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Petition Meets Widespread Approval

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STUDENT SPIRIT

It has been constantly thrown in the face of the Student Publicity Committee that all their efforts to arouse public interest in the University would be of no avail. Certainly encouragement from official quarters has not been of a type to arouse enthusiasm. However, the Committee has one thing for which it may be thankful. It has the student body behind it to a remarkable degree.

It was not surprising that plenty of enthusiasm was in evidence at Friday's meeting. The students had been held in check long enough and they were ready for anything. But it is one thing to vote unanimously for action and quite another to turn out early on a miserable morning, such as yesterday, to start canvassing a lot of strangers, many of whom are known to be hostile to the cause. The student body, however, has amply demonstrated that the wild applause which it accorded to speakers at the meetings on Friday and Saturday were more than the response of mob psychology to a clever speech. It has proved that the individuals which compose it are prepared, almost without exception, to sacrifice their own convenience and comfort for the good cause. And the spirit shown by the co-eds has, if anything, exceeded that displayed by the members of the stronger sex. Wading through slush and traversing streets in a veritable blizzard the girls obtained so much sympathy that they everywhere obtained an attentive hearing and as a result their lists of signatures grew even faster than those of the men. It has been said that the enthusiasm displayed in the campaign of 1922-23 was unparalleled but if it exceeded that which was exhibited yesterday it was well over one hundred per cent.

The Committee has reason to be proud of the way in which the students have responded to the call for action. It only remains for the latter to keep up the good work after the novelty of the situation has faded. If Saturday brings forth evidence of sustained enthusiasm there can be little doubt that the number of signatures obtained will be far in excess of that which the Fairview campaign produced. What is more important, however, is that this overwhelming demonstration of the students' sincerity cannot fail to have a real and lasting effect on the public.

Cops Compel Cordons of Cars To Cease: Beer Parlors Yield Many Names to Pretty Co-eds

Signatures Four In While Many Students Meet Peculiar People And Humorous Situations

All traffic signals at a down-town intersection turned red yesterday while the policeman on duty signed on the dotted line for our Alma Mater. After that the Ubysssey press car pressed on to pick up district results, signatures, humorous incidents and news of any kind.

One co-ed interrupted a poker game in a South Vancouver barber-shop and succeeded in obtaining another five signatures. Even here, cuts were not popular.

Away across the city in far-away New Westminster a student was found mounted on a bench in the waiting room of the B. C. Electric station urging one and all to sign their John Henries along with the other thousands.

Another co-ed pushed open the door of a barber shop, but instead of finding another poker game in progress she observed three women undergoing their regular cut-up. Realizing she had them at her mercy and that they couldn't hit back, she made full use of the opportunity and left with another three names on her list.

Two husky Sciencemen pulled themselves together and interrupted a road gang at work. Men forsook the shovels and took their pens in hand. Just another ten signatures. "My occupation!" exclaimed one woman. "I really don't know what it is."

"I'll just put down housewife," suggested the canvasser.

"Oh, no! Don't do that. I'm not married," was the reply.

Babies' colds, chimney fires, furniture polish, Cotsworths' calendar, spring, measles, smallpox, conscientious objectors, and Hon. Mr. Hinchliffe were topics discussed by the housewife and the signature striving student.

"I'll have to phone up my hubby," was met more than once throughout the residential district.

"My husband has to read it before I can sign anything," was an excuse that one Junior had to get around.

Two students entered a beer-parlor armed with petition forms and obtained forty-two signatures. They mounted a street car a few minutes later and were successful with every one in the car except the motorman and one woman passenger. The lady's

Estimated Number of Signatures at Time of Going To Press
60,000

Perhaps He Will Break a Rib.

by Tavender



MORNING MEETING IS GREAT SUCCESS AS ACTION STARTS

That good fighters are at their best when the going looks toughest was strikingly illustrated yesterday in the University auditorium when the largest gathering of students in the history of the U.B.C. assembled for final instructions that would send them into a cold, snowy city in search of public support.

When Earl Vance called the meeting to order and invited part of the mob which was jamming the aisles to join the august councillors and publicity men upon the platform, there were still great numbers fighting for standing room. On every side cheerful but determined faces presaged an active and industrious drive on all parts of the city.

