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Undergrad. Wants "Dean of Women"

**DECREES WOMEN STUDENTS
SHALL DRESS AS BEFITS
'VARSITY STUDENTS**

The petition for the appointment of a Dean of Women was approved by the Women's Undergraduate Society at a meeting held on Monday, at noon, in the Physics building, and a committee was appointed to obtain the permission of the Students' Council to lay it before Dean Klinck.

In order to correct the impression that the University is a "glorified form of high school," steps have been taken by the Society to regulate the dress of women students and insure that it should be in keeping with academic dignity. A permanent committee is to be elected by the executive, in secret session, to see that such rules as are made are carried out. We understand that all women students, other than Freshettes, will be expected to wear their hair up.

A MEMORIAL BOOK

A number of the students have suggested to the Publications Board that this year's Annual should be a record of the part the University has played in the war. This plan had already been discussed by the board, which was forced, for many reasons, to dismiss it as impossible. At the same time, the idea seems much too good to be lost altogether; and the suggestion is now made that the Alma Mater Society consider the practicability of publishing a memorial volume, at the beginning of the next session, which should contain the honor roll, with an account of each student whose name is on it, and pictures of all who have been killed. The work of the University Red Cross would also require mention. We have made plans for the founding of a memorial in stone at Point Grey; but surely a completed record, of which every student could own a copy, would be a genuine reminder of our new-found traditions.

No International Debate This Year

**ANNUAL DEBATE WITH WASH-
INGTON AND OREGON CAN-
CELLED**

At the beginning of the fall term the Men's Literary Society communicated with the universities of Washington and Oregon with reference to the international debate. The latter university immediately replied that, owing to financial conditions, they would be unable to enter a team this year. The University of Washington, however, intimated that they would continue as in former years, but that they were hampered in making arrangements because they lacked a "coach" for their debators. After much correspondence, the local society has received the following letter, which is, presumably, final:

February 4th, 1919.

Men's Literary Society,
University of B. C.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Mr. O. P. Cockerill has just been appointed as coach of debate at Washington. He has been asked to limit his schedule as far as possible because of the unusually short season. He has asked me to tell you that Washington will be unable to meet your Men's Literary Society this year. I know that you have found the slow return of men to school as great a handicap as we have in the organization of student activities, so that you will understand that we are sorry that we are forced to give up this competition with Vancouver.

I hope that we may not be so unfortunate next year.

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Meetings will be held every Wednesday, at 4 p.m., in Room 31, Arts building, and will largely take the form of discussions. Men and women are invited, and a special appeal is made to them to come prepared to take part.

SCIENCE '22 BANQUET

Owing to the scarcity of young ladies in Applied Science, the First Year men decided to depart from the usual order of class parties.

On Friday night, any of the audience of the Orpheum might have noticed the handsome young gentlemen occupying the front boxes. Well, *this was us!

After the show, we made our way to the London Cafe Grill. Toasts were drunk to "Our Alma Mater," "Our Guests," and "Science '22"; and, after a good, hearty "Kitsilano," we hiked for home.

*Ed. Note:—Should read "This were we."

EXCHANGE TICKETS

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Curious.—Almost any of the young ladies attending the U.B.C. are C.B.M. So it will not be necessary to pine your heart away.

Anxious Senior.—Yes; I think it would be more compatible with your dignity to abstain from the Pantages for a week, and take box seats on March 8. It would be very infra dignitatem to be seen seated among a crowd of babbling, howling Freshmen. Seeing the play is by Oscar Wilde, I would advise you to take Lucille rather than Mary.

Puzzled.—No, Ernie C's fountain pen does not need filling every time he goes into the Administration Offices. Nevertheless, it's a good excuse.

Anxious.—No, dear; all the boys who, at rather peculiar moments, snap their fingers and cry, "Come on, Red," are not suffering from shell-shock. They were at the Orpheum last week.

Agnes.—I would not advise attempting to make Sid jealous. You might fail.

Ima Gossip.—Yes, I have quite frequently noticed that group of four obstructing the halls. It has been said that T. Pr-t-n, P-r-d-n and A. L-r-d are merely acting as camouflage for that modest capitalist, D-n-h-m. But, as to the fourth person, I am not saying a word.

Heartsick.—Little girl, dry your tears. Even though some other ardent admirer attracted the attention of the president of the A. M. by sending him a touching little Valentine, your cause is not yet lost. You may still ensnare the object of your devotions by joining the Economic Club and evincing a deep interest in that subject. Remember, he is not as shy as his looks would indicate. "Still waters run deep."

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THE UNSEEN COMPANION

Night and the woods are silent,
The stars are as daisies sown
O'er the lonely meadows of heaven,
Swept bare where the winds have blown.

