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## New Lit. Arouses Great Interest

**MEMBERSHIP IS RESTRICTED—  
INITIAL MEETING TO BE  
HELD SOON**

The Sigma Delta Kappa was organized to fill a long-felt want in University life. For some time it has been evident that a literary society, which would stimulate debating and public speaking, was urgently needed in U.B.C.

So a number of students interested held a meeting to discuss, in a general way, the aims and personnel of the new club. At this meeting a committee of five was elected to draw up a constitution.

The result was that, on Wednesday last, another meeting was held, and the constitution formally adopted.

Membership will be restricted to those who are willing to take an active part in the Club. All students present at the organization meeting are to be charter members. Those desirous of joining the Society should hand in their names to the chairman of the membership committee, Miss McConnell.

The officers for this year are as follows: Miss Smith, president; Mr. McKinnon, vice-president; Mr. Peardon, secretary-treasurer; Miss McConnell and Mr. Keenleyside.

## PETITION APPROVED

The efforts of the students to have military drill abolished have so far met with success, for the Faculty and Senate have decided to support their petition for the abolition of the C.O.T.C. The matter is now being considered by the military authorities. As a result of the petition, no parade was held last week.

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## Concert Proceeds for Fellowship

**REAL U.B.C. SONG TO BE HEARD  
—COLLEGE GLEES AND  
CHORUSES**

Tickets are now on sale for the Musical Society's annual concert, to be held in the ballroom of the Hotel Vancouver on Friday, March 28th. The prices are seventy-five cents and a dollar, and exchange tickets may now be obtained. Proceeds will go to the Westbrook fellowship.

Mr. Gideon Hicks, of Victoria, will assist with vocal selections. He is estimated by many critics to be the leading baritone of the Coast, and is well known in local circles.

The orchestra, which has been practising faithfully under the leadership of Professor Russell, now consists of four violins, four second violins, 'cello, piano, piccolo, cornet and trombone. Selections from some of the leading operas will be rendered, and a few of the Glee Club choruses will also be accompanied by the orchestra.

Another distinctive feature of this year's concert will be the singing of College glees. The new U.B.C. song, composed by Mr. Coope and Mr. Mahrer, will be heard for the first time by the public.

## THEATRE NIGHT

**TO-NIGHT, THURSDAY, 13th**

Parade will start from Pacific Street, between Granville and Seymour, at half-past seven. Be ready a few minutes beforehand. See page 8 for songs and yells, etc.

## HIKE UP GROUSE

The first students' outing of the year will be a hike up Grouse on Saturday, March 15th. Those going will meet at the ferry wharf to take the 9:20 ferry. Come and bring a day's grub. A good turn-out of both men and women is hoped for.

## Varsity Players' Production

**WILDE COMEDY PLAYED TO  
FULL HOUSE—ACTORS WELL  
APPLAUDED**

"The University Players, who on Saturday brought to a close their excellent performance of 'The Importance of Being Earnest,' did more than give the Vancouver public some delightful hours of amusement. They have assisted to put Oscar Wilde 'where he belongs'—back amongst the most brilliant writers of the Victorian era."

Such is the tribute paid to the Players' Club by one of the editors of "The World."

"The Importance of Being Earnest" is not an easy play for amateurs to act; and the very creditable performances given by our students at the Avenue last week, before large audiences, shows both an aptitude for acting and a capacity for hard work on the part of the performers.

The staging of the play was excellent, and no words can adequately describe the charm of the setting in the second act. The costumes were appropriate, the dresses of the ladies being both fashionable and, on the whole, well suited to their roles as English society ladies.

Miss Highmoor, as Lady Bracknell, could hardly have been improved upon, so excellent was her interpretation of the role of a haughty society woman. Her acting was highly finished, and it would have been difficult to distinguish it from that of a professional. Her enunciation was especially noteworthy; every word being distinctly heard, even in the most remote parts of the building.

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## COMING!

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Inquisitive.—I am sorry I can not tell you the name of that young lady Cribb is always talking about. I think she is like the illustrations used by Dr. Boggs, purely hypothetical.

