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## Inter-Collegiate Debating Is Arranged

At a meeting of the Debates Committee held Tuesday noon, many important matters were discussed and plans were drawn up for the year's activities. The Debates Advisory Committee was thoroughly reorganized and from now on will be an active body. The schedule of debates for the season was arranged and consists of the following contests. About November 15th, a team from Idaho will debate here while at the same time U. B. C. will send a team to Montana. A debate with Utah will be held not later than December 3rd. This will be a one-way debate, Utah coming here this year and U. B. C. sending a team to Utah next year. In the first week in the new year a triangle women's debate will be held between British Columbia, Washington, and Puget Sound. On January 31st comes the big event of the season; this will be our debate with Manitoba. U. B. C. has now been made a permanent member of the Western Universities League and as such it will send a team to Saskatchewan, while Manitoba is debating with us here. During the month of February another big feature will take place, this being the debate with the University of Southern California. Last term a two-year contract was drawn up with this University and under the terms of the agreement we sent a team to Los Angeles last session. No word has been received so far concerning an Imperial Debate, but definite information will be on hand shortly.

A new system of selecting debaters will be tried out this fall. All debaters will be grouped into three classes according to their past records and their performance at the try-outs. Those men who have taken part in Inter-Collegiate debates in the past are not required to enter the initial competition. The tryouts will be held on Friday, October 15th in Arts 100 at 3 o'clock and the topics are "Resolved that Democracy is a failure" and "Resolved that this meeting go on record as favoring old age pensions." Students are at liberty to choose either the affirmative or the negative of one of the questions. Each speaker will be given three minutes to display his debating ability.

The appointment of an Assistant Debates Manager was discussed, but it was decided to leave the permanent appointment over for a few weeks. In the meantime that office will be filled by Ross Tolmie, of Arts '29.

## MUSICAL SOCIETY HOLDS TRY-OUTS

Try-outs for the soprano section of the Musical Society were held Wednesday noon in Arts 100. It is thought that if it had been generally known that the tests were really not irksome, more would have applied. This is most evident in the tenor and bass sections.

There is great need for more male voices. Please add your names to list on bulletin board in girls' entrance of Arts building.

A meeting of the Executive of the Musical Society was held Tuesday noon. The chief topic of discussion was the budget for the coming year. Arrangements were made for the various try-outs to be held this week.

## STUDIO CLUB

The Studio Club has at present several vacancies for violinists and vocalists. Applications for membership addressed to the President, Mr. Christy Madison, Sec. '30, or to the Secretary, Miss Kathleen McLuckie, Arts '23, will receive consideration.

Will the applicants please give their standing and a short list of representative pieces.

Hand books, song books and annuals will be on sale every day at noon next week in the hall of the Auditorium building. Students who have not yet secured their copies are advised to do so at once as the supply is rapidly diminishing.

## VANCOUVER INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES LECTURES

### The Institute Makes Appeal For Affiliated Members. Programme Has Broad and Interesting Topics

The programme of the ninth series of public popular lectures given under the auspices of the University by the Vancouver Institute is here presented. The meetings are held on Friday evenings at 8.15 in the well-appointed Auditorium of the Vancouver Technical School, corner of Dunsmuir and Homer Streets, unless press announcement be made otherwise.

The general public is cordially urged to attend regularly. If people come to the University and other educational institutions for any reason, they will become interested in such institutions and the problems connected therewith.

The lectures are free to all, but since there is considerable expense for advertising and other incidentals, those who attend are invited to become Affiliated or Subscribing Members.

