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GYM. PLANS TO BE ENDORSED BY COUNCIL

THIRD MEETING TO BE CALLED

The Extraordinary General Meeting of the Alma Mater Society, called for Wednesday, January 9, was adjourned until Thursday because not enough members were present to give the required majority vote to the important resolutions that were to be proposed. Before the adjournment the resignation of Mr. Tommy Berto was announced. The Student's Council will receive nominations for his successor as president of the Men's Athletic until Friday, January 11. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. Mr. Tolmie spoke of the enthusiasm of the Eastern students for the Federation and of the plan for exchanging students with other universities.

On Thursday a larger and more enthusiastic meeting was held. Volunteers passed around sheets for signatures and witnessed them. On Friday a third meeting will be held, the resolutions read and signatures taken. By this means it is hoped to get the required endorsement.

Mr. Tolmie explained that the resolutions will ensure that there will be no legal obstacle to the society building the gym and no way in which its buildings can be taken away. Such assurance is important to debenture holders. The resolutions were published in the last issue of this paper and were placed on the notice boards.

Essay By Wilf. Donley Wins G. M. Harvey Prize

The presentation of the Gerald Myles Harvey Prize for 1928 was made by Mr. J. N. Harvey in the President's office at the University of British Columbia, on Tuesday, January 8th. The winner was Mr. Wilfred Donley, who graduated last May and who is at present a Teaching Fellow in Economics at the University of California.

The prize, which consists of books of the value of $50.00 chosen by the winner, is offered annually for the best essay written by an undergraduate of the University of British Columbia on some subject connected with the economic or political life of Canada. Mr. Donley's essay was on "The Oriental in Agriculture in British Columbia."

In making the presentation, Mr. Harvey mentioned that the prize had been established in memory of his son, Gerald Myles Harvey, who died during the war, at the age of eighteen, and who had been a student of the University of British Columbia.

Dr. Archibald Speaks To Chemistry Society

Dr. E. H. Archibald was the speaker at the open meeting of the Chemistry Society held on Wednesday afternoo nin room Science 300, where he gave a paper on "Some Reactions in Liquid Ammonia."

Dr. Archibald introduced his subject by comparing liquid ammonia with water in which he pointed out many similarities such as the power to ionize compounds, its high latent heats, etc. He then went on to show the so-called "ammono" acids, bases and salts had properties which made them analogous to the common or "aquo" acids, bases and salts. The speaker stated that there were great opportunities for research in this field, the uncertainties of the reactions making the work at least interesting even if slightly hazardous.

CORRECTION

Varsity has not lost all chances of gaining the McKechnie Cup this year, as was stated in the last issue of the "Ubysseey." To get the cup either team must win three out of five games. So far Varsity has won no games and lost two.

T. Berto Unable To Return This Session

Tommy Berto, the men's athletic representative on the Students' Council, is leaving the University in compliance with doctor's orders. Although he has recovered physically from the last game between Varsity and Vancouver, his nerves are in no condition to stand the strain of university work. He has left for Kimberley where he will resume the position which he held there during the summer.

His departure will be felt in many directions for he has always taken a keen interest in all student activities. He played on the Senior B Basketball Team and the Canadian Rugby Team. As president of Men's Athletics he acted as athletic representative on the Students' Council, where his usual vigour made him a valued member.

His resignation was accepted at the last Students' Council meeting and a motion was passed calling for nominations for his successor.

All those who have worked with Tommy are loud in their praise of his organizing ability and his energetic support of all activities to which he turned his attention. The concensus of opinon appears to be that it will be difficult to find anyone to carry on his work as well as it has been done in the past. It is to be hoped that Tommy will be able to carry out his present plan and return to U.B.C. next year.

SENIOR RUGBY ENTERS TISDALL CUP SERIES

Making their debut in the Tisdall Cup competition, Varsity will meet the Firemen, Saturday, on the Brockton Point oval, at 2.00 o'clock, in what promises to be an interesting tussle.

The city fire-fighters will need all their speed and ladder-climbing agility to hold the fast-stepping College men, who are out to repeat the trimming they administered to the Firemen when they met last year in the Miller Cup series. Since then, however, the city team has improved greatly, as shown by the opposition they gave to the strong Meraloma team, and their win against Seaforths.

Due to injuries, the Varsity team will be far from full strength. Noble, Fraser, Wilson, McNeil and probably Estabrook, will be missing from the regular line-up. Bobby Gaul, swerve artist, will take a well-earned position in the backfield, and Nixon, another promising intermediate, will be given a chance to prove his worth in forward play. By all indications an interesting hard-fought game will be served up to the spectators by these evenly matched teams.

