

Viewing The News With Jim Macfarlane

The announcement by our estimable A. M. S. Prexy, Carey, that this year's Victoria Invasion is designed as "part of our publicity program" is a welcome idea.

BALLOT BOX

Chancellor McKechnie told the new U. B. C. grads last fall that the best way to advance the cause of their Alma Mater was through the ballot box.

Since, in the light of recent experience, U. B. C. seems to be so dependent upon the fables of our provincial politics, both through the determination of university officials not to risk their necks by showing any signs of independence, it appears that the last resort left to students is the ballot box.

ECONOMICS PROFS.

And about those economics professors. We note with satisfaction that Victoria and Ottawa can't get along without them—which somehow proves that university professors are as essential in the technical aspects of government as professional politicians and horse doctors.

However, our satisfaction is short lived, for, although the government may be benefitting under their tutelage, we of U. B. C. most certainly are not. Two of our best professors are on government work—on leave of absence, they call it. From which I take it that the government gets the results, and we lose the education, while Victoria makes no move to make reparation, let alone to give assistance in a plight of overcrowding which can only be solved by increased facilities.

Not satisfied with refusing to take notice of several memoranda sent by the University Administration on the subject of overcrowding, the provincial government goes so far as to decrease the efficiency of U. B. C. by removal without adequate substitution of leading professors.

It is high time that the people of B. C. realized the education here costs as much, and in some cases more, than in other equally good, and better, universities in Canada—and that the cost of such education is for such short change as an understaffed and under-equipped university.

STAFF RESIGNATIONS

Somehow the policy of the administration is not beyond reproach. We recall an interview in the spring of 1936 with Dr. Vickers, then head of the Department of Electrical Engineering, and an internationally recognized figure in his field of work—which made the U. B. C. department under his charge somewhat the same. He was resigning—resigning, he said, on account of the policy of the university administration, which evidently refused to co-operate with him in the maintaining of the efficiency of his department. In his office he showed me several offers from other outstanding engineering schools sent to him as soon as the rumour of his resignation leaked out.

JOBS

He also produced letters from the Head Offices of Westinghouse and Northern Electric offering to take into their organizations any graduates whom he cared to recommend. At that time U. B. C. had an extremely high rating in this line of work . . . and that meant jobs for graduates with big concerns.

He informed us at the same time that he was not the only one who had resigned for similar reasons as he. He referred to Dr. Ashton, former head of the French Department, and recognized at the Sorbonne, Paris, as an outstanding authority in his line of work.

A well known business executive tells us that since Dr. Westbrook died U. B. C. has lost, one after another, its best men. He states that there is a lowered standard, and that such a situation is not appreciated by downtown men who have need of graduates at the present time.

INVASION A SUCCESS: FEW DUCATS LEFT

Near Sell - Out For Big Trip

Phenomenal success in the selling of Victoria Invasion tickets has necessitated the restriction of the number of students who will make the trip. Dave Carey announced Monday noon.

EXCHANGE TICKETS

Those already in possession of tickets are reminded that they must exchange them at the C.P.R. before Saturday.

The "Princess Norah," ship that will take nearly 400 varsity students across the straits Saturday, can only accommodate a limited number of passengers, and few tickets remain to be sold.

Seven teams and student supporters will invade the Capital City Saturday to take part in the revival of an old U.B.C. custom—the Victoria Invasion.

NO DAMAGE!

Plans are now being completed for the affair, being boosted by Students' Council as the "event of the term."

Students are warned by council that the Alma Mater Society cannot afford to pay for any willful or accidental damage done by exuberant students in Victoria. Caution money will be assessed for all property damage.

Political Club Elects Officers, Makes Plans

Morris Belkin Named Speaker—Vice Prexies Elected at Party Caucuses

U.B.C.'s much discussed Political Discussion Club got off to a whirlwind start in Arts 100 Monday noon under the temporary chairmanship of Alex Sharp by electing officers and adopting a constitution for presentation to council.

With business-like promptitude the meeting designated Morris Belkin as permanent chairman, Alex Sharp as Secretary, and Phyllis Wales as Treasurer.