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- Oct. 8th—The President's Address. "South Africa and the Empire" (Illustrated) W. R. Dunlop, F.R.G.S.
- Oct. 15th—Institute "Kipling and His Poetry" A. Dunbar Taylor, K.C.
- Oct. 22nd—Institute "Stellar Evolution" (Illustrated) Professor D. Buchanan
- Oct. 29th—Vancouver Branch, Engineering Institute of Canada "Earthquakes Affecting this Continent" (Illustrated) F. Napier Denison, Esq., Director, Gonzales Heights Observatory, Victoria.
- Nov. 5th—Institute "The University and the State" President Kiluck, U. B. C.
- Nov. 12th—Institute "An Hour With a Pessimist" Dean H. T. J. Coleman
- Nov. 19th—Vancouver Musical Council "Mediaeval Music" (Illustrated) Miss Blanche Beaumont Nelson
- Nov. 26th—Institute "Iron—Cold Iron" Professor H. N. Thompson
- Dec. 3rd—B. C. Chamber of Mines "Geological Features of the Coast Range of B. C." (Illustrated) Professor S. J. Schofield
- Dec. 10th—Institute "Aeroplane Design and Future Possibilities" (Illustrated) Professor F. W. Vernon
- Dec. 17th—Vancouver Dickens Fellowship "London in the Time of Dickens" (Illustrated) J. Francis Bursill, F.R.Hist.S.

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- Jan. 7th—Institute "Racial Problems of Canada" Rev. Hugh Dobson
- Jan. 14th—Institute "Impressions of League of Empire Tour in Europe" (Illustrated) Miss Grace Burris, M.A., President League of Empire, Vancouver.
- Jan. 21st—Institute "Forest Products Research and the Timber Industry" (Illustrated) T. A. McElhanney, Esq., Director, Forest Products Laboratory.
- Jan. 28th—Institute "Some Aspects of the Modern Idea of the Structure of the Atom" Principal J. G. E. O. Lister, Vancouver Technical School.
- Feb. 4th—Vancouver Medical Association "Does Poor Health Cause Disease?" Professor H. W. Hill
- Feb. 11th—Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy "Some Great Canadian Geologists" J. D. Galloway, Esq., Provincial Mineralogist.
- Feb. 18th—Canadian Author's Association, B. C. Branch "The Mechanics of Authorship" Percy Gomery, Esq., Chairman of the Branch
- Feb. 25th—Academy of Sciences "Weather Proverbs" (Illustrated) Professor A. E. Hennings
- Mar. 4th—Alpine Club of Canada Lecture—(Subject to be announced)
- Mar. 11th—Institute "The Agrarian Movement" Rev. W. P. O'Boyle
- Mar. 18th—Institute "The New Germany" (Illustrated) Howard S. Coulter, M.A., LL.B.
- Mar. 25th—Institute "Girl Guides at Work and at Play" (Illustrated) Miss Frances E. Mara

## STUDENTS COUNCIL HOLDS MEETING

At its first regular meeting the Students' Council attacked the great mass of routine work connected with the opening of the new session. Following the adoption of the minutes of the various executives, the standing committee on discipline (re by-law, Feb. 16, 1925) was endorsed for the coming year, and Council representatives to the Joint Committee on Student Affairs were appointed.

After bills and correspondence had been disposed of, the ticklish problem of the Freshman costume was brought up. Considerable debate, pro and con, took place over the "gob" hat. Finally it was decided that bow ties and bands would be the Frosh costume until the class party in the spring. It is hoped, however, by some of Council, that hats of some kind, shapeless or otherwise, will be introduced before another year has passed. A code of permanent and temporary regulations for the Frosh was drawn up, and placed in the hands of the Sophomores, who are very capable and very willing to enforce both the spirit and the letter of the law.

A new attempt is being made this year to exclude outsiders from the Freshman reception.

## M. L. S. Debaters Join Vancouver League

Tuesday evening last an informal meeting was held at the Y.M.C.A. for all organizations interested in the Vancouver Debating League. Much discussion was carried on by the representatives present but it was thought wise to leave the elections of the executive over until Friday when the second meeting is to be called.

There will probably be eight teams in the League this year. They will be: U. B. C., Varsity, Parliamentary Debating Society, the Law Students, Y.M.C.A., Young Conservatives, Young Liberals, and the Rotary Club.

It was decided that teams shall be limited to two men and that no postponement of debates shall be allowed.

A new feature will probably be tried out in the coming season in the form of a mock trial. For this event the Law Students will provide the legal talent while the other members will furnish the jury, the criminals, and the audience.