Puzzled.—Yes, you will have to be more careful in your conversations with Joe. Last week he received a communication from George Rex, addressing him as "Joseph Smeeton, Gentleman." Hence the removal of the moustache, now he cannot afford to even look like a Bolshevik.

Dramatic One.—You ask for an example of clever entrances. I would refer you to the three young people who staged that stunning one in Dr. Boggs' lecture.

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The re-union luncheon held by the Club Saturday last at the Hudson's Bay Stores was well attended, and all had an enjoyable time. Among those present were many of the returned students of the University and several graduates. It was remarked that two of the members of the Club were playing in the 'Varsity production at the Avenue—Art Lord and Gordon Scott. Each person present made a short speech, introducing himself and his right-hand partner. (Many were the exposures of the character of the right-hand partner.) Another meeting is promised soon, and rumors of a dance are in the air.

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## VARSAITY PLAYERS' PRODUCTION

(Continued from page 1)

Both Miss Gilley and Miss Adams did ample justice to their parts as Gwendolen Fairfax and Cecily Cardew, respectively. The role of Gwendolen was not a particularly easy one, and Miss Gilley deserves great praise for her capable handling of it; although her interpretation might have been improved by a little more sprightliness of manner, more in keeping with that of a dashing young English society girl.

Miss Adams' acting was extremely artistic, her enunciation clear and distinct, and her voice and manner charming. She is the happy possessor of a very flexible voice, well suited to the stage.

"Miss Prism" certainly delighted her audience, so much in keeping was she with the character of an old-fashioned and staid governess. Her weeping was especially delightful. Miss Millar is to be congratulated upon a clever interpretation of a rather unattractive role. The smaller part of Merriman, the maid, was very satisfactorily performed by Miss Dorothy Gill.

The role of a blasé English society man is not the easiest in the world to interpret; and although the acting of the gentlemen was hardly as uniformly good as that of the ladies, Mr. Scott and Mr. Lord were very successful. As Algeron Moncrieff, Mr. Scott had one of the most difficult parts. Whilst his handling of the role was quite capable, it was occasionally marred by a slight stiffness and self-consciousness of manner.

The same criticism might be applied to Mr. Lord in his role of John Worthing. The latter, however, rose to the occasion splendidly in the scene in which he was in mourning for his imaginary brother Ernest, and succeeded in convulsing the audience with laughter.

As Canon Chasuble, Mr. Peebles performed a fairly difficult part very capably, although his enunciation might have been a little clearer.

The duties of the man servant, Lane, were efficiently carried out by Mr. Hunter.

In the case of the gentlemen, one noticed, at times, that certain words were pronounced in a rather too decidedly "Canadian" or "American" fashion. This was especially noticeable in a play that is so distinctly English.

We must not forget to mention the orchestra, which deserves unstinted praise; and which, to quote from one of the daily papers, "would have done credit to any professional body."

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## AGAIN—THE WILDE FARCE

"All is over and done." The Players' Club scored a distinct financial success in its latest production, and, in all fairness, let us state that the quality of the acting was quite up to the past standard. The play was excellently and artistically staged—the costumes and properties being all that could be desired. There were many of the audience, however, who left the theatre feeling that the tone of the play was distinctly lower than that of its predecessors. Blasé cynicism and the complete sophistication of young girls do not tend to make a play either successful or pleasant.

Dr. Boggs, in comment, said that the power of the stage to inculcate principles was very great—far greater than that of the printed page. Granted; and, if this be true, would it not be well to have some healthy principle to inculcate?

Let us hope that the Players' Club executive will choose their next year's play more wisely, so that it may prove a credit, both to themselves and to the University.

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### THINK IT OVER

We have been hoping for great things from the recent conferences regarding new buildings for the U. B. C. But, alas! Point Grey is as far away as ever, and we have come to the conclusion that the Freshies of 1930 may see the University held in sufficient esteem by the people of the Province to justify the expenditure on it of five hundred thousand dollars. And in the meanwhile—Did you ever realize how many people here in Vancouver fail to sympathize with the aspirations of the students? To how many, unfortunately, is the University merely an additional drain on

the resources of the Province, an institution kept up solely for the benefit of young people whom these practical folk regard as little more capable of self-government than high school pupils, and certainly worthy of no assistance or attention. A narrow-minded view, this may seem, but it is one held by citizens of Vancouver, and public opinion is moulded by those who have definite opinions and are not afraid to voice them.

