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VARSIITY *versus* VICTORIA

Rugby Ends In A Draw; Victoria Wins Both Basketball Games

University Student Passes Away

WELL-KNOWN MEMBER OF SCIENCE IS VICTIM OF INFLUENZA



Among the first victims of the recent epidemic of influenza was Horace Stedman of Science '19, who, with his mother and younger brother, was taken to hospital the week before Christmas.

Circumstances had prevented young Stedman from entering as he would have liked into the social life of the University. After a childhood which had known nothing but plenty, he was left in his early teens without resources and with the responsibility of supporting a mother and two younger brothers. Leaving England the little group started to make a livelihood in the Okanagan Valley, but soon found an opening in a business firm of this city. His ability was soon discovered by friends, and Horace was led to resume his studies. In the University his thorough work won for him the high regard of all the instructors.

Circumstances imposed on him severest limitations, but these were accepted cheerfully. With rare highmindedness he accepted what would have broken the spirit of many a young fellow. His modesty and self-forgetfulness concealed from all save a few intimate friends the pain of his life. And even his friends never knew him to complain or to reveal any bitterness over the

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STUDENTS ENJOYABLY ENTER-TAINED IN THE CAPITAL

The invading rugby and basketball players of the University drew one and lost two of the three games played with the Victoria teams on Saturday, December 21st. The Island aggregations were victorious in both basketball games, while the rugby match in the afternoon resulted in a scoreless draw.

The U.B.C. party, numbering nearly one hundred students and their friends, arrived in Victoria on Saturday morning. The majority returned on the afternoon boat on Sunday, while others did not leave the capital until Monday or Tuesday.

The rugby game was one of the hardest and cleanest played in Victoria this year. Neither team was able to score, though twenty minutes overtime was played. Victoria pressed strongly during the first few minutes, but Varsity defended well with good kicking. The superiority of the Varsity scrum was evident early in the game, when they heeled the ball out almost every time. But the defensive work of the Victoria halves and the poor passing of the Varsity backs spoiled this advantage.

In the second half the play was almost all in Victoria territory, but good tackling and kicking prevented any score. The Victoria backs managed two or three individual runs in this half, but Kingham was there with the tackle at the right moment. The game ended with Varsity only a few yards from the Victoria line. Don Morrison had bad luck in the second period, when he was brought down on the line. The Varsity was short a man for a few minutes, when Hugh Ross was carried off with cramps. The fine work of Gwvther, the captain, deserves special mention.

The University lined up as follows: Forwards, Gross, de Pencier, Weld,

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The Second Debate: Seniors Victorious

"Resolved that the Allied forces should withdraw from Russia and Siberia," was the subject of the debate between the men of Arts '19 and '20 on December 17th.

Mr. Hosang, the first speaker for the affirmative, pointed out that fears were awakened by rumors of a German-Russian alliance, but now that the Germans have been defeated that cannot be given as an excuse for intervention in Russia. Public opinion and Labor interests are against the expedition. In closing, he stated that intervention is against self-determination and democracy, and now that peace has come is no longer justified.

Mr. Adams, for the negative, contended that the Allies can not withdraw without violating their promise to render military and economic aid. Withdrawal now would vindicate Bolshevism. Under the present chaotic conditions it would be impossible for Russia to enter the proposed League of Nations, and representative Russians have asked the help of the Allies in reorganizing the country.

Mr. Mahrer held that for the Allies to interfere in Russia is against international law and Wilson's principle of the self-determination of nations. Allied victory there does not necessarily ensure improved economic conditions. In conclusion, he repeated that public opinion is hostile to the expedition.

Next, Mr. MacKinnon stated that the economic state of Russia requires Allied assistance. There is no attempt to enforce law and order, while millions are facing starvation. We must help in the

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VARSITY VS. VICTORIA

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Allardyce, Gunning, Swanson and Meekison; halfbacks, Russell and Gwyther; three quarters, Morrison, Broadfoot, Ternan, Darts and Ross; full back, Kingham.

The first basketball game was between the University ladies' team and an all-star Victoria quintette, the home players winning twelve points to six. Play was close in the first period, the score at half time being four to nothing. The Victoria ladies showed a better knowledge of the game than their opponents, who lacked practice. The University was represented by Misses D. Kerr, G. Pedlow, M. Kilpatrick, B. Clement, E. Eveleigh and K. Stewart.

