



—Photo by Bruce McFarlane.

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"Knacks, trifles, nosegays, sweetmeats..."

Culture seldom hits the headlines. Shakespeare hasn't since the Globe Theatre was closed because of the plague in 1603. 1963 is not a year of the plague, but it is the year of the finest theatrical production to hit the boards at Victoria College in years.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream", the selection of the Victoria College Players Club this year, starts a five-night run tonight. The credits are impressive. Carl Hare, director, studied at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts in London under a Canada Council scholarship and

has a fine touch with the old master dramatist. Dr. Chester Lambertson has composed an original musical score for the production. Some years ago Dr. Lambertson composed an hour-long musical for CBC television called "Bonanza", long before the western saga by that name invaded the wasteland. The unusual set design, featuring a stage which permits a high degree of fluidity essential in a Shakespearian play, was designed by Ted Parker, a professional set and theatre designer from Vancouver.

The cast, featuring Dougal Fraser as Bottom, Gillian Farr as Puck and Jane Turner as Hippolyta, Queen of the Ama-

zons, is exceptional. Others who are outstanding are Horace Mayea as Quince, Theseus by Dave Milne and Chris Morley as Lysander.

The play, set in Athens, and brilliantly costumed by Mrs. Clara Hare, is a phantasy, drifting in and out of reality, touching upon the fantastic and the beautiful, the ludicrous and the farcical. Lorne Priestley, in charge of the lighting, bathes the stage in blue moonlight, forest green and golden sunlight.

The play is a thing of beauty and a joy to behold. It is a difficult work to produce, and it has been done exceedingly well. Don't miss it.

RCMP Probes Student Actions

VANCOUVER (CUP)—Three University of British Columbia students claim they know of RCMP undercover investigations on the university campus.

The trio told their story to a reporter from the UBC student newspaper, The Ubysey, during a two-week investigation of RCMP activities at that campus. The investigation is part of a nation-wide survey undertaken by Canadian University Press to determine the truth of recent charges concerning RCMP campus activities.

EVIDENCE AT UBC

During the investigation the reporter found:

• A fourth year Arts student who said his parents and friends were questioned about his political activities.

• A member of the Nuclear Disarmament Club who said undercover officers attend meetings of the club.

• A graduate student who said his friends have pointed out undercover RCMP officers.

Almost all the students Ubysey reporter Rickard Simeon talked to during the survey said they had heard rumours that RCMP officers were on campus masquerading as students and sitting in classes.

NDP TAKES UP CAUSE

Vancouver-Burrard NDP MP Tom Berger told Ubysey investigators:

"It's going on at all other Canadian universities. There's no reason to assume it's not going on at UBC."

According to The Ubysey, Berger said he and NDP Leader Tommy Douglas will reveal the names of three students on other campuses who have been investigated by the police, when the house reconvened.

The fourth year Arts student told the paper his parents political records had been investi-

gated and his friends questioned about his political beliefs after he had been receiving material inviting him to attend the Communist Youth Festival in Helsinki last year.

OBVIOUSLY RCMP

He said also that several young men, who did not identify themselves as RCMP officers asked him several questions.

"The type of questions they asked... made it pretty obvious who they were."

"When I didn't get to the Festival all surveillance stopped," he said.

A student said he was receiving material from the Soviet embassy and was approached openly by the RCMP.

Another student, a member of the Nuclear Disarmament Club, said RCMP men attend all meetings of the club.

"Last year one was taking notes and carried a camera."

EX-POLICEMAN UNINVOLVED

The Ubysey questioned one of the students pointed out as an RCMP informant. He admitted he was an ex-policeman, but said he had no connection with the force at that time.

"I most certainly have not been investigating students," he said. "I'm in Education now and it's hard enough for older students as it is without doing that on the side."

None of the professors questioned knew of any RCMP undercover work.

Several said, however, they had been approached openly by uniformed policemen in connection with hiring students for government jobs for which a security check was necessary.

BASH AT ESQUIMALT

By TERRY MATTE

Esquimalt High graduates will soon have an opportunity to meet and gather and dance and all that stuff.

On Feb. 8, the third annual Homecoming and Scholarship Dance will be held in the specially decorated gym at Esquimalt High.