And yet every student of the U. B. C. can be a definite factor in bringing the public to view the growing needs of the Varsity with attention and sympathy. The united effort of the students can do much to arouse interest in the question of better accommodation and to show the importance of University work in the development of the Province. But, before that can be accomplished, there are some people who must be convinced that the students of this University have their full share of academic dignity and are worthy of serious consideration. "Tuum est"; and once again for good measure, "Tuum est."

## WESBROOK FELLOWSHIP

The recommendations of the joint memorial committee of the Senate, the Faculty and the students:

- (1) That a portrait of Dr. Wesbrook be obtained;
- (2) That a fellowship, to be known as the Wesbrook Fellowship for graduate students, be established;
- (3) That a permanent committee, consisting of a representative from the Board of Governors, the Senate, Convocation, the Faculty and the Alma Mater Society, be appointed to arrange the details;
- (4) That the Board of Governors be requested to name one of the permanent buildings on the new University site after the late President;
- (5) That these recommendations be transmitted to the various bodies interested, urging immediate action.

## STUDENT SERVICE

On Sunday afternoon, the second of March, a student service was held in the Auditorium in connection with the "Students of Asia" campaign. Professor Trompou, of Latimer Hall, conducted the service; and the address was given by Dr. Short, formerly of Toronto, but recently a missionary in Japan. Several of the professors and a fair number of students were present.

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### THE FIRST FALL OF SNOW

All night the sear grass rustled, and the wind,  
Wandering from plain to woodland, helpless,  
lost,  
With neither stars to guide, nor twinkling  
frost,  
In moanful tune among the pine trees  
whined.  
A glimmering dawn approached, and, close  
behind,  
The tempest danced o'er sheltered vale and  
ledge:  
Swirling, the snow fell sifting in the sedge,  
And all the world in whiteness was confined.  
Then cleared the lower air: the ragged  
brake,  
That once grew straight beside the Summer  
lake,  
Dejected, hung amid the frozen scene.  
Young branchlets, that in Spring were fresh  
and green,  
And swayed as cooling zephyrs whispered  
by,  
Stood gnarled and black against the swollen  
sky.

C. C.

## GYMNASIUM CLUB

At a meeting of the Gymnasium Club on Monday, March 3rd, the resignation of Miss O. Maclean was accepted. The former vice-president, Miss I. Thomas, was elected president, in place of Miss Maclean; Miss Draper was elected vice-president.

History II. becomes stuffy—that is, the atmosphere in the classroom becomes stuffy. Professor advocates the opening of windows. Eyeing healthy-looking specimen seated near a window, he says:

"Ah! Mr. Keenleyside, I think you are pretty—"

Mr. Sage's opinion is shared by everyone else in the room.

Professor H—n: Just one more remark and then I'll pass away. (Rude applause.)

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## THE COLLEGE OF TO-MORROW

A stimulating article in Scribners for February, entitled, "The College, Yesterday and To-morrow," may afford some ground for complacency to those who bemoan the limitations of the University of B. C. Dean Roe, of the University of Wisconsin, who thus offers his opinion, finds the college of the last twenty years lacking in student spirit and academic requirements, but suggests the probable development of collegiate life in the next decade.

The indictment against a multiplicity of student activities we have heard before—even in our Freshman cradles—but on the whole we may consider our University free from "the whirl of distracting and frivolous affairs, involving money, time, energy and interest, quite out of proportion to any real value in these things," and feel sure that here "the side show" has not "swallowed up the circus." It is interest to note, in passing, Dean Roe's disapproval of Intercollegiate athletics, accompanied, as it is, by his belief that "we should provide an organization of competing groups within the college, a wholesome and truly communal form of sports—a form, too, in which students will take a lively interest." A curious reader wonders what he would say to the situation in this University.