The meeting got into full swing with the most rousing and enthusiastic rendition of "Hail U. B. C." which that admirable song has so far experienced at the hands of the students. Earl Vance uncovered another of his latent talents in directing the musical outburst. Continuing with his opening remarks Vance stressed the importance of realizing how much now depends upon the campaign for signatures, and gave an interesting illustration on how to approach the house-wife (prompted by Harold Straight).

Kenny Martin then addressed the gathering and issued final instructions to the various groups and classes with regard to transportation arrangements.

A man in New Westminster claims that he was requested to save the University fourteen times while he proceeded along one block in that city. Whether he did so or not is not recorded.

While canvassing an apartment a co-ed's knock was answered by a gruff "Who's that?"

After the explanation, the voice again wafted through the doorway. "I'll sign it, but I'm not going to get up." The co-ed slipped the blank petition under the door and it returned a moment later with one more name on it.

Ken Logan entered one office building down town and struggled out some hours later with 175 signatures in his possession.

An industrious Aggie button-holed one gentleman in New Westminster and after talking to him for a full ten minutes found that his victim had already signed a petition.

FLASH—Sitting Bull signs Student petition.

LIBRARIAN PRESENTS NOON-HOUR LECTURE

"In the United States the idea of success has a dollar sign in front of it," said Mr. John Ridington in his noon-hour address last Tuesday, which was the third in the S.C.M. series of noon-hour lectures.

Under the topic, "The Influence of Economic Conditions on Culture," the speaker stressed the effect of commerce and industry upon culture in the Western hemisphere, particularly in the United States.

"Prior to the Industrial revolution, civilization was based upon lands, not upon industry," he stated, "but after it the world entered upon the present utilitarian age. In the United States today, every form of activity, education, sport and pleasure, is controlled by the industrial element. It is a business civilization.

"The influence in England is not so great. There is an aristocracy whose interests are not solely in industry and commerce; the church and the universities are endowed and independent of the moneyed powers; there are careers besides that of business open to the younger generation.

"In the United States it is far otherwise," declared Mr. Ridington. "Ambitions, pleasures, the conception of what is success in life, education—all are dominated by business. In many universities education is aimed solely at fitting one for earning money and the cultural value is entirely overlooked." The speaker named such examples as courses in home-laundrying, cookery, advertising methods, and tap-dancing.

"The business of the university should be primarily to train its students to have a true sense of beauty,

SUCCESS INDICATED IN UP-COUNTRY WORK HANDLED BY ALUMS

The Alumnae Association of U.B.C. has been handling the distribution of the petition throughout the interior of the province.

At time of going to press, reports of definite progress made were not yet available, but the fact that graduates from Varsity are to be found in every inland town and that a number of student speakers have been already detailed to address mass meetings in many of these centres, is felt to promise as great success in the interior as has attended the efforts of students in Vancouver and New Westminster.

In Victoria, a dozen students who left here yesterday morning have stirred up sufficient numbers of the populace to call a mass meeting for tonight for the purpose of getting the University's side of the question concerning so great a cut in the grant.

The people of the capital city are anxious to hear a student speaker on the question, and one left here last night to address them. Thousands of petition forms have already been sent, and the fact of tonight's meeting is evidence conclusive that Victoria is not going to be behind the rest of the province in giving the students a fair hearing.

to teach them to enjoy the true treasures of the mind and spirit, and to create ideals which will enable its graduates to live a full, happy enjoyable life."

Students Trudge In Falling Snow To Seek Support

Vancouver and District Shown To Be Strongly In Favor of Maintaining U.B.C. At High Level; All Sections Covered By Classes

Over two thousand students tramped the streets of Greater Vancouver all day Friday, in the greatest campaign effort Varsity has organized since the great trek from Fairview.

Each class mobilized at its centre of operation, chose leaders and dispersed in an orderly manner all over the city. From the number of signatures to date, opinion in Vancouver seems to be favorable to the cause of the students. Very few people actually refused to sign the petition, and of the refusals, the majority were from foreigners who were unable to understand what was asked of them.