Mr. Roy Temple, Vice-Principal of EHS, promised that this homecoming will be the biggest yet. As in past years, there will be draws and novelty dances—but more of them. A new innovation this year is a perpetual trophy awarded on the basis of attendance. It will be presented to the graduate class with the most members present.

The theme of the dance is one of which the sponsors are justly proud—the progress of the school from 1926 to 1963. Miss Gwendolyn Hewlings has been appropriately chosen as Honorary Patron.

In one of our frequent fits of irresponsibility, this reporter asked Mr. Temple about the advisability of taking a small, inconspicuous flask of fluid spiritual motivation—but received the predictable negative reply.

Tickets are available at the door, or may be stolen from well known campus personality Bruce Mitchell.

It looks like a hell of a good show.

Choir Sings With Symphony

Since last October, the College Choir has been practising Edward Elgar's "Dream of Gerontius".

Although this was composed in 1900, it has never before been performed in Victoria.

The Choir will be singing with the Victoria Symphony Orchestra during the first weekend in February; Friday, February 1 at 8:00 p.m. in Duncan; Sunday, February 3 at 3:00 p.m., and Monday, February 4 at 8:30 p.m. in the Royal Theatre, Victoria.

This is the third year that the choir has sung with the symphony, and they are hoping that this year a greater number of the student body will come to hear them.

Student tickets may be purchased for 50 cents for the Sunday performance; regular prices are in effect for the other two performances. These tickets may be obtained from Eaton's box office.

NFCUS Seminar

OTTAWA—The theme of the VI National Seminar of the National Federation of Canadian University Students will be "Technology and Man". One hundred and fifty students from 39 universities will participate in the seminar, to be held at the Federated Colleges at Guelph, Aug. 31 to Sept. 6.

Four students from Victoria College will be attending.



—Photo by Bruce McFarlane.

Phrateres' Sweetheart Miss Carolyn Wilde demonstrates limbo dance for Council President Alf Pettersen.

"Famous for Friendliness"

Phrateres, as a group, is for girls only. As individuals, Phrateres are quite normal. Phrateres is the girls' service club active on campus, trying very hard to live up to their motto: "Famous for Friendliness".

All this week members are participating in a drive, not Freudian, but for more members. Remember the little sweetie-pie who disrobed on the stage in the auditorium? Those cute chicks from the hockey team? Well, girls, you too can display your talents. You can sell stationery or sweaters, usher for the play or be of service in any way you desire.

The annual dance, held at the Club Tango, was a success, for those of you who can still remember. So, girls, come to the introductory meeting, Wednesday, Jan. 30, in room E58.

Gordon Head girls: Show that your spirit still flows strong out there, and come on in for the meeting.

THE MARTLET

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Co-Operation or Stagnation?

There is an air of hostility towards the Students' Council Why? The reasons are fairly clear.

Firstly, it's a small, cohesive, friendly group, residing in a small office; some would call it a clique.

Secondly, the council has a degree of power and influence not possessed by any other single group on campus, save the entire student body itself. This fact is naturally resented.

Thirdly, the Students' Council is all too accessible. It sits right over the cafeteria and is open all day to everyone. Intimacy too often breeds disrespect. Watch the situation change when the next council moves into the Student Union building.

Fourthly, the council was inadvertently embroiled in an election brawl earlier in the college year, and has never been able to shake off the ill will aroused by some at that time.

The council, fortunately or unfortunately, is composed of an unusual group of individuals. The personalities of some are very controversial; some explosive, some rigid, some passive. No one wants a faceless council; on the other hand, no one wants individual personalities dominating the scene. Some say this has occurred. This group has been unusually decisive and firm. It has brought what weight it has to bear on several problems, and the outcry has been astonishing.

The council naturally tends to become more cohesive and introverted as opposition from the bulk of the student body intensifies. This is (azz) a recognized fact of everyday life. Any small group under pressure tends to turn inwards when no support is forthcoming from the greater group, only opposition.

Thoughtful students realize that the council has made errors, and make constructive suggestions. Thoughtful council members realize it too. Some on both sides realize that there are two sides to every argument. All are aware of the very large amount of business the council finds time to take care of every week.

