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FRESHMAN RECEPTION

"Frosh" Have the Privilege of Shaking Hands with Important Personages.

As everybody knows, there was a reception on Friday night, October 11, for the U.B.C.'s latest acquisition. Now that initiation rites are over, and the Freshies really belong to the college, we thought that we could afford to spend a few hours in being nice to them and in trying to get them to be nice to each other. The guests were received by Mr. Sutcliffe, president of the Alma Mater Society; Miss Evelyn McKay, president of the Women's Undergraduate Society; Mrs. Wesbrook, Mrs. Klinck, and Mrs. Robinson.

The first part of the evening was taken up with musical selections, a speech from Dr. Sedgewick, and, of course, with introducing everybody to everybody else. Then cards and dancing took up our attention until twelve o'clock, when it was decided that our juvenile guests should all be away home in their little beds.

Upon entering the auditorium, each person was given a numbered card. Each student of the upper years, after having found the Freshie whose number corresponded to his own, had to take care of that Freshie's happiness for the rest of the evening. If any of us were inclined to be bored at first, Mr. Fink's violin selections acted as a complete remedy. Dr. Sedgewick said things that made us laugh and things that made us think. Being honorary president of Arts '22, he spoke mainly to the members of that class. In order to conform with what seems to be the custom at this University, he reminded the Freshies of the newness of everything around the

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ATHLETICS BRIGHTER

RUGBY AND BASKETBALL ENTHUSIASTS AT WORK

A Vancouver Rugby League has been recently formed in the city, consisting of four teams: "U.B.C.," Firemen, Coughlan's, and nondescripts. A schedule for the coming season has been drawn up. Two games will be played every Saturday afternoon at Brockton Point, the first being set for Saturday, October 26.

The followers of Rugby in the University have been working overtime lately, in order to be in shape for the opening game of the season, but so far the weather has not been favorable for serious work. As in other years, the team will be very light; but the speed shown, especially in the back division, will make up for this.

We can depend upon our men to give a good account of themselves, but it is necessary that the faculty and the student body stand behind them and show some appreciation by turning out to the games. The morale of a team is greatly increased with the knowledge that they have active and enthusiastic supporters.

Concerning the basketball this year, we can only say that both teams are handicapped owing to the fact that they are having difficulty in finding a gymnasium in which to practice. It is hoped that some suitable arrangement will be made soon, either with the High School or with the Normal.

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Prominent Athlete Met Death this Summer

WILLARD G. McLELLAN entered McGill University College with Arts '17. He was a splendid athlete and Rugby star, as well as being very popular among the students and a leader in their activities. In his Sophomore year he enlisted in the famous "Princess Pats," and was wounded while serving in France. Upon recovery he returned to Vancouver, and continued his University course as a junior with Arts '19. Very soon he adjusted himself to the new conditions and became again one of the leading spirits of the College, the Arts men, at the close of the term, electing him to be their president.

Early this summer he was drowned on the Skeena.

Few men ever attended either "Old McGill" or the University of B. C. who were as much loved as "Mickey." Popular with students and faculty alike, and full of unbounded enthusiasm, he had a great influence on the College, and his death leaves a void in the spirit of the University and in the lives of all who knew him, even ever so slightly. The personification of vibrant dynamic life, he seemed not to have been "born for death," and even yet it is hard to realize that he is gone forever. It was, too, the very "humanness" of his character that won for him his popularity and success as a leader—he was human nature, in his failings and virtues, hopes and disappointments, anguish and success.

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Shooting practices will be arranged as soon as possible, and occasional route marches will take the place of drill. Corps singing will have its inauguration this year, more with a view to making a cheerful noise than to obtaining artistic effects.

It is sincerely regretted that Mr. Jordan, who did so much for the corps in the early days of its existence, will not be able to take his active interest this year on account of pressure of work.

There is a possibility that one of our returned men will be appointed as adjutant of the corps. Nothing definite, however, has been decided.

The future orders for the corps will probably be given through this column.

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All men who have left the corps are asked to hand in their uniforms at once, as there are so many new men who need outfits.