Working under the nose of L.S.E. Prexy Brown, the club tabled the election of Group Chairman till Wednesday noon when an organization meeting will be held to work out the problem of organizing the groups and selecting their leaders for the purposes of organized discussion. The exact place of this meeting will be announced later via notice boards.

For a short time a controversy raged with several speakers, including Councillor Brown, giving a real parliamentary zip to the proceedings.

It was finally decided that the club will act as a unit but that there will be several factions within the club with their own selected leaders to discuss the various points of view.

As was pointed out by chairman Sharp in reading the constitution, the club will have no connection with political groups outside the University.

He warned, also, that no discussion of campus politics or Students' Council will be allowed to come into the proceedings. "The club will deal only with provincial and national matters, with national topics foremost," he said.

The recent hint in the House of limitation of attendance at U. B. C. indicates a decreased opportunity for education, and a mere quack cure-all for the present situation. This, coupled with the fact of a poorer type of education offered by an inadequate staff and facilities, will result in a loss, economic and otherwise, to the province, by more poorly trained graduates, is indeed of interest to the public. And it is up to us to tell them!

Lionel Backler Was Proud of His Role In Spanish Conflict

U. B. C. Graduate Sent Letter to Student League Here Before His Death

The following is a copy of a letter found among the personal belongings of Lionel Backler, U.B.C. graduate recently killed in Spain. The letter was addressed to the Student League at U.B.C. and arrived only a few days ago.

With permission of those concerned, the Ubysssey presents this document, direct from the Loyalist war front in Spain.

August 17th,
Lionel Backler, S.R.I., 271.
Plaza del Altozano,
Albacite, Spain.

Dear Comrade:

"Yorkie" of Vancouver, now here with us, told me to write to you concerning what I had in mind.

I would like the Student League of the U.B.C. to know I am here in the MacKenzie-Papineau Battalion.

I was in New York for two years after graduating as B.A. from U.B.C. At U.B.C. a group of which I was one founded the Student League in 1933-34. I was chairman of it, and had this position in the Anti-War drive of the following year initiated by the League. A little later we introduced Tim Buck to the University at a notable meeting.

I think the League might like to know at the beginning of a new term that one of its first members is a Sergeant and a group leader in the M-P Battalion and third in command of a section of 36 at full strength. Also that University students and graduates are here with us. And that we would like to see U.B.C. represented by more.

Would you also request the League to remember me to Professors Hunter Lewis and Soward—also to "Al" Monroe (if possible), one of the League's founders and son of a Rev. Monroe (one of two in the phone book in 1935). I would like Monroe to write me.

We expect our Battalion to have the wires humming now. It seems to me such a Battalion has great importance for the Canadian struggle. A. E. Smith talked to us a few days ago. Could the League get him during the tour which he is going to make on his return?

It seems to me the students of the U.B.C. should be interested in the Battalion in action, what the Press says about us M-P's, and so on. What do you think?

I renewed the acquaintance of Tim Buck last time he spoke in New York (on his return from Spain). He made a big impression there.

Please do at your earliest convenience what I have requested of you—or as much of it as possible.

(By the way, two Canadian-Finnish machine gunners and the singing Ukrainians from Canada are among the prides of the Battalion, which is now about a thousand strong.)

Comradely yours,
LIONEL BACKLER.

PICTURESQUE OLD LONDON IS SETTING FOR OPERETTA

Think of the grim, grey Tower of London as it was in the 16th century, of the dark, old battlements, the torture chamber and the headsman's block; think of witchcraft and moonlight, comedy and love.

Then add a little catchy music and some colorful costumes, and you will have the background of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Yeomen of the Guard," the Musical Society's coming production.

COLORFUL STORY

Acclaimed by critics as the pair's best effort, the operetta tells the story of a gallant Colonel Fairfax who is a prisoner of the Tower and under sentence of death for sorcery. Sergeant Meryll, his son, Leonard, and other Guardsmen show sympathy for him and when no reprieve comes Leonard plans to aid him to escape.

However, before this is accomplished the Colonel, in order to foil a rascally relative, marries Elsie, a strolling player, who is paid 100 crowns and assured that she will soon be a widow. Phoebe steals the dungeon key from her admirer, Wilfred, and soon after the prisoner escapes.

