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Freshman Class Guests at Reception

FIRST SOCIAL EVENT OF YEAR
IS WELL ATTENDED

"The main thing to keep in mind," said our worthy editor, in delegating us to report on the Freshman reception, "is to get away from the conventional style that describes every dance as 'the best ever,' and so on. Forget that the president and vice-president of the A. M. S. and Mrs. Klinck will be waiting at the door to welcome the bold Freshies who venture out; and, above all, don't go into raptures over the decorations, the orchestra and the mode of serving refreshments." Repeating, solemnly, as many of these directions as we could remember, we sallied forth to the reception, and, by great good luck, arrived just as the cakes and other edibles were being unpacked. When we finally summoned up courage to enter the Auditorium, we received a nice little green ticket bearing a most imposing arrangement of numerals. At first the impression prevailed that these were lottery or raffle tickets, and, feeling very virtuous and high-minded, we nearly decided to depart. However, it was explained that these labels were merely identification disks to aid in the painful process of "getting acquainted." Accordingly we joined a group supporting the wall beneath the cabalistic sign "251-300," and waited. So did everyone else. Finally, "in large and compact masses," the freshmen came into view, and scanned first their own verdant tickets and then the young ladies nearby. We listened: "Are you 279?" "No, but 279 was here a minute ago. Have you seen 252 anywhere?" The password of the evening was, "Have you found yours yet?" We understand that the nervous strain of waiting for the corresponding number to materialize proved over much for several, who retired to the calm of the library to indulge in a mild game of cards.

The various partners being assigned finally, dancing proceeded merrily, to the accompaniment of many apologies and comparisons of the size of the room and the number of dancers. For the early part of the evening the halls offered a change from the crowded main floor, but, with the approach of supper, their coolness was utilized as a supper-room.

The programme of fourteen dances finished promptly at midnight, and, with waltz tunes still ringing in our ears, we betook ourselves homeward, to burn much midnight oil in the concoction of

Players' Club Will Arrange Reception

"TRY-OUTS" COMPLETED—XMAS
PLAYS ANNOUNCED

The first regular meeting of the Players' Club was held on Thursday, October 9th, with the president, Miss Dorothy Adams, in the chair. In opening the meeting Miss Adams welcomed the new members of the club, and, after routine business had been transacted, two committees were appointed to arrange a reception to be given in the Auditorium on October 24th for the successful candidates at the recent try-outs. These are as follows: Misses L. Cowdell, B. Johnston, K. Knowlton and N. Willis, of Arts '22; H. Clark, M. Jackson, H. Leveson, M. Clarksouth and P. J. McKay, of Arts '23; Messrs. J. Berto, Arts '20; J. de Pencier, A. Crawford, Upshall, Arts '21; R. Hunter, E. W. Jackson, C. H. Scott and C. Y. Robson, Arts '23; B. Fraser, Arts '22; A. Manual, Agriculture '22. The judges at this try-out were Dr. Ashton, Dr. Sedgewick and the honorary president, Mr. F. G. C. Wood. The four one-act plays to be given late in November, as announced by Mr. Wood, are: "Abraham and Isaac," a 15th century miracle play; "Pierre Pateline," an old French farce; "The Locked Chest," by John Masefield; and "Playgoers," by Sir Arthur Pinero. Try-outs for places in the casts of these plays will be held in the near future.

The "Ubysssey" would like to call attention to the rules of the reading-room. Conversation in the reading-room is prohibited. We wish our Freshie friends would bear this rule in mind. Surely they are capable of showing a little consideration for their fellow-students. That is all the rule requires. We hope that, now it is pointed out to them how disturbing their conversation is to other—and older—students, they will cease promoting disturbance in the aforementioned fashion.

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this report. In fact, the only fault we could find with the reception was the fact that we had to write it up, and tried frantically all evening to obtain inspirations. None, however, were forthcoming, as this report bears witness.