FELLOWSHIP NOTICE

Applications for the Beit Fellowships for scientific research must be received by April 16, 1929, according to information received by Stanley W. Mathews, University registrar.

Not more than three Fellowships will be awarded, states the notice, and the election of Fellows will take place on or about July 12, 1929.

Forms for application and all information may be obtained by letter only, addressed to the Rector, Imperial College, South Kensington, London, S.W. Further details may be obtained at the registrar's office.

Coming Events

FRIDAY, JAN. 11—
O.T.C. Smoker. Masonic Hall, 10th Ave. and Trimble St., 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 12—
Intermediate Rugby. Varsity vs Ex. Tech., Renfrew Park, 2:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JAN. 18—
Inter-collegiate Debate. Women's Building. Manitoba vs U.B.C.

FRIDAY, FEB. 1—
Aggie Ball, Lester Court.

FRIDAY, FEB. 15—
Science Ball.

To Debate In Edmonton

GREVILLE ROWLAND DENIS MURPHY

Immigration Problems To Be Discussed Here Jan. 18

Manitoba Team Will Oppose Varsity Debaters

"Resolved that a quota system of immigration should be adopted by Canada," is the subject to be thrashed out by Charles Brazier and Bernard Tobin when they face debaters from Manitoba in the Women's Building next Friday night.

His Worship Mayor W. H. Malkin will preside in the chair, while H. R. MacMillan, head of H. R. MacMillan Export Co., C. McAlpine, and Leonard Miller will act as judges.

This debate is one of the four contests held by the Western Universities Debating League. This year Varsity sends a team to Edmonton, and a team from Manitoba comes here. Manitoba has a particularly strong debating organization, due largely to the work of Prof. D. C. Harvey during his stay at Manitoba University, who is now head of the U.B.C. History Department.

The home debaters, Charles Brazier and Bernard Tobin, have both had experience in inter-collegiate debates.

Denis Murphy and Greville Rowland leave for Edmonton on Wednesday, where they will represent U.B.C. against the University of Alberta. Greville Rowland has debated twice before in inter-collegiate contests, besides having taken part in Vancouver Debating League fixtures. Last year he debated against the University of Saskatchewan. He is president of the Literary and Scientific Executive of the U.B.C.

Denis Murphy has been an international debater since his Freshman year. He has taken part in inter-class and inter-city debates, and carried off second prize in the oratorical contest two years ago.

The home debate, which takes place in the Women's Building, 752 Thurlow Street, at 8 p.m., next Friday, promises to be an interesting encounter. Two years ago U.B.C. met Manitoba here, and won by a 2-1 decision.

In Memoriam

The students of the University have learned with regret of the death of Miss Mary Sutherland, formerly a member of Arts '31. The sincere sympathy of the student body is extended to her sister, Miss Helen Sutherland, of Arts '29, and to her family in their bereavement.

L. A. Probes Cause Of Many Failures

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 11.—What the principal factors are that cause college students to fail in their work, and thus be obliged to abandon a college education, is the purpose of a study now being conducted by officers of the University of California at Los Angeles.

Although every means is taken to assist the failing student before he is allowed to discontinue his course, 600 students of the 6000 in attendance at U. C. L. A. last year were forced to leave school owing to unsatisfactory grades. It is hoped that an investigation of the various factors that have to do with this situation will enable the faculty to cut down this percentage appreciably in the future.

The records of the university for the past two years are the basis of the study now being undertaken by the recorder's office. It will entail an enormous amount of detailed work and investigation, but the results promise to be of extreme value to administrative work at universities, according to Recorder H. M. Showman.

"Lack of proper preparation for college work, too heavy a schedule, excessive outside activities and lack of interest are some of the chief causes of failing students," said Showman in discussing the study. "We hope to find a method for dealing with these cases effectively, by means of our investigation and thus reduce the high percentage of students who are yearly dismissed, thus forcing them to give up a college education in many cases."

Employment Bureau Started

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, Salem, Jan. 11 (P.I.P.)—The Women's Independent Association which was organized recently is arranging an extensive program for the year. First on the program is the establishment of an employment bureau for the convenience of university women. A definite wage scale and definite hours will be set to fit every position.

A catalogue containing the names of those girls wanting work will be placed in the dean's office so that it may be accessible to every one. Each member plans on getting in touch with high school offices in her home town during Christmas vacation to determine vacancies in the teaching staff for the coming year.

Oregon Adopts Novel Idea

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis, Oct. 11. (P.I.P.)—Gridgraph dances are popular here whenever the college football team plays out of town. The varsity association conducts a play by play description upon a large electrically operated board in the men's gymnasium for students who cannot travel to see the team play but wish to get the thrills.