It is an unfortunate fact about public office that the elected group or individual inevitably becomes isolated from the main stream of affairs. The Students' Council has tried to overcome this fact by holding "speakeasys", and the mere fact that the office is so accessible helps dispel this isolation.

The very structure of the Students' Council depends upon the student body. The students are the source of power, the source of the right to wield power. The council and the students are one and the same, each depending upon the other. When one side lets the other down, the whole structure begins to collapse.

Bull by the Horns

By MIKE HORN

Our provincial Solons and Cleons have gathered once again to see what can be done to make life in British Columbia even more wonderful. One suggestion to help make it so they have ignored; they haven't gone to Timbuktu or Hades. Unlike Big Fanny, they know where to squat, and to cut out all competition it has become illegal to "loiter" on the buildings lawns.

It should be interesting, in any case, to see how much Dr. McGeer, UBC's Very Own Member, can do for higher education. Though I was pleased to see him elected, I doubt whether he'll be able to do much against the Social Credit monolith. That party is rapidly becoming a lasting monument to the skill of certain politicians in convincing John Q. Public that they are indispensable.

They haven't done it by thumping the Sacred tub, of course. The buddy-buddy relationship which Mr. Bennett has established with Wall Street should prove this. Probably Canada's cleverest living politico, he is essentially a Conservative who crossed the floor at the right time. Any similarity between him and a Sacred is therefore purely coincidental, something which American financiers have grasped long ago even if true-blue Sacreds haven't.

Whatever else Mr. Bennett and his cabinet may be, they are not starry-eyed simpletons. Originally many Sacreds were (some still are), being drawn from among disgruntled would-be idealists who disliked both Communism and conventional capitalism. Some became fascists; others clung to the Funny Money schemes of Major Douglas.

But now Social Credit has become smart and respectable, at least in B.C. Whenever he reads M. Couette's latest pronouncement on politics or economics our premier probably chokes on his Okanagan apple juice. He seems a man easily amused, but nothing he has ever said or done indicates that he believes Money is at all Funny.

It is a tribute to his faith that money is as serious as life and death that U.S. financiers keep sending the dam stuff up here. And it is a tribute to his belief in the vote-getting qualities of money conspicuously spent on roads, that he is still in power.

Our roads are therefore magnificent. Higher education, however, which doesn't strike the average Joe as being beneficial to the many, has to limp along with badly overtaxed facilities.

Now I have somehow a bias favoring higher education, and I don't like Mr. Bennett's attitude. Ten years of Social Credit have shown the naivete of hoping that his government will spend large sums of money for reasons other than overwhelming need or, more often, political expedience.

One way to get the money we need is to convince the government that either or both of these reasons exist. Should this fail, let's do our best to secure a government perhaps less flashy and clever, but rather more interested in universities.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editorializing

Dear Sir:

It has been drawn to my attention that a large number of readers are upset over the headline that appeared over my article in last week's Martlet. I can only agree with them. I would ask you to inform these readers that I had nothing what so ever to do with the headline that appeared.

While my own opinion tends towards the idea that Dr. Chisholm was somewhat repetitious, I did not feel it was the place of a "reporter" to editorialize in a news report. I merely tried to present an accurate account of what Dr. Chisholm had to say; I think I achieved this.

MIKE HUTCHISON.

Nuclear Questions

Since Canada is obviously going to be in possession of nuclear arms before very long, perhaps some military minded person could answer some of the following questions for me.

1. In what way will Canada's security be increased when we possess nuclear arms?

2. Are such arms to be defensive or offensive?

3. If defensive, what are the chances of hitting an enemy missile which is coming at the speed of 10,000 miles per hour?

4. If offensive, what type of vehicle will be used to carry the warheads?

5. Will Canada have absolute control over when nuclear arms are to be used?

6. What defensive do we have against an enemy missile of the Polaris type which is fired by a submarine 1000 miles off our coast?

7. When the United States has intercontinental missiles, why is it necessary for Canada to possess nuclear arms?

8. When a nuclear submarine can outrun a destroyer, why do we continue to build destroyers?

9. What chance has a manned bomber against an anti-aircraft missile?

10. Would it seriously effect the balance of world military power if Canada rejected nuclear arms?

I think the young people of this nation have the right to

know the answers to some of these questions. Our future is being mortgaged. Our lives are the security. We will be called upon to make the payments.