In the second game the U.B.C. men went down to defeat before the senior team of the Victoria Y.M.C.A., the score being 39 to 11. The Varsity players only held one practice before the game, and consequently were very weak in team work. The baskets which were scored were due more to individual effort than to combination. Fisher, with six points, and Gross, with five, were the University scorers. Art Lord refereed both contests. The U.B.C. players were: Guards, Andrews and Taylor; centre, Gross; forwards, Fisher and S. Anderson (captain).

After the basketball games the visitors were entertained at an informal dance in the ballroom of the Empress Hotel, given in their honor by the Victoria and Island Athletic Association. Blue and gold ribbon could be seen in all parts of Victoria on the day of the games, and the many who made the trip had a very enjoyable time.

UNIVERSITY STUDENT

PASSES AWAY

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great disappointment which had come to him. The loss of all early prospects did, for a time indeed, make him scornful of those formulas that may be regarded as cheap, but patience and sympathy led him to reaffirm the deepest convictions about life.

Weakened by asthma he sank at once under influenza, and two days before Christmas he died. After the festival representatives of the student body, headed by the Deans of Faculty and many members of the staff, united to pay the last tribute to the memory of one who had lived among us a brave, simple life, determined to know what was true and to do what was kind.

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Shop Notes

Name — John Goethals Stevenson Westinghouse Edison Morse Smith.

Material—One Ford engine.

Tools—One steam hammer (pulverizer), test-tube, filter paper.

Description—Adjust the engine on the anvil so the spark-plug is over a point whose co-ordinates are 3.4—the carburetor. Turn the valve "V" through (?) radians, permitting steam to pass into the cylinder and expand idiomatically and causing the piston to describe simple harmonic compound motion around a common center. If the solubility product of the undissociated molecules is low, three or four strokes of the differential will be sufficient to reduce the magneto to a fine powder. Collect the unconsumed residue and treat as instructed on page 34562, Ball's Chemical Reaction. Divide the quotient by the square of the compression cubed and the test will detect the gay youth who stole the bus and went joy-riding. Confirmatory test: Dissolve tonneau in sulphuric acid and test for nitrate of hairpins.

CPL. COFFIN, BEWARE!

Who is that man with haughty mien,
With ample chest and peanut bean
And movement like a Ford machine?
Why, sonny, that's the Sergeant.

Who's busy as a bumblebee
To get you up at reveillé,
And shouts your name in strident key?
Why, bless you, that's the Sergeant.

Who yells "Right dress!" and "Right by fours!"
And gets as mad as all outdoors
And sends you out to do the chores?
You're right, that is the Sergeant.

Who carries all the world's disgrace,
Written in furrows on his face,
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THE SPRING PLAY

We note with more disgust than surprise that the Players' Club has chosen for the spring play "The Importance of Being Earnest," by Oscar Wilde. It does seem extraordinary that from the vast army of playwrights, ancient and modern, Oscar Wilde should be the one favored by the executive of this club; but it is the play itself more than its writer that meets with our disapproval.

It would seem fitting indeed that an organization of University students, enjoying the broadening process of "higher education," should endeavor to stand for the moral as well as the merely intellectual qualities in the plays with which the University name must be associated by the general public.

That "The Importance of Being Earnest" is of excellent literary merit and that many of its lines are, in their paradoxical form, brilliantly clever, few will deny; but still fewer dare affirm that this play is more than a mere bauble to tickle the fancy of "Society," and to provoke laughter among those who would otherwise be really enjoying themselves at a cabaret. The better element of the Players' Club audiences is present entirely because of the college name and associations.

The tone of the play is piffling and cynical, as the mind of its author, and out of harmony with fundamental truth. Its author saw only the tawdry veneer of civilization, and he has described characters whose manner of living is unworthy of attention and beneath contempt.

This farce may possibly prove amusing, but so may the efforts of sensational "artists" on the Pantages circuit.

The same remarks may be applied with a fair amount of accuracy to the plays previously produced by the club.

There was no value in "Fanny and the Servant Problem." "Merely Mary Ann" was rather pretty with a touch of pathos, but the situations and atmosphere of "Alice-Sit-by-the-Fire" rendered it absolutely unsuitable for a college play.