FIRST SOCCER TEAM WITHDRAWS FROM SECOND DIVISION

Team Losses Cause of Action

At a meeting held Tuesday it was decided to disband the Soccer team playing in the Second Division. Various factors were responsible for this step. The team had struggled against adversity all season, and the final blow was the loss of four of the team's stars. Todd, Hyndman, Allan, and Mitchell will not appear for the team again this season. The rest of the team will be used in the second team, and a great improvement is expected in their standing.

The Soccer Club deserves the sympathy and support of the students. It is but three or four years ago that Varsity, with the world-famous Mosher in goal, had one of the finest teams in the province. Students should also remember the unselfish act of the Soccer Club last year, in voluntarily resigning their status as a major sport in favor of Canadian Rugby.

Most of the factors contributing to the decline of the round ball game in the University were outside the control of the Soccer Club itself. The long disagreement and constant quarrelling which wrecked the governing association down-town had naturally a deteriorating effect on soccer throughout the province. Also in the University itself interest has been transferred to other sports, thus reducing the athletic talent at the disposal of soccer.

This season Dr. Todd, the Club Executive, and the entire team worked hard and deserved a better fate. It can be said that, outside of athletic prowess, the Blue and Gold was never represented by a cleaner, fairer, harder-working team.

This last step taken by the team is only temporary. They confidently expect that before many years a soccer team from Varsity will again make a bold bid for honors in provincial soccer.

New Year Decisions By Council

The resignation of Thomas Berto, the appointment of the Junior member to look after all duties relating to the N. F. C. U. S., an addition to the committee engaged in the collection of funds for the Imperial Conference, and the buying of a piano for the Musical Society, were the most important items occupying the Students' Council at its last meeting.

It was with deep regret that Council had to accept the resignation of Tommy Berto, who, due to ill health, has been forced to resign his position as President of the Mens' Athletics. In regard to this matter, Council is asking that all nominations for the vacant position be in its hands by Friday, January 11. The elections will be held the following Friday.

With the new interest taken in the N. F. C. U. S., the University is being brought into a closer bond of friendship with Eastern colleges, and a more organized system of linking Canadian Universities is slowly evolving. Doug. Macdonald is the first to be appointed to guide the work of the N. F. C. U. S. on the campus, and future word of its work will come through him.

In the matter of the committee working on the funds for the Imperial Conference, three new appointments were made; R. Lucas, R. Hager and R. Keyserling.

ARTS '30 TO HOLD MEETING

Members of Arts '30 are urgently requested to attend a class meeting in Applied Science 100, to-day at 12.15. Matters to be discussed include the election of an athletic representative and the plans for the class party and class draw.

ARTS '31 MEETS TODAY

Arts '31 Class Meeting, to-day, at noon, Art 100. Everyone out to find out the final details about the Class Draw and Class Party.

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EGOISM OR ALTRUISM?

It may seem strange to readers that in speaking of education methods we should mention those of the Soviet Union, where as yet the work of education is in an experimental stage, and no stable system has developed. The zeal for education in the Union, however, is perhaps unsurpassed by any country in the world, and where such wide-spread enthusiasm exists there must be some lesson that we in Canada could learn.

Scott Nearing, in his book "Education in Soviet Russia" says, "From its beginning to its end, the Soviet educational system is built upon the study of and the participation in human labor means, of course, not hand work, but in the terms of the preparing for labor, or they are sharing in labor. (The term labor means, of course, not hard work, but in the terms of the Soviet constitution: 'Effort that is productive or useful to society, including housekeeping')."

Another extract states, "The object of our school is this: To raise a useful member of human society, joyous, vigorous and able to work, alive with social instincts, accustomed to organized society, knowing how to relate himself to the march of events, a firm defender of the ideals of the working class, an able constructor of communist society."

And one other extract from the books says, "We are trying to combine the knower and the doer in one person; to unite theory with practice. This education is possible only where there are no social classes. Its basis is social monism—a unified, classless society."

Are not such objects worthy to strive for? How often does this fact come up in our class-room: "Such and such a thing is good in theory, but for some reason or other it fails in practice?" Why should not we in Canada find out why our theories fail in practice, and then do something to remedy unhappy conditions?

Our attitude seems to be: "What is good for me is good for society." The Soviet attitude appears to be: "What is good for society is good for me." Our attitude has failed in education (as well as in other lines) because our system does not allow the "me" to mean every individual. On the other hand the Soviet attitude will likewise fail unless they include everybody in the word "society."