ELSIE SWOONS

Leonard gives his uniform to Fairfax and hides, and Fairfax is accepted as one of the yeomen. As Act I ends, Elsie swoons at realization that she is married to a man she does not know and who is still very much alive.

Act II takes place in the Tower by moonlight, two days after the prisoner's escape. Fairfax in his disguise seeks just as busily as the others. Fairfax, falling in love with Elsie, decides to woo his bride incognito.

Jack Point, Elsie's partner, plans with Wilfred to make her a widow, and when Wilfred runs in to announce that he shot the prisoner while he was attempting to escape and that the body sank in the moat, Jack corroborates this.

Elsie now thinks that she is actually a widow and accepts Fairfax. The latter obtains a reprieve and discloses his identity. Phoebe contents herself with Wilfred, and Jack is left out in the cold.

Sullivan considered the music in "The Yeomen of the Guard" to be his best and the plot is undoubtedly unique and interesting. The musical score includes such catchy tunes as: "I've Jest and Joke," "I Have a Song to Sing" and the smashing medley and finale, "Heighdy! Heighdy! Misery me!"

McGOUN DEBATE FRIDAY AS U. B. C. MEETS SASK.

CELEBRATED WRITER TO SPEAK HERE

Dr. Anup Singh, Ph.D.,
Will Discuss
Far East

Dr. Anup Singh, Ph.D., eminent lecturer on Indian affairs will speak in Ag. 100, Thursday noon. A member of the staff of the "Asia Magazine", Dr. Anup Singh writes articles on India for British and foreign newspapers and magazines.

In a speech before the International Club of Vancouver Friday night, Dr. Singh gave a vivid description of political and economic conditions in India today.

Mentioning the waning influence of Gandhi, and the growing power of the Congressional Socialist Party, the speaker declared that the policies and characters of Gandhi and Nehru, the Socialist leader were in sharp contrast.

Gandhi favors the support of "cottage industries", while Nehru insists that India will find her strength in a gradual industrialization.

Indians do not want a sudden withdrawal of British influence, according to Dr. Singh, but rather a gradually increasing measure of self-government. Unless there is some definite, sincere effort by the British government to satisfy this need, there remains the possibility of a clash.

A peculiar situation has arisen in India as a result of the hostilities in China. The Indians have taken a definite stand against Japanese aggression in China by boycotting Japanese goods.

This appears to be amusing and ironical, as hitherto British goods have been boycotted, and now as they ban Nipponese merchandise, the Indians are forced to buy British articles.

Thornloe Walks Out On Forum—Objects To Reading Debates

Frank Thornloe, one of the old timers of the Parliamentary Forum, indignantly walked out on that august body during a debate last Thursday night.

Thornloe objected to a member reading his case and demanded that the chairman rule all further verbatim renderings as out of order.

The chairman, not being fully acquainted with the customs and constitution of the Forum, did not completely satisfy Thornloe's request.

Consequently the irate Mr. Thornloe, who a few minutes before had termed himself as flabbergasted, grabbed his hat and coat and walked out.

Frosh Elections Will Not Be Contested; Rumors Unfounded

John Brynolson in an interview with the Ubysssey Monday scorned reports that the Arts '39 election which took place Thursday noon would be contested.

The Junior Member stated that the election result would stand, and that no notice would be taken of the unfounded rumors.

EMPIRE BUILDERS HAD THEIR PICTURES TAKEN EARLY

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"Couldn't possibly be late, o'

Rome, Macdonald To Speak

U.B.C. will play host to the invading debaters of the University of Saskatchewan this Friday evening at the University auditorium. Harold Rome and Alex Macdonald are the local defenders.

Alex Macdonald, with Leonard Martin was successful in defeating the McGoun Cup invaders of last year. They defeated the University of Alberta. However, U. B. C.'s travelling team lost their debate in Saskatchewan and with it a chance for the cup.

Macdonald and Rome have both debated extensively in the Forum. They teamed together in 1935 to win the inter-high school debating trophy.

Rome is also an accomplished orator. He won the Senior Judaeon Oratorical contest, symbolic of oratorical supremacy among the Jewish youth of Western Canada.