LARRY DEVLIN.

SUB Opening

Dear Sir:

Do you think we'll be invited to the opening of the Student Union Building?

DOUG JOLLIFF.

Booze News

Dear Sir:

A letter submitted by Gordon Harris last week brought up once more the now hoary liquor petition. This letter is chiefly interesting, however, because it introduces the more important matter of the student's role in society.

I agree with Gordon that the petition, as conceived, was somewhat naive. Mr. Bonner's statement shortly after homecoming made this clear. Nevertheless I find it difficult to accept Gordon's opinion that the proposal reflects "a lack of understanding of (students') place and purpose in university life."

The question is not whether the 18-21 age group should be allowed to drink. Most people in this group do drink, whether legally permitted or not. The question is whether it is wise to carry a law on the books which is being openly flouted and only occasionally, if ever, enforced. A law held in contempt and not constantly enforced is, to my mind, a law which should not exist.

In so far as we are here to think and to consider problems other than those directly academic, the question of liquor laws and the hypocrisy connected with them does concern us. The College is not the be-all and end-all of our lives even now; students in many other countries adopt an active role in politics and society generally: why shouldn't we?

The liquor petition was not aimed at flooding the beer parlors with minors. It was aimed at a consistent and unhypercritical policy regarding

drinking by minors. Gordon, as far as I understood his letter, seems to think that matters like these are none of our business at present. I think they are.

MIKE HORN.

In Lansdowne Fields

Last week Victoria College bid fond farewells to 19 dearly beloved, but nonetheless bounced repeaters, 38 scholars with below a 35% average, and 17 notables who just vanished after Christmas exam results came out. This means that there are now 74 fewer students on the premises than there were writing exams.

In Lansdowne fields the papers blow

Bedecked with crosses, row on row,

That placed our mark; with loving sigh

The registrar bids us good-bye With words so sweet—"Dear Sir: Too low."

We are the Bounced. Short days ago

We loafed, played cards, felt liquor's glow;

Loved and were loved, and now we cry

In Lansdowne fields.

Take up our quest to learn and know,

To you from falling hands we throw

The torch: be yours to hold it high.

If ye break faith and do not try

Ye shall not pass, though papers blow

In Lansdowne fields.

SOCK HOP

Saturday, 8:00 p.m.

Student Lounge

Gordon Head

THE BEAST ROARS

The Beast is a controversial figure; of this fact there is little doubt. The Beast is Lorne Priestley, for those of you who don't already know. The Beast is Special Events Chairman of the Students' Council.

This year has been the finest in the history of Victoria University for special events. Research reveals, in fact, that in any other three years combined there have not been as many visiting entertainers, speakers and other guests as Lorne Priestley has brought in this year.

ADDERLEY EXCLUSIVE

Part of Lorne's success can be attributed to his remarkable array of "contacts" both in Vancouver and the United States. Some of his events this year have been real coups. For instance, Victoria College was visited by Cannonball Adderley and his group, one of the leading jazz groups in the world. The concert given at Victoria College by Adderley was the only one he gave at a university west of Chicago in 1962. This was good, but do you remember the Dorian Woodwind Quartet? This classical group, internationally renowned, gave its first concert in Canada here at Victoria College, and gave only one more, with the Toronto Symphony in Toronto. This group has been featured at festivals in Warsaw and Budapest.

GREAT VARIETY

What else did the Beast produce in 1962? Well there was Dick Zimmerman, a magician; the Arabian Ambassador to Canada; James Endicott of the Canadian Research Institute; the Four Preps; Holiday Theatre from Vancouver; folk singer Erik Darling (who packed them in at the Town Hall in New York after leaving Victoria); and John Logan, noted poet from New York. Oh yes, and Joe Podovnikoff.

What does the Beast have planned for 1963? We've already seen Brock Chisholm; Frank Mitchell, speaking on East Africa, and Sonny Terry and Brownie McGhee, who came straight from Chicago to Victoria, en route to Los Angeles.

MORE TO COME

Here's the line-up for the rest of the college year:

• Carolyn Kizer—a poetess and "a charming blonde".

