer.

Official notice

Applications are being accepted from Students' Union members wishing to attend the following conferences (all expenses will be paid by the Students' Union):

1. Fourth Annual Intercollegiate Conference on Canadian-American Relations
at: Michigan State University, East Lansing, USA
date: February 21-23, 1969
topic: Youth in Politics
1 delegate will be sponsored
2. Conference on Canadian Affairs
at: University of Winnipeg
date: Feb. 27-Mar. 1, 1969
topic: Canada? A Lament for a Nation
2 delegates will be sponsored

Applications are available from the receptionist, second floor, SUB and must be submitted by February 5, 1969. For further information, contact David Leadbeater, SUB.

Collage of movement

Dance Motif is an implosion. Working within the framework of a hoedown or a Japanese Haiku, Orchestis, a campus dance ensemble dedicated to the art of the dance, explores the many subtle vitalities of their subject. Tonight and tomorrow night the results will be seen as Orchestis presents a collage of short works ranging from jazz ballet to non-sense dance. The performance begins at 8 p.m.

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