The debate will deal with the resolution that: "An Anglo-American Alliance is a better guarantee to world peace than the collective security of the League of Nations."

Student passes will be honored at this debate.

"Boy Meets Girl"
Bawdy Play

Hollywood took a beating Saturday evening when U.B.C. Alumni Players' Club staged the Broadway farce hit, "Boy Meets Girl," in private performance. A brisk, bawdy, cheerful performance, nicely mounted and well handled, it provided considerable mirth for a packed house.

Dorothy McKelvie Mowler, as the wistful unmarried mother whose heart was in her algebra, was splendid in the lead role. Her expression, movement and speech were completely convincing. William Rose and Wilmer Haggarty, the garrulous story writing team, resembled Charlie McCarthy and Frank McHugh, respectively, and were also convincing.

Members of the class of Arts '39 will be asked to select three candidates for the high and honourable office of Prom Queen Wednesday noon in Arts 100, when the preliminary elections will take place.

Nominations will be from the floor, and the traditional classification of "blonde, brunette, red-head" is to be dispensed with, according to Phil Griffin, president of the class, who says:

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KEEP THE PEACE

In other years, U.B.C. students have invaded Victoria—and left behind them a reputation for vandalism that remains to this day in the Capital City. In other years, the Alma Mater Society has been forced to foot the bills for damage caused by students during the annual Victoria Invasion.

This year, might it be too much to ask that U.B.C. students behave themselves like ordinary people while they are in Victoria? Might it be too much to suggest that sanity of conduct and restraint of animal exuberance will create a more favorable impression of students among the staid, respectable citizens of our provincial capital?

Maybe it's too much, but we do suggest that students can have a good time in Victoria without leaving behind them damage to property that will have to be paid for out of Caution Money funds—for Students' Council will not foot the bill this year—the expenses, if they must be met, will be paid by those guilty.

L.S.E. AWARDS

A move is under way to institute a system of awards for members of clubs under the jurisdiction of the Literary and Scientific Executive. We can foresee a good deal of opposition to this measure, coming from such groups as the Players' Club, who feel, and rightly so, that their organizations do not lend themselves to the presentation of merit awards.

Nevertheless, for most of the L.S.E. clubs, an awards scheme would be a welcome incentive to members — and would encourage more active participation in the work of the clubs. Awards are granted to leading members of the Parliamentary Forum and Publications Board; the scheme having worked well in these organizations.

Perhaps the objections of the Players' Club and similar groups could be overcome by the simple process of leaving them out of any plan for L.S.E. awards. These clubs should not be allowed to block the proposal as a whole, and should be encouraged to co-operate in the awards set-up if they can see their way clear to do so.

A comprehensive proposal for L.S.E. awards should be prepared at once and submitted to those concerned. Before the end of the present term, the system should be placed in action—as a concrete demonstration of the usefulness of the new L.S.E. organization now functioning under the leadership of Malcolm Brown.

BROWN WORKING OUT L.S.E. AWARDS SCHEME

Opposition Expected From Players and Musicians

A new brain-child is about to come into being in the Literary and Scientific Executive's department of student affairs. An L.S.E. awards system is in the making, according to the council representative, Malcolm Brown.

"In a department where innovation is virtually a sin, this piece of revolutionary information will probably stagger the numerous chiefs of the club executives," asserted Brown, who announced that also he is willing to stake his mighty position and to exert all his dynamic energies in bringing in the new scheme.

Brown continued, "There are several different suggestions under the consideration of the executive as to how the awards should be distributed among the various campus organizations under the jurisdiction of the L.S.E."

HOW TO JUDGE?

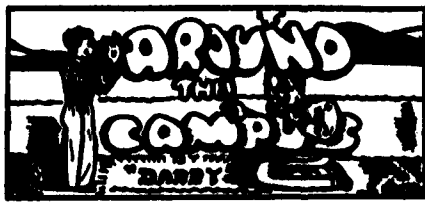
It is questionable, according to

the L.S.E. chief, whether or not the awards, in the form of pins, should be presented to all the various executives of the different clubs on the merit of having been elected to their exalted positions, or whether to the outstanding students in their respective fields of activity, regardless of whether or not they are on the club executive.

"Other suggestions there may be," finished Brown.