The croon of the deathless ocean,
Beyond where the cedars nod,
Nearer than voice or breathing
The long-loved thrill of God.

R. F. A.

"MY GIRL"

My girl's a hulabaloo;
She goes to 'Varsity, too;
She wears the gold and blue,
As we all do.
And, in my later life,
She's going to be my wife.
How in the world did you find that out?
She told me so!

She goes to all the games,
Along with the other Janes;
I furnish all the change;
I go there, too.
And in my later life, etc.

As I grow older,
Then I'll grow bolder,
And I will hold her
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THE VEXED QUESTION

With this new year of peace, the people must turn their attention to matters slighted and neglected in the stress of war. One of the foremost of these is the vexed question of new University buildings. Events this winter have proved that the present site is urgently required by the hospital; even if that reason were lacking, the erection of new buildings is necessitated by the rapidly increasing numbers of students enrolled. Many returned men have taken up their studies anew, and there is every promise of still more entering the University next term. It is impossible to overlook the fact that the present accommodation is quite inadequate to meet the needs of this steadily growing institution.

A period of world-wide war is finishing, and one of equally widespread economic interest is beginning. Reconstruction is one of the vital questions of the time, and education is going to be one of the great factors in bringing about a peaceable settlement of the problems arising from the war. The various universities of Canada must supply many of the leaders of the great work, and exert a tremendous influence on public opinion. Better accommodation for the students would be a stimulus to education, and thus a direct benefit to the community at large. Fuller attention could be given to many departments, such as those of agriculture, science and mining; hence a great influence would be exerted on the development of the natural resources of the Province; thus the results of better buildings and apparatus in the University would be far-reaching; and would not only affect the social problems of the Province, but would go far toward solving many of its economic difficulties.

In the interests of better and more thorough work, the completion of the buildings at Point Grey is immediately necessary. Space is lacking in the present erection, and student life is hampered by the absence of many things which tend to produce such strong 'Varsity spirit in older institutions. The development of the Province demands better facilities for the study of science and its kindred subjects, and these can only be supplied by larger and more fully equipped buildings. It is estimated that four hundred thousand dollars will equip and set up the University at Point Grey. Are the people of British Columbia going to allow money considerations to block the way to progress much longer?

CORRESPONDENCE

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

Letters must be brief. They should be written on one side of the paper only and, if typewritten, must be double spaced. The name and year of the writer must be enclosed, but the letter may be published over the initials or a pen-name if so desired. No attention will be paid to letters that do not comply with these rules.

The editors consider themselves under no obligation to publish any one letter. In the case of two letters on the same subject, if both cannot be printed, the briefer will be given the preference.)

THE ARTS MEN'S DANCE

January 23rd, 1919.

The Editor, "Ubysses":

Dear Sir:—I was more than amazed to see in your columns the letter from the Students' Council and that of the president of the Alma Mater, dated January 14th, relating to the Arts' dance. Their stand is very unreasonable, and their action in publishing such a letter extremely unfortunate.

Suppose, for the sake of argument, that the accusations of the Council were true. Then where would the responsibility of giving the dance lie? One would judge, from the two letters, that the students and other guests as a whole were responsible. Is this logical? Did not the Council, when it granted permission to the Arts Men's Undergrad. to hold the dance, take on its own shoulders the responsibility for the proper management of the dance? If the managing committee for the dance were not capable of handling the affairs, then why did the Council allow them to go ahead with the dance?

I consider that, to the patronesses, the students and other guests, the Council are definitely responsible; and to the Council, the Arts Men's Executive.

But were these accusations of the Council well founded? Was there any discourtesy to the patronesses by the students and other guests? No! By the managing committee? Most decidedly! And that in not providing any evident and proper means of introducing the guests to the patronesses. The way in which some of the guests were treated, on entering the ballroom, was both surprising and disgraceful.

As for the improper dancing, one would suppose, from the letters, that there were quite a number "contaminating" the social standing of our College. The common question after the letter appeared was, "Did you see any improper dancing at the Arts' dance?" I did not, nor did anyone else to whom I have addressed this question. If there was such a misdemeanor, it certainly was an isolated case. And rather than

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taminating the Alma Mater Society for the sake
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in a down-town hall could not have been much
worse," why did not the managing committee put
a stop to any such dancing there and then? The
same lack of supervision applies to the one or two
cases of smoking in the isolated parts of the ball-
room.

I have heard of a supper at a dance, but never
before of a "supper hour," or it might more ap-
propriately have been called a "starvation hour."
The absolute lack of any practical method of
serving refreshments was plainly evident. Most
of the guests went without any supper, or, at
least, with a cup of luke-warm coffee. Is the
social standing of the University to be lowered
by advertising throughout the Province the mo-
mentary craving of a few children for something
to eat? Of course not. Yet that is what the
Council and the president of the Alma Mater have
done.