As some little difficulty was encountered in framing resolutions last year it was decided that the public should be asked to make suggestions. If any students in the University think that they have subjects which would prove of general interest will they kindly forward the same to F. C. Pilkington or Denis Murphy.

- Apr. 1st—Town Planning Institute of Canada "Efficiency in City Building" (Illustrated) Professor F. E. Buck
- Apr. 8th—Annual Meeting

Note:—An extra lecture will be given during the season on "Canadian Administration in the Arctic." By J. D. Craig, Esq., Surveyor General of Canada.

## EX-KING GEORGE PLAYS VARSITY

With one victory tucked away under their belts Varsity's senior rugby team goes forth to battle Ex-King George tomorrow confident of making it two straight. In view of the strength of the other teams in the league it has been decided to merge the Arts and Science teams into one. The resulting squad should be the class of the city.

Bill Locke will again be fullback this game. Eaton and Taylor, two of the fastest men in Varsity will play wing with Gustafson and Barnett inside three. Ronny McKay will lead the backfield from the five-eighths position. McIntyre will play receiving half with Tupper directing the squad as wing forward.

The green and black aggregation will butt heads with the heaviest Varsity scrum of recent years. White and Forrester hooking, Kidd locking, Noble and Mahon second line and Wills and Brown last line, form a close-packing coterie of fighting fools. If it rains the superior strength of this scrum should win while if it is dry the fleet backfield should do the trick.

Fifty-four men squelched and oozed around in the mud and rain at the Wednesday practice, some promising material showing up. Two intermediate teams will be fielded Saturday. Freshmen playing Seaforths and Varsity playing Ex-Techs. at Strathcona at 2.15. Both teams are in good shape and should emerge on top in the opening games.

A little more support from the sidelines would be appreciated by the senior team. Barely twenty Varsity rooters saw the teams, playing with only fourteen men most of the game, defeat an older and heavier team last Saturday. Their opponents this Saturday are the best squad in town, so get out and root at the senior game, Brockton Point at 2.15.

## Soccer Game Saturday at Hastings Park

Out at the Hastings Park Oval at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, there will be a soccer game well worth seeing. The University First Team will oppose the formidable Westminster United; and when these two teams come together, the result should more than reward any Varsity supporters who turn out to see the contest.

It is well to remember what the Soccer Club has accomplished for the University in the past. Not only has it done much towards adding to our collection of silverware, but, what is a far greater accomplishment, it has established a record of clean sportsmanship for the University of British Columbia. So if there are any who value this reputation, let us show our support by attending this game on Saturday at the Hastings Oval.

The Varsity lineup will be: Keenleyside, Crute, Baker, Cant, Phillips, Ledingham, Warden, Berto, Mayers, Newcombe, and Emery.

It is fitting to mention here that this soccer team is in need of the services of a trainer. A new manager, also, is needed for the third team, as the present manager is only filling this position temporarily. Any persons interested in this work are requested to see Stan. Gale, President of the Soccer Club, as soon as possible.

## LA CAUSERIE

There are two vacancies in the French Club, "La Causerie" which may be filled by members of the third and fourth years who have an interest in the French language and French dramas.

Kindly address applications to Miss Lucy Ross, secretary of La Causerie, and leave them in the Auditorium letter rack before Tuesday noon, October 12.

The first regular meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, October 13th, at 8 o'clock.

## Annual Tennis Tournament Begins on Monday, 10 a.m.

Draws Will Be Posted At 9 a.m.

## Rules For Frosh Are Announced

Freshmen who have been waiting anxiously for information regarding institution will doubtless be pleased to learn that the committee has drawn up the following list of regulations: The rules stated below are official Freshmen regulations and will be enforced to the letter. Any rash members who venture to break any of these rules will do so at their own risk.

The Freshman Class, Arts '30, are hereby advised to take special note of the following:

1. All Freshmen must report Saturday, October 9th (tomorrow), on the upper playing field. Old clothes must be worn and the trousers must not extend below the knee. (We advise the non-wearing of Plus Fours).
2. Any member claiming exemption for Saturday must report to room A 106 Friday at 3 p.m.