A rough road for the new bill seems assured as the officials of the Players' Club and the Musical Society told the Ubyssy firmly that "the awards system as proposed by Brown for the L.S.E. organizations would be impossible to apply in a club like ours."

Pat Larsen, president of the Players' Club, said: "In our club we have no stars, and every member of the club is as necessary for the perfect production of the plays as every other member. Showering praise on a minority of players in the form of awards would only create an uncomfortable situation."



APOLOGY.

Last Friday we said that the Students' Council Junior Member didn't do any work—that the job was a sinecure and that we could well do without it.

We're very sorry about that, particularly so after hearing the present incumbent, John Brynelsen, tell us of the labors that weigh him down. It seems Johnny is doing a lot of work about the council offices this year, making himself more than useful. Service on several committees and excellent direction of rooms and dates keeps him busy—and incidentally, gives the lie to us.

We might point out, though, that the office he holds down would allow a more careless student to become lax. And we might repeat that the specific duties of the Junior Member might be increased because in the past some of the boys have let things slip.

EDUCATED ETHER.

The trend towards educational radio programs has become one of the major factors in the growth of broadcasting the past few years. We note with gratification that U.B.C. is about to enter this field, through the efforts of the department of extension.

Soon to be announced, U.B.C.'s preliminary radio programs will stack up well against those of U.S. colleges—if due allowance is made for the difference in facilities for broadcasting. Every student on the campus should become a walking publicity agent for the U.B.C. programs when they commence. We can assure you that they will be well worth listening to.

As far as we know now CBR and CJOR locally will release programs originating on the campus. (Different programs to each station.) As they say on the air, watch your papers for further details.

FAREWELL.

Friday was to have seen the last appearance of this column, but a little unfinished business has necessitated our doing one last job, and has given us a chance to say goodbye properly.

A little over three years ago, we first cracked these pages with a column of odds and ends about the current crop of freshmen. Being a brand new sophomore ourself, we were quite haughty and not a little superior about the whole thing. Then, when the freshmen were no longer useful as source material, we looked at the little world around us and decided it needed improvement.

A few years of shoving suggested improvements in the direction of the Musical Society, Parliamentary Forum and others taught us that we were read, but not worried about. Now, and then we tried to be arty, but the Student Prince came along and spoiled all that.

When all else failed us we would exhort our fellow students to support this or that, or to take more interest in their own affairs—which was a mistake we have learnt—because if students awoke to the real state of things in some quarters on this campus there'd be a considerable amount of unnecessary trouble.

At times we have even ventured into the realm of the movie critic, with the sad result of hearing from our friends that we have no taste for the better things of the cinema. Darn it all, we only said we enjoyed the pictures—we didn't say our friends would.

And, as it must to all, death comes today to Around the Campus. It was fun—but we quit.

Literary Forum to Take Special Classes

There will be a meeting of the Literary Forum on Wednesday at 12.20 in Arts 100.

Arrangements will be made for the public speaking classes which will be commenced this week under the direction of Mrs. J. W. Morgan.

All members are urged to attend, as well as any other women on the campus who may be interested.

ATTENTION, FRESHMEN!

All freshmen are again reminded that in order to have the Totem published on time, they must have their photographs taken immediately.

Mr. Rowe of the Artona Studio is at the Book Exchange every day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Make your appointment with him without delay. All pictures must be taken by January 29.

SCARF HAS BEEN MISLAID

Loat . . . My beautiful yellow scarf. I love it so. I mean I really do. Dave Crawley. Pub Office.

ISOLATION POLICY IS DENOUNCED

Canada Should Not Stand Aloof In World Affairs

If the attendance at last Thursday's Forum is at all representative of campus opinion, then U.B.C. favors co-operation with Britain rather than isolation as its foreign policy. Thursday evening the British Empire Loyalists voted down the isolationists 17 to 11.

However, this decision was arrived at by the opinion of the Forum and not on the merits of the debate.

Alex Macdonald and his supporters who contended "that Canada should not go to war except in the case of an immediate threat to her territorial integrity," presented a very strong case in favor of isolation.

Macdonald maintained that Canada is geographically secure. He claimed also that regardless of difficult bonds or sentimental ties, the U.S.A. could not allow Canada to be invaded by an aggressor.

