

False alarm costs \$400.

Vanier takes it off to launch "raunchy night"

By DOUG TINDAL

"Is there any special reason why you're doing this?" emcee and ventriloquist Gene Snead asked Kevin Smith, organizer of Vanier College's burlesque night last Friday.

"No, just for the hell of it," said Smith. "Just for the sake of having a raunchy night."

Vanier paid a Toronto entertainment agency \$1,000 to provide three professional strippers plus a trampoline act, a magician, a two-piece (accordion and drums) orchestra, and Snead, the ventriloquist-emcee.

In order to ensure that the 250 to 300 students who paid \$3 each to attend were in the proper, receptive frame of mind, Vanier also subsidized the \$1-a-jug 'Happy Hours' in

the Open End, preceding the event.

"So how do you want the patter?" continued Snead. "Clean, raunchy, dirty, obscene?"

"You can spice it up as much as you want," said Smith. "They're here for a good time — they're expecting a real raunchy show."

"They'll get it," said Snead.

And they did.

One of the most entertaining aspects of the evening was Snead's ventriloquism routine, featuring the traditional heckling battle between the dummy and the audience.

In addition to classic lines like "I'm a dummy, what's your excuse?" and "At least I get paid for making an ass out of myself", the dummy silenced one persistent

heckler with the line "The last time I saw a face like yours, it was circumsised."

Smith told Excalibur he had encountered no pressure or protest in organizing the evening. (In 1971, Founders drew a great deal of criticism in its attempt to organize a similar event, culminating in a bomb threat which effectively stopped the show.)

But midway through the evening, a group of five or six women were seen pulling a fire alarm near the dining hall (where the show was taking place).

The audience reacted with cries of "It's the libbers" and stolidly refused to move. So, in keeping with time-

honoured tradition, the show went on; but the group may feel some satisfaction in knowing that Vanier will be charged \$100 for each of the four firetrucks that sped to answer the false alarm — turning a break-even venture into a \$400 loss.

Despite the loss and complaints from one or two disappointed women ("There wasn't one male stripper!"), Smith feels "everybody had a pretty good time", and plans a repeat performance for next year's orientation.



Rick Reimer photo

A somewhat inebriated Vanier student (Ron Bergin) evidently thought Bridget Baker ("with the best legs in burlesque") was lonely on the Vanier dining hall stage last Friday at Vanier's burlesque night. Baker thought Bergin was shamefully overdressed.

Poli. sci. graduate council blocks move to make PhDs take a Canadian course

By CATHY HONSL

Should a prospective PhD political science student be given his degree if he hasn't taken any poli. sci. courses in Canadian politics?

'Yes' was the verdict delivered Monday at a meeting of the political science graduate council, a body composed of graduate students and faculty members.

Glen William and Dan Butler proposed that to get his PhD, a student should be required to take at least one graduate course in Canadian politics, literature or history (out of about seven courses involved in studies for a master's degree and a

PhD).

The proposal was voted down.

Harvey Simmons suggested poli. sci. graduate students should have to take at least one Canadian politics course during their university career (including undergraduate courses) to earn a PhD.

The council turned this down as well.

STRIKE THREE

A third proposal, voiced by member Ed Weissman, asked that teaching assistants be required to have taken at least one Canadian politics course.

This too was defeated.

Weissman said after the meeting that without such a requirement, professors who knew nothing about Canadian politics might be assigned to teach a Canadian politics course. He suggested the main bloc voting against the three proposals might have comprised foreign graduate students who felt the impromptu proposals would be detrimental to them.

"I don't know why Canadian studies shouldn't be a part of the requirements for a graduate programme," he said.

"Down in the United States, American political studies are a part of the requirements for a graduate degree, and that hasn't had a detrimental effect on getting students."

If the proposals had been adopted, the first students to be affected by the change would have been freshmen entering the programme in 1976.

Society in prison in South Africa topic at meeting

A public meeting sponsored by the Canadians Concerned About Southern Africa, entitled South Africa: the Imprisoned Society, will be held Sunday at 8 p.m. at U of T's Convocation Hall. Guest speakers will include two executive members of the outlawed African National Congress of South Africa, Dr. Yusuf Dadoo and John Gaetsewe.

Mourning smile

In the speech from the throne opening the fifth session of the 29th provincial parliament, lieutenant-governor Pauline McGibbon said the government of Ontario "will maintain Ontario's leadership in the field of education to ensure that our youth have access to our learning and training institutions to allow them the fullest possible development of their potential".

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3. Campaign period opened March 17 and closes midnight of the day immediately preceding the first day of polling - that is midnight March 23, 1975.
4. Polling will take place March 24/25, 1975, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., location of polls to be determined by C.R.O. (section 4).
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6. Run off By Election to break tie vote of two Stong candidates will be held at the same time.

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