'Varsity Promises to Have Strong Teams

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED IN THE
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS

The season 1919-20 promises to be one of the most successful which basketball has ever enjoyed in the University of British Columbia. The class of Arts '23 contains a large number of students, both men and women, who have starred in the High School leagues, and several of these players will make strong bids for places on the first teams. The women are out to annex the Farrel Cup, which they lost to the Crofton House last season. The men, strengthened by the return from overseas of "Mickey" McDougall and George Dixon, should finish at, or near, the top of the City League.

The men have already commenced to practice, and at the first workout, held in the King Edward gymnasium, twenty-two players were on hand. Practices will be held every Monday and Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

The men will probably have three teams in the various Vancouver leagues, while steps will be taken immediately for the formation of a class league in the University, consisting of teams from the different years in Arts and Science.

Whether or not the University will be successful in obtaining the use of the Normal School gymnasium is not yet known. Several members of the board of governors will visit Victoria in the near future, and this will be one of the matters which they will take up with the Minister of Education.

ELECTIONS

At a meeting of the executive of the Men's Athletic Association, held on Friday, the following officers were elected:

Hon. President—Mr. P. H. Elliott.
President—A. E. Lord.
Vice-President—J. R. Kingham.
Secretary—E. Solloway.
Treasurer—Mr. Clarke.
Curator—N. T. Grimmett.

The following are the officers of the Women's Athletic Association:

Hon. President—Mrs. Boving.
President—M. Kilpatrick.
Vice-President—D. Hopper.
Secretary-Treasurer—L. Swencisky.
Curator—H. Draper.

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- 3—Looks lost. Green and white. Simple and childish. "X."
- 4—Eyes. "Z."
- 5—Red dress and powder. Looks as though would rub off. To be found anywhere.
- 6—Simplicity; dressed in pink. "Now-be-a-good-little-girl" type.
- 7—White pumps, black stockings. Dress, yellow; hair, red. "Y."
- 8—Goggles. Very studious. Menacing and awful. "Z."
- 9—Languid and sleepy. Beastly bore for her to dance. Blue. "Y."
- 10—Pink, pinker, pinkest. "Y."
- 11—Carefully curled. Serene and soporific. "Z."
- 12—Chewing gum. Can't stop to talk. Supper.
- 13—"Chewing gum" again. "Ye gods!"
- 14—Cute little dear. White and creamy. Bashful and sweet.

ARTS '20

Arts '20 is justly renowned for its knack of hitting upon unique and novel ideas, and its early proceedings during the Fall session point to a no less original programme for its last year in U. B. C.

At a meeting held last week the question of a class paper was definitely settled, the form of the publication decided upon, and a staff appointed. Miss Rena Grant and Mr. G. E. MacKinnon were chosen as associate editors, with Miss Agnes Damer and Mr. J. D. Sidons as sub-editors. An early issue of the paper is promised, and members of the class are looking forward eagerly to the appearance of the new publication--for the perusal of Arts '20 only.

In order to ensure a good showing in the inter-class debates during the year, speakers have been elected early to represent the class in the annual contests in both the Men's and Women's Lits. Messrs. A. Peebles and Buck will represent the men of Arts '20, and Miss Katherine Pillsbury and Miss Patricia Smith the women, in the approaching debates.

Steps are being taken by the executive to bring a little more academic dignity into the University by procuring gowns at once for the Seniors, and an effort is being made to provide some satisfactory "label" for the Freshman class. A committee of Seniors has been considering the matter, and its report will be submitted to the undergraduate societies.

The question of a distinctive class song has also been taken up, and before long the rest of the 'Varsity may be treated to a variety of original Arts '20 songs and yells.

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ECONOMICS DISCUSSION CLUB

At the organization meeting of the Economics Discussion Club held on October 3rd the following officers were elected:

Honorary President—Dr. Boggs.
President—Mr. J. Denham.
First Vice-Pres.—Miss H. Matheson.
Second Vice-President—Mr. Couper.
Secretary—Miss Hazel McConnell.
Treasurer—Mr. E. Boss.

Another meeting was held October 10th, when it was agreed to invite honorary members to the club.

Dr. Boggs agreed to address the first meeting on Tuesday, October 14th.