We do not wish to be put on record as believing that amateurs should confine themselves to rather painful renderings of the works of the Bard of Avon or resurrections of ancient Greek dramas, although such would be preferable to the trash that is being presented at present. With all the plays of all the ages before us, is it impossible to choose one within the capabilities of college students which possesses literary and artistic qualities and which at the same time embodies within itself a healthy moral tone?

Let us hope then that the next dramatic effort of the students of this University will be of such a stamp that the audience may leave the theatre with a fair measure of satisfaction and at least one thought as a reward for their evening's patience.

I. A. S.

CORRESPONDENCE

(The Editors accept no responsibility for statements made in this column.)

Vancouver, Jan. 6, 1919.

Editor UBYSSEY,

Dear Sir: The results of the games at Victoria show clearly that this University will never stand in the front ranks of athletics in this province unless something is done to make the different branches of sport more easily available to the students. Under present conditions it is almost impossible to produce a team of any kind which would do the University credit. We have the material for the teams, but we have not the means for developing that material. How many more years are we going to carry on without a gymnasium? There are over 500 students in this University now; and next year we can count on having well over 600, a good many of whom will be returned men. Are we going to tell these men that the only form of exercise under the University name is forming fours with the O.T.C.?

And that brings me to another question. Now that the war is over, why should the O.T.C. need to carry on its activities? It was very necessary during the war, but why should it continue to be compulsory when it is objectionable to so many students and, as a consequence, does so little good? If this University continues under its present policy, it is working contrary to the fundamental principles of a democratic institution. A true education develops individual thinking and does not compel conformity to activities with which we are not in sympathy.

All this being true it is of vital importance that steps be taken as soon as possible to ensure greater freedom in individual endeavour. And one step toward this would be to abolish compulsory drill and make provision in the timetable for athletics. Yours, etc.,

Penner.

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Editor UBYSSSEY:

It was with great pleasure that I learned, some few days ago, that women were to be excluded from the meetings of the Men's Lit. I now understand that this only applies to debates. Why, oh why, can't women be excluded from all the activities about the college that are primarily for men? It seems, in this western country, we have to put up with co-education, but why should we allow so many of our societies to be diluted with the weaker sex. I have no objection to women in "higher education," though it is just possible that they are playing with fire; but now having lowered the academic standard for their benefit, certain students would prevent us raising the Men's Lit. above the feminine level.

L'Homme Indigue.

Dear Editor:

Just one question. Why not abolish the O.T.C. in favor of compulsory athletics?

Abou Turren.

THE OLD GRIEVANCE

At the risk of offending our readers' sensibilities by continual repetition, we would like to mention yet again the need for increased athletic facilities for the University. The results of the basketball games played against Victoria show that a proper gymnasium is one of the first requisites for successful practice. The limitations imposed upon shooting and passing by the size of the King Edward gymnasium were greatly to blame for the victory of the Victoria teams, which have had excellent opportunities for practice in large halls. We are all proud of the pluck and skill the Varsity players showed in the games, and we hope that by next year the handicap imposed by the lack of a good gymnasium will have been removed.

ARTS MEN'S DANCE

The annual dance given by the Arts men will be held on Friday of this week in the University Auditorium. An enjoyable evening for everyone is assured. There is no better music in town than that which will be supplied by the five-piece orchestra in attendance. The necessary stimulus to spontaneous and harmonious action will unquestionably be of the highest order. Light refreshments will be served during a brief respite. The charge for college students is fifty cents; for outside couples, \$1.50.

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DRAMA NOTES

Faust is by far the most popular of the operas which are to be produced here at the end of the month by the San Carlo Opera Company. The libretto is a dramatization of Goethe's work, but the real charm of the opera lies in the music. The principal numbers are the Students' Chorus and the famous Faust waltz of Act 2, the Flower Song, Faust's aria, "All Hail Thou Dwelling Pure and Lowly," the Jewel Song, and the final duet between Faust and Margherita of Act 3, the Soldiers' Chorus of Act 4, and the Prison Scene of Act 5.

The only opera of Mascagni's which has achieved any fame is "Cavalliera Rusticana," and the same is true of Leonecavallo's "Pagliacci." It has become customary to produce these two operas together, but it is probable that the San Carlo Company will produce "The Secret of Suzanne" in place of "Cavalliera Rusticana."