At any rate the Soviet experiment is interesting. We wonder to what extent it will have influenced the rest of the world 100 years from now?

—M.D.

ON PLATITUDES

The most obvious platitude of all is that Varsity is the home, and perhaps even the parent of the host of platitudes that afflict us in this life. It is merely necessary to sit in any lecture of any department to hear the professional efforts in this direction. The bright remarks in the various classes, and more especially in the discussion groups, show that the student body is not lacking in ability to keep its own end up. A perusal of any examination paper, more especially that of a would-be honour student industriously padding, is probably even more illuminating. To reach the heights, however, it is necessary to sit in on one of the meetings of the various clubs in which the intelligentsia of the Varsity disport themselves. It even makes the professors "green" with envy to listen to them. The moral tone and traditions of the Varsity, including that nebulous and often absent thing known as college spirit, seem to be built up entirely of platitudinous speeches. We hope for the sake of their illusions, freshmen will not read this. It is necessary to draw a veil over the Annual write-ups. We are not responsible for them; but, alas, even so, we have an uneasy feeling that the worst offenses in this respect appear in print twice a week in the guise of the "Ubyssey."

—P.F.

International Club

There will be a meeting of the executive of the International Club today at 12.15, in Arts' 106. Due to the absence of the president, Cameron Kirby, from University for the earlier part of this time, the executive must draw up plans for the coming term. All members of the executive must be present.

AGGIE BALL

Featuring the first event of the new term, the "Aggies" will hold their "Annual Ball" in Lester Court, Feb. 1. It is rumored that the "Aggies" have special treats in store this year, such as snappy innovations, peppy music, "Our Own Band," not to mention Punch. Tickets are $2.00, and will be on sale in the near future.

WANTED!

Freshman with no lectures Thursday afternoon, for business staff. See Alan Chandler in business office between 10 and 11, Monday or Wednesday mornings.

NOTICE!

A meeting of reporters will be held in the Publications Office at 12.15 on Tuesday. All reporters are asked to attend.

Woman needs no eulogy, she speaks for herself.—Ex., J.L.

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Society memory being that delicate process by which one forgets the ineligibles and remembers the eligibles. —Ex., J.L.

Class and Club Notes

NOTICE!

All Clubs and Organizations who wish space on the new sign-board are asked to notify Earl Vance before Monday, January 14.

L'Alouette

"Seventeenth Century Work" was the topic of discussion at the meeting of the Alouette Club, held at the home of Miss Olive Mouat, on Wednesday evening. Papers were given by Miss Mennie and Miss McInnes, and by Mr. Stedman and Mr. Hutson, and extracts were read from Moliere's Comedies. Two 17th century songs were sung by Miss Negora and Mr. Barr led the Club in several French songs. After refreshments were served, the meeting adjourned with the singing of the "Marseillaise."

Letters Club Prize

Students are reminded that a prize of $25, presented by R. L. Reid, Esq., K.C., honorary member of the Letters Club, is offered annually for the best essay by an undergraduate student in Arts, on an assigned subject in Canadian literature. The award will be made on the recommendation of the Department of English. The subjects for this session are:

1. Isabella Valancy Crawford.
2. Sir Gilbert Parker.
3. Stephen Leacock.

Essays should be at least 3000 words in length. They need not be typewritten. They must be handed to Mr. Larsen on or before April 1 next.

Physics Club

A well attended meeting of the Physics Club was held at 3.00 p.m. on Wednesday, in Sc. 200. Mr. C. K. Stedman spoke on "The Neon Lamp." Special emphasis was laid on the practical application of the lamp and its relation to radio and wireless telegraphy was outlined. The second speaker was Dr. Hebb, who spoke on "The Sun's Energy," and outlined the theory of Millikan on the origin of "Cosmic Rays." Both speakers presented their subjects very clearly and avoided technical explanations, so that all present were able to follow the discussions in every detail.

C. O. T. C.

C. O. T. C. members will gather this evening at a smoker to be held at the Masonic Hall on Tenth Avenue just above Trimble. An attractive program will be offered, commencing at eight o'clock sharp. Information will be given by officials of the corps concerning the program of instruction for the year. Members may bring any of their friends who are interested in the work of the C. O. T. C. A small charge will be made at the door.

Players' Club

The play chosen for the 14th annual performance of the Players' Club of the University of British Columbia, is "Rollo's Wild Oat," a comedy in three acts, by Clare Kummer. This comedy has been successfully played at Berkeley University, California.

The first try-outs were held on Wednesday, and as soon as a sufficient number have been eliminated, rehearsals will be started.