LECTURE BY DR. EASTMAN

All thinking students of U. B. C. are sure to find matter of interest in the announcement that Dr. Eastman is to speak on "Alsace-Lorraine" in the Auditorium on October 17th. Dr. Eastman has had full opportunity, while in France, to gain a close knowledge of modern Alsatian history, and can speak with authority not only on the past history, but on the current problems of the newly-recovered provinces. An admission fee of fifty cents will be charged, the proceeds to go to the Ann Wesbrook Scholarship Fund.

At a meeting of the Gymnasium Club held recently Miss H. Draper was elected president, in place of Miss Hazel Thompson, who has not returned to the University.

A box has been placed in the Main Hall for the convenience of contributors. If you have any protests to register, or hear some particularly amusing comments or jokes, write them out and give the rest of the 'Varsity the benefit of them.

The first meeting of the Y. W. C. A. was held in the Auditorium on Wednesday, October 8th, at noon. Miss Leila Coates presided. Miss D. Brenchley gave a report on the convention at Whytecliffe. Miss B. Gill outlined the plans of the finance committee for the year. Miss N. Willis rendered a pleasing pianoforte selection. The speaker was the Rev. Mr. Kerr, of St. Andrew's Church, New Westminster, who gave an interesting address on "The Forward Movement."

ELECTIONS

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The Men's Basketball Club have elected the following officers for the year:

Hon. President—Dr. Davidson.
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Editor "Ubysssey."

Dear Sir:—It has been customary for the W. U. S. to hold a masquerade, known as "High Jinks," about the end of January in each session. So far High Jinks has been a strictly feminine affair. I think I am expressing the opinion of the majority of the women of the University in saying that the masquerade would be a far greater success if it were open to the men.

High Jinks is principally a dance; and what dance is a success when all its participants are women? It really isn't a dance at all—it is a mere sham. There is no one to lead properly, and each awkward couple is continually jostled and bumped by some other equally awkward pair. The men, I am sure, would welcome the opportunity of attending so novel an affair as a masquerade would be in U. B. C.

This suggestion is advanced early, it is true. However, the writer knows how slowly changes are accomplished, and is anxious that there should be plenty of time for the W.U.S. to decide to change High Jinks from a very tame and crude affair to a really pleasurable masquerade.

M. E. S.

Editor "Ubysssey":

As the result of painful experience acquired at the Freshman reception and other college dances, I would like to emphasize the necessity of some adequate set of numbers being provided for the different dances, to be placed in a conspicuous corner near the orchestra. Surely one of the many organizations of the University is willing to win immortal fame by supplying this long-felt

need, and minimizing the chances of perhaps irremediable difficulty and distress caused by simple mistakes as to the numbers of dances.

C. A. T.

Editor "Ubysssey."

Dear Sir:—Might I suggest through the "Ubysssey" columns that at the next "sing-song" some attention be given "O Canada"? We all know that "O Canada" always "falls flat" on account of there being so many sets of words written for it; but let us in the U. B. C. stand by one version of it, e.g., the version in our University Song Book, and learn to sing it, and not repeat the failure which took place in the Auditorium last week.

I might suggest that it would be wise for students to all procure song books and keep them at the college—not at home on some musty bookshelf, to be looked at in years to come. Make them "capital," increasing the output of our sing-songs.

SOPH.

Editor "Ubysssey."

Dear Sir:—As I understand the usual privilege of airing grievances in the correspondence column of the "Ubysssey" will be granted again this year, may I ask space to make a suggestion?

Anyone passing, as is often necessary, along the wooden sidewalks leading from the Arts building to the Science lecture-rooms, must have noticed the crowding of the sidewalk between lecture hours, especially when a freshman class is travelling in one direction or another.

Now, Mr. Editor, it is well known that most long-established universities count among their traditions one which forces freshmen to yield precedence to upper-class men in many matters in which such a privilege is desired. Is it not time some such token of respect for Seniors should be enforced in U. B. C., and is it impossible to make some arrangement whereby freshmen should allow Seniors and Juniors free passage along the walks?

IN HASTE.