The above items refer only to the male students.

On and after Saturday October 9th Freshmen are to observe the following regulations:

Standard bow ties will be provided to be worn at all University functions. No smoking on the University Campus.

No sitting on University building steps. Freshmen must attend all Alma Mater meetings.

No Freshman to appear on the Campus wearing plus-fours.

The following are temporary regulations to be enforced until after the Frosh reception, October 15th.

No member of Freshman Class may hold any communication with members of the opposite sex on Campus. They must say Kia-How-Yah to everyone (a reply from the upper years is requested).

Every freshman must wear upon his back a placard not less than one foot square bearing his name (these will be supplied).

No Freshman be allowed to walk across the TRIANGLE.

## Players Club Try-Outs on Wednesday Noon

### The Quarrel Scene in "School for Scandal" is Chosen.

All those trying out for the Players Club met on Wednesday noon at Arts 100. Although there are only thirty vacancies in this popular Club, one hundred and sixty students were present. In the matter of number the sterner sex will have the advantage, for while there are fifteen to be selected from their fifty-four, only the same small number will be chosen from the one hundred and seven co-eds.

A very important change has taken place in the try-out parts this year. The judges have decided it would be a physical and mental impossibility to listen again to the oft-repeated "I don't believe you yet," from "The Twelve Pound Look." Therefore this part has been changed to the quarrel scene between Sir Peter and Lady Teazle from Act Two, Scene One, of "The School for Scandal." The part for two girls, taken from A. A. Milne's "The Romantic Age," remains the same.

Mr. Wood, the coach, explained all this and then stated that those trying out will be judged on the four points of voice, poise, gesture, and intelligence. "They must think out the character and reconstruct it with their own personality thrown in," he said.

The try-outs will take place in the Auditorium next Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

## Little Sisters, Attention!

The Big Sister tea in the Cafeteria tomorrow, October 9th from 3 to 6 o'clock will be strictly informal. Varsity clothes will be worn and no hats. Will any who have not yet found nor gotten in touch with their Big Sisters see Miss Dorothy Brown at noon today in the Council Office.

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## A WORD FOR THE FRESHMAN

While the Freshman class is being put to-morrow to the first leap of the undergraduate steeplechase, we wish to make a few remarks in recognition of the sporting spirit and good nature of the average member of that class; these attributes have in the past been consistently in evidence at initiation and over a certain period of years were displayed even when the ceremony made rather serious demands, not only upon good humour, but even upon self-respect. It should first be understood that we are resigned to the fact that the ceremony of initiation is regarded popularly (and possibly just as mistakenly) as essential to the genesis in the Freshman breast of "college spirit." Be that as it may, we are of the opinion that, if the trials of initiation are such as to antagonize the Freshman, or affront his dignity, much will have been lost to us, in the resulting destruction of his good disposition; and "college spirit," whatever it may be, will obviously remain unborn.

It is to be hoped, then, that the committee in charge has been wise in its preparations. From past experience, they should have been assured of the best sporting spirit in the Freshman during the ordeal; and the programme of the committee should have been drawn up, allowing due credit to this spirit. Any ridiculous restrictions of personal liberty are unwarranted and ill-timed, doing more harm than good. These restrictions, which have in former years been in evidence, are, we trust, now eliminated; and initiation has at last become a sane introduction of the Freshman to his Alma Mater, embodying all the virtues of former ceremonies and none of the shortcomings.

## CO-OPERATION IN LIBRARY

If we are to judge by the number of books which are out of the library we must come to the ultimate conclusion that at this early period in the session some students are settling down to study. Not only, moreover does it seem that they are getting down to work with conscientious energy but also that they are starting a private library of their own by a process of accumulation. Certain students seem to have developed a mania for drawing all the books on a given topic out of the library at the one time. This practice is of no benefit to the student drawing out the books, but it certainly does cause a great deal of inconvenience to others who are desirous of obtaining one or two of the same books. It is just as easy for a student to take out one book at a time and return it in a couple of days as it is to take out half a dozen and have them lying around at home or in the lockers for a week. The reason for the existence in the library of a number of books on one topic is not only to give different sides of the same subject, but also to provide facilities by means of which a number of students may study the same subject at once. If through the thoughtlessness of some book "hog," students are hindered in their efforts to consult these books, one of the chief purposes of the library is defeated. It is important, then, for students to remember that others are equally anxious to consult books, and that by taking only their share they will not only do justice to fellow students, but will also help in ensuring better reference facilities to the University as a whole.