Engineering Institute

A meeting will be held in Applied Science 100 on Monday Noon, January 14. Prof. F. W. Vernon will give a talk on "Aeroplanes and Aviation." It will be illustrated with lantern slides.

Philosophy Club

The Philosophy Club will begin activities for the term next week. There will be a meeting at the home of Mr. Harold Fullerton, 1200 Salisbury Drive, on Wednesday, at 8 p.m.

In the past the Club meetings have been addressed by outside speakers. This term, however, emphasis is being placed on student papers. The first of these will be given on Wednesday evening by James Dunn, on the subject, "The Psychology of Hero Worship."

All members are urged to attend, as the programme promises to be very interesting.

Individual notices will be placed in the letter-racks on Saturday.

To get to Harold Fullerton's home, take No. 4 car to Williams St., walk one block east of Commercial.

La Canadienne

The first meeting of La Canadienne this year will be held Tuesday, January 15, at 8 o'clock, at the home of Miss Jean McIntosh, 5811 Marguerite Avenue. Take car No. 7 to Adera and walk west one block, turn to the left and walk half a block. All members are urged to attend and to bring an anecdote. Those members who have not yet paid their fees, are requested to pay them at once to Mr. Bishoff.

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F. DALLAS, Bursar

MUCK-A-MUCK

"That being the case," remarked the Fratman, "I'll take a bottle.

The Alma Mater meeting last Wednesday was postponed because the Studente were not all there. Is that unusual?

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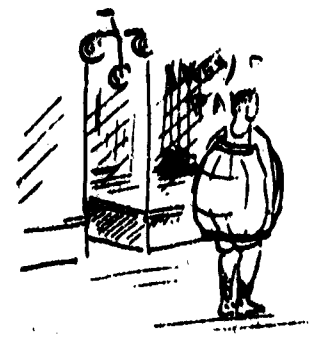
Gallants' Garments Briefly Reviewed

Following the lead of other college journals we now present a list of garments suitable for wear at Varsity.

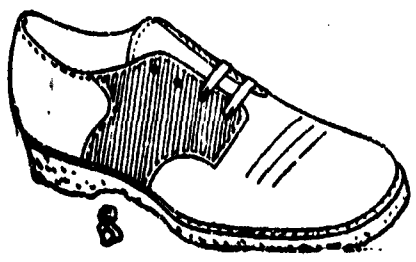
For the habitué of the Caf. there is the choice between the bullet-proof vest or the reversible coat front which enables the wearer to eat fearlessly of anything he desires no matter what its degree of spotting ability may be.



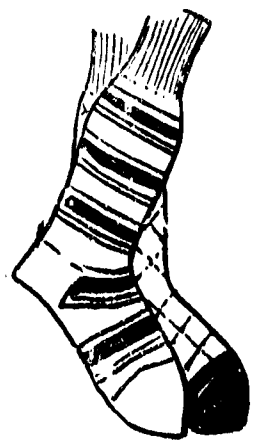
To the man who attempts to take a reclining position while studying in the library there comes the new creations of padded pants. These are now the vogue in the East and bid well to take the place of the portable cushion.

The car-owner and Aggie will appreciate the new type of overall which enables the owner to carry tools in the pockets. The Aggie will now be able to take along an extra plow to work while the car-owner will welcome a new place to carry his spare tire.

The Sciencemen particularly will enjoy the benefits of the armorod coat not only in lab. work, but when attacking the Artsmen. These coats will also be invaluable when the C.O. T.C. starts target practise.



Of interest to all men will be the newly patented tie presser. This instrument takes the form of a large boot. Its method of operation is quite simple . The tie is gently stretched out on a piece of level pavement, then the operator of the presser, wearing it on his foot carefully steps all over the tie until the creases are crushed out or beyond recognizance.



A new mode that was started out of necessity is the alternating sock idea. One sock is different from the other or vice versa. A simple way to get a pair of sox of this sort is to lose two sox from two pairs, being careful to see that they are not the same. Another method is to simply change the sox around.

In undergrad circles, vieing in popularity with the split infinitive is the untearable shirt made of solid asbestos weave. It is slightly uncomfortable, but is bound to endure since it will not be worn.

Step-in spats will be a boon to the spat addict since they eliminate the troublesome buttoning up the side. They are made with a slit up the front and down the back which button up or down according to fancy of the buttoner.

Another great time saver is the new wrap-around glove. Instead of having to button up the glove a strip of wool cloth is wound around each of the fingers then the palm and lastly the wrist. The advantages are obvious.

The young man who follows these suggestions on how to dress correctly will be soon pointed out by all his friends as the original dresser.