GLOOMY PROSPECT

"The Great War set Canada back in the wheel of progress at least twenty-five years," said Macdonald. "Participation in another war would result in social suffering, political dissent, economic chaos, loss of our finest citizens, and insuperable post-war problems," he further stated.

Donald McTaggart opened the case for the opposition. He argued that a policy of isolation would prevent Canada from protecting her foreign interests or entering an international police force.

He said that if Canada were to rely on the U. S. the Americans would annex this country after a war.

Music Recitals to Start Thursday at Noon; All Welcome

First in the series of six music recitals using the new Carnegie Corporation set takes place Thursday at 12.20, in Arts 100. Each recital will open with a brief lecture-demonstration by some member of faculty, followed by selected programs of recordings. The recital will go on till 1.20.

The Carnegie record library, which accompanies the music set itself, ranges over vast musical distances from Beethoven to Benny Goodman. Every type of musical expression is represented, from the "restored" music of Ancient Greece and India to present-day composition.

Phrateres Plan Active Term During Spring

A silver cup was presented by Miss Clare Brown, founder of the U.B.C. branch of Phrateres when the first all-Phrateres meeting of the season was held on Monday noon in Ap. Sc. 100.

At the close of the term this cup is to be awarded to the sub-chapter best fulfilling the following requirements: Scholarship, based upon April examinations; Activities outside Phrateres; Attendance at gym classes; Success in volleyball and basketball, subchapter playoffs; Attendance of subchapter meetings and payment of fees; Outstanding contributions of any subchapter.

During the business session at which Norah Sibley presided, it was decided to concentrate on subchapter activities with a mock track meet on January 29 and a faculty tea on February 26.

Shellah Henderson, Phrateres Conference representative, delivered a short talk on the opportunities offered by Phrateres for service and enjoyment.

Committee Switches Plans For Open House

Owing to unexpected changes in organization plans, date for Open House has been changed from February 5 to February 12, the committee announced yesterday.

According to Charlie Campbell, the extra week will give much-needed time for completing the finer details of preparation. A conscientious executive is already working overtime, and all indications are that the coming Open House will be entirely different from those of former years.

NEWMAN CLUB

A meeting of the Newman Club will be held on Wednesday, January 19, at 8.00 p.m., at the home of Regis Hicks, 5507 Larch Street. A report on the N.C.U.S. will be given by Paul Volpe.

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Students' Council Holds Power "Zealous Nine" Rule On All Student Matters

By DORWIN BAIRD
Governments, say some, exist solely for the purpose of collecting taxes, and converting the receipts into public services for the benefit of the taxpayers.

ZEALOUS NINE

U.B.C.'s Students' Council does that, and more.
Little goes on around this campus but what does not come before the council for ratification, or rejection, and this year a good deal of the latter has been imposed by a zealous group of nine.

"There wouldn't be the need for so much fussing about in council meetings, if the students knew the rules of the game, and didn't go ahead on their own in so many matters," declared one council member last month.

APPROVES BUDGET

No new campus club can be formed, no club can charge membership fees, no athletes may travel, no organizations may solicit funds off the campus, no club can make any expenditures, and no group of students can call itself by the university name—without first receiving consent of Students' Council.

Budgets of all clubs must come before the council, both the internal budget of the group, and the statement of what grant is asked from the A.M.S. treasurer. Athletic activities must at all times keep in touch with council, and managers, captains and coaches must keep their eyes open in order to avoid breaking any of the multitude of regulations governing such groups.

Power vested in Students' Council is such that all students on the campus come under its scrutiny in a score of ways daily.

WIDE POWERS

Council has the right to suspend students who are in debt to the Alma Mater Society. Through the Discipline Committee, wide powers over the student body, permit a strict check to be made on all violators of the rules.

This year, two organizations with vastly different aims ran up against the force of official council power. The S.C.M., for engaging a paid secretary, and for soliciting funds "down town," was strongly repudiated. Instructions were given that in future this group should consult Students' Council before making final plans for collection and disbursement of its finances. Students wanting to see formation of party political clubs on the campus received a flat "no" from council, and despite a short agitation that threatened serious results, the decision stood, with little hope now held for its reversal.

