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VISIT VICTORIA SATURDAY RUGBY AND BASKETBALL IN THE CAPITAL!

Science Institutes A Law Court

A Faculty of Law at U.B.C. may or may not be necessary, but there is plenty of scope for youthful barristers around our Science building. The first court of the Faculty of Science was held last Monday, and Justice was there meted out with a stern but righteous hand.

P. C. Meekison brought in the first prisoner, Thurston, charged with attending an Algebra lecture. Somerville defended ably, but the jury brought in the expected verdict of "Guilty." Mr. Justice Mac sentenced the accused to one month's algebra homework.

Moody, the next in the box, was charged by Crown Prosecutor Evans with three crimes—(a) excessive work, (b) a lack of interest in the College generally, and (3) failure to attend the Orpheum on the previous Friday. The decision was obvious beforehand, as the Crown proved that the prisoner had taken drawings home to be finished, when he should have been at the Orpheum. The Judge imposed hard labor in the draughting-room on the charge.

At this juncture Mr. Spex was arrested for contempt of court. He was charged with creating excessive noise, requesting the Court to adjourn to a warmer climate, and saying "Horses!" and other words not recorded. Given the choice of humbly apologizing or going under the shower, he chose the latter punishment.

Every Student Should Go With the Bunch Friday Night—Rooters Are Needed—Dance at the Empress on Saturday

Get your blue and gold ribbons out and join the crowd on the Friday night boat to Victoria. Be there to support the Rugby and basketball teams when they play for you. The Vancouver Island Athletic Association has prepared to meet us, and the Rugby game will probably be played at Oak Bay; basketball games at the Y.M.C.A. The social committee has left nothing undone to ensure us having a good time, and Mr. Davies, the secretary, informs us that a complimentary dance in honor of the teams has been arranged for, to be held at the Empress on Saturday night.

Mr. Lord and Miss Kilpatrick, Arts '21, and Mr. Kingham (Science '21, ask that all those going with the bunch hand in their names to one of them not later than Friday noon. In this way we will be able to get a half-fare rate; and as the tickets must be bought en bloc, all will have to go over together on the Friday (20th December) night boat, but may return in three or four groups on different boats. To do this all should say, when they hand in their names, the boat on which they wish to return, in order that the tickets may be bought accordingly.

Although our teams are under the disadvantage of not having played any games this year, they are not worrying. They have been practising strenuously of late. Show them you share their confidence on Saturday.

Plan For '19 Annual Outlined

It is the intention of the Publications Board that the 1919 "Annual" be produced on a slightly different plan from that employed in other years. The custom has been for the Board to bear the whole expense of making up class groups, and by far the greater part of the expense of the copper half-tones used in reproducing photographs. The whole burden of the photography and the assignment and procuring of reports and "write-ups" also fell upon the Board. The bulk of the work was done by a few students; and, owing to a poor division of labor, the production was greatly rushed at the last moment and a rather disappointing book was the result. The new plan is not original, but has been successfully carried out in many universities. Briefly, it is this:

The Publications Board will attend to and be responsible for (1) the arranging, apportioning, editing, printing and binding of the Annual; (2) cuts and photographs for the Undergraduate Executives, Students' Council, new Professors and the Graduating Class; (3) the actual engraving of all "cuts."

The individual classes (except Class '19), societies and clubs will have definite space in the Annual apportioned to them and will be entirely responsible for the matter in such space—i.e., they will attend to the photographs, reading matter and decoration, and will pay the Board for any and all cuts inserted in that space.

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All photographs, drawings and "write-ups" must be in the hands of the Board on dates which will be stated in the next issue of the "UBYSSEY." Full details will be given as soon as possible, and the various societies will be duly notified as to their space allotment.

This course of action has been deemed necessary because the publications subscription of \$2.00 per year will not, under existing circumstances, pay for both a Weekly and an Annual published under the old plan.

It must be understood that the cost of photographs and cuts is to be borne by the members of the societies and not by the Alma Mater Society itself.

We hope that this plan will meet with the approbation of the student body, and that they will assist in making THE Annual THEIR Annual, and THE BEST ANNUAL that the University has produced.

CHEMISTRY SOCIETY

The Chemistry Society, so far as we have been able to ascertain, is the only body of otherwise apparently healthy students depraved enough to consider as an essential part of its duty the fostering of a "scientific spirit" in the University. As such, the society wishes to extend to all those of the student body, who are so minded, a very cordial welcome to all of its regular meetings, as advertised on the bulletin boards.

