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"Varsity" Editor Is Dismissed; Whole Staff Resigns

PETTING EDITORIALS CAUSE TURMOIL; FREEDOM OF PRESS INVOLVED

L. J. Ryan, '29, editor of "The Varsity," undergraduate publication of the University of Toronto, was dismissed from his post by the Joint Executive of the Student's Administrative Council.

The entire staff of the paper, in accordance with a previous decision, walked out in support of their chief.

The dismissal followed the publication of an editorial to which the Administrative Council took exception.

Toronto.—L. J. Ryan, editor-in-chief of "The Varsity," University of Toronto, was "fired" by the Joint Executive of The Students' Administrative Council.

The firing of Ryan, who is a fourth year St. Michael's College man, marks the end of a stormy career during which a sword has been hanging over the editorial head for the greater part of time.

Discharge of the editor has been imminent recently as a result of editorials on "petting," and the vamping of professors by co-eds to academic advantage.

The Board of Governors and the S.A.C. throughout last week engaged in a buck-passing contest, with Ryan as a subject but nobody wanted to take the responsibility of firing him.

The story was front page stuff in the downtown press, and a hue and cry was set up on the subject of student government.

Members of the joint executive met with the Board of Governors after Ryan had been advised to quit while the quitting was good, and a threat had been made to lock "the Varsity" out of the University Press, Ryan, however, had called a meeting of his staff and secured unanimous assurance, by 49 to 0 that if he were squeezed out the whole staff would go out with him.

Promised to be Good

On Monday of this week the editor was up before the joint executive. He gave a guarantee that henceforth nothing in any way suspect, from the most rigid of moral viewpoints would appear in The Varsity.

Everything apparently was smoothed over. Yesterday, however, Ryan (Continued on Page 4)

Manager System To Feature In A. M. S. Meeting To-day

The outstanding item for discussion at the Alma Mater meeting at noon to-day is the proposed business management system. With regard to this Arnold Henderson, a member of the committee which drew up the report on conditions in the Alma Mater Society, states that to have a business manager would be simply elevating the curator, giving him more duties. The salary would be the same as now paid to the Curator.

He felt that the detailed work involved warranted the employment of a salaried man. The manager system would give a more rigid system of financing, which would promote efficiency and economy. All members of the finance executive should be selected and not elected, thought Mr. Henderson. He pointed out how a supply of trained men would always be available from which important offices could be filled. From managers of minor teams getting routine work done Freshman would be prepared for positions in their Sophomore year in the Mamooks Club, as managers of clubs or as curator. In their third year these men would be presidents of clubs and organizations and treasures, and in their fourth year would be well trained for such positions as president of the Alma Mater, or Business Manager.

Rus. Munn stated his objections to the manager system to the Ubysssey. The plan is too advanced for this University he believes. There is not enough work to warrant the payment of a salary. If there were a manager, he ought to be under the Students' Council and not on it. Council would rather take its responsibilities on its own shoulders than entrust them to an individual. It would be hard to get a person sufficiently well qualified to fill such a position.

ORATORICAL AWARDS ARE PRESENTED

Hope Leeming and Paul Murphy Win Premier Honors

Miss Hope Leeming and Mr. Paul Murphy were chosen as winners of the Oratorical Contest on Tuesday evening in the King Edward Auditorium, before an audience of some two hundred people. The second places were taken by Miss Margaret Muirhead and Mr. Douglas McDonald. It was a keenly battled contest and all the speakers showed a high calibre of oratory. In the words of Dr. Sedgwick, who announced the judges' decision, all the participants had "Borne away palms not without dust."

The first address was given by Miss Isabel Bescoby on "Rome." She showed the history and importance of the Eternal City has lasted for almost thirty centuries, and in art, literature, painting, and architecture, has produced many masters. Miss Bescoby has a quiet and convincing manner of presenting her remarks.

Miss Mary Carter followed with a speech on "The Co-operative Commonwealth of the Grain Fields." It was by far the most exhaustive discussion presented, but suffered from too much detail and not enough oratory. However no one would have known by her manner that this was Miss Carter's first appearance on a platform.

Miss Hope Leeming spoke on "Poetry and Leisure" and dwelt on the importance of appreciating poetry from one's earliest youth. Her pleasing manner of delivery soon attracted the audience, and she was given liberal applause when she concluded.

Miss Margaret Muirhead then delivered an address on "A Tribute to Youth." Her task was to construct a temple in honor of Motherhood, and she showed great originality and imagination in her treatment of the subject.

Mr. James Dunn, first speaker of the (Continued on Page 2)

VARSITY LOSES SWIMMING MEET TO V.A.S.C. 71-54

Marjorie Kirk Gets Life-Saving Award

Varsity lost one of the most spectacular swimming galas ever held in the Lower Mainland when the Vancouver Swimming Club carried off a score of 71-54. The keenly contested event was distinguished by being the first to be attended by the mayor of the city. After a short address Mayor Malkin presented a life-saving certificate to Marjorie Kirk for her heroic rescue of Mr. Kerr up in the North Arm last summer.