ECONOMICS DISCUSSION CLUB

The Economics Discussion Club commenced the term's activities on Tuesday night, October 15th. Several matters of business were dealt with; among these being the fixing of the night of meeting in future for Thursdays, and the amending of the clause in the constitution dealing with membership. All students who have taken one course in economics, or are taking one or more courses, other than Economics I., are now eligible for membership. Mr. Sage, at this meeting, was elected to honorary membership.

The speaker for the evening was Mr. Angus, who took for his subject "Direct Action." He outlined the history of the illegality of various forms of strikes and the suggested methods for dealing with cases of direct action. The club benefited from his intimate knowledge of the question in both Great Britain and France. The discussion that followed ranged from consideration of the specific cases themselves to the abstract realms of what would happen in the event of direct action and opposition in various cases.

"THE GIPSY"

Born in a gipsy tent in Cambridge-shire, England; converted at seventeen, an officer in the Salvation Army for a time, and evangelist of world-wide fame is, in brief, the history of Gipsy Smith, who is to speak to us next week. Many men have used the name; but there is only one original Gipsy Smith, and he will speak in Wesley Church every evening and St. Andrew's every afternoon for the next two weeks. He will address the students of the U. B. C. on Friday, October 24th, at the noon hour. An opportunity of this kind should not be lost. Let us fill the Auditorium. Make a note of the hour now.

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Physical training is this year to be compulsory for all first- and second-year men students, according to an announcement made recently by the athletic director. If a student does not take the required amount of physical training, he will enter his next year starred in that subject and will be compelled to take it in that year.

The work prescribed by the physical director for the undergraduates consists of participation in any form of athletics and gymnasium work. With first- and second-year men, a minimum of two periods a week in the gymnasium is required.—“The Varsity,” Toronto.

In an editorial in the “Varsity,” we find the idea that has been seeking expression many, many times in different phases of our University activities. Perhaps it is not new to you, but it can bear quotation:

“From all over the world, the challenge comes for intellectual and professional leadership. By our presence in this University, we profess to have picked up the gauntlet. We are availing ourselves of the highest educational privilege which our country has to offer, and our responsibility is proportionately great. We have come here with ideals, vague, perhaps, but none the less real, and the spirit in which we strive to attain them will determine not only our character, but our influence on our fellow-students. The close of the world struggle has lifted the war clouds from our horizon, and every member of the undergraduate body, whether returned from overseas or continuing an uninterrupted course of study, is entering upon a new life—a life of greater opportunity, a life of greater responsibility.”

FROM THE CORRIDORS

Why is it absolutely necessary to hold animated discussions immediately in front of the most important bulletin boards in the main hall? Such unusual interest in the notices is highly flattering, and frequently entirely unhelped for; but, for the sake of students not provided with periscopes, we would suggest that students leave approaches to the bulletin boards as free as possible.

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THE COLLEGE CAT ONCE MORE

'Twas upon an evening dreary, when my head was very weary, and the world seemed far from cheery, in the stack-room dim I sat. In the stack-room, dimly lighted, there I sat like one benighted; all at once I spied, or sighted, a ferocious-looking cat. Lean it was and very lanky; once, no doubt, it was quite swanky; now it looked exceeding cranky, perched upon the bookcase there. Fearsomely its whiskers curling, there it sat with tail unfurling, with a strange and gruesome twirling; in its eye a yellow glare. "Hello, pussy," said I, smiling, with an aim to reconciling beast so terrible and thin. "Hello," then the creature uttered, scarcely more than hardly muttered, while its whiskers gently fluttered in a wide and awful grin. "Cat or fiend," I shrieked, upstarting, all my soul within me smarting, "be that word our sign of parting; leave me, I can bear no more. Leave no single sign nor token, leave my loneliness unbroken; cats that I have known have spoken, to my knowledge, ne'er before. Who are you with presence haunting, that my terrors here are taunting, with an ugliness so haunting; who are you, then, tell me that?" For a moment paused and stayed he, then this soft reply he made me, gently, humbly said he, "Lady, I am but the college cat!" Students that had tales for telling, felt their griefs and sorrows swelling, and their hearts within them swelling, held an interview with me. I would hear their grievance brightly, settled problems expeditely, and set forth their tales politely in the weekly 'Ubysey.' Though my crest is shorn and shaven, yet I ne'er have been a craven: all I seek is some safe haven wherein I can, peaceful, die." Quickly then, with much tail-slashin', he worked himself into a passion. "I am only out of fashion," was his wild and hopeless cry.