Although membership in the society is not a condition for attendance at the meetings, yet, at the same time, interest can only be maintained in any society, whether social or scientific, by active participation in all its privileges. The privilege of membership is therefore only extended to those who would be willing, if called upon, to give a talk to the society for five or ten minutes; but as there are only about fifteen lectures during a whole term (some of which are taken by Professors and Seniors), no great demand need be made on the lower years. Therefore, "Let 'em all come."

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The members of the corps miss their energetic O.C., Lieut. Ashton, and hope he will soon recover from his indisposition.

MUSIC IN EUROPE

Many people are of the opinion that the fearful burdens of taxation, the economic pressure and the bitterness of feeling brought about by the desolate homes and the millions of crippled, will so influence the people of Europe for months to come that they will have neither the energy nor the inclination to pay any attention to music. Such reasoning, however, does not take into consideration the psychology of the European peoples. Their musical life does not depend upon economic conditions; it is one of those essentials which they must have if life is to be worth living. Consequently, it is only natural to infer that they will turn to music more and more as a solace for their sufferings. Why? Because music, more than anything else, can influence the emotions, no matter what the state of mind of the individual will be.

It is probable that the people of Europe will demand music of an emotional character—something that will soothe them, comfort them, and help them to bear their burdens more cheerfully. We can confidently expect a complete revival of the national folk music of each country; a renewed appreciation of Chopin, Schubert, Schumann and Grieg, and a complete resumption of the pre-Puccini Italian opera, because the operas of Donizetti, Bellini, Rossini and Verdi are inexhaustible mines of emotional melodies. But just how long this movement will last, or what its ultimate outcome will be, is too complex a question to discuss and must be left for the future to decide.

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THE VALUE OF ATHLETICS

Gladstone, the brilliant statesman and advocate of national justice, well knew the value of athletic recreation. After a strenuous parliamentary session he repaired to his country home, where he found congenial exercise in simple manual labor. He knew that if he were to win a debate or persuade an audience, his physical powers, made efficient by training, were an important element of success.

We need hardly be reminded that physical preparation is necessary for the best mental effort. No one need shun athletics because hitherto he has had little interest in this form of recreation, or because he has not been chosen to represent the University. As far as we know, Gladstone was not a brilliant athlete at college; but he wisely disciplined his body that it might the better minister to his mind. The object of physical exercise is a healthy and vigorous constitution, without which mental effort, even in its less severe forms, is drudgery.

But our interest in athletics must go further than ourselves. The honor of our University must be upheld in the various branches of athletics, and each of us must be active and continuous in our support if that end is to be achieved. It is therefore our duty to give unstinted support to our Rugby team which will represent us at Victoria this week. One way to encourage our players is to learn the college yells and make industrious use of them during the game. The team is going to Victoria determined to win, and we should spare no energy or enthusiasm in helping them to return as victors.

THE CHRISTMAS VISION

Nineteen centuries ago there fell upon the ears of a group of humble shepherds the first Christmas message of joy which has been a clear challenge to humanity since the time of its utterance. Then the world was unprepared for a message so fraught with hope for the human race, and it fell upon heedless ears.

Since that day the human race has been slowly comprehending that challenge. At times men have cruelly mocked the kindly greeting by holding up before the eyes of their fellow-men a sword bathed in blood. But these tyrants and "their lesser breed" could not prevent the onward march of nations toward the ultimate achievement of their destiny. From out the mist of the years there shot gleam after gleam of light, until to-day men are assured that "peace on earth and good-will toward men" is no idle dream.

Beyond all doubt we are entering upon a new era of world history, with the kindly note of this early challenge ringing in our ears. Statesmen the world over are earnestly advocating the establishment of international justice and good-will; the national consciousness is becoming more sensitive, and men are speaking freely in terms of brotherhood such as was never known in the history of the world before. The human race has not ended its pilgrimage; but it is travelling on, with new vision, new hope, new courage, new preparation for life's intricate relationships, confident that it will finally emerge from the mists and darkness into the full dawn of peace, brotherhood and good-will.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

Editor Ubysey:

A notice has been posted by Faculty stating that lectures will close on Saturday, April 19th, and that the final examinations will begin on the following Monday. It seems to me most unfair that in a matter on which the students are so vitally concerned they have been accorded no opportunity of expressing their views. There are many of us who, apart from the universal necessity for "plugging," prefer a week's interval between the lectures and exams, to clear our brains and prepare ourselves for the horrible ordeal of

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Many profound brains have, about the first week in April, decried the examination system as fundamentally unfair, and inaccurate in its capacity as an assessor of intellects, and have also stated that "crammed" knowledge does not represent real knowledge or mental power.

On these matters a mere Soph. must not presume to express an opinion; but if we must have exams., let us have just a little time in which to make our brains super-saturated solutions of the learning and culture which a modern university education must impart.