The idea back of the action taken by the Coun-
cil was certainly in the best interests of the Alma
Mater Society, but have they not gone about it
in a very unfortunate way? I do not wish to
camouflage our faults, but, at the same time, I
do not see why they should be advertised. It
would have been more to the point for the Coun-
cil to have apologized to the patronesses, stu-
dents and other guests for permitting such a
poorly-managed affair to be held under the Alma
Mater. Instead, they who are primarily responsi-
ble have side-stepped all blame and issued a pro-
clamation declaring that "such misbehavior will
not be tolerated." Let us hope they mean what
they say. The president and Council have ap-
pealed to the other members of the Alma Mater
to act in no way unbecoming the Alma Mater
Society. I hope the Council will remember their
own appeal and never again publish such a letter,
which has done no good, but merely created a
bit of excitement and weakened our Alma Mater.

C. J. C.

Editor, "Ubysssey":

Dear Sir:—The session 1919-1920 of this Uni-
versity will, in all probability, have more effect
on the future history of the institution than any
other session in its annals; new men and new
ideas will be entering, and the student life will be
in a state of flux. It is at such a time that an
added impetus should be given to any which
will assist in the creation of a virile College
spirit. In my estimation, such a spirit can be
wonderfully assisted through the agency of an
"All-College" Field Day. Therefore, I wish to
make the following suggestions:

- (1) That the annual meeting of the Athletic
Department's small committee be appoint-
ed, with full powers to arrange for a Col-
lege Field Day, to take place within the
first month after College re-opens in the
fall;
- (2) That this Field Day be run either as an
Inter-Class or Inter-Faculty event;
- (3) That the meet shall be well advertised, and
that everything possible be done to obtain
a large entry-list;
- (4) That arrangements be made with the Stu-
dents' Council to provide suitable prizes,
medals, or letters (preferably the latter);
- (5) That all arrangements be left solely in the
hands of the committee appointed.

Next year there will be, by conservative esti-
mate, three hundred men in the University. From
this number it should not be difficult to arrange
for a Field Day of a high standard. At the pre-
sent time there are several athletes in the Uni-
versity who have already won considerable renown
in different field events.

H. L. KEENLEYSIDE.

Having read Mr. Keenleyside's letter, we, the
undersigned, desire to endorse his proposals:
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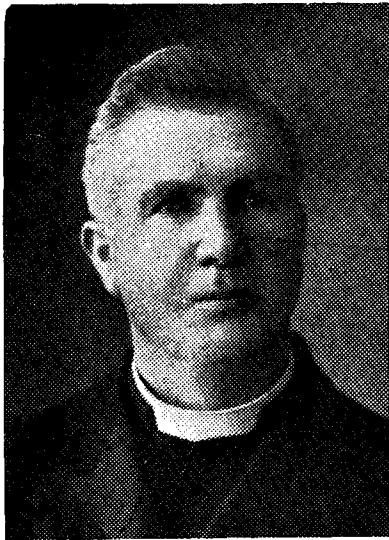
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THE PERSUASIVE PRAIRIE

REMINISCENCES OF AN ALBERTA SUMMER

Armed with an oath of allegiance, and a burning desire to Canadianize the foreigner, one of Mrs. McClung's raw recruits left for the Prairies last spring.

"Do you object to a foreign school?" inquired an official of the Department of Education in Edmonton.

"Certainly not," replied the Westerner; then a strange twinkle in the young man's eyes forced the qualification, "Ignorance is bliss in this case."

On her arrival at her new school she was greeted with, "Edmonton man said we get Russian teacher this year." Her heart sank. "I am sorry, but I am your new teacher," was her truthful reply. Accepting the inevitable with Slavonic equanimity, the trustee escorted the unwelcome official to the school grounds, unlocked the shack, built a fire, and promised to repair the well another day. That other day never came. Yesterday, to-day and to-morrow are the same to the Russian.

That evening the trustee's wife and daughter brought blankets and prettily-colored eggs—the former loaned, the latter presented, so the girl explained in very broken English. These were the first of many kindnesses. At one time or another all the school children brought gifts to the teacher. Who would not feel at home under such friendly favors? One woman brought a live chicken as a present, and then whispered: "Lena no come school, very much work." The donor was heartily thanked and told that Lena must come, and Lena did come!

Russians do not call—they come to visit for three or four hours. It was pleasant to have two young men come in one evening. The pleasure was prolonged, and became somewhat painful, as only one could speak English. The other evinced his feeling by offering the teacher a stick of gum. It was almost midnight before the purpose of their visit was disclosed. They wanted to act as escorts to the dance the following Sunday. With a stifled sigh that aesthetic dancing had not been included in her education, the teacher politely refused. But she was forced to stifle many a yawn before her visitors left—one of them volunteering his first remark at the door, "Please excuse me."

