

## Mocking the Law

by Leona Elchuk

The Faculty of Law in conjunction with the Faculty of Medicine presented their first annual medical mock trial Sunday in the downtown law courts. Mr. Justice Cavanagh of the Supreme Court of Alberta presided over a tightly packed courtroom.

The plaintiff, Mrs. Mona Lott, played by Anne Dryden, Administrative Assistant (Faculty of Law), was the first to testify. As Mrs. Lott painstakingly made her way to the witness box, a few giggles rippled through the audience, but the gravity of the court was soon regained as she related her tragic story.

Mrs. Lott explained her acquaintance with Dr. John Well-Bean, an Internist in the city of Wetaskiwin, whom she had seen over a period of many years for her many minor complaints and with Dr. Friend, a psychiatrist also in Wetaskiwin.

About one year ago Mrs. Lott came to see Dr. Well-Bean complaining of a tingling sensation in her extremities, shortness of breath, and a vague "dizziness." When Dr. Well-Bean examined her, he could find no neurological or other abnormalities so he reassured her that everything was fine. However she continued to complain, and eventually Dr. Well-Bean had Mrs. Lott admitted to Wetaskiwin Hospital.

The first witness for the plaintiff, was Dr. Prier, Neurologist, played by Mary Blahey (Med. 2). Portions of her testimony were accompanied

by laughter from the audience, as the plaintiff's counsel (Gordon Falconer, Law 3, and Anne Switzer, Law 3) attempted to establish Dr. Prier's credibility. Dr. Prier's diagnosis included multiple sclerosis and he recommended surgery.

The second witness was Dr. Peters, neurosurgeon played by Brian Biederman (Med. 2). When cross-examined by the defense counsel, (Randolf Langley and Barrie Neff, both Law 3) Dr. Peters was asked if he considered himself an expert in the procedure used in the surgery undergone by Mrs. Lott. He replied, face red and smiling "some would say so," again accompanied by a myriad of giggles. Dr. Peters performed the surgery, a benign tumor and Mrs. Mona Lott's impaired bladder control recovered par-

tially.

Shortly after surgery, Mrs. Lott sued Dr. Well-Bean, claiming that had she been referred to a neurologist and received treatment sooner, her permanent disability, mental anguish, and loss of enjoyment of the normal pleasures of life, would have been prevented.

Court recessed briefly as Mr. Justice Cavanagh retired to chambers to consider his ruling. On returning, Mr. Cavanagh ruled in favor of the defendant, dismissing the charges of medical negligence. Mr. Cavanagh concluded the proceedings by stating that the problems of court rulings in medical negligence cases are basically barriers of communication because of the highly technical terms of the medical profession.

## No one exempt: SAIT follows suit

CALGARY (CUP) - Tuition fees at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT) will be increased 150 percent this fall.

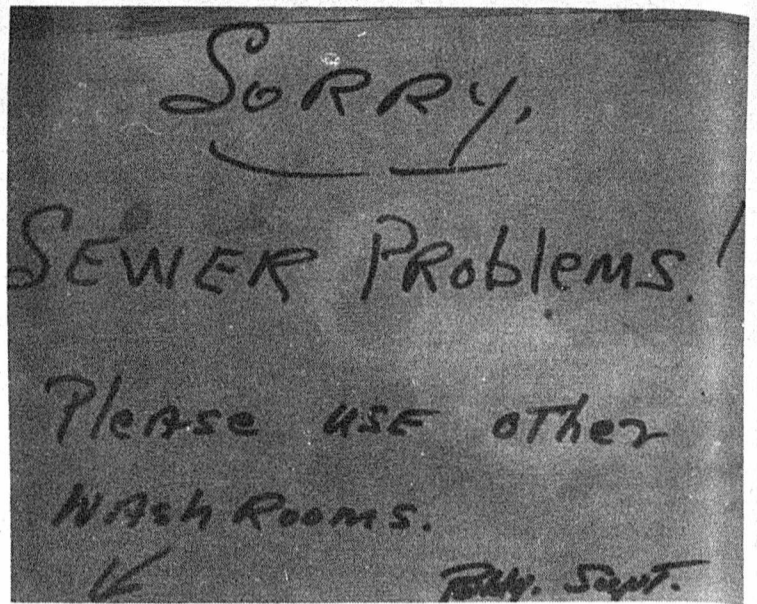
The formal statement from the Alberta Minister of Advanced Education and Manpower Dr. Bert Hohol, arrived at SAIT February 24, officially destroying the earlier rumour that tuition fees would be increased 525 percent.

SAIT president Fred Jorgenson says he is certain that the recommendation

presented to the minister by student leaders, management and faculty representatives was instrumental in the decrease in the percentage increase.

Tuition will go up to \$100 per year this fall from the current fee of \$40.

"Nobody can really complain, coming to school for \$100. The increase is fairly reasonable, and we are pleased with the government's decision," ait student Association president Vic Didkowsky said.



## Take a walk, john

When a sewer line in Tory gave up the ghost, janitors felt they had little choice but to padlock the bathrooms on the third floor. A few philanthropic geographers (surely not the profs...) took it upon themselves to alleviate the situation by providing the best alternatives that their present state of technology and innovation would allow them ... Photo Myrna Pearman.

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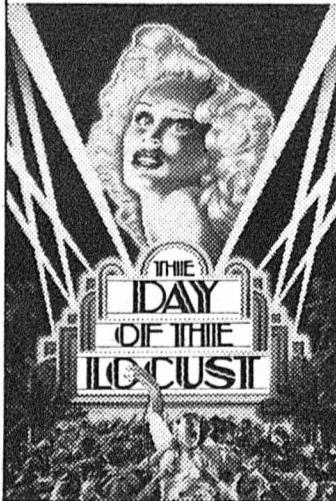
Thurs., March 11 - 'WAR AND PEACE' - Part 11 - 7:00 p.m. only 178 mins. - Famil.

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