GERALD M. HARVEY

We feel that our paper will not be complete without special mention of the death of "Shorty," as Gerald was popularly known. The University lost one of her brightest young men and cleverest students when Gerald decided to join the Royal Air Force as a pilot. He was a happy member of Arts '20, and, although only eighteen years old, he was in his Junior year. He left Vancouver for a training camp in the East on Friday, September 30th. On Saturday, October 12th, his parents received word that he had died in Toronto from pneumonia, resulting from a short attack of Spanish influenza. He was bright and happy, always full of life, and it was with sorrow and regret that we learned of his death. He was the only child of Mr. J. N. Harvey, who is a leading business merchant in Vancouver. They have our deepest sympathies.

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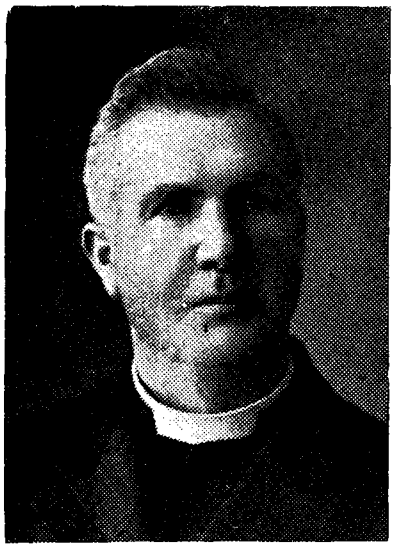

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Charles Duncan, a resident of Sandwick, Vancouver Island, graduated with the class of Arts '16. He was the first man to enlist in the B. C. Company of the 196th University Battalion organized that spring. He was drafted into the 46th Saskatchewan Battalion on reaching England and went to France early in 1917. He was wounded twice, once at Vimy Ridge and again in October, 1917.

A few weeks ago, having been granted his commission, he returned to France, but was killed in the Cambrai battle shortly afterwards.

A popular member of many student societies, he was especially active in the Players' Club, and will be remembered as one of the characters in "Fanny and the Servant Problem," produced in his graduating year.

THE FRESHMAN RECEPTION

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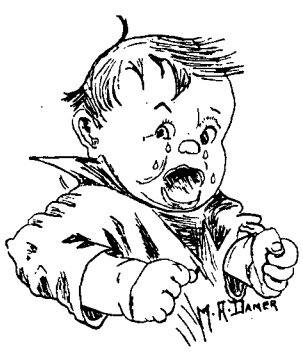
U.B.C., and of their newness especially, in spite of the fact that Freshies are really very old things.

While all those who could dance were enjoying themselves, with the aid of Weaver's orchestra, the others were having a good time at military whist in the men's common room. Mr. Adams and Miss Pauline Gintzburger were the master and mistress of ceremonies here. To add more interest to the card games, there were prizes offered—two boxes of Purdy's.

Altogether the reception was a success, and we are sure that owing to it no person's disposition was as sour as those who made the punch seemed to have surmised. The faculty and their wives were well represented in the company. We were also glad to have with us some of the graduates and former students of U.B.C.



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Steven Leacock once mentioned the fact that a certain college professor was considered to be out of his mind because he reached out his hand for a newspaper and "seemed to want to read one of the editorials"; but even this condemnation does not prevent us from trying to keep one column a week filled with such an interesting type of reading matter.

This week we are not going to launch into a discussion of the high cost of learning, nor Spanish "flu," nor the effect of Methuselah on the poems of Dr. Samuel Johnson, but are merely going to state very briefly the why and wherefore of the "UBYSSEY."

It has long been felt by the members of the Annual and Monthly Boards of former years that these publications were unsuitable in form to be of any great service as either the official organs of the students or as mediums for the discussion of problems relating to the University. It is the hope of the Publications Board that the weekly "UBYSSEY" will justify its existence just for the reasons that the Monthly failed; for while stories, skits, and poems are still very acceptable and necessary, the main aim of the paper is to print the news while it is "hot," and, by means of its columns, to encourage all forms of student activities.

