

Osgoode pot trial was a mockery of justice

By BRIAN MILNER

Osgoode held a mock trial Saturday that was funnier than the real thing. At least that was the opinion of some of the 300 high school students who witnessed the color spectacle.

"It was hilarious," said one student, "especially when Constable Schneidhofer turned out to be a real cop. . . did he ever look stupid!"

To give an authentic boring realism to the trial two RCMP narcotics officers gave testimony.

"This was a lot better than a real trial. They had a jury there and kept sending them out all the time," another student said, "It was too hard to follow."

Many students were impressed by the proceedings. "I've never been in a court before. It was great."

Another thought it was "very authentic."

The high school students were here to participate in a high school symposium, organized by the schools liaison department.

Two people were tried for possession of marijuana and hashish at the trial. There was no jury, but witnesses were called and sworn in as if in a real hearing. The Crown called only two witnesses, the arresting officers.

At one point the senior policeman testified that he shoved his fingers

into the mouth of the "male defendant" and placed his other hand on his throat to keep him from swallowing any evidence. At the same time he rested his knees on the suspect's chest to prevent unlawful flight. Following this description of routine police activity the suspense mounted steadily as coed defendant took the stand.

"How could you tell they were police?" the Crown attorney asked.

"Well, they were wearing white shirts," she said.

"Does that mean they were conservatively dressed?" he asked, pressing the issue.

"Yes," she stammered.

Following further testimony and the lawyers' summations the magistrate, a county court judge described as "tough," mumbled his decision.

The girl, an innocent university

student who didn't know her boyfriend was a psychotic marijuana user, was released. Her friend was remanded for sentence and psychiatric examination, but for his acting alone he should have got life at the very least.

Trudeau to join in at Glendon carnival

By NICK MARTIN

Glendon College will be holding its annual Winter Carnival this Friday and Saturday, organizer Henry Wood announced this week. "Whoopie!" usually reliable sources were quoted as saying when told of the news.

Prime minister Pierre Trudeau has cancelled his vacation on the Riviera so that he can attend the carnival. "I know where the real action is," Trudeau was heard to remark while explaining his visit to York, "although I didn't expect to be back in the United States again so soon."

Wood is also hoping to have U.S. president Richard Nixon, U Thant, and the royal family on hand, with Prince Philip getting the festivities officially under way by throwing out the first republican.

"All the beautiful people will be there," Henry told this reporter in an exclusive interview, "but people from that other campus out in the hinterlands are also very welcome."

A variety of sports and entertainment has been scheduled, with a series of games between Glendon and St. Pat's College of Carleton University highlighting the sports program.

A snow sculpture contest gets the ball rolling on Friday with prizes going to those erecting the most interesting figures. Toboggans and snowmobiles will be supplied free of charge to anyone wanting a ride down the hill to the playing field, regardless of race, creed, or place of national origin.

"We feel everyone has the inalienable right to get killed," Wood explained.

Women's hockey and men's broomball are featured on the ice rink finishing in time for the comedy revue Croak at 9 p.m. in the dining hall. This is the show that made Hair producer Michael Butler blush, of which Nathan Cohen wrote, "it makes Oh Calcutta look like Anne of Green Gables," and which moved Morality Squad officer Prissley Goodbody to comment, "Oh my dead God!"

Following the show there will be a discotheque operating in L'Araignee, as well as several residence parties with an abundant supply of tea and cookies for visitors.

On Saturday, St. Pat's will meet the Glendon juggernauts in women's bolleyball, men's and women's basketball, and men's hockey. At 9 p.m. L'Araignee will feature singer Bruce Cockburn, formerly of the group Three's a Crowd. This will be followed by a special appearance by John and Yoko, who will chant "War is over if you want it" in 300 assorted Indian dialects for the next 48 hours.

For any fascists who want to pass up this treat, the carnival will be winding up with a midnight to dawn horror movie marathon in the terrace room of the spooky old mansion house. The features, all in colour, include The Fly, Chamber of Horrors, It, 23 Paces to Baker Street and Black Widow.

Wood reports that it costs only a quarter to see all five pictures. "It costs only a quarter to see all five pictures," he said at a televised press conference, and added that monster fans are welcome to bring along cushions, sleeping bags, and strings of garlic to the performance.

Founders drops referendum

Founders College Council voted last Thursday to reverse their earlier decision and not have a college-wide referendum on Council of the York Student Federation membership.

The council had originally called for the referendum, according to its president Sue Himmer, primarily to give the students a opportunity to accept or reject the CYSF constitution. The constitution has been approved by all the college councils but not by a general vote of the student body.

John Barnes, Founders' cultural affairs commissioner, also saw the referendum as an occasion to discuss the role of CYSF-type central government in York's present college-oriented system.

The referendum was planned for the end of the term of the resent CYSF so that the personalities of the present York student council would not be at issue and either giving the new council a clear mandate or making it aware of student discontent.

CYSF president Paul Koster appeared at the Thursday meeting to speak against the planned referendum. He argued that the new CYSF should be given a chance to prove themselves before the vote was taken and besides, he said, he was personally tired of more student politicking.

The referendum was defeated 7-3.

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Saywell denies he might leave York for Ottawa

Arts dean John Saywell has denied rumors that he is leaving York next year.

In an interview Tuesday Saywell said the rumors are "totally, absolutely, hopelessly false. I have given no thought to leaving York."

Telegram columnist Doug Fisher reported last week that Saywell was being offered a high position with the federal government in Ottawa. Saywell said the report was "news to me," and said his aim "has always been and will always be to go back to be a professor - at York."