

Founders stages party for underprivileged kids

Big Bunny hops into the hearts of children

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Proponents of uninvolvement were taken aback on Saturday when a group of students from Founders residence threw a well-organized and successful Easter party for underprivileged children.

It was the closest thing to a mass movement this campus has seen since the showing of Deep Throat last year. Officially billed as "Big Bunny comes to Founders", the affair involved the active participation of between 15 and 20 students and the very active participation of 50 children between the ages of 10 and 12.

NO MISNOMER

The official title was not a misnomer. The day's final event was the appearance of the Easter Rabbit, armed with gifts sufficient to placate any over-enthusiastic pair of hands. The role of rabbit was taken by Ross Fairty (the most visible and active person in the organization and production of the day).

But the party began at 11 a.m. as the children, divided into five groups of 10, (each headed by two students acting as councillors), assembled in Founders junior common room.

Most of the children (all associated with St. Christopher's House) knew each other, so there was no initial shyness to overcome. Boldness was a greater problem.

At noon, those who wished went for a supervised swim. Despite the protestations of the councillors, a large minority of the kids attempted dives off the high board, even though

many had never dived before. Being good swimmers, the novice divers escaped unharmed.

An hour-long lunch in the master's

dining hall in Winters followed, as well as an hour of games and two movies. (It should be noted for the benefit of anyone duplicating this

type of event that Buster Keaton was a flop.)

The most striking thing about the organization and staging of the party was the co-operation received from most people approached. Founders residence council supplied most of the over \$100 needed. Fairty was able to collect nearly \$100 in funny money in 15 minutes.

The bus was provided free of charge. The gifts were bought at a discount. The cost of the Versafood meal was reasonable and the service friendly.

Even the children co-operated now and then. There were only two or three fights and none was serious.

Most important, the children seemed to enjoy it. Having a score of elderly folks at one's beck and call is a dream rarely realized for a child.

When asked why she had a good time, one girls responded, "Because it's so quiet up here. There's no cars."

The party was designed to give the kids a chance to have a good time, through the change of scenery if nothing else.

Another purpose was to demonstrate to university students that there are outlets for creativity and energy apart from those traditionally associated with campus life, and that there is an alternative to boredom and passive acceptance of the state of things.

The organizers hope the realization of this second goal will mean that this party is just the first of many similar activities organized by university students for groups of people outside the university.



Ross Fairty makes her debut as the Easter Bunny

Hurly-burly real estate market abandons shepherds in left field

In the hurly-burly of today's burgeoning real estate market, some of the little men in Metro are being trampled.

Barney Sykes, who mans the traffic helicopter for CKRY radio, complains that he can't find any rooftops to land on anymore. And he hates inflation.

"Whyn't they get off their asses in Ottawa?" he reasoned.

"Ya," concurred Bob Applejuice, a shepherd. "And what about abortion?"

Grouse was particularly incensed about a hot dog he had eaten for lunch.

"You call that meat?" he asked. "I don't call that meat."

Rosie Krantz and Gilda Stern, two housewives who had just rammed their car through the window of Jingle's Supermarket, were relieved that a predicted epidemic of toads had not yet reached Don Mills.

"Not yet," breathed Stern, mopping her brow.

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