

A quiet Sunday afternoon in council

by Michael Redmond

Mad Hatters Tea Party

In an attempt to boost morale a contingent of ambitious councillors braved nasty weather to visit the treasurer's apartment for Sunday brunch. "Real men eat whatever they want," student union president Peter Rans said as the quiche was served.

The brunch was an apolitical affair, with the exception of Science rep Allison Dysart's complaints about biased council coverage, replete with distortions, in the Gazette. (Who, us?) His idea of council being granted space in the Gazette "to present its side of the story" did not go over well with the Gazette reporter present. Once the champagne and orange juice was exhausted, council returned to the SUB to get democracy back in action.

But Is It Art?

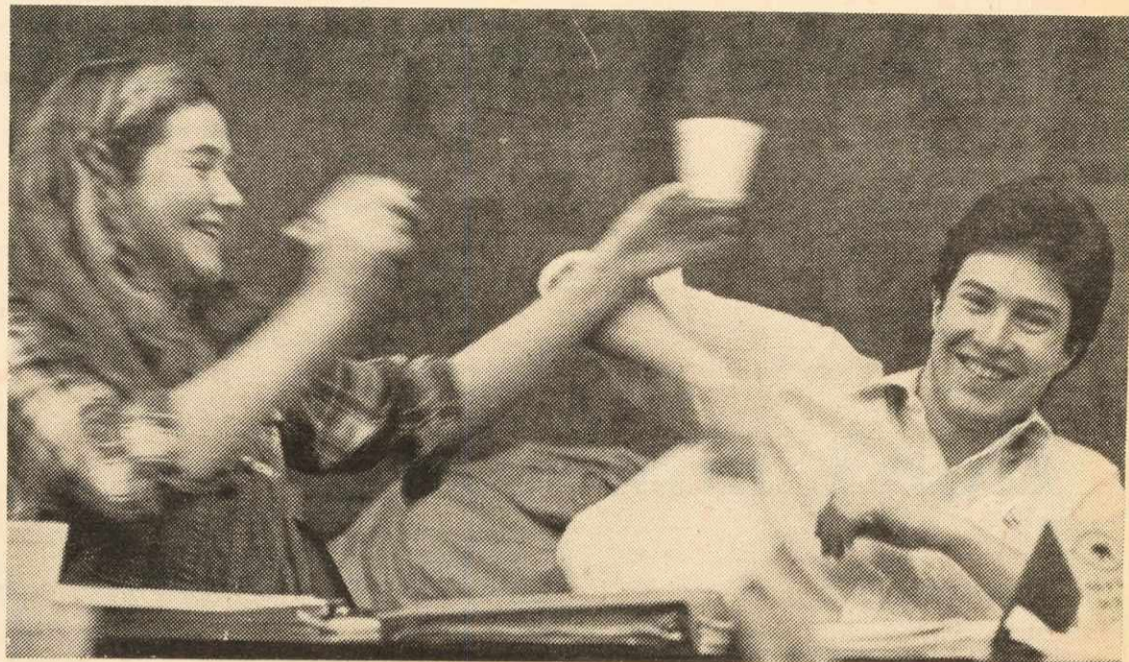
The council meeting itself, the first of the new year, was consider-

ably less exciting than the meal preceeding it. Drama did arise when Neal McCarney presented his budget for Winter Carnival '83. Geoff (quibble) Seymour took offence to the carnival logo which included, in fine print, the name of the artist who designed it. Seymour felt it inappropriate to "promote the artist" especially when (heaven forbid) he was paid for his work. A motion to have Leonardo Da Vinci's name removed from the Mona Lisa is anticipated at the next council meeting.

Orientation. When Was That?

The long overdue report on Orientation '82 was all set to go before council, if the agenda was to be believed. Unfortunately Orientation Chairman and Member-at-Large George Fraser was absent from the meeting. Fraser had sent word to Council Chairman Bill Walsh explaining he was stranded in New Glasgow. It was not clear whether or not Fraser was on official business.

Fraser's absence notwithstanding, council pushed bravely on in



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an attempt to deal with an Orientation report, any Orientation report. Student senator Chris Hartt moved to have Fraser's honorarium withheld. This sparked confusion in Wonderland and the meeting grew curiouser and curiouser with the

chair attempting to decide what was in order and what wasn't.

When the dust had finally settled Council handled two motions dealing with Orientation to varying degrees. Hartt's motion was tabled.

Treasurer Shawn Houlihan put forward and had carried a motion putting responsibility of presenting a report on the shoulders of council executive if Fraser, once again, failed to show at the next meeting. Politics is heady stuff.

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