## IMPROVEMENTS—NEW DRY KILN

Two years ago the Forestry Department instituted a study of "season losses" in drying lumber.

A man was sent to the principal mills of the coast to make a special study of this phase of the industry. Following that, classes were held in Victoria and Vancouver, six at each place, with an average attendance of one hundred people. To make the work more effective the need of an experimental kiln was felt greatly. Finally, the approval of the Department of Public Works was secured, and a fine kiln erected which has a capacity of 3,000 board feet.

It was originally planned to have the building heated by a pipe from the power house, but, after due consideration, a small ten-horse-power boiler with an oil burner was installed for this purpose.

The cost of the heating equipment, steam plant, control instruments, air compression, etc., will be borne by the Forestry Products Laboratory in accordance with a standing agreement with the University. The latter provides the building, light and power; and the laboratory supplies equipment. In addition to the kiln, which is constructed of hollow tile, provision is made for a storage room adjoining it, where a charge of lumber may be assembled prior to and following the actual drying. During the drying process the room will be available for members of the lumber industry, or students of forestry to observe, under

## OUTDOORS CLUB HOLDS MEETING

At the first meeting of the Outdoors Club for the coming year about a dozen members were present. After the executive had discussed the business in hand, Mr. Lighthall, the Honorary President, gave a short talk on the ideals of the Club, and enlarged on the art of "getting acquainted" while climbing.

The President, "Hays" Nunn, announced that a schedule of hikes would be given out at the next meeting. As this meeting is at the call of the chair, no date can be announced here. A Cabin Committee was elected to draw up rules for the Cabin and members' conduct therein.

An OPEN hike to Crown Mountain will be held on Sunday, Oct. 10. This hike is open to anybody in the University. All you have to do is to bring your lunch and a large "ambush!" Party leaves on the North Vancouver ferry, sailing from the foot of Columbia Avenue at 7:30 a.m. Be sure and be on time, and pray for a fine day.

shelter. Transfer cars and track will provide the means for removing lumber from the storage room to the kiln.

For the present, the apparatus is designed to experiment with natural circulation, but it is possible that equipment for mechanical circulation will be installed, if it is thought necessary to branch into that field of investigation.

## Correspondence

### A REPLY TO "CIVITAS"

Editor "Ubyssy,"

Dear Sir:  
In reply to "Civitas," I must explain that the Constitution of the Students' Parliament does not compel parties to be formed, but merely provides a definite method of organizing parties if required.

If a majority of members in the Students' Parliament are independent, there will be no actual change of ministry in the case of a division, unless this ministry is partisan.

Parties are intended to be a natural growth among members who agree on common principles. If they cannot agree, it will be perfectly simple to conduct the Parliament without the Party System.

The Students' Parliament is intended to be a fairly accurate reproduction of actual governing bodies, but the actual development of details rests entirely among the members themselves. —F. C. PILKINGTON

## Letters Club Paper on Russian Novelist

On Tuesday night the Letters Club held its first meeting of the year, at the house of His Honour Judge F. W. Howay, 201 Carnarvon Street, New Westminster. The paper of the evening, read by D'Arcy Marsh, was on Dostolevski. Touching but briefly upon the Russian author's religion and philosophy of life, the speaker concentrated his attention upon the qualities of the novelist as such, with special reference to his three most widely read works — "The Idiot," "Crime and Punishment," and "The Brothers Karamazov"—he emphasized Dostolevski's remarkable insight into character, his power of analyzing human motive—a power which causes the reader to overlook the awkwardness of his external machinery. The paper was followed by a fairly lively discussion led very ably by Mr. Max Wright.