Public Sympathy
More than half the people approached signed without question, expressing themselves as heartily against a fifty percent reduction in the University grant. Many remarked on the enthusiasm of the students who would turn out en masse in a snow storm to save their university. Others protested that the University is only for the children of the rich, and to keep a staff of professors in high salaried idleness. A great many even of these, were induced to sign.

Royal City Leads the Way
New Westminster, covered by the Aggies, was in the lead, both in the number of signatures and the amount of enthusiasm shown by the people. With business-like organization the farmers patrolled every street and house. Men were placed on every corner in the business district to approach passers-by and at the B. C. Electric station to meet those coming from trains. Reports from the residential district were also favorable.

Apartment Houses Good Ground
Arts '32 met with success in the down-town business district. Offices and banks yielded the most names. A student obtained one hundred and seventy-five names in one office building alone. Canvassers who were touring this district stated that wherever they went, they had received courteous attention and will- ing support. In the West End, seniors reported that in many places people would not open their doors, but very few actually refused to sign. Apartment houses yielded the most signatures, while rooming houses seemed the most untriedly.

Sciencemen Have Tough Grind
The hardest section to canvass, and the one producing the least results, was the district east of Main street, which was being covered by Science. Many people in this district are foreigners and the Sciencemen had hard sledding. However, they persisted valiantly and even signed up gangs of men working on the roads.

Arts '33, covering South Vancouver, reported a very favorable reception. In one district, eight-hundred names were obtained with only six refusals.

Full reports from the Fairview district (Education) have not been obtained, but those so far returned have been good. The Frosh have also been meeting with a cordial reception in Kitsilano and Kerrisdale.

Reports from the North Shore, where the Sophomores were canvassing, showed two thousand signed on the dotted line. The scattered nature of the district made the work difficult.

Theology Complete District
Latest reports from the Theology district, state that they have completed their entire allotment, and have obtained nearly sixteen hundred names.

Many students covered their allotted streets before the day was over, and returned to Headquarters for new assignments.

Today the students will be redistributed over the districts not properly covered on Friday, and the Committee expects to have a complete and thorough canvass of the city completed by this afternoon.

DESERTED VARSITY HAS TRANQUIL DAY MINUS UNDERGRADS

Mark Collins should be able to get a job as traffic policeman any time he wants one now, for 2000 students can recommend him as an efficient and hard-working director.

Hordes of chattering students required a lot of resounding explanations to get them on the right buses this morning when the cavalcade set forth to storm the city.

The buses themselves were in difficult straits as they attempted to extricate themselves from the swarm of determined petitioners. Reports from a reliable source confirm the rumor that the Feature Editor got too worked up about the whole affair and clambered on the wrong bus, to the dismay of himself and his colleague, who had to trudge back many miles through the snow.

After the last bus-load had struggled off, the campus was left in stark silence and a graveyard quiet. One lone student was discovered in the Library. Empty common-rooms rang back with the echoes of empty halls. Lecture-rooms knew not the sound of human voice. Even the cafeteria was silent. A few professors talking in the hall heard their sayings resounding to a Great Void. Asked what they thought of being left to lecture to unoccupied seats, they expressed their whole-hearted approval of student action, and admiration for their tremendous enthusiasm.

What the lonely janitors, waitresses, mechanics and other university employees did without their beloved students is an unanswered question. Maybe they sat around and sighed. Maybe they all went on a prayer for the brave petitioners. The operation and sympathy had assured, at any rate. The Universitee bid a morning to her day and a sepulchral around the campus psychic listeners to "Bring home the b.

Students Gather to Protest Grant Cut



This is a photograph taken of the student mass meeting held Thursday noon in preparation for the circulation of the giant petition. Nearly two thousand students packed the auditorium to the aisles. The object of the drive was stated, instructions were given out, and a general appeal made to the students by the Campaign Committee for their co-operation and support. The response shook the building,—a deafening shout of relief greeted the declaration that it was up to the students now to

jump in and do their share after weeks of suspense. The Committee had drawn up careful plans for organizing the petitioners, not only in Vancouver centre, but in North and West Vancouver, Burnaby and New Westminster as well, not to mention the wide-spread effort to circulate the petition through the whole province. Friday's results are conclusive evidence of the spirit of whole-hearted zeal and co-operation with which these plans were carried out.