

2000 St. Pat's Proclamation Signing

Cast: Dr. Viets, St. Pat, St. Pat's court member (Court 1), Nursing Students (NS 1 and 2), Far Dirrig (FD 1 to 2), Wise Old Orange (WOO).

Dr. Viets: Welcome to MSOE's 2000 St. Patrick's Day proclamation signing. It is always a pleasure to honor St. Pat and (his or her) court. You students have worked hard on you posters and booths (Pause). Well, at least some of you worked hard.

As most of you already know, we honor St. Patrick because he is the patron saint of engineers.

This proclamation that I am about to sign gives our fairly elected St. Pat and (his or her) court authority to rule over MSOE for the rest of the day. I'm glad to see that those annoying Far Dirrig (fear dearg) faculty and staff members aren't here today to cause trouble. You know, they've tried to prevent the proclamation signing every year since I've been president here at MSOE. Last year, they kidnaped the laptop computer committee and we almost didn't get them back.

Well as I was saying, it is now my privilege to sign (pause, looking closely at the students). Wait a minute. You students look a little odd... I mean a little odder than usual.

St. Pat: I know. It's the darn spots (pointing to one of his spots). They started appearing few days ago. It's like a rash or something. Every body on the court has them.

Dr. Viets: (Looking over the students) I say, those do look bad. Have you seen our nurse?

St. Pat: Yes. But she says she's never seen anything like it. The city health department been here to but they can't figure it out either.

Dr. Viets: (Addressing audience) You know the Far Dirrig have to be behind this.

(Far Dirrig arrive from Enrollment management area, making lots of noise.)

FD 1: That's right Dr. Viets and (to the court) my spotted friends, we are behind this and proud of it!

Dr. Viets: What have you done!

FD 2: The faculty has developed a virus. We call it the Mozee Pox. As you can see, it causes a wonderful red and orange rash. We been inoculating class handouts and graded homework papers with it all week. Our calculations indicate 97% of the student body should be infected by now.

Dr. Viets: This is terrible. Our students wont be able to get dates to the St. Pat's dance looking like this.

FD 1: So what's new (FD cheer and hoot).

Dr. Viets: You are truly an evil bunch.

FD 2: Thank you.

Dr. Viets: Well are there any cures for this Mozee Pox?

FD 1: Oh yes. A couple.

FD 2: Four or five years of hard work cures most cases (pause). Then there's the gamma globulin shot.

Court 1: (Looking frightened). Did he say shot?

FD 2: Yes, (reviling the oversized syringe, if we have one) I said shot!

(Court 1 faints into the arms of the rest of the court, but revives quickly.)

St. Pat: We're tough. We can take your shots. It can't be worse than the last quarter's *insert course name* final exam (court agrees, shouting out other courses with difficult exams).

FD 2: Wait a minute. You're assuming we're going to offer you the shots. And we all know what happens when you assume...

Dr. Viets: (Interrupting) I suppose you have some demands.

FD 1: Of course. The usual, an immediate cancellation of all St. Pat's activities (Court boos, FD cheer), an increase in the amount of homework we can assign and more quizzes.

Dr. Viets: (to St. Pat) What are we going to do? It looks like they've got us this year.

(Nursing students arrive from student life area, making noise.)

NS 1: Don't give up quite yet Dr. Viets (court cheers).

Dr. Viets: (to group) Who are you?

NS's We're the MSOE nursing students and we're here to help.

NS 2: You see, we discovered the faculty's sinister plot late last quarter. We've been working night and day since then to develop a cure.

Dr. Viets: Have you been successful?

NS 1: Of course. We're Mozee students aren't we? (Court and nurses cheer).

NS 2: (Stepping over to the large box on stage and pulling off the sheet covering it.) We've developed the Mozee Vironator 2000 (Court cheers but look a bit apprehensive).

Dr. Viets How does it work?

NS 2: Infected individuals simply walk through it. It's completely safe (well, at least we think it's safe) and non-invasive.

NS 1: It's also environmentally friendly.

Dr. Viets: I think we should test it before we send any students through. (Looking over the FD and pointing out Wise Old Orange.) I think you'll do nicely. (To the knights) Run him through the Vironator.

(The knights advance and the WOO goes grudgingly. While in the machine WOO removes his costume. He then exits the Vironator).

Dr. Viets: Well. It made him better looking. I guess it's safe for students.

(The court starts to line up and walk through the Vironator, removing their ties as they move through it meanwhile...)

Dr. Viets: (to the FD) Well it looks like you've been foiled again and the rest of the St. Pat's activities will go on as planned (court cheer, FD boo and hiss). (To nursing students) Thank you very much. You've saved the day.

FD 1: I hate it when this happens (pause). (Defiantly) But, there's always next year. (FD cheer defiantly).

Dr. Viets: (To FD's, loudly) Silence you red and orange ruffians. You failed again to stop MSOE's St. Patrick's Day festivities. In penitence for trying to disrupt these festivities again this year, I want St. Pat and his/her court to collect 65 ties from the MSOE faculty and staff.

(Students present the Proclamation to Dr. Viets. FD 1 offers Dr. Viets a red or orange pen with which to sign. Dr. Viets refuses the pen and accepts a green pen from one of the students. Dr. Viets signs the proclamation. The students begin cutting ties.)