

## President says show must go on

WATERLOO (CUP) — The president of the University of Waterloo is determined to maintain the university's 15-year old Miss Oktoberfest beauty pageant, despite a letter campaign and 1500-name petition protesting the sexist nature of the pageant.

In a letter to the university's Women's Centre, Doug Wright said he is concerned that if the administration gives in on the issue, it will "expose the University to pressures of every sort in favour of, or in opposition to, political and ethical opinions" from a variety of interest groups.

"I have concluded that it would

be improper for the university to ban such an event on this campus," Wright said in the letter. "A university is ill-equipped to establish itself as a censor or moral judge, nor should it be ever in that position."

Members of the Women's Centre, however were unhappy with Wright's decision. "It was a cop-out," said Stacey O'Sullivan. "He is saying that the University can't make a moral judgment which has been in the past, with Engineers for example," said O'Sullivan.

Engineers was a controversial monthly tabloid published by the

engineering society until late last semester. It stopped publishing due to pressure from the university administration and women's groups over its sexist content.

The Women's Centre is scouting around for an off-campus venue for the pageant, held each fall.

Women who want to be in the Miss Oktoberfest pageant must have never lived in a common-law relationship, have never had an abortion and must be unmarried.

"The message is if you're not a real woman; you're not desirable," said O'Sullivan.

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MONDAY, WOLFGANG HAD  
NOTHING AGAINST  
TOMATOES OR FRUITS  
IN GENERAL...



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## UBC Engineers don't think pink

VANCOUVER (CUP) — The University of British Columbia engineer's cairn — a concrete structure based on a traditional pile of rocks used to mark trails — was painted hot pink recently to mark Gay Pride week.

An anonymous group painted the cairn hot pink and added the words "we are everywhere" to the base. The engineering cairn is usually white with a big red E.

Students at the engineers headquarters, the Cheese Factory, blamed the gays and lesbians for the paint job.

"I could take science, aggies

(agriculture students) and forestry but gays and lesbians have gone too far," said Rich Fitzpatrick, an applied science student.

Various campus groups paint the cairn to celebrate their weeks. Last week was gay and lesbian week at UBC.

Tanis Sueden, vice-president of Gays and Lesbians of UBC, said the group had no idea who painted the cairn.

"It could have been gay engineers or gay art students,"

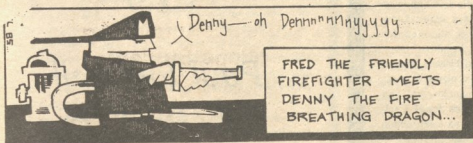
Sueden said. Sueden added that it was not planned by the gay club.

Jim Wickens, engineering undergraduate society vice-president, said that many groups attack the cairn.

"It's an easy thing to get into," Wickens said. Wickens said that other groups painting the cairn didn't bother him.

One student said the cairn was now three pink triangles. Nazis in the second world war marked gay men in concentration camps with pink triangles. The gay liberation movement now uses the pink triangle as a symbol of pride.

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