Geologist's Wit Rocks Audience

Speaking to a large unfortunate audience in the Auditorium on New Year's Day, Prof. Hurdlucka, of the University of Harnell, delighted his auditors with an extremely, and on the whole, delightful lecture on Geology. The large congregation, which included some students, was clearly delighted, and the tremendous amount of applause following the learned man's discourse, testified to the delight of the audience, which, as indicated above, was extremely large and delighted.

The speaker began by first addressing himself to the chairman, and then to the delighted audience. It gave him great pleasure, he said, to see before him such a collection of happy, smiling faces. He had often heard the expression, "Milk from contented cows," but until now, he had not realised its significance. (Laughter.)

Casting all levity aside, however, he proposed to give a short talk on that much misunderstood subject, Geology.

Only six thousand years ago, Geology was practically unknown. He would even go so far as to say that it was unknown. To-day, it is one of life's biggest things; even undergraduates admit its possibilities. Geology, as an exact science was known to Caesar Octave, the great Roman Centaur. We are not without proof, furthermore, that it was suspected by E. Pluribus Unum (called the Kelvinator), the leader of a band of musicians known as the Capitolinians.

The great man went on to recount the growth of Geology through human history, down to modern times. (This is omitted, owing to the fact that your correspondent fell asleep for a few minutes).

He pointed out that it is not generally known that we are to-day living in a coal-measures age. He, himself, had discovered this with the aid of a scientific balance. He proposed to call it the "Short Measures Period."

During the Archaic Era great sedimentary incrustation proceeded to crust. "Even the Coast Range Bathylith was unaware that it offended," smiled the doctor, out of a clear sky, in reference to that worthy's ignorant intrusion. (Loud laughter, and some applause). Huge monolithic monstrosities, laid down in the Boracic, were forced to the bottom during the Plasticine. No trace of them, indeed, has ever been found, which proves that they must have gone. Huge sentimental deposits came and went over night.

"Whence they came, we know not,
And where they went. God wot."

in the words of Wordsworth. Volcanoes appeared everywhere one least wanted them most. Huge earthquakes filled the air. Altogether things were devilish unpleasant.

Three months afterwards, the Rocky Mountains were built, over a period of a million years, though not a government job. And there they stand, in mute testimony to the industry and integrity of the inhabitants of this great country of ours. (More applause).

In concluding, the speaker hoped he had not trespassed too far upon the time of his most appreciative audience, and expressed his keen satisfaction at having had the opportunity to address such an intelligent gathering (long and continued applause).

The applause, in fact, was so great, that the Professor obliged with an encore (which follows): "The History of Vancouver," after which he made good his escape, unnoticed by the dozing audience.

The Geological History of Vancouver.

(1) Deposition of sentiments in the Archaic.

(2) Elevation of the land during the Calisthenic.

(3) Erosion during the Upper Calisthenic and the lower Amphibian.

(4) Volcanic disturbance and nervous depression during the greater part of the Neurotic.

(5) Depression of the land by ice and deposition of Pneumonic silts in the Antiphlogistine.

(6) Disappearance of the ice, and the coming of the ice-man.

She: Did you ever have your palm read?

He: No. They use paddles at our house. —Ex.

AESTHETIC ESSAYS

The Bus

It is an undoubted fact that most people at this University take little interest in the busses. Such interest as they show is apparently confined to matters of schedule and seating capacity and perhaps a vague wonder why their "nine o'clock special" always arrives at 9:02 a.m.

Now this is a sad state of affairs. There is romance and poetry about a bus. There must be, even if it takes one of our local minor poets to find it.

Think of the poesy of its daily routine. Every morning multitudes of students pack themselves into its vitals and set forth on their voyage in quest of Higher Education. In its heterogeneous crew there are Artsmen, pursuers of culture, Sciencemen of practical bent and sometimes Aggies, lovers of the earth. There are scholars sitting and thinking of their studies and co-eds sitting. There are occasional professors, jostled into a corner by their pupils. There are O.T.C. men and pacifists, half-baked socialists and budding capitalists, rugby players and chess players all swaying in unison with the jolting bus and treading on one anothers toes with impunity.

Surely there is romance in the way the bus journeys through the wilderness like the Covered Wagon bearing its human freight to the promised land. Who can but admire the strength of the protective bus as it guards its passengers from the threats of "Sitting Bull" the speed cop. Flivvers and autos go in dread of that lurking menace, but the courageous bus, hooting defiance, roars on without hesitation while its protegees rejoice in their security.

And at night how its two great eyes bore into the darkness and drive the gloom from the road, and perhaps sweeping suddenly around a corner, reveal the reason why so many students like to walk into Sasamat! Alone, lost in a desert of darkness, the bus never falters, but roars unerringly to its goal, there to place its kindly bulk at the service of a Librarian, and to carry him safely through the dangers of the dark to the security of a street car.

