



association of university and college employees

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Mr. David Hill, President
Law Student's Association
c/o Faculty of Law
U.B.C.

Dear Mr. Hill:

On behalf of the Executive of AUCE Local I and in conjunction with the AUCE Provincial Office, we wish to express our appreciation of your stand against the sexist activities of the Engineering students at UBC during Engineering week.

We would expect that the image the University of British Columbia would like to put forth is that of an enlightened institution, striving to erradicate the inequity between men and women. This is far from the truth. The membership of AUCE Local I, 93% of whom are women, are not given the choice of being exposed to the Godiva Ride or to the Red Rag. Silence in the face of such sexist activities is tantamount to tacit support for these activities. By condoning this annual event the University administration makes a mockery of any claims that they are opposed to the repugnant activities of the Engineers. This lack of consciousness does nothing to enhance the opinion presently held of Engineers, the Faculty of Applied Science, or the University as a whole.

It is surely appropriate that student governments join with those employed on campus, and with the campus administration in opposing discrimination within our own institution. Our workers must be on campus in the course of our employment. Our Union has always taken a strong stand against the activities during Engineering week. It is important to know that the students at UBC are prepared to stand up for such fundamental rights.

We thank you again for your support.

Yours truly,

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Dr. D.T. Kenny, President, UBC