"The Secret of Suzanne" is an intermezzo in one act by Wolf-Ferrari. The story centers around a young wife who attempts to conceal from her husband the fact that she smokes cigarettes. Many complications result, but everything ends happily.

In contrast to this light opera we have the tragedy of Pagliacci, in which two deaths take place. The chief features of this opera are the expository prologue and the play within a play. The story deals with the actions of a faithless wife and a jealous husband, but, like the great majority of grand operas, Pagliacci has survived solely on account of its music.

It is impossible for the San Carlo, or any other company, to be an entirely all-star organization, but it is as good a company as the public will support. A few years ago an attempt was made to give the people opera on a really first-class scale, but even Vancouver, in the height of its prosperity, helped to bring about the failure of the Quinlan Opera Company. If we want opera, then we must pay for it; and the surest way to ensure future operatic productions here or anywhere else is to give the San Carlo Company our hearty and generous support.

THE VICTOR

There came to a seaside town in Southern France
A man of plain attire, disguised in rank;
And in the cool shade, when the daylight sank,
A boy, who had been playing with sword and lance,

Came and sat by him, knowing not that here
Was France's greatest marshal—commander when
The German hordes, plunging in mad career,
Were swept to defeat by Honour's fearless men.

The boy talked, and found the stranger wise
In lore of war and tales that thrill young ears.
Then suddenly he spread a portrait wide,
And, fixing the marshal with his knowing eyes,
Cried: "The victor in disguise! The victor in disguise!"

But the marshal said: "Not victor, only guide."

R. F. A.

MUSICAL NOTES**A College Without a College Song**

Did it ever occur to you that the University of British Columbia has no distinctive college song?

We have a yell that has been heard over the continent and in Europe—but no song which we can call our own.

In most universities each year has its own class song, while we have not even one for the whole college! Surely it is about time we were waking up.

One does not necessarily have to be a poet to write words for a college song. "It is up to you" to sustain the honor of the U.B.C.

If anyone is inspired to write the words, the Musical Society will promise that suitable music will be written for them.

Act I. Victoria, 9 a.m., Saturday. Cafe—

Allardyce: "Coffee, please."

Murphy: "I don't drink tea or coffee. I'll have a glass of milk, please."

Act II. Ditto. 1 p.m. Cafe—

Allardyce: "Coffee, please. And bring this guy his bottle."

Van Wilby: "Peardon! Oh, Peardon!"

Peardon: "What d' you want?"

Van Wilby: "There's a girl in the hall wants to speak to you."

Peardon: "What's the matter with her?"

You can always tell a Senior,

For he's sedately gowned;

You can always tell a Junior,

By the way he struts around;

You can always tell a Freshie,

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Y.M.C.A.

The last meeting of the Y.M.C.A. was held on December 19, when the Rev. Mr. Agabob took for his subject "Tuum Est." The great need of the present day, said the speaker, was for men of firm purpose and strong character. The meeting was well attended.

ORATORICAL CONTEST

The annual Oratorical Contest will be held on January 17. Entries may be made to any member of the Men's Lit. Executive and should be in before the end of this week. Last year's contest was a success in every way. How about this year? "Tuum est."

CLASS NOTES

The Women's Executive of Arts '22 spent a most enjoyable afternoon during the holidays at the home of Mrs. B. S. Clarke, who is honorary president of the Freshettes.

WOMEN'S LITERARY SOCIETY

A meeting of the Women's Literary Society was held on Wednesday, December 18th, when a most interesting address was delivered on the Holy Land by Mr. Munnings, who has worked amongst the natives of Palestine.

Lantern slides of historic scenes added greatly to the enjoyment of a subject which has always possessed a peculiar fascination for the minds of Christian nations.

The speaker told of the special attraction that Palestine now offers for British subjects since the country has come under British protection and the tyrannic rule of the Turk has been at last suppressed.

Pictures were shown of the beautiful and historic city of Damascus, of Bethlehem, Baalbek and the Mohammedan city of Beyrout.

ARTS '22

At a meeting of the women of Arts '22, on Monday, 16th, Miss Nora Willis was elected vice-president, in place of Miss Clara Le Messurier, whose health was impaired during the recent epidemic.

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