• The Cal Tjader Quintet—another of North America's leading jazz groups. Tjader has played with George Shearing and Dave Brubeck; his quintet

won the "Downbeat" award as the best small group in the world; and Tjader won the "Playboy" award as the best vibes player in 1961. Currently on the best-seller list of albums is his Bossa Nova record.

• The Travellers Three—rising stars in the field of folk music, currently starring on a five-week stand in Reno, Nevada. They will be here for the Twirp Dance.

• Susana y Jose—a Spanish dance group, direct from Madrid, ranked second only to Jose Greco, currently on their second great North American tour. They also have danced, among other places, in Edinburgh, Amsterdam, Vienna, Brussels, Glasgow, Paris, Birmingham and New York.

• Nigel Morgan—President of the B.C. Communist League.

• Two Films—"The History of Motor Racing" and the "1961 Gran Prix of Europe".

That's about it. No other university in Canada of comparable size, and few much bigger universities can match the programme set up by the Beast. "It's a wonder he got so much," says Jim Taylor, Treasurer.

What does the Beast say about all this? "Well, that's show biz." And for those of you who are interested, the Beast is presently dickering with the Kingston Trio.

McGILL SHOOT'S MARTLET

BARBADOS—McGill University's high altitude research project sent up its first real missile Saturday. Called the Martlet One, it was a gas seeding device to test the structural integrity of the firing unit. It was termed "successful".

McGill is using a long, large-bore old U.S. naval cannon to give initial propulsion to its rockets, which are named after the birds on the university's crest. (Victoria University, which began as a branch of McGill in 1903, also has the three martlets in its crest. The Martlet, being sort of a queer bird anyway, takes its name from them).

McGill's first objective will be studies at an altitude of 135 miles, eventually placing a satellite in orbit.

P.C.'s Have Successful Conference

Victoria College joined together with the delegates of UBC to back significant proposals to revitalize the Young Progressive Conservatives throughout the whole province. The convention, which chose the Hon. E. Davie Fulton as the new provincial leader, strongly emphasized the importance of youth in the vital functions of democratic government.

A 75-point policy statement passed by the convention will provide the Conservatives with a new program which they hope will assist them to form the next government.

The delegates from the college were Sheila Fulton, Adrienne Esselmont, Peter Symons, Eric Tomlinson and Doug Strongtharm.

Attention All Men!

Next Friday is the day of the Men's Banquet which will be held at the Club Tango. A smorgasbord dinner will be served at 7:00. The Wayward Trio will be there and there is special after-dinner entertainment.

Tickets are \$2.50, and may be bought from Stu McDonald, Tom Cleugh, Gary McLeod and Bruce Chambers.

Sunday Sports Issue Explodes

"To whom it may concern: The Students' Council, on behalf of the students of Victoria College, is in favour of eliminating all restrictions on Sunday sports."

This open letter, posted around the campus, clearly voices the Students' Council's views on Sunday sports. At present, however, a ruling exists prohibiting Sunday sports played under the name of Victoria College.

The Sunday sports question arose from an application by the college bowling team to the Faculty Committee on Athletics for permission to bowl against UBC in Vancouver on Sunday

last. Permission was refused by the committee because the ruling prohibiting Sunday sports is in force. Terry Clark, team captain, appealed the decision to the Athletic Council, whereupon permission was granted the team to play on Sunday under the name of the college and funds were allotted the team.

At a subsequent meeting of the Faculty Committee on Athletics which the Athletic Council attended, the Faculty Committee upheld their former decision. The bowling team went to Vancouver to play on Sunday regardless.

Meanwhile, the Sunday sports ruling is being reviewed by the Committee on Athletics, and the rule may be revised soon.

Vikings Lose, 6-4

By DEREK CHAMBERS

Last Friday night the Victoria College Vikings tackled the league leading Esquimalt Pontiacs. Hungry for a win, they outskated and outthusted the Pontiacs only to lose 6-4.

Jack Blair opened the scoring for Vikings on a pass from Barry Hodgkin. Pontiacs struck back fast with three goals before the first period ended.