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JAPANESE STUDENTS' CLUB

Meeting of the Japanese Students' Club will be held on Thursday in Arts 208 at 12.10 for debate tryouts.

NO DANCE PRACTISE

Practise of the Varsity dance orchestra has been cancelled this week, owing to difficulties in obtaining a rehearsal room. The next practise will be held on January 29 in Applied Science 100.

FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES

Will all members of fraternities and sororities see that their pictures are taken by Artona before January 29.

Make your appointments with Mr. Rowe at the Book Exchange.

A.M.S. Code," a council member recently suggested to the Ubyssy. Particularly in the case of club executives, this advice is useful. Costly and ofttimes drastic consequences result from a too sketchy knowledge of how the campus is run.

"THE BOSS"
In actuality, the 2400 students at U.B.C. are organized in a tightly-knit society, the board of directors of which has supreme authority over all student activities.

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Beer and Skittles
By The Beggar Student

Mr. George Wright, whose amiable, if somewhat maundering, comments on the world even through Victorian-colored glasses are released to an enthusiastic audience of News-COMMENTS Herald readers daily except Sunday (Express, does not stop

at Milford, Jonesville, or Brownsburg) has been rambling along for ages and ages, without having much done to him. He has made himself known to a disillusioned and cynical age as a stout old-fashioned fellow to whom a few words of praise from a good woman are worth more than a check for a thousand dollars. (But how about seven-fifty cash, George old boy?)

However, he has recently stepped outside the borders of his customary fields to talk about modern military matters—about which it is apparent that he knows rather less than a lady's maid. While we admit to his contention that four six-inch guns are about as effective against modern naval armament as so many peashooters, it is harder to fall in line with the idealistic old fellow when he starts to speculate further. In fact, we might say that he comes a rather neat columnar cropper.

The idea that our coast, bristling with six-inch guns, will constitute a standing dare to any nation to attack us is ludicrous in the extreme. Wars just don't start that way, George, old man. There has to be a reason for them; moreover, that reason has to be economic rather than wholly political, and urgently compelling as well. If you want to test this fact, all you have to do is write letters to Hirohito, Mussolini, Hitler, Joe Stalin, or Chief Jimmy-Jimmy, in which you insult them soundly and roundly, point out the fact that our six-inch guns defy the world, and dare them to come and take Vancouver. You had better sign the letters W. L. Mackenzie King, just to make it look good. And then, if you are right, in no time at all the Gulf of Georgia will be black with warships, and we will have one of the biggest tourist attractions ever.

But we wouldn't advise you to try it, old man. We can just see you there on Siwash Rock, with a telescope, waiting for them to come. And you would get awfully cold and hungry through the years, too. Tourists would be shown your look-out, probably by then called "Wright's Folly," and you wouldn't like that. Now, would you?

No, George. Just forget it, old pal. Spend your time talking to good women. (We heard of one yesterday, too.) I think I'll go out and look for some thousand dollar checks.

One of the better stories which keeps cropping up is the one about the "New York Times"—most conservative of all our North American newspapers. It seems that they had a habit of printing a tabulate list of stage performances in their journal; and as is the habit of linotypers, the operators set large numbers of standard lines, which recur again and again. One of these was: *Benefit performance.

Everything was fine, because all the boys had to do was take one of these ready-set lines, and insert it after the title of each benefit performance. But contingencies always arise eventually which even a first-class compositor cannot control. And so, in the course of time, there came a day on which there was an abnormally large number of benefit performances. The set lines were scattered all through the composing room by this time, and the comps were scurrying about looking for them. Finally they needed just one more to complete the page. And everybody was looking for one. Just as they were despairing, a cry came from the other side of the room. One of the men had seen the peculiar star which preceded the line. He raced across the room with the slug, placed it in the hole in the page, and the form was locked.


But the next day when the paper came off the presses, somewhere among the play list appeared the title of a play. And after it came this line:

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"KEEP THE INSIGNIA" CRY OF FRESHMEN

By BARBARA McDOUGAL

"We want a real initiation," yell the frosh. "What is a real initiation? —Well, we could have bonfires, pushball and such things, couldn't we?"