Mr. Marsh was congratulated by Dr. Walker, the official critic of the Club, on his easy fluency of style.

## SCIENCE '28

A meeting of the class of Science '28 was held noon, October 5th. The President, Mr. Crawford took the chair. Mr. Bert Tupper was elected to the position of vice-president of the Science Men's Undergraduate Society, to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Terhune.

The President was authorized to confer with the President of Science '29, with regard to a joint class party in the near future.

A resolution was passed that no class fee be charged, but that each member of the class be assessed small sums periodically to defray incidental expenses. The meeting then adjourned.

## ARTS '28

A meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 13th, at 12 o'clock sharp. The President will outline the year's programme and discuss fees, finances, etc. Elections will be held for the positions of Vice-President and Secretary, on account of the resignations of Miss Lillooet Green and Miss Mary Cole from these offices. Nominations of candidates for these offices are now in order, and should be accompanied by no less than ten signatures to each nomination.

## EDUCATION '27

The first general business meeting of the class of Education '27 will be held in room 106 Arts, on Monday noon, October 11th, immediately after Dr. Weir's lecture.

Officers for the coming year's activities will be chosen, and nominations must be handed to John Grace before Saturday.

Remember—Monday Noon—A. 106. Arts.

## CLASSICS CLUB

The Classics Club will hold its first meeting of the year this Saturday evening at eight o'clock at the home of Professor Logan, 7556 Heather Street. Two papers will be given, one by Miss Day Walker, Arts '27, on "Ancient Banking and Finance," the second by Robert Thorpe, Arts '27, on "Communication in the Ancient World."

For membership in this Club all members of the third and fourth years taking one or more courses in Latin or Greek are eligible. There is much important business to discuss at this first meeting and a large turnout is anticipated.

## ROOTERS CLUB

Nominations are open for the office of president of Rooters' Club. Any undergraduate of the upper years is eligible. Address nominations to Rooters' Club and place in the letter rack before Wednesday noon, October 13th.

## Prof. Wood Is Made Hon. Pres.

The Players' Club of the University announce the return of Professor F. G. C. Wood as honorary president and director. Owing to the increasing demands of these positions, Mr. Wood was forced to resign last April. Through the hearty co-operation of the University authorities an arrangement has been made for the next year whereby Mr. Wood's college duties have been somewhat lightened. It is hoped that eventually a more permanent arrangement may be effected.

## Topics Named For Native Sons' Prize

We have been asked to draw the attention of our readers to the annual Scholarship offered to students in the third and fourth years Arts and Science by the Native Sons of Canada.

This scholarship, of the value of \$500, which—except in the case of exceptional merit, when the whole sum will be given to one competitor—will be split up into two prizes of \$350 and the other of \$150, is offered annually to the author of the best essay on certain phases in Canadian History. This year the two subjects from which the candidates may choose are: (1) The Winning of Responsible government (1837-49); and (2) The Federation of Canada (1840-1927). All essays should be from 20,000 words up, and should be handed to Mr. Soward before April 1st, 1927.

## GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The first meeting of the Dr. G. M. Dawson Geological Society was held Tuesday night at the home of Dean Brock. The Dean gave an interesting address on Dr. George M. Dawson, pioneer geologist of the west and Director of the Geological Survey, which was warmly appreciated. New members—Waddington, Sc. '27, and Fournier, Arts '28—were presented and duly received into the Club. The officers for the year are:

Hon. President—Dr. Burwash.  
President — Mr. Desmond Kidd, Sc. '27.  
Vice-President—Mr. Everett Lees, Sc. '27.  
Secretary-Treasurer — Mr. Arthur Lang, Arts '27.

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**CONFESSIONS OF A CO-ED**

Dear Matilda Jane:  
I promised to write and tell you what I thought of this one bustling Canadian Varsity, and as this is a math. period I think I'll do it now so that you can get some of the real atmosphere.

What they all rave about here is the Players' Club. I heard there were thirty vacancies in it. "Uhum," thought I, "I wouldn't mind, myself, playing around with a couple of those good looking sophomores."