Pontiacs made it 4-1 early in the second period while short-handed and it wasn't until 12:45 that the Vikings scored their second goal. Roy Dolson carried the puck in from the blue line and Ross Grenier banged it in.

Grenier's goal brought the Vikings to life and they completely dominated play for the next seven minutes. Doug Bam-borough scored from Jim Wilson to make it 4-3.

In the third period Pontiacs scored twice. At 19:59 Ted Sar-

kissian ended the scoring on a rink-length rush.

Ted Hurd stopped 32 shots for the college while Ron Griffis stopped 28 for the Pontiacs. Next week Navy tackles Pontiacs while the Vikings play Army.

JV's Edge VC's

On Friday night Mr. Garner's clan of ball bouncers tackled the UBC Jayvees and were edged 51-46. Playing one of their best games of the season the Vikings built up a 11-point lead and with just five minutes remaining a victory seemed assured.

Then the roof fell in. The JV's outscored the Vikings 18 points to two in the final five minutes and walked off the floor with a victory.

Bruce Mitchell led the Vikings with 16 points while John Lawaas and Ron Bowker netted 11 and 10 points respectively.

On Saturday night the Vikings never really got rolling and were trounced 68-39.

Golf Tournament

In an exclusive interview, golf president John Hatfield announced that the annual Victoria College golf tournament will be held on February 24 at the Royal Colwood Golf Club.

A big success the last two years, the entry fee will be \$1.50 with eight to 10 prizes for gross winners, handicap winners, hidden hole prizes and best dressed golfer.

Female caddies are again welcome fellow packers, so

bring your favourite girl along to decorate the fairways. At the conclusion of the tournament prizes and trophies will be presented in the Colwood Golf Clubs' coffee shop.

A notice will be put up on the sports board in the main hall of the Young building this week. Golfers are asked to bracket their names with friends if they wish. The draw will be posted approximately a week before the tournament. It might be a bit chilly hackers so bring your own hot rum.

Vikings Gore Vikings

The Victoria College Vikings took a 14-3 trimming from the Western Washington College Vikings in an exhibition blood bath played Saturday on the rocky fields of Gordon Head. Both teams pressed in a very even first half but only the Bellingham side managed to score, making it 5-0 at half-time.

The game continued on even terms for the first few minutes of the second half but the Americans scored again for an 8-0 count. Bruce McFarlane then picked up the only college points as he intercepted a Western pass and raced 75 yards for a try in the corner. The convert went wide and the score stood 8-3. Two more tries by the boys from Bellingham made for a final score of 14-3 and a third consecutive defeat for Victoria College teams at the hands of Western Washington.

The teams will meet again on Feb. 9 in Bellingham for the finale of this year's home and home series. The college should have team captain John Wenman, who played for the Victoria Crimson Tide on Saturday, back in the fold for that game but will lose the services of McFarlane, Ian Appleton, Jack Trueman and Al Foster from the backfield due to ineligibility to travel. The loss of four-sevenths of the regular backfield as well as Les Underwood and perhaps Grey Eaton, from the scrum, makes one wonder just what the hell is going to happen in Bellingham. There should be a few seats in the bus for sale, so anyone interested in the next game should be able to attend.

In the meantime, regular league play resumes next week and will see the Vikings take on Naval Command at Naden field and the norsemens tangle with the Oak Bay Whites at Gordon Head gravel pit.

NORSEMEN LOSE VIKINGS WIN

Norsemens went down 5-0 to William Head over the weekend, but Vikings redeemed college honour with a 2-1 victory over Saanich Warriors. Goals were by Ernie Leenheer and Franz Des-sombes pumped in the last half.

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Campus Latrines Lousy

By TERRY MATTE

After receiving a complaint about the condition of the thundermug enclosures in the little boys' rooms on the Lansdowne campus, The Martlet sent a team to investigate.

Of 14 booths subsequently inspected, only four were found to be satisfactory. Two booths could be locked with the application of super-human strength, and one (top floor, Ewing building) required the adoption of a special technique to move a partition so the door could be closed. Seven booths were impossible to lock, thus providing little privacy in moments of distress.