At last when it rests in its garage, who knows what secret yearnings rack its carburetor?

It may dream of its brothers on the Grandview line and one day to join them and rattle past the Technical High School and explore the unknown lands beyond Renfrew Park. But in spite of such suppressed desires, the dutiful bus resumes its task each day, though perhaps a little sadly, and resigns itself to an existence of service to the ungrateful students.

I look forward to the day when the bus shall take its place with Pegasus and old Charon's vessel and the adventurous Argo in the annals of Poesy. It is a pity that some great poet had not written an "Ode to an Omnibus" for then our Literary Supplements would be filled with poems and paragraphs on the glamor of busses, and all would be well.

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Balance on Books Oct. 31		$ 89.79
Deposits		
From Bursar on Account	$8,000.00	
Women's Union Bldg. Fund	153.35	
Arts 31, Last Year's Accounts	73.00	
Men's Athletics	115.00	
Women's Athletics	35.00	
L. S. E.	60.00	
Home Coming	259.25	
Canadian Legion Poppy Sale	87.36	
	$8,782.96	
Total		$8,872.75
Disbursements		
Last Year's Accounts	$ 520.95	
Women's Union Bldg. Fund	153.35	
Mamooks	1.52	
B. C. Telephone	33.49	
Publications Board, Advance	2,500.00	
Owl Drug Co. (Initiation)	21.84	
Geo. Davidson, Salary	125.00	
Injured Players Fund	21.65	
Swimming Club	175.00	
Mary Carter (Victoria Invasion)	110.00	
J. R. Tolmie (N. F. C. U. S.)	200.00	
Men's Athletics	1,434.42	
Women's Athletics	55.35	
L. S. E.	274.84	
General Expenses	5.80	
Office Expenses	13.41	
Women's Undergrad.	7.09	
Curator	127.00	
Home Coming	56.70	
Canadian Legion Poppy Sale	87.36	
	$5,924.77	
Error by Bank to be Credited	25.35	
Total		$5,950.12
Our Balance		$2,922.63
Outstanding Checks	149.70	
Bank Balance		$3,072.33

The above statement of the financial affairs of the Alma Mater Society shows several interesting comparisons with the last, published November 9th, 1928. The expenditure for Men's Athletics has undergone an increase of $827.77, while that for Women's Athletics has dropped to the extent of $93.82. In October the Swimming Club received $1.00 and in November and December $175.00 was disbursed on this account. The rendering of last year's accounts has increased by $463.45. The Curator's requirements necessitate $117.99 more than before, and the business of the L. S. E. has grown to the extent of $267.84. $73.97 has been added to the Women's Undergrad accounts.

On the other hand the aggregate earnings of the Men's Athletics has risen and the receipts from Women's Athletics fallen; the former by $11.55, and the latter by $15.00.

N.S.F.A. TO HOLD CONCLAVE

University of Southern California

The National Student Federation of America, of which the University is a member, has joined the foreign schools in the International Student Union, it was disclosed to-day by Dean Anderson and Sue Fitch, A. S. U. W. delegates to the Federation conference.

Anderson and Miss Fitch are back at the university to-day after attending the annual meeting of the Federation in Columbia, Missouri.

The American Student organization is still to hold its annual conclave in this country, Anderson explained, but it is probable that delegates from the American organization will be sent abroad to attend the International Union's meetings.

A travelling salesman walked into a restaurant, sat down at a table, and said to the waitress: "I want two eggs boiled four minutes, a steak broiled fifteen minutes, and some toast lightly browned."

"How many minutes on the toast?" asked the waitress.

"No minutes," replied the travelling salesman. "Just plain butter."

—Ex.

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Joe College: Bill is your sidekick, isn't he?

Jim College: Yes, we sleep together. —Ex.

Soliloquies

It is interesting to note that the Musical Society has purchased a grand piano. This is a really worthwhile effort. A fine instrument of this sort can never be out of place. It possesses a subtle dignity of its own well becoming to the Auditorium. Needless to say it has been a painful necessity for some time, both in regards to appearance and tone. Personally I can think of nothing worse than a futile piano.

The Society incidentally is preparing what seems to me to be a very ambitious program for the March concert. There is an imposing list of items interesting to those weary of jazz and sentimental rubbish, and I forgot, of course, these "mammy-songs."