In order for the paper to be interesting to all the students in the University, it is essential that representatives from every class of student should keep us informed of their activities.

Especially do we want the short course men and returned soldiers to feel that they have an interest in the College and in the College paper. They are free and welcome to use our correspondence column, and to take advantage of our class notes and advance notices. Any contributions, literary or technical, will be gladly published.

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THE VALUE OF BEING ON TIME

Under the above heading, which sounds like the introduction to a very prosy sermon, we merely wish to state a cruel and unfortunate fact. THIS PAPER CANNOT COME OUT ON TIME UNLESS THE "COPY" IS ALL IN WELL AHEAD OF TIME," by axiom 8½, which says that "that which is impossible cannot be done." So if your society is going to have a general meeting on Friday evening, do not wait till Thursday morning to send us a notice, which must be set into type, corrected and assigned a place in the paper. It is our intention to go to press on Wednesday at noon, and to deliver the papers on the following Thursday morning. The heavier articles and write-ups will have to be in our hands during the previous week, and the last notices, etc., not later than Tuesday evening. The greater proportion of the matter should be in by Monday noon.

The paper will only be as interesting as the matter it contains, and the interest of the matter depends upon the number of various individuals who are reporting and writing and upon the work put on their contributions by those people. If you don't like the paper, get to work to improve it; but don't grouch about it in the corridors.

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The orchestra is still recruiting members. If the University is not lacking in musicians, they are too modest to make themselves known. If you can play any instrument, please give your name in to Mr. Fink, or leave it at the office. We wish to make this year a successful one for the musical society, and with your help it will be such.

LITERARY SOCIETY

The Literary Society held its annual meeting last week, the new president, Mr. Scott, being introduced by the vice-president, Miss Marjory Peck. The presidents of the different societies were called upon to present their plans for the year. Dr. Ashton, the honorary president, then addressed the students, advising them to be sincere in their attitude to their work, encouraging them by several striking anecdotes to develop the right spirit to their work and play.

Friends of Gunner W. G. Hatch, of the 68th Battery, will be sorry to learn that he has been wounded. On August 20 he received a gunshot wound in the right leg, and has been admitted to the Southern General Hospital, Edgbarton, Birmingham. Hatch is a member of Science '19.

All interested in the University will be sorry to hear that severe illness has prevented the President, Dr. Wesbrook, from undertaking his work for the first part of the session, but we hope that he will be able to be with us again after Christmas. Dr. Wesbrook has the sympathy of all the students and their wishes for a speedy recovery.

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In accents deep and dread,
By a figure grim and ghastly
Gowned in black from heel to head.

Then through the darkened passage
Each one was dragged away,
With a bandage o'er his popping eyes—
And those behind did pray.

Then through the din came noises
And terrifying groans,
And shrieks, and ghostly wailings,
And a rattling of dry bones.

Upon his hair molasses
Was dumped in liberal dose,
Until it trickled in his eyes
And then ran up his nose.

He stammered and he spluttered:
So, while his mouth was wide,
Someone seized the castor oil
And poured a lot inside.

And then, to make him easy
And feeling smooth and nice,
They fed him full of axle-grease
And artificial ice.

So onward was he taken,
In gentle Seniors' care,
To meet an inept barber
Who took some of his hair.

But let these harrowing details
Be buried in the past,
And let the noble Freshman
Look to the time, at last,

When he will, in his glory,
No longer Freshman be,
But walking with the Seniors
In the halls of U.B.C.

J. O. W.

FRESHETTE INITIATION

On the evening of October 5th, under the motherly care of members of the upper classes, the Freshettes were escorted to the University in order to undergo the ceremony of initiation.

In the upper hall, the children were divested of all superfluous ribbons and hairpins, after which, to show the humility they so deeply felt, they made a pilgrimage to the auditorium upon their knees. Arrived in this chamber of horrors, the little ones were placed under the tender care of several experienced hairdressers. Their heads were then anointed with olive oil, in order that their hair might acquire the thick and wavy splendor which so characterizes that of the Seniors. After this, guided by the all too willing Sophomores, the girls went fishing, for which purpose they were all required to select their bait from a large can containing the very best varieties. It was noticed that the Freshettes seemed to have a peculiar faculty for stumbling over a barrel, placed for ornamentation by the thoughtful Sophomores, and for this carelessness they were gently but firmly reprimanded. Feeling now that they were beginning to realize the joys of Varsity life, overcome by excess of feeling, the girls rolled about upon the floor for some time.

