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## FROSH BLASTED FOR SPIRIT

### BOY MEETS GIRL

by GERRY BILOU

Author of: Will the Pressure Cooker replace the A-Bomb? (This is the first book of what may become a series of one.)

It was about a week ago that I got the itch to write so I got out my scratch-pad and started this article. I even abandoned work on a book called "Life in Vancouver" or otherwise "Just One Banned Thing After Another." I also shelved a song I'm working on entitled "YOU STOLE MY GAL, YOU HORSE-THIEF!!!" Upon realizing the urgency of the situation I set to work with a vengeance but in a short time I found that a typewriter was easier to use. In no time at all I had four secretaries busy. One of them was taking dictation.

I have to keep writing these articles, tho'. I'm like Sally Rand. I can't let my Fans down. But seriously, I reach 500 readers and I'm sure glad they can't reach me. My last article is going like wildfire. Everybody's burning it. But even Samson liked humor—his last joke brought the house down. Well, on to the story. For months we were both deliriously happy. Then we met each other. What a moment that was! I heard a buzzing in my ears; I saw purple and yellow flashes; I heard bells ringing. Then somebody shut off the pinball machine. She looked me over from head to toe—and fortunately I had one of each. She had lips like cherries, eyes like olives, hair like cotton candy, and cheeks like marshmallows. What a time to be on a diet! She was wear-

ing something that knocked my eye out—brass knuckles. Then I kissed her and couldn't tear myself away. My mustache caught in her bubble-gum. She told me her father ran a filling station. He's a dentist. He lives from hand to mouth. I went into his office once and he said he couldn't see me. He said he had an appointment to fill 18 cavities. Then he picked up his golf clubs and left. He comes from one of the finest medical schools in the country—Cutting U. He's the kind of person who will give you the drill of your life. Speaking of dentists, did you hear the one about the dentist who married a manicurist? They've been fighting tooth and nail ever since. Once he got into trouble for telling jokes. He pulled too many good ones.

### TV OR NOT TV?

I went over to her house the other night to watch television. You know vaudeville is dead and TV is the box they put it in. Television—that's radio with eyestrain. While I'm at it, television—proof that things are really as bad as they sound. TV has a serious effect on people. For months I was content to just hold my girl's hand. Then she got a television set and now all we do is wrestle. They have so

many mysteries on TV whenever I turn off the set I wipe my fingerprints off the dial. I've found that TV is replacing not only radio but homework as well. I was on television once and got three offers—from plastic surgeons. I've sat through so many wrestling matches