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There seems to be some doubt as to the actual result of the Victoria invasion. I have it on good authority that Varsity succeeded in beating Victoria 15 to 13. However, the question of whether we really won or not can be treated a little more lightly so long as all those fortunate enough to be there, really enjoyed themselves. But, as a matter of fact, I have no doubt of this. One has merely to put two and two together.

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I have heard it said that the "Ubyssey" possesses the best "Muck Page" of any college paper in Canada. I don't know whether there is any truth in this or not, but it is undoubtedly the most widely read, both on the campus and elsewhere. I have frequently found a choice contribution re-printed by some other college, and in fact once or twice claimed as an original. This I should take as a compliment. Subtle humour is sometimes difficult to appreciate, but then one must remember that:

"The prophet is not without honour . . . ."

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A vital point was to have been settled at the Alma Mater meeting on Wednesday: that of a general vote for amendment of certain clauses in the constitution. This was the first step towards the gymnasium. It seems ridiculous that, through lack of attendance, nothing was accomplished. Most of us would like a gymnasium, at least for the sake of possession if not for personal use. It shows a deplorable lack of even the very faintest interest in A. M. S. matters. Twelve o'clock to one o'clock is a sacred hour to the majority of us it seems, but in a case of obvious necessity, I do not see that a few minutes of it would be a great self-sacrifice — if it is a sacrifice, which I doubt.

—CAVE

"Have you ever suspected your wife of leading a double life?"

"Continually—her own and mine!"

—Ex.

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"How long have you been married?"

"Long enough to learn that there are some things you can't say with flowers." —Ex.

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If you take one dozen oranges, six lemons, one-half pound sugar, three packages of raisins, and any other little things you happen to se around, they'll probably pinch you for stealing. —Ex.

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A devoted son is one who permits his father to drive his own car once in a while. —Ex.

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Prof. Speaks on Interests

"A man who lacks a ruling interest will fail to make the most of his mind; for without such training and experience as the long continued pursuit of an object gives, the intellect does not develop its true power," declares Leon J. Richardson, director of the University of California Extension Division, in an editorial leading the January issue of The Spokesman, journal of the division.

Many interests are almost as restricting to man's mental powers as is the lack of an interest, Director Richardson declares, for scattered efforts dwarf his faculties.

"He who has a liking for science or an art, for a branch of literature or period of philosophy, for the life of a great man, the history of a people, or other line of inquiry, is already on vantage ground," he continues. "He is in a position to gain both insight and outlook. A point here and a point there will be located by the aid of which he may not only survey his own field, but also orient himself in wider provinces of knowledge. Thus he may hope to find some of the fundamentals of truth and life.

"A ruling passion, wisely directed, should not unduly circumscribe one's activity. As breadth of interest bears smart fruit unless it becomes intensified within some limited field of knowledge, so specialization to be valid must be supplemented by wide observation. No sound thinker neglects the comparative method. Large experience, therefore, and wide reading are both to the good. Read and re-read the best of the old books and the best of the new. Their relation to one's life and thought may cause some to have small appeal, but will raise others into the rank of supreme importance. The books of revelation for me will not be the same for you. We make acquaintances of some authors; pleasant companions of others; of a scant one or two, if fate be kind, great teachers, and of a chosen few, life-long friends.

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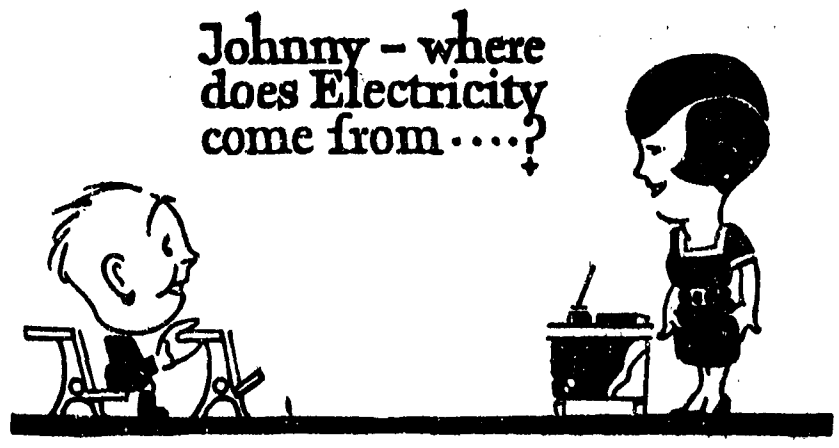

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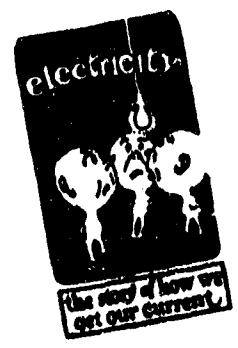

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