A Prairie shack in a Russian community is no place to go for privacy. One is never sure of being uninterrupted between 7 a.m. and 11 p.m. The young people were very anxious to learn Ca-

nadian manners and customs, and lantern entertainments were a help to that end. A Dominion Day school picnic illustrated the Canadian method of celebrating. Numerous were the catalogue orders filled out after school hours, and there was always an interested audience.

"My father sick in the head; please give something to make him better," was one style of request. "You can cut Katy white waist, same as your waist?" and similar inquiries opened the way for home dressmaking. "Nastasia want teacher to write nice letter to her boy," so one of the school girls translated for an elder sister. The teacher protested that she could not write Russian. "Tom can not read nor write; his friend will do it for him." So an affectionate correspondence was carried on by proxy. In many such ways the social approach was made, for one must enter into the life of Little Russia before Little Russia will become a part of Canada in more than name.

Now you see why these reminiscences are entitled "The Persuasive Prairie." Through Mrs. McClung it said, "Come, we need you." Now it says, "Come, come again."

L. LETT,

RADIO CLUB

About forty members were present at a meeting of the Wireless Club held in the Science building Tuesday noon. The report of the temporary executive and the submitted constitution were accepted. The official name of the Club is to be "The Radio Association of the Uni-

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STANDARDIZATION OF MUSIC TEACHING

In his address before the Women's Canadian Club, Mr. Wright deplored the custom of allowing young children to be taught by inexperienced teachers during the most vital period of their lives; he could have prefaced the word teachers with the adjective music, and still have been perfectly correct.

The musical profession is an unlicensed one; and any person, whether competent or not, can declare himself a teacher. The result is that these absolutely incompetent people give musical instruction at a very low rate, and the general public liberally patronizes them on the assumption that inexpensive lessons will do for a beginning; after a while, the child can go to a good teacher. Surely the fallacy of this sort of reasoning is obvious; the really conscientious teachers, who have acquired their knowledge and skill only after great labor and expense, find themselves unable to make a living on account of the unfair competition, while the luckless pupil finds, when he eventually goes to a good teacher, that everything he has been taught has been all wrong, and he must begin all over again.

Some time ago, a suggestion was made to the University Senate to establish examinations in practical and theoretical music; this suggestion should be amended so as to declare that no person can teach music in this Province unless he has passed certain of these examinations, or their equivalent. Various grades of teachers' certificates would, of course, be issued, and the fee which they could charge for lessons should be fixed by Statute to conform to the grade of certificate which they hold. Then, and only then, can we expect to have music teaching established on an equitable and intelligent basis, with justice and mutual protection to all—the teacher, the pupil, and the general public.

RADIO CLUB

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versity of British Columbia." Permanent officers were elected: Honorary president, Dr. Hubb; honorary vice-president, Dr. Elliot; president, W. G. Walker; vice-president, J. W. Rebbeck; treasurer, C. H. Green; secretary, H. W. Gwythers.

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Proposed Song for U.B.C.

By the broad Pacific shall our noble
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Holding both the East and West in
fee;
Home of strength and wisdom in this
golden sunset-land
Art thou, Alma Mater U.B.C.

Chorus:

U.B.C., the daughter of the West!
Glorious forerunner of a nation yet to
be!
U.B.C., the loveliest and best!
We should thank the fate that brought
us to thee, U.B.C.

When we leave thy portals for the world
of work and strife,
Let's remember we belong to thee;
Let thy high ideals govern all our acts
in life,
Let's be proud we're from the U.B.C.

Chorus:

U.B.C., the daughter, etc.
There is room in Canada for men of
power and will—
Room for women brave and wise and
free;
Let us fill those places, comrades, do
our share, and still
Make thee proud to own us, U.B.C.

Chorus:

U.B.C., the daughter, etc.

PENWIPER.

SCIENCE LAW COURT

It would not be fair to mention names,
so we must needs couch our report in
allegorical terms this week.

The Court sat on Thursday, and the
first case to be tried was that of "Sci-
ence vs. The Lily." Now lilies are sup-
posed to toil not, neither spin; but our
Science Lily did not live up to her tra-
ditional reputation. Therefore, when
the Turnip accused her of outstripping
the others in drawing, the jury of six
Cabbages brought in a verdict of
"Guilty." Judge Carrot, however, waived
all right to pronounce sentence, and the
Lily has promised to be good in future.

The second case dealt with the legal-
ity of selling books not required in the
calendar, the Judge compromising the
case to the satisfaction of all.

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