And the creature still is sitting, still is sitting, never flitting, on a high and dusty book-case just inside the stack-room door. You can interview him briefly, if you've not done so before.

Fashions come and go, and, after a trance of two years, the college cat has returned to his ancient haunts. Watch this column for his views on life in general, and U. B. C. in particular.

THINK IT OVER

Do 'Varsity students, as a rule, really think for themselves? "No," say some: "Yes," say others, with equal faith in their own judgment. Everywhere we hear, with or without variations, some phase of idea that the students of to-day are the leaders of to-morrow. If so, the habit of self-reliance must be acquired somewhere before entering upon the actual business of life. Is it during the four years of college that the student learns to form his or her opinion independently of surroundings or companions? Apply the question to yourself, and (this is not an insult, far from it) count up the number of times you have decided some difficult problem entirely alone, or how often you have "followed the crowd." Do college students really think for themselves? The answer is of importance to us all. But what is it?

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THE SAME OLD PLEA

As usual, the "Ubysey" is in need of assistance in the way of contributions from the students; and, realizing the impossibility of appealing to each one individually, the Publications Board asks, through the medium of print, for co-operation. The "Ubysey" is essentially a paper of the students, for the students and by the students, and, in order to produce any results at all worthy of U. B. C., a certain amount of sympathy and active interest must be evinced by the main body of undergraduates. The paper aims at representing student thought, and, to do that successfully, must be able to count among its contributors members of every year and faculty. Surely there is some department or column in the weekly to which you can add something. We are very anxious to hear from Arts '23, and are counting on receiving contributions from that year. To the rest of the 'Varsity we say again, "Tuum Est."

THE INFLUENCE OF THE UNIVERSITY

Just now we hear endless dissertations on the inefficiency of present school systems and the need of radical changes in the curriculum. Did you ever stop to consider how much this agitation affects and is affected by the University courses and calendar requirements? Mr. H. G. Wells, in one of his latest works, "Joan and Peter," probes into the heart of the British school system, and arrives at the conclusion that many of its abuses are due to the entrance demands of the universities. Surely there is a modicum of truth in this view; but, if so, where does the remedy lie? As University students, we are likely to be affected closely by this tendency towards a certain degree of revolution in the educational system, and ought to be able to think with a fair amount of coherency upon this point. Who picks up the gauntlet on behalf of the old order of education?

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Interest is being revived among the women of the University in the sport of ice hockey, and an organization meeting was held recently with the object of placing this game once more on the list of U. B. C. athletics. Dean Brock was elected honorary president; Miss M. R. Munro, president, and Miss Cordingly, secretary-treasurer. Miss D. Hopper will act as captain. Ice hockey had many ardent devotees in the early days of U. B. C., but has been neglected recently. However, the interest shown in the matter this term promises a more successful foundation for the club.

Even hard-working college students occasionally find time to indulge in the luxury of reading. The next time you find an odd hour hanging heavy on your hands, get a copy of a recently-issued anthology of poems, entitled "Songs of Men." From the first poem in the book, "Out There Somewhere," through the long list of chants of the magic of the out-of-doors, and descriptions of "the road to Vagabondia that lies across the earth," and the hushed beauty of "An Island Song," and Masefield's lyrical ecstasy, "Sea Fever," there is something for all tastes. Even ardent geologists may find their favorite many-syllabled names in "Evolution."

From Geology 2 comes the solution we have been seeking for several days. It has been explained that the voice of the lecturer exercises a profound hypnotic influence on the class, producing a bland and unruffled expression even in the face of a point-blank question. Surely this is a sufficient answer to the base insinuations of Mr. Wood!

A birdie, with a yellow head,
Cocked his eye at me and said:
"Are you naturally impudent,
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