M. C.

AGRICULTURAL NOTES

On an autumn afternoon, in two comfortable motors, well equipped with chauffeurs, professors and chocolates, we, the Agriculture students, sped out Fourth Avenue, around Marine Drive and, finally, up the (future) stately Drive of the University site.

Here the mysteries of the plough, harrow and other implements were fully explained.

In the Horticultural barn we examined grain, seeds and grasses. The barn and cow stable proved to be the chief point of interest. We arrived at a critical moment, just as a voracious young Taurus was having his evening meal. Holsteins, Jerseys, Long and Short Horns (cut and curled in the latest vogue) gazed at us solemnly. The dairy is a "thing of beauty and a joy forever," both from efficiency and architectural standpoints.

We next went to a tent, where the pleasant surprise of the day awaited us. Here an old-fashioned heater glowed warmly. Our hostess extended a hearty welcome and served the most delicious tea. We had cream a la model stable, cake, and, in short, delicacies of which the common rabble never even hear of.

Our interests are not only agricultural. Returning in the motors, we planned and argued whether the Debating Club might have for their next topic, "Why do white chickens wear red combs?" or "Why does a little Yorkshire pig have two kinks in his tail?"

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Enrolment of Students by Subjects

	1917-1918	1918-1919
Arts—		
Agriculture, Theory of.....	27	8
Bacteriology	19	17
Botany and Zoology	29	74
Chemistry	152	240
Classics	219	198
History	259	297
Mathematics	253	257
Modern Languages	229	338
Philosophy	58	88
Economics and Political Science.....	143	162
English	329	512
Geology and Mineralogy.....	30	91
Physics	251	309
Applied Science—		
General Engineering (not yet specialized).....	35	33
Chemical Engineering	1	6
Civil Engineering (courses not yet complete).....	1	1
Mechanical Engineering (courses not yet complete).....	1	1
Mining and Metallurgy	1	5
Agriculture—		
Agronomy	7	13
Animal Husbandry	13
Dairying
Horticulture	7	13
Poultry Husbandry	5

NOTE:—All students in first-year Arts are required to take courses in English, History, Mathematics, Physics, and at least one foreign language; all students of the second year are required to take a course in English and a second course in a foreign language selected the previous year. The following subjects are not open to students in the first year: Agriculture, Bacteriology, Economics and Philosophy.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

PROFESSOR CLARK

From Toronto Dr. Clark graduated in 1906. Later he went to Harvard, where he continued his work, making a special study of modern languages. In 1911 he received his M.A., and in 1916 took his Ph.D. at the same institution, the subject of his thesis being "Boileau in England." He then returned to Canada and taught at Toronto until last January, when he accepted a post on the staff of the University of Washington. However, like many of our Canadian Varsity men, he could not long remain away from his native soil, and the autumn of 1918 finds him at the University of British Columbia, where his interesting and instructive lectures, coupled with his genial nature, have already made him very well liked. Dr. Clark is keenly interested in everything connected with student activities, and expresses himself as ever ready to help. Let us hope our Western climate will induce him to remain with us permanently.

DR. SEDGEWICK

Dr. Sedgewick, who is honorary president of the Freshman year of the Varsity, comes to us with an interest in the West and in Vancouver. At one time he taught in the Vancouver High School, and for the past five years he has been a member of the Faculty of the University of Washington.

Born in Nova Scotia, Dr. Sedgewick graduated from Dalhousie College, winning distinction in Greek and English. His work as a student, however, did not prevent him from taking an active part in college life, and one of his interests was the college paper, of which he was editor. After graduating, Dr. Sedgewick came to the West to teach, and taught first at Nanaimo. It was then that he came to Vancouver, which he left in order to resume his studies at Harvard. He graduated from Harvard in 1911 with the degree of M.A., and in 1913 he took the degree of Ph. D. In connection with his work there he won several distinctions and in 1912 the Bowdoin prize for the English essay.

Prof. Sedgewick (calling roll)—Miss. Partridge.

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The "Y" is growing. Come along next Thursday.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS
ASK CYNICA GAY

Anxious—No, dear; Gibson is not married.

Observer—Tell us who you mean by Theodore H., and we may be able to answer your question.

Alestairs—Yes, we think long hair looks quite editorial. (It also may serve as a penwiper or towel on occasion.)

Cynthia Grey—If you really wish it, we might be able to give you a little help in the way of advice; but not before Christmas—we are so busy.

Freshine—No, dear child; Mr. Sutcliffe is not the author of all the notices that appear on the bulletin board. The board is placed in a dark corner in order that the Freshies may not overburden their minds by reading it.

Teacher: "Johnny, you didn't wash your face this morning. I can tell you what you had for breakfast."

Johnny: "What?"

"Egg, Johnny."

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