This is their answer to the proposal to abolish freshmen insignia voiced last week in Students' Council. They want a shorter and more effective period of initiation.

Among the boys there is a unanimous opinion that definite days should be set aside for any rough stuff. Several have unpleasant memories of ruined suits and shoes and wrathful parents. All agree that there should be no damage to property.

If they had their way the whole system of frosh initiation would be changed. It would last about a week and would include ways and means of letting off steam more effectively than the disorganized fighting of previous years.

The first few days would be a probationary period. One day would be set aside for a grand game of pushball. This game is played by any number of people. The object is to secure for your side a large ball about 18 inches in diameter. In the evening the frosh could have a giant bonfire. The girls could keep their present "goodwill" system with some lively additions.

The annual Frosh Reception would end all hostilities for the year.

As far as insignia goes, it would be crasier and more enforced.

Following are interviews on the matter with members of Arts '41:

Ruth Scott: I liked it. It was harmless.

Virginia Poole: Stop wearing insignia? Why? I enjoyed it. Stu MacMorran: Freshmen expect it. It shouldn't be carried to extremes but a controlled rough-house of some sort would add to the fun. The present probationary period is a good idea. Frosh initiation of any sort should concern only the freshmen and sophomores.

Betty Bolduc: I thought it was fun. It kept the Frosh unified. My suggestion is to have a "crasier" initiation.

Wanda Shadford: I think there should be a controlled initiation. Every possible effort should be used to prevent property damage. Above all the students should be kept out of the downtown areas.

John McCarley: I think the Freshman bonfire should most certainly be revived and initiation should be more definitely organized.

Stan Durkin: I favor putting one day aside for initiation. Pushball or some such thing could take place during the day. In the evening a big dance would be a suitable close to all hostilities.

Elizabeth MacInnes: Let's have an initiation without damage but at the same time let's have a real initiation.

Louise Skinner and Stephanie Sandwell: Stop wearing it? Gosh, we looked for it, waited for it. Maybe it lasted a bit too long and wasn't enforced as it should have been but couldn't it be improved?

Malcolm Groves: All my life I looked forward to being initiated, and if Council thinks they're going to cut it now, they're crazy. So there.

James Ramsfield: Freshmen should learn to hate Sophomores, otherwise there will be no college spirit.

V.C.U. Gathers For Chop Suey Dinner

As their first social gathering this term, the V.C.U. are holding an Oriental dinner at the Fuji Chop Suey House, 314 Powell Street, on Thursday, January 20, from 6.15 to 8.30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Mr. Judd of the China Inland Mission Home, who has spent many years in China.

The banquet is open to all who may care to attend. Please apply immediately to the secretary, Kay Matheson, via Arts Letter Rock. Price is 35 cents.

Social Dynamics At Alberta University

EDMONTON, Alta., Jan. 18 (WPU) — The Provincial Government has announced the introduction of a new course on "Social Dynamics" to be open to undergraduate and graduate university students.

The course designed by the Social Credit Board of the Government is a study of various social economic factors entering into the make-up of society today. Its purpose is to instruct possible future civil servants on points that are considered vital to any democratic government.

BOOK LOST

Elementary Physics for Physics 3. Finder please apply L. S. Ward, Arts letter rack.

Garrett In St. Paul's; Reported Doing Well

John Garrett, ace scribe of the "Ubyssy," and prominent figure in the Players' Club, "had a very good night" according to reports from the St. Paul's Hospital, where he underwent an operation on his knee over the week-end.

"Just a spot of shrapnel I picked up at Poona," said Garrett when questioned about the ailment, but his cronies say that it is an old rugby wound he acquired at Victoria College.



Apparently the D. G. who was mentioned Friday is infuriated at numerous of her friends for divulging her secret ambitions towards two campus gentlemen. Observers didn't seem to need telling.

A D.U. who was the most married man at a logging camp this summer and got letters three times a week, had to have someone get him a blind date at the reunion for the purpose of viewing the lady.

If you got one of the bargains at RAE-SONS Main Floor Sales a week ago, but even more if you missed them, you'll be pleased to hear about the Mezzanine floor Semi-Annual Event which started yesterday morning.

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