While making its survey, The Martlet found man-about-campus Lorne Priestley sitting in quiet contemplation on his throne of excretion. (See cut). After mumbling something about the obnoxiousness of the Fourth Estate, Mr. Priestley consented to give an exclusive on-the-spot interview. When asked what he thought about the condition of the men's rooms on campus, Mr. Priestley indicated disgust at the latrine in the basement of the Ewing building: "It stinks worse than any other john in town—except maybe City Hall," he said.



Alert Martlet photographer Bruce Roger catches Lorne Priestley in quiet repose.

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The twelve Mexican students pose for Martlet photographer before leaving for home by way of San Francisco after their three-day visit to Victoria University.

Mexican Students Popular at V.C.

By TERRY MATTE

At least two vulnerable but nevertheless insistent barriers of misunderstanding were destroyed last week by an efficient wrecking crew of twelve Mexican students.

Their vision of Canada as a remote area of tundra desolation was effectively dispelled by a brief visit to UBC and our own UV.

And this writer's vision of Mexico as a poverty-stricken country over-run by dark-skinned maidens prostituting their way through adversity was shattered at a reception held last Tuesday night.

I went to the reception armed with a few questions of grave economic and political significance. But when I saw Maria . . .

Maria, you see, is a blonde. After spending nearly twenty years believing that all Mexicans are either brunette or bald, I

now see a genuine blonde Mexican!

My self-confidence thus ruined, I paused to carefully review my position. I saw three paths before me: I could stay and mingle and make small talk; I could run home to Mommy; or I could go to the Tally-ho and get stoned. Naturally, I followed the path of righteousness and stayed and mingled. And, like everybody else, I made small talk. Very small.

I cornered one of the four male visitors and asked him some very clever, masculine questions. Among the answers received:

"No, that goes on mostly in Tijuana and the other border towns." (You can understand why the question is not printed here).

"Tequilla is the national drink, of course." And then with a glistening smile he added: "Myself, I like Scotch."

He is a student at the University of Mexico in Mexico City. In flawless English, he told me

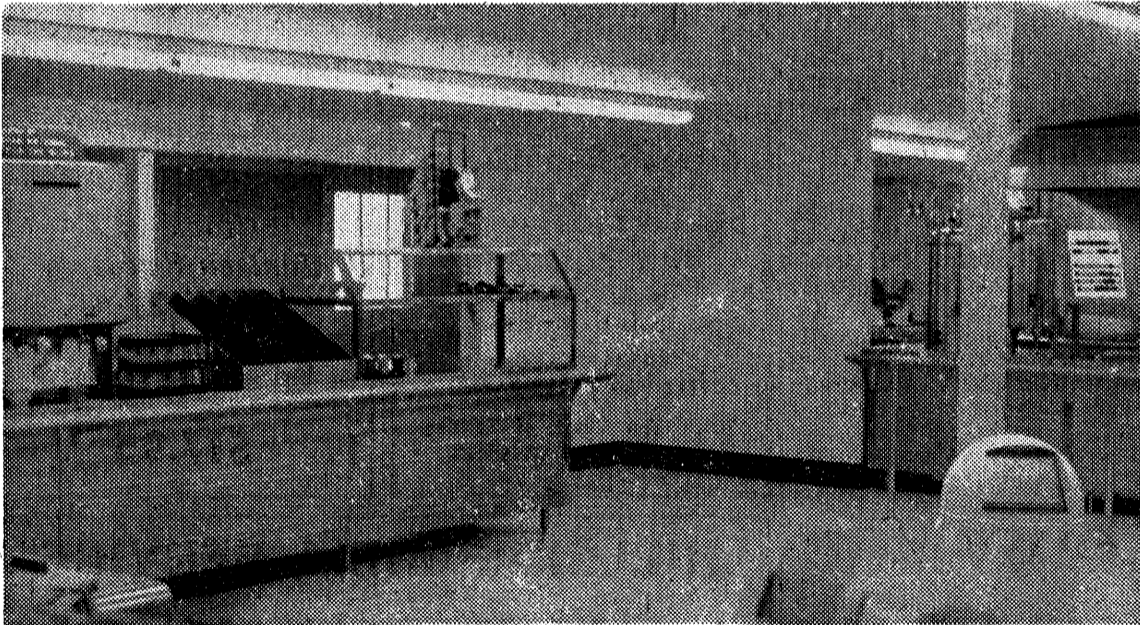
something of the organization of that institution. They do have a students' council, but no students' council fees. (All extra-curricular activities are self-supporting). Each of the 72,000 students pays a token tuition of \$16.00 for the ten-month (Feb. to Dec.) school year.