Varsity kept up a close fight all the way through and the meet was undecided until the final relays. Distinguished work was done by Sylvia Thrupp, former Northwest champion, who in spite of lack of training, won an easy victory in the breast stroke; Marjorie Peel and Mary Carter. Among the men, Ernie Peden, Gordie Baker, Pat Halley, and Reg. and Ron. Wilson won many points for Varsity. Detailed results are as follows:

Mary Carter, 2nd in Women's Plunge; Ernie Peden, 2nd in Men's 100 yards breast stroke; Marge Peel, 1st in Women's 50 yard free style, 45-15; Gordie Baker, 3rd in Men's Plunge; Sylvia Thrupp 1st, Margaret Ross 3rd in Women's 100 yards breast stroke—1:33 2-5; Pat Halley, 2nd in Men's 50 yards dash; Mamie Malone, 1st, Ron. Wilson, 2nd in Men's 100 yards free style; time 65 1-5; Marge Peel, 2nd in Women's diving; Pat Halley, Peel, 1st in Women's 100 yards free style; time 1:19 2-5; Ernie Peden, 2nd, Gordie Baker 3rd in Men's Diving; Mary Carter, 2nd in Women's 50 yards back stroke; Ron. Wilson 1st, Reg. Wilson 3rd in Men's 200 yards, free style, time 2:26 3-5; Reg. Wilson 1st in Men's 100 yards back stroke; time 1:12 3-5.

Varsity was defeated in both the Women's and Men's relays.

LECTURES CANCELLED

All 1 o'clock lectures to-day are cancelled on account of the Alma Mater meeting, announces L. S. Kilnck, President.

Carey Leads Field As Fifteen Runners Struggle Through Snow

ARTS '31 WINS ANNUAL FIELD RACE WITH 15 POINTS; SCIENCE '32 SECOND

Taking the lead in the last quarter mile, Dave Carey of Science '32, led home a field of fifteen runners in the annual Cross-Country race on Wednesday. J. Dunn the favorite followed about 30 yards behind the leader and a large gap separated him from Norm Terry and J. Chappell, last year's winner. Carey's time was 12 minutes 16 3-10.

Arts '31 scored the most points in the race, Terry and Chappelle piling up 15 between them. Science '32 came next with 12 and Arts '30 with 9.

Science '32 obtained six, Science '30 six, Science '29 four and Arts '29 three.

Fifteen runners toed the mark outside the Administration Building and were started by Dr. J. Davidson at 3:15. For the first mile Selby held the lead despite the challenges from Chappell and Dunn. Near the half-way mark the hard going told and he was passed by Chappell, Dunn and Carey.

Chappell held on to his lead until the last quarter mile. Here Dunn and Carey spurred and passed him. Chappell made a game attempt and regained the advantage but the effort was too much for him and he again fell behind. Carey and Dunn fought all the way but the Science man stood the strain better and finished strong well ahead of his rival.

Meanwhile the heavy going, especially on the ploughed fields, had spread out the runners. Nor. Terry came striding out of the ruck and overhauled and passed Chappelle in the last 20 yards. Both men were exhausted.

About 200 yards behind these, came Selby and Hammett and the rest of the field straggled in at intervals.

The first 10 to finish were Carey, Science '32, Dunn, Arts '30, Terry, Arts '31, Dunn, Arts '30, Terry, Sc. '30, Hammett, Arts '32, Fell, Sc. '29, DesBrisay, Arts '29, McMullin, Sc. '32, Ward, Arts '32.

Italian Art Treasures

Feature in Lecture by

Rev. H. L. Trompou

The eating of spaghetti and the crowds flocking to lectures are among the leading impressions with which one returns from Italy according to the Rev. H. L. Trompou in his illustrated lecture on "Things Seen in Italy" given Tuesday noon in Agriculture 100 under the auspices of the S. C. M.

Owing to lack of time Mr. Trompou selected from his large collection of slides only those of notable places or works of art least often pictured, giving at the same time a brief description of each. He was impressed by the marvellous colorings of the paintings, statuary and facades of the old cathedrals of Venice, Florence, Rome and Milan.

"Industry and study are the salvation of life" was the Medieval conception, and this influenced their subject matter and execution of their works of art.

The speaker proceeded to say that in Rome the wonderful collection in the galleries of the Vatican is made up completely of stolen treasures; while the Sistine Chapel, made famous by the unrivalled paintings of Michael Angelo, and now used for the election of popes, is a sight highly prized by those fortunate enough to see it. A touch of humour entered into these famous paintings (Continued on Page 4)

Coming Events

To-day, February 15—

Alma Mater Meeting, Auditorium. Noon.

Inter-class debate. Education vs. Science. Ap. Sc. 100. noon.

Science Ball, Lester Court, 9-1.

Saturday, February 17—

Rugby. Varsity Seniors vs. Ex. Techs. Varsity Intermediate vs. Seaforths.

Varsity Senior "A" Women Hoopsters vs. Meralomas, V. A. C. gym. 8 o'clock.

Tuesday, February 19—

H. Avison speaks on "The S. C. M. Agric. 100. Noon.

Friday, February 22—

Co-ed Ball, New Auditorium.

Co-eds to Stage Novel Ball

The Co-ed Ball will take the form of a John Held Junior affair was the decision reached at a meeting of the W. U. S. on Tuesday noon. The women of the University are adopting this idea to secure novelty. Sports dresses and berets, plus furs and white flannels will be the costumes of the evening.

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SENIOR "A" WOMEN TROUCE FELIXES DURING FAST HOOP BATTLE

Varsity Hoop stars showed that they can still play real basketball when the Senior "A" women sent V. A. C. Felixes home to the tune of 21-20 after a hard tussle on Tuesday night in the V. A. C. gym. This puts Felixes out of the picture as far as the championship is concerned. Meralomas have a sure lead while Varsity has a possible chance of tying for first place if it wins all the rest of the games.

The game was by far the most thrilling of the season. Felixes were in the scoring mood and had it all over the co-eds in the first half. In the last half Varsity went wild and wrought havoc with the Felixes to squeeze ahead of them by a 21-20 victory.

Varsity put up a snappy exhibition of fast playing and deserved to win. The entire team played well and fought hard. Rettle Tingley turned in her usual sterling game while Jean Whyte and Rene Harris were the principal stars in the last half.

The game was remarkable for fouling by both sides. In some places it resembled a free fight rather than a basketball game. Varsity was determined to win "by hook or by crook." The result was a large number of spills and free shots.

In the first quarter Felixes dominated the play. The co-eds could not get possession of the ball. Rettle Tingley scored for Varsity while Felixes ran in four baskets and a free shot to make the score 9-2 at quarter time.

The second quarter was much the same as the first. Felixes were still pressing the play to their advantage. It looked as if Varsity was in for a bad defeat. Felixes chalked up two nice baskets and Jean Whyte scored on a fast pass from Thelma Mahon. Felixes retaliated with another basket. Rettle Tingley made a free shot and Jean Whyte brought the score up to 15-7 by a spectacular basket. At half time Felixes had a 15-7 lead.

In the third quarter the real thrills began. Up to this time the students had been saving their energy. Felixes on the other hand had been having (Continued on Page 4)

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MORE ABOUT FINANCE REPORT

To-day at 12:15 noon the Alma Mater Society meets to discuss the finance report. This report is the result of work and thorough investigation on the part of the finance committee, and now it rests with the students themselves to endorse or reject, according as they deem advisable.

In the last issue of the Ubyssy we printed that part of the report which was amended and endorsed by Students' Council, as a result of thorough discussion on their part. We printed, too, the unendorsed portion of the report concerning the proposed Manager system and gave our views on the whole subject.

Since then we have heard considerable discussion on the report and its proposed changes. We agree with the writer of a letter we publish in this issue who claims that too much emphasis is placed on paid attendance at games, and not enough emphasis placed on encouraging everyone who can to participate in athletics.

Perhaps the main offences in this respect are recommendations concerning the Mamooks Club. We fail to see why our University should find it necessary to go in for organized boosting. One sees enough of this in the street cars and in other parts of Vancouver. Let the University be judged according to its true merits and not by over-stressed publicity. Under section 10, clause (f), this phrase appears: "That a committee be appointed to look into Traditions under the Mamooks Club." We hope we are not detracting too much from this report by suggesting that the finances of the University are fit subject for investigation and should be, but the traditions of the same institution are in a rather different class. They are far too elusive and ephemeral objects, and would disappear into an unapproachable distance before the advance of a determined and systematic committee of investigators. If a freshman is not permeated at the end of his first year by the traditions of his University it may be questioned if there are any. We believe that this has been pointed out in these columns before. The attributes of college spirit such as pep meetings and organized rooting are only one form in which the traditions may manifest themselves, and are not the actual force itself.

THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

In view of the controversy which has been going on in Toronto as a result of the "Varsity" editorials on "petting," we reprint in this issue two editorials responsible for the dispute, along with some of the views and interviews on the subject. From these items, readers may judge for themselves whether or not the editor of the "Varsity" has been getting fair treatment when reprimanded by the Governors.

Perhaps too, these editorials have a value which will not be lost on our own readers. Whether 'tis better to pet or not to pet we do not know. The value of these editorials lies in their fearless presentation of a subject which is "taboo." Why discussion on petting should be suppressed when the practice itself is so wide-spread we fail to see.

TO PET OR NOT TO PET

Last week a prominent middle-aged clergyman told his hearers in gentle tones and with irrefutable logic that petting was dangerous and that it should not be practised. The divine claimed that petting was a new institution, that it exacted gestures intended only for the larger intimacies, and that it debased the coinage of the soul.

It is not for undergraduates to contradict a man whose experience of the world has been so much greater than their own, but in the light of our close connection with the younger generation who are thus accused of debasing their souls, we should like to attempt an explanation of our generation and of its actions.

In the first place we admit that although petting is a new institution it is a widely accepted one. We venture to say that, of those who have had opportunities for experimentation in the field, almost no one can deny some knowledge of the art. We shall go further and say that most of the so-called conscientious objectors are such because they have had no occasion to be otherwise, and that the other objectors do not pet simply because it does not appeal to them as a diversion,—not because they have any moral scruples. In fact petting as an institution has come to be recognized by all who are not wilfully blind to existing conditions.

We confess that we cannot see in this situation any great cause for alarm, nor can we see that the generation so much in the spotlight is in danger of losing its moral sense entirely. The pathetic cry of the traditionalist is bound to remain unheard, for youth will go on trying, and, if it finds them pleasant, clinging to all the aspects of its new freedom. Just as standards of all kinds have changed, the standards of morality have also changed, and whatever may be the attitude of parents on the subject of petting, for those who indulge in it, the question of morality does not enter in at all. To them it is simply an exchange of amenities, in some cases quite casual, which make no difference (except perhaps of deftness in their dealing with the opposite sex) when the "grand passion" is experienced. Parents who realize this, and who wish to

retain the confidence of their children, have long since given up degrading modern conditions but have submitted gracefully to them.

Whether the reverend gentleman was right in his contention that such conduct "debases the coinage of the soul" we shall not say, but we hesitate to believe that the soul traffics in kisses, or that a few of such, casually exchanged, are going to have any permanent or devastating effect upon character.—Toronto Varsity.

ANOTHER VERSION

We had intended not to embarrass the cause of peace by any editorial pronouncement about this business but rather to depart in our usual manner for the Elysian fields of discussion about the League of Nations and the St. Lawrence Waterways. However, since a certain amount of interest has been aroused we think an explanation is expected.

Disapproval of the Governors resulted apparently from our discussion of a certain social custom of pleasure or sin. According to an official statement this was the matter discussed and the discussion of another matter which has provided much space for the downtown press was not under review. Our explanation, then, must deal with two points: first, the stand of the paper on "petting" and second, the result of that stand.

A prominent clergyman was reported in our news columns as having stated that "Petting is a new institution," and as having criticized this new institution adversely. It is significant that he made this statement in a lecture under the auspices of the Student Christian Movement and delivered in the Music Room of Hart House. He was evidently of the opinion that what he referred to was fairly formidable and worthy of his consideration. A large crowd of men heard him and this and other opinions that he expressed were the subject of conversation and naturally the matter was taken up by those who are supposed to write editorials about what the students are thinking. An editorial was published which expressed the opinion that the practice was condoned among most students.

The next step in our enquiry is "Did the editorial misrepresent the students?" A news story followed which showed that none of the students interviewed had condemned the editorial or scored us for misrepresentation. The tone of the answers shows that of those interviewed none were surprised at the question and all had some views as to the character and extent of the practice. This news story was written to obtain student opinion and to check up the editorial. Letters were subsequently published opposing the view that petting was permissible and the strongest of these was not an attack on the editorial but on the opinions expressed by the students interviewed. In other words the paper was serving its function, that of being a medium of expression for student opinion.

That in doing this, the paper was "immoral," "abominable," "an example of the gutter press" etcetera is not our opinion and we are confident that the majority of the students are of the same mind with us on this question. But since certain of the authorities believe that the discussion was in bad taste we are willing to ban forthwith from this column any mention of "petting," "vamping" and kindred topics and to give specific instructions that in the other departments of the paper direct or indirect references to any such topics are scrupulously to be avoided. This statement is made without our having received any official communication from any body giving any instructions or advice as to our conduct of the editorial column. This is indeed a tiny concession to make to preserve our paper from the systematic throttling that threatens it and that would prevent "inconvenient" discussions of all sorts, whether moral or intellectual or political. When this particular discussion allowed the downtown press to be filled with talk about the "immorality" of the student newspaper we could almost hear, with Bright, "the beating of the wings of the angel of death," for the paper to which we have given all our time, after our studies.

—Toronto Varsity.

ORATORICAL SPEAKERS ARE FLUENT

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men, gave his speech on "Something Important." He attempted to draw a standard of value or truth, beauty, and goodness, and the shortness of his remarks left the audience with a desire to hear more.

Mr. Freeman then spoke on "The British Empire" and discussed the bestowed growth and present condition of the Empire. His manner was convincing, although his subject was a trifle old.

Mr. Douglas MacDonald had chosen "Democracy" for his subject, and he eloquently argued for a more complete faith in our institutions.

Mr. Paul Murphy in a polished and familiar manner, discussed the importance and worth of the "Pact of Paris," and appealed to the audience to take a more lively interest in the affairs of our foreign policy.

Physics Club

The Physics Club held a meeting on Wednesday at 3 p.m. in Sc. 200. Mr. H. D. Smith whose subject was "The High Intensity Mercury Arc" explained the construction and demonstrated the operation of several types of lamp. Mr. More gave a talk on "X-rays" and discussed their reflection by crystals. A number of lantern slides were shown. The third speaker was Mr. Morrison who gave a paper on "The MacBeth Lumino-meter."

At the close of the meeting, the apparatus with which Mr. More has been working, was examined by those interested.

International Club

Mr. Lopatin will speak on his experiences in Manchuria at the next meeting of the International Club to be held on Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. at the home of Gladys Pendray, 3751 Granville St. Important business will be discussed previous to the meeting. All members are urgently requested to be present.

La Canadienne

A meeting of La Canadienne will be held at the home of Miss Barbara Lang, 3982, 13th Ave., Tuesday, February 19, at 8 p.m. Take Car. No. 15 and get off at Crown Street.

Varsity Christian Union

On Monday, Feb. 18, Rev. A. E. M. Danks, of Vancouver, will speak on "The Future of Christianity." The meeting will be held in Arts 204, at 12.10 sharp. Everybody welcome.

Engineering Institute

A trip will be taken by the members of the Engineering Institute of Canada to the Seymour Exchange of the B. C. Telephone Co. (opposite Clarke & Sturats) on Saturday, February 16, at 2 p.m.

At 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 20, a Student Night will be held.

The following programme is outlined:

"Conviving Hydro-Electric Development" by John MacDonald.
"Developments in Cellulose Chemistry" by Arthur Fell.
"Possibilities of Tidal Power" by Charles Cornish.
"The Zinc Reduction Plant at Trill, B. C." by Chisholm Fraser.
A bus will leave Sasamat at 7.45 p.m.

NOTICE!

Owing to a student attending lectures while suffering from mumps unknown to the University Public Health Service, mumps may develop in students thus exposed, from February 19 to March 4.

Students who have not previously had mumps, developing any illness, especially with swelling of neck during these dates will, if on the University Campus, report to the University Health Service, Room 308, Auditorium; or if at home, boarding house, etc., by phone during office hours.

UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA Hudson's Bay Company Research Fellowship

The above fellowship, of the annual value of \$1,500.00, tenable at the University of Manitoba, in any branch of pure or applied science, open to graduates of any Canadian University, will be filled for 1929 about May 1st. Applications should be in the hands of the Registrar of Manitoba University, Winnipeg, Manitoba, by April 1st. Further particulars on application. Address:

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Musical Society Presents Program

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H. F. Green who played the "Elite" Polka from Boardman. Mr. Green startled those in the audience, unfamiliar with his technical skill.

He occupied two items, the third and last on the programme, and it was obvious that the audience appreciated his playing by applauding him lustily when he entered the platform for the last item. The "Elite" Polka was admirable in giving Mr. Green an opportunity for technicalities but Sullivan's "The Last Chord" gained more favour by its melody and tone.

Mrs. Green accompanied him. It was a pleasure to hear Mr. Jack Chappell as a soloist. He sang two old favourites, Russell's "Vale" and "Mother Machree." Mr. Chappell has a delightfully unaffected method of rendering his songs and this was especially to be noted in "Mother Machree" was new to the audience in this respect and Mr. Chappell was given full credit for his items.

The audience was disappointed that Miss Frances MacDonald was unable to play. Her programme from the preceding concert was not forgotten. This closed the third Recital from the Musical Society this season but it is hoped, by no means the last.

—V.B.V.S.

Der Deutsche Verein

A meeting of "Der Deutsche Verein" was held on Monday evening at the home of Eleanor Dyer. An enjoyable evening was spent in acting charades, playing games and singing German folk songs. It was decided that three more meetings of the club be held this term, the next one being arranged for Thursday, February 21.

Social Science Wants New Members

Applications for membership in the Social Science Club will be received by the executive until Wednesday noon, February 20, and should be addressed to Cameron Kirby, secretary.

In nature, there are no rewards or punishments. There are consequences.

—Ex. J. L.

The one supreme luxury of life is sympathetic companionship.

—L. Whiting.

ARTS '31 PREPARE FOR COMMEMORATION GIFT

Arts '31 has a unique plan under way for a commemorative gift to the University. It has been usual in the past for this matter to be left to the graduation year, but Arts '31 has an out of the ordinary plan that they are commencing now.

At the meeting, held on Thursday last, Dr. Sage, Honorary President for the year, enlarged on a plan under which the members of '31 could form the centre of a movement for the collecting of British Columbia history.

Dr. Sage explained that this work could be carried on most efficiently by a class that has its members scattered all over the province. Local history may be gathered by students that would otherwise be lost. Old manuscripts, dispatches and private papers relating to the history of the pioneer days of the province are all of great value and can be obtained with the co-operation of the members of the year.

The whole plan is being considered by the year and seems to have met with the approval of the members. It is a chance for Arts '31 to get its name on the map and with the co-operation of the whole year it will do something of a most concrete nature for University and the province.

S.C.M. SPONSORS CHURCH SERVICE

Next Sunday evening at Wesley United, a student service is being put on through the efforts of the S. C. M. It is essentially a service for students, for the address will be given by a student, Harry Avison, McGill '22, Western Secretary for the S. C. M.

For two or three years, Harry Avison was President of the large S. C. M. organization at McGill, which is head of the movement in Canada. Harry has attended many conferences and has had constant contact with students for many years. He, himself is a keen thinker, he knows what students are thinking and what their problems are. His topic on Sunday night will be "The Rediscovery of Religion."

Owing to the laxity of students in submitting copy the literary Supplement will not be issued till Tuesday, February 19.

Diverse Opinions Expressed On "Petting"

The controversy on "To pet or not to pet," which has occupied the attention of Toronto University students since the appearance of the editorial on that subject in the "Varsity" reached the proportions of a typhoon recently. The discussion suddenly subsided at the instigation of the Board of Governors of the University.

Some of the first responses to the editorial seemed to indicate that petting was quite in accord with the sentiments of the majority of the students. Later onslaughts on the editor seemed to indicate, however, that there was good reason to doubt the unanimity of the students on the subject. "Ninety-nine per cent of the people pet, the other one per cent are not worth petting," H. D. Branton, of Trinity College, told the "Varsity."

"There is no reason," said he, "why anyone should raise a moral objection unless they have a dirty and disgusting mind. Girls are more particular with whom they pet than men who start right off the bat."

The co-eds were more or less reticent in expressing their views. Those in favour did not give vent to such unqualified approval as the men. "I imagine that some people object morally to petting," said one co-ed, "but everyone doesn't pet who gets the chance. Women would rather pet than men—they get more kick out of it than men do."

In a later issue a letter was published which commended the moderate stand taken by the editor. The writer admitted that he "petted" occasionally, but not immoderately. He continued his letter as follows:

"I maintain it is an institution as old as life, not just one of the 'new freedoms.'"

"Your correspondent shrieks with horror at the indulgence of human passion. Hunger is a human passion, and we eat. (Blessings on the Great Hall and a lesser but generous blessing on the Tuck Shop, too). Religion is a passion common to all the races, civilized and primitive—a beautiful passion when indulged in private. (And deliver us from Hell-damning evangelists.) Art is a passion. Life is the more delightful as a result of some of the efforts—but only some. The same correspondent will likely hold its (sexless) ears in horror when I say that Love is a passion—the passion without which we would not be."

"Our present civilization is too much given to suppressions—note the low birth rate among the educated classes. I hate to be gloomy, but it sure looks like race suicide."

—Saskatoon Sheaf.

The Varsity—Toronto—Petting is condemned by letters addressed to the editor. A student signing himself "Moral Pulchritude" writes thus:

"It is with a feeling of mingled regret and surprise that I have read your editorial of the 22nd instant. 'To Pet or not to Pet.' That anyone should condone such practice is mad enough; that the Editor of the Varsity should do so is beyond comprehension. Surely, Sir, you realize that in your official position you exercise an influence over those young and innocent persons, especially of the feminine sex, in their first year at the University. That this influence should be used in such a way is a disgrace both to you and to the organ you represent."

"That petting is a widely accepted institution, as you admit, can be attributed to the influence of persons like yourself, who have refused to face the issue squarely. In inferring that the reason why the majority of the younger generation who refrain from this deplorable practice do so because they have never had the opportunity to indulge, you take a view of the morality of young men and women of today in which you are wholly unjustified."

"The majority of young people who refuse to pet do so because they realize that it most emphatically does 'debase the coinage of the soul' and leave a permanently detrimental effect upon character. You, Sir, should not furnish an excuse for those weak individuals who though they well know the sin of petting are looking for any excuse to justify their actions."

A woman signing herself "Iceberg" speaks as follows:

"After first stating that I am young, feminine and fairly normal, that I am not so hopelessly unattractive as never to have had a 'chance' to pet—this is not necessarily a boast—and that I do not consider myself uniquely the possessor of a 'dirty and disgusting' mind, I should like to express myself as bored and nauseated by various opinions reported in 'The Varsity' on this somewhat salacious subject."

"If I am to be spokesman for the slightly underrated one per cent of non-petters, I may state that I object to petting from a moral and intellectual point of view. As far as morality goes it is obvious that petting is indulged in for two rational reasons, natural affection, and physical passion. The latter cause condemns itself to the decent minded. In the case of the former, I marvel at the great-hearted-

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ness of the multitude who can feel such tenderness to so many, simultaneously or in swift succession.

"But the vulgar stupidity of the practice should condemn itself to us who are ostensibly the 'salt of the earth.' If the opinions expressed in today's "Varsity", couched in the same terms, had been reported from factory workers we should feel pitying scorn for the minds and morals of the 'lower class.' Yet in University students, if in any body of people, the mind is supposed to triumph in some degree over matter, spirit over body. It is not quite credible either that conversation accompanying such actions (petting) is on a highly intellectual plane. 'The weak old excuse of human nature'—reminiscent of the notorious 'double standard' of morals sometimes condoned by society—should not appeal either to Christians, who know that since the fall, human nature has been sinful in tendency, or to evolutionists who believe that man is on the ascent and must fight against the animal in his nature."

P.S. I made the error of using the word 'Christians' in the above. Of course to followers of Christ such arguments are unnecessary."

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Tisdall Cup Games Put on Knockout Basis

At the meeting of the Vancouver Rugby Union last week it was decided, due to postponements caused by weather conditions and the lateness of the season to conduct the Tisdall cup series on a knockout basis cancelling the games already played in this series. By this arrangement the semi-final will be reached in three weeks time and the finals can be concluded while the Brockton grounds are available.

In the new schedule which has been drawn up Varsity plays the Ex-Techs. at 8 o'clock next Saturday on the Lower Brockton Point grounds. Although the prevailing weather and conditions of the grounds may cause a further postponement of the game the Varsity club is prepared to give the city team a real battle. Fifteen stalwart and toughened ruggers who have been chafing under the delays and postponements will be ready next Saturday to unleash the energy accumulated during the past months training. Notwithstanding the snow and ice the team has turned out regularly to practice with the result that they are, according to coach Tyrwhitt at the peak of strength and rarin' to go.

Senior "A" Women Win From Felixes

(Continued from Page 1) things their own way and were tired out. Rene Harris opened the blue and gold onrush by two baskets in quick succession. Felixes made a free shot and Rettle Tingley came back with a basket on a fast pass from Jean Whyte. The score now stood 13-16 with Varsity fighting like mad. Jean Whyte netted a basket but Felixes retaliated with a free shot to make the count 17-15.

In the final period the game ceased to be basketball and turned into a free fight with girls falling over each other in a wild attempt to get the ball. The co-eds were out to win and Felixes were out to hold them. Jean Whyte made the score 17-17 but Felixes retaliated to give them a 19-17 lead. Free shots by Claire Menten and Rene Harris tied the score 19-19. The game was getting faster and the playing was becoming more rough. Felixes were having all they could do to hold the oncoming students. Rettle Tingley chalked up the crucial basket of the evening by a spectacular shot after a fast pass from Thelma Mahon. Felixes made a desperate spurt but failed to break the stern blue and gold defense. A free shot just before the end gave Felixes another point but the whistle blew with Varsity victorious 21-20.

Rettle Tingley, Jean Whyte and Rene Harris were the outstanding players on the student team. The Varsity team was as follows: Thelma Mahon, Claire Menten (1), Jean Whyte (8), Rettle Tingley (7), Rene Harris (5), Marge Lanning, Mary Campbell and Flo Carlisle.

Chess Games Proceed Apace

Considerable progress has been made in the University Chess Tournaments, proceeding daily in the Upper Men's Common Room, and the final standings should be decided by next week.

In the championship, Cecil Yarwood and M. F. McGregor alone have perfect records, but have played only five and two games respectively. Other players well to the fore are R. A. Pilkington, with seven wins, two draws and no losses; and J. Clayton, with six wins, one draw and two defeats.

The minor tournament is still a hectic free-for-all. McEachern, the demon pawn-pusher, has already finished and has a score of 11½ out of a possible 17. J. Davidson still appears to be the best bet for premier honors, although yesterday he lost a hard game to Ward.

DEBATES REACH DEADLOCK

"Resolved that the Present System of Examinations should be Abolished" was the bone of contention in a debate at Magee Parent Teacher meeting last week and again on Tuesday before the Carleton Parent Teacher Association.

Upholding the resolution Hugh Morrison and Russell Shauman reversed the adverse decision of the previous meeting by routing Frank Morley and Donald Watson. The affirmative vigorously denounced the present examination system as militating against the ideals of the education. The negative advanced the thesis that the present system could not and should not be abolished but amended. They maintained that it had too many merits to warrant its abolition. The judges and audience expressed their pleasure at the debating quality displayed. Since this gives each team a victory it is presumed a third meeting is necessary to break the deadlock.

What People Are Thinking

Editor, Ubyssy.

Dear Sir:

May we, through your columns, bring to your attention of the Upper Classes of the Faculty of Applied Science a deliberate insult offered and an act of wanton destruction perpetrated by some of their First Year members.

These men, during the past week, entered the "Aggie" Common Room, in the absence of all "Aggies," and tore up the cow's head that adorned the walls. This head, executed in cardboard, was one of the few material relics of Fairview days on the Campus, having been made about 10 years ago by men who have since brought credit to this institution.

We all appreciate and enjoy the display of Faculty spirit, but cannot see the object of carrying Faculty rivalry to the point of destruction of property.

We feel sure that the Upper Classes will deplore, as we do, such an act of vandalism and ignorance, and we would earnestly beg them to take a hand in the education of their juniors and teach them that the Spirit of Applied Science, in the past, has been one of sportsmanship and friendly rivalry that has been appreciated and respected by all.

Yours truly,

WM. ROACH.
THOMAS A. LEACH.
DONALD SUTHERLAND.
RALPH E. BROOKE.
RICHARD H. SPELSBURY.
JOSEPH C. INK.

McGill Daily Supports "Varsity"

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tore the lid off with a new editorial of exceeding frankness. It read in part, speaking of the conference between the editor and the joint executive:

"The President of the executive explained the course of the recent dispute, and stated that it was his duty to the authorities and the students to see to it that no further cause for dispute would remain.

He did not explain why a third party was sent to the editor asking him to resign, before the joint executive of the Students' Administrative Councils met to consider the message from the Governors. In other words, the thing was to be smoothed over before the student executives had even met. In other words, the body which claims to represent the students, and which is now put up as the controller of the situation, was not considered of such high consequence by one of the faculty representatives who attempted to put the editor out of the way before the meeting of those who are supposed to supervise the tone of the paper on behalf of the students."

Toronto.—The following statement was issued by L. J. Ryan, to the Press.

"I wrote the editorial which cannot be disproven by the joint executive. I proved that secretary-treasurer Burns issued a false statement to The Globe about the reduction of salaries. Reductions were not proportionate. Since the Joint Executive could not disprove the editorial, I was dismissed. I challenge any member of the Joint Executive to disprove the statement in general or in particular.

"The articles on certain topics should have endangered the freedom of the paper which we have worked to maintain is bitterly regretted by the Editor. That there are those who would be only too glad to put us out of the way is also apparent to the Editor. That the Executive of the Students' Council should be used when wanted and ignored when not wanted is a sad commentary on the consistency of those who attack the Editor on the ground, forsooth, that he is not serving the students.

Protested in Vain

"We have protested, but in vain. We have fought against misrepresentation and lobbying, which have constituted official policy. Official policy has steadily aimed at our dismissal. The lobbying, before joint executive meetings done by Dunlop is only the parallel to the lobbying done in the Board of Student Publications by Burns, his protegee."

To The Daily he admitted the policy of the paper throughout the year was not savory to officialdom.

The joint executive he said, had not considered asking for resignation of H. D. Branton, Managing Editor, or any other members of the editorial board. McGill Daily.

Track Club, Attention!

Members of the Track Club are asked to assemble at Bridgman's on Saturday at 12.45 to have their pictures taken for the Totem.

Editor, Ubyssy.

Dear Sir:—

I feel moved to reply to the effusion which appeared in your columns criticising Horatius.

1. There was a doorkeep and a paid bounce to keep out undesirable at the Arts '29 dance. Furthermore their names are known to Horatius.

2. If a member of the Senior class appeared at the door without his tickets he had no right to enter. He had either failed to look up his partner or had sold or given away his ticket. Therefore in admitting such a person the class president has failed lamently in his duty.

3. In crashing Hi-Jinks the executive member made himself a laughing-stock and so brought discredit on his year of whom he is an elected representative.

4. Horatius is merely expressing the opinion of the rest of the University and has a perfect right to comment on such regrettable incidents. The two authors of the letter are supporting their executive as a matter of loyalty (I hope there is no other reason), but they are supporting a lost cause.

HORATIUS.

The Editor.

We were pleased to note the publicity given in your last issue to a certain incident which occurred in the Library last Friday. We hope that this will help the student body to realize that the "pink cards" are not an empty threat and that the discipline in the Library is similar to the discipline of the class room.

We appreciate the spirit which the assistant librarian performed her unpleasant duty, a duty which should have been performed by one of the student assistants, and wish to take this opportunity to apologize for the annoyance we caused her.

Yours for better conditions in the Library,
D. B. POLLOCK.
GREV. ROWLAND.

Editor of the Ubyssy.

Dear Sir.

In reading over the report of the special committee which was published in the Ubyssy last Tuesday, it seemed to me that too much emphasis was placed on the financial ability of the various forms of athletics. Sports are not for making money, and the sooner that fact is realized the better it will be. It would be far better for this university if one thousand students took an active part in some form of sport, than that this thousand should spend their time watching a few play. Athletics are to strengthen our bodies, and teach us how to play the game of life, and not commercial concerns for making profits.

If we start out with the idea that athletics are at the university to support its activities financially their real worth will be lost sight of and then we might just as well not have any at all. If the university has to have money let it be obtained from some other source. If athletics fulfil their proper function in this university they will be doing far more good than could ever be done with the money gained by using sports for making money.

Yours sincerely,
E. W. HORTON.

PAINTINGS OF ITALY ARE DESCRIBED

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—a friend of Angelo, who criticized the nudity of his figures caused him to drape them but the friend was consigned to the lowest corner of Hell in the painting of "The Last Judgment" for his trouble.

Professor Trumppour pointed out the grace and beauty of the Greek temples, and traced the advance of the medieval conception through their works of art from the belief that only a few would be saved to the feeling that there was salvation for all, as exemplified in the paintings of Fra Angelico.

After mentioning the hundreds of square feet of mosaic work on St. Mark's Cathedral in Venice, the speaker turned to Florence. Three great names are connected with this city — Dante, Savonarola, and Da Michel. Among the sights here are the Dome of Florence, the most graceful in Italy, Cellini's statue of Perseus, the most famous bronze statue in the world, the Medici library and the gloomy but grand chapel where the Medici are buried. Among the most famous art works in Italy is Angelo's sculptured group "Contemplation."

The lecture was brought to a close with the flashing on the screen of Da Vinci's "The Last Supper," which showed the marks of having been plastered over with white-wash for centuries. The speaker concluded "This painting of Christ is only surpassed by one other—that of Christ in every human heart."

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