On the academic side Dean Roe particularly bemoans the extreme liberty sometimes permitted students in choice of subjects and suggests a list of prescribed courses corresponding to our own. He does not pretend that the ordinary Arts course has any commercial value nor does he expect it to train the student for a vocation. The college is "the place for the development of humanistic ideals, the establishment of personal ideals and a place where young people may discover their natural aptitudes." As an admonition, he adds: "The college course, to be successful, according to the standards of the new day, must be sustained by an organized and co-ordinated life on the part of students and faculty—it must evoke an esprit de corps, such as it has not had."

Dr. Plaskett, of the Dominion Astro-physical Observatory, near Victoria, will lecture on Astronomy in the Auditorium to-night. The lecture will be illustrated.

Professor—What year are you in, Miss —?

Fair Co-ed (with many blushes)—In my twenty-first year, sir.—"The Sheaf."

## NEW WESTMINSTER

Westminster is a favored town—  
I live there,  
It is the home of brains and brawn—  
I live there;  
Its citizens are brave and wise,  
A fact I needn't emphasize;  
Indeed, it should cause no surprise—  
I live there.

Folks come from far to see the view—  
I live there;  
They wonder why the city grew—  
I live there.  
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The reason why—need I repeat?  
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Thanks to the energy and resourcefulness of Dr. Green, the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, which was founded four years ago by the late Mr. Zeigler, has been revived, and will give its second concert in the Orpheum Theatre on Sunday, March 16, at 8:45 p.m. The programme consists of selections from Tschaiowsky, Sibelius, Haydn, Nikolai, and Green.

It is impossible for such an orchestra of sixty people to give concerts free of charge, or even to rely on a collection. Certain constant expenses, such as the payment of the soloists and many of the instrumentalists, must be met, whether the audience is large or small; and the only satisfactory solution to the difficulty is to charge an admission fee. Tickets are on sale at Evans' music store, and should be procured before Sunday, as it is against the law to sell them on that day.

An interesting operatic concert will be given in the Hotel Vancouver on Wednesday, March 19, at 8:30 p.m., under the direction of Madame Enid Hanson. Many well-known local artists are assisting, as well as a chorus of fifty voices under the baton of Mr. Joseph Hinton. The concert will consist of well-known choruses and arias, including the quartette from "Rigoletto." It is being given in aid of the Navy League of Canada, an organization which we all ought to support; and tickets may be obtained either at Evans' music store, or at the Navy League's office, 422 Metropolitan Building.

**A Military Problem**

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### THURSDAY'S PROGRAMME

Yells:

"Kitsilano," etc.  
"Ukulele, Ukulele."  
"Catfish, Dogfish,  
Devilfish, Sharks!  
Attaboy, Attaboy!  
Raise some sparks!  
Eat 'em up! Eat 'em up!  
Eat 'em up! Raw!  
B. C. 'Varsity! Rah! Rah! Rah!"

Songs we are going to sing:

"Bohunkus" ("There was a farmer had two sons," etc.).  
"Darky Sunday School."  
"Solomon Levi."  
"Riding Down from Bangor."  
"There's a Tavern in the Town."  
"Clementine."  
"Billy Magee Magar."  
"N-G-I-N-E-E-R-S," etc. (to the tune of the Doxology).

### A PEEP BEHIND THE SCENES

Outsider—Say, how do you pronounce your name, Chasuble? "Jazuble," or what?

Peebles—Jezebel? Oh, no! (Pointing to Prism.) There goes Jezebel.

Gwendolyn (in a moment of great excitement, to Prof. F. G. C. Wood)—Oh, Freddie! They are calling for you!

Jack (twisting his lines)—I made arrangements with Dr. Chasuble to be christened at 5:30 this morning.

Chasuble (behind the scenes)—Like ducks, he did! Think I'd get up at 5:30 in the morning to give him a bath?

Jack (slipping out after catching a glimpse of Prism in her make-up)—Say, Mr. Wood! Do I have to really kiss Prism in the last act?

Owing to a misreading of signals, the curtain was dropped on Art Lord's head. The curtain was repaired after the performance.

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