My informant is a graduate chemical engineer and I decided, a hell of a nice guy.

But back to Maria . . .

She attended school in Spain for four years and returned to her home in Vera Cruz, where she is now studying French and English. ("French is easier.") She seemed a little self-conscious about her hair-do. ("I don't think the boys like it."), but everybody else thought it was terrific. I did pose a clumsily-worded question about man-woman relationship in Mexico; she didn't understand my query, so I let the matter drop. On bullfights: "I see them on the TV."

Maria, I decided, is good people. In fact they all are.



GORDON HEAD CAFETERIA

—Photo by Bruce McFarlane.

OUT TO LUNCH

By DOREEN NEE

The pride and joy of the Gordon Head campus is the new cafeteria. This building far exceeds anything which could possibly be expected out in the wilderness of Gordon Head.

If one didn't notice the big modern windows in the front of the "caf", the exterior would look like any other army hut. However, inside it is an absolute delight.

On entering the main door of the cafeteria one finds himself in a huge clean room with tables and chairs evenly spaced throughout. The pastel walls and bright new floors lend a desirable atmosphere to this room.

To the side of the room is the food service section which is shut off from the main room by glass partitions. This is a self-service cafeteria and is comparable to any new modern restaurant.

Almost every type of food is available at reasonable prices.

In addition to standard meal items, pop and various types of ice cream bars and such can be obtained. Candy bars, cigarettes and gum can all be purchased at the cashiers desk.

The Gordon Head cafeteria is sponsored by the Canadian National Institute of the Blind and is managed by Mrs. Annear. Mrs. Annear said that on the whole she is very pleased with the way the students behave in the "caf" and with the way they co-operate to keep it clean.

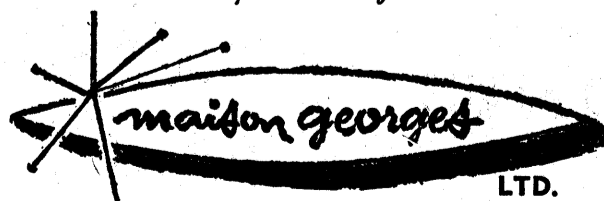
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S.C.M. GROWING

By JUDITH BAINES

The Student Christian Movement is going to resume its activities on campus. Part of a national movement, the group will organize lectures, study groups, Bible studies and discussion sessions designed to be of interest to Christian and non-Christian students.

Dr. W. J. Klempa, a minister at Gorge Presbyterian church, has been asked to act as part-time secretary for the group.

In an interview with The Martlet, Dr. Klempa outlined the SCM's guiding philosophy. Referring to the increasing secularization of universities and the assumption that Christianity is losing its influence, he said that the lack of faith so common among university students is due to a "prevailing ignorance of the Christian faith rather than any real opposition."

Coming to university with a "Sunday school knowledge" of religion, they often feel that it is incompatible with that which they learn in philosophy, psychology and science courses. He said that the SCM, an inter-denominational group, "attempts to show that the Christian faith should not be identified with pre-scientific views and is as capable of serious intellectual examination as any other aspect of the university curriculum." Lectures on contemporary philosophies, theologians and psychologists and discussions about the contribution of Christian insight to contemporary issues will enable students to gain a more complete understanding of Christianity.

Professor Elliott, who was associated with the SCM in the past, said he saw no reason why the enthusiasm and interest aroused by such lectures could not be rekindled.

Dr. Klempa suggested that he would conduct a weekly Bible study group and that lectures by professors and other prominent speakers, open to all students, would be given about once every two weeks.

An organizational meeting will be held on Thursday, January 31 at 12:30 in E53.

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MEETING, E10, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

The guest speaker of tomorrow's meeting will be Mr. David Edgar, former president of the UBC Alma Mater Society. Mr. Edgar will speak on his work in the Attorney-General's department and will also answer queries on the incorporation of our own Alma Mater Society.

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