The proclamation was then read, and the oath of allegiance administered. Kneeling reverently, the Freshettes solemnly swore "reverence to Seniors, humbleness to Juniors, forgiveness to Sophomores," and promised to perform rites, similar to those they had received, upon the following generation of Freshettes.

Miss Wright and Miss McKay both complimented the girls upon their sportsmanship, after which Miss McInnes gave an interesting talk upon vocations for women.

The rest of the evening was spent in dancing, and, at an early hour, the Freshettes were escorted home to a well-earned rest.

An informal meeting of the men of Arts '22 was held in the men's common room in the Arts Building on Tuesday afternoon last in honor of one of their members, Mr. Lipson. Mr. Lipson had unfortunately been absent from the initiation on Saturday evening, and in conversation with another member of his year expressed his regret at the fact. Rather than have the college career of a fellow-student blighted by such an omission, the Freshmen kindly consented to put on a special performance for his benefit. It is stated by those present that it was even better than the one given by the Sophs on Saturday.

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Thus ran the write-up of Rasty, depicting his traits of character, and it was natural that he should develop into a strong leader in whatever profession he followed.

Rasty's name is on our University Honor Roll, as he transferred his standing from McGill University College when U.B.C. was established, and hoped to come back and finish his course when the war was over. He was greatly interested in the progress of the University and was kept posted in educational affairs by his friends.

He enlisted with the Irish Fusiliers, but transferred to the McGill University Contingent, with which unit he went overseas in the spring of 1915. He was first wounded in the following June at Sanctuary Wood, where he was recommended in the field for his commission. From May, 1917, to August 12th, 1918, he served as a lieutenant in the Princess Pats. On the latter date he was wounded by a rifle bullet in the chest and died on his way to the dressing station. We quote Capt. E. M. MacBrayne:

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We heard a story the other day, told us by one of our Sophs. "It was great," he said, "but they were too strong for us. Half-a-dozen of the Science men were downstairs when the Freshies were making their exit. The former requested the latter to leave by the front door, the proper exit for gentlemen, the rear door being for peddlers, servants, and garbage men. The Science men said, 'They shall not pass.' But the Freshies merely played steam-rollers." There must be something in this story, because we saw the janitor sweeping up a pile of gory debris. But things like that, you know, are only natural after a famous victory. One of the Science Freshmen said it reminded him of the time when Horatius and another dago held a bridge, but we give it up.

U.B.C. Yell Travels Far

That the many University boys who have crossed over to England and France from British Columbia have left their mark is shown by the following, which is taken from a booklet of "Howls" used by Number Four Company, Cadet Training School, Bexhill-on-Sea. The Cadet Training School is the place where many of the men who have served well in France are sent to receive their officers' training. The following will be recognized as the only and original U.B.C. yell:

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Wm. Dick, Ltd.
Claman's
W. S. Charlton
Potts & Small
J. N. Harvey
Clubb & Stewart
Jonah-Prat
Elite Millinery
Geo. B. Kerfoot
Fashion-Craft

Assurance
The Northern Life
The Sun Life
The Great West Life

Japanese Goods
The "Nikko"
The "Mikado"
U. Morimoto
Yamato

Musical
Miss Helen Badgley
Mr. Frank Wrigley
Mrs. A. L. Richardson

Photographers
Bridgman's
Gibson's

Stationery
Clarke & Stuart
Evans & Hastings Printing Co.
The Granville Stationery Co.

Shoes
The Engledew Shoe Co.
The Leckie Boot Co.

Miscellaneous
B. C. Electric
McLean, Powell & Co.
The Nicola Cleaners
The Bank of Commerce
O. B. Allan
Cusick "Eats"
Sprott-Shaw
The Wilson Heights Methodist Church