So yesterday I went at twelve and parked in the front row on the right of the left hand side (do you get that), and waited for them to come and elect me. Well, would you believe it, one hundred and seven other girls evidently had the same idea, the dumb-bells! The boys had more sense--there were only fifty of them.

Well after all these people had trooped and jumbled themselves in, a dark man gave us the longest lecture. He talked about saying "ye gods" at people's voices. Now ma, who comes from Idaho, sings just great, and my voice is just like hers, so I don't have to worry my head there. Then he called down people who do the Charleston. I do wish I could give him a lesson or two in that. Say, and do you know, he knows a step called St. Vitus? It sounds good.

I was so busy figuring it out I lost the last part of his line. Something about being real snappy in the try-outs, or was it about getting a good character to try out with? But it couldn't have been that, for he went on to hand us our partners. At least he read them off a book.

Well I sat there trembling and smiling, feeling sure he'd get that look I telegraphed about that boy with the chin. At last he called Gwendolyn K-Unclesam--Matthew Kauffman. I rose to my feet, but all of a sudden I felt all quaky inside. That Matthew, my dear, that Matthew, had freckles, warts, and spectacles! Well it didn't take me two seconds to decide there was no doubt about it, that that old Players' Club was rotten.

I just picked up the nearest book and slung it at that Matthew, and, my dear, even yet,

Your girl friend,  
Gwendolyn K-Unclesam,  
is MAD. (M. W.)

**Wild Profs. I Have Known**

It was two o'clock or thereabouts on a Monday afternoon. One copious room in the Arts building was doing a rushing business. Students were rushing out of one door, but for every one that departed there was another who came in by the second entrance. At last this mad ebb and flow abated until only one or two stragglers were still hurrying to the lecture.

Inside the room, things were in chaos. Students were howling, talking, noisily opening books and more noisily closing them, reading the Feature Page of the "Ubyssy" and running up and down the aisles.

The last bell rings. . . . A dreadful hush falls upon the room as, through the open door strides a little man with a very military air. His smooth brow is tilted far back, as if he were studying the heavens, and in his arms he carries a pile of massive tomes. So swiftly does he move that his gown trails out behind him, conveying the impression that he is flying. Flying or not, he mounts the rostrum and makes bustling preparations for the lecture.

First, he deposits on his desk the pile of books he has been carrying--a pile almost as big as he is. Then he turns to the board, and, pulling a piece of chalk from the depths of his voluminous robe, makes a white mark on the shiny black surface. Whether this "writing on the wall" is Hebrew or not, nobody knows; it matters not. It is always unintelligible to the student mind.

While the Professor is thus occupied the students are actually busy! Books are even opened in earnest, and pens and pencils are much in evidence. Each freshman and freshette grasps his (or her) writing implement in much the same way as warriors of old grasped their battle axes when bent upon some forlorn hope.

Now the instructor turns to the class and begins his lecture. "Last day I was talking about the R . . . n. To-day I shall take up P . . . , and explain the whys and wherefores of the movement."

He then proceeds with his "whys" and "wherefores" at a headlong rate. The class, being now used to the procedure of the University, tries and tries in vain to transcribe to their notebooks every word this "speed-king" utters. The result is that they are all in a hopeless muddle before many minutes have flown by.

This fact, however, has no effect upon the Professor. He proceeds at the same rattling pace, never pausing for breath or to think of what he shall say next.

There is something indefinable about this man that marks him out as a genius. Probably it is his ability to do two things at once--or even half a dozen. All the time that he is talking he is constantly arranging and re-arranging his books. Sometimes he opens a volume and casts his eye upon the page as if very interested in its contents. Then he closes it with a snap and moves it to the farthest end of the desk--to remove it from temptation.

Sometimes this Professor reads aloud to the class--or to himself, quite oblivious of the fact that anyone else is present. While reading he invariably rests his arm on the desk in front of him, and, leaning forward, rests his open palm--as if overcome by the weight that is inside.

Again at times he glances through the windows as if a pageant were passing and not merely the rain and wind. He would make an ideal weather man. At other times he gazes heavenwards, and looks as if he were really going there. An unusual thing for a Professor.

A knock sounds at the door. No one hears it but the students, and they do not count. A second knock, and then the door glides open and a head is visible. The newcomer gazes wistfully at the Professor and creeps to his seat unseen.

At last the bell goes, but the words flow on. "Next day I shall take up the W . . . of the R . . . ." Many weary arms lay aside pens, and many victims drag tired bodies to the common rooms.

"This Professor is a walking Encyclopedia" remarks a sufferer. All the freshette has to say is, "Isn't his moustache adorable." (D. I. D.)

**BEWARE!**

The hour has come. The dread word has been whispered among the ranks of the latest arrivals. Majestic seniors, with malignant eyes, survey the prospects of rich spoils and rub their hands in glee; grinning sophomores, in all the glory of their exalted position, count the minutes until the time comes for the slaughter of the innocents. Upper classmen nod their heads wisely as they plan a gruesome reception for the children. Weird rumors of horrors that are to be circulated among the trembling frosh. Even the most aggressive members of Arts '30, who for the past week have swarmed over the campus have confessed their terror. Their days are spent in agony; their nights in deadly fear. Their dreams are dreams of ghastly deeds; rattling chains, ghostly forms stalking before their terrified eyes; frightful shrieks rending the night air as unmentionable crimes are committed. The emaciated forms and hunted eyes of our little brothers and sisters bear testimony to the mortal fear which possesses their souls. Trembling, they seek the uttermost corners of the locker rooms, hoping in that way to escape the malleous glances of the unmerciful upper classmen. But it is all of no avail. Everywhere they go the terrified youngsters are pursued by the evil genius of their dreams. Maths. I lectures are interrupted by the violent shrieks of a half-fainting freshette, who, with shaking forefinger, points to some apparition which has suddenly appeared in the doorway. Nowhere is the freshman free from his thoughts. In the bus, in the cafeteria, his countenance wears a far-away look; he lives in a world of his own, a world peopled with the ghosts of past horrors and the spirits of horrors yet to come.

From honoured graduates of their university the freshman has heard tales of unutterable fearfulness, tales of initiations in which only the hardest survived. His mind is filled with thoughts of dark passageways down which struggling freshmen of former years were sent to their fate; gruesome preparations into which freshmen were plunged and from which no one ever recovered. Oh, freshmen and freshettes, little you know of the doom which is wrought for you! You know not of the terrors which await you, terrors far greater than any of which you may have heard. You must be fully prepared for horrors of which you may never live to tell the tale. Be warned, therefore, and tread warily for you know not what will come.

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O, piteous end! O' what just cause for hate!

O, gentle poet, do not grieve thy heart!  
Thy tears are wasted although sympathetic,  
Dire vengeance will I wreak with all my heart,  
Contortions and convulsions most athletic,  
My golden lemon curd will do its part  
With zest, for it is chemically synthetic.

—R. A. P.

**KAMPUS KRAX**

The Frosh will be compelled to wear green bands and green bow ties. Another injustice to Ireland.

Some Universities are so genteel that they wouldn't have a common room.

To-day's horrible thought: Another lineup on October 11th to pay the fees. It has been reported (but not confirmed) that a certain school teacher makes her pupils study the Sport Page of the "Ubyssy" to improve their grammar and vocabulary.

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**FASHIONS**

Old clothes will be a la mode for Saturday's function among the younger set. Plus fours, however, are not so popular as shorts.

How ties, preferably the latest shade of sap green will be adopted by many fashionable young men. They are especially becoming for such smart occasions as the Freshmen's Reception.

Pretty green ribbons, so delightfully conspicuous last year, are likely to be revived for sleeve ornaments. The highest fashion authorities, however, have not decreed any definite ruling on this point.

A pleasing innovation in college attire is a smart white placard, about one foot square, to be worn on the back. This is "just the thing" for the younger students, who have conceived the charming idea of writing their full names on it.

No, Ermytrude, the Letters Club is not a correspondence society.

Vile Pun, No. 8649: "Who said the L. S. D. President was all Wright? He Max me tired."

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