College World

A Canadian education is sometimes an unusual thing. Take, for example, the University of British Columbia. According to reports in UBC's newspaper, The Odyssey, the past month has been a banner month for "extra-curricular" activities. The following story (reprinted verbatim) is an excellent example of how UBC's Engineers are active above and beyond the call of duty.

"Toilet seats were at a premium Wednesday.

"Demand shot sky high when pranksters made off with 101 toilet seats from washrooms in the Buchanan, Chemistry, and Physics buildings, and the Library Tuesday night.

"Wednesday morning early-birds arriving at the Physics building washroom found only one toilet intact.

"By the middle of the morning students were lined up twenty deep outside the fully equipped toilet.

"Both male and female water closets were hit.

"The practical jokes, reportedly dressed as plumbers, moved in on the buildings shortly after 8 p.m. Tuesday.

"The raid was carried off smoothly except for one incident, usually reliable sources told The Odyssey.

"As two of the pranksters came out of a library washroom clutching several toilet seats, they were confronted by a Buildings and Grounds night foreman.

"He learned that they were removing the seats on orders of Wesbrook officials who were investigating a 'complaint.'

"Having corrobated the foreman, the two slipped the seats into a canvas bag and left, it was reported.

"Unsmiling B & G officials Wednesday warned that unless the seats find their way home, the guilty parties will be processed with a bill for $698.

"The threat apparently did not go unheeded, for by noon Thursday B & G reported that 99 of the missing seats had been returned anonymously.

"The Engineering Undergraduate Society has claimed it can guarantee the return of missing seats.

"The Odyssey of the next Tuesday had a front-page "blower" picture with the caption: "Toilet seats stolen by Engineers last week wandered off campus Tuesday night, the suspect in the case recovered by Wesbrook officials.

"Comments from UBC's faculty members were varied. The head of the Classics department said, "The 'disappearance' of necessary pieces of furniture from three campus buildings was a good joke," and added that he wished he had thought of it when he was a student at UBC.

"The Dean of Applied Science, on the other hand, has vowed eternal vengeance on the Faculty (School) of Arts and Sciences. He returned to his home after the Engineers' Ball—to find his toilet seat missing.

"New Exhibits At Library

"Rivalry runs strong in Vancouver, however, and the Music Society refused to bow to the "creativity" of the Engineers. So the Music Society sponsored an event which led to the Odyssey headline: "Five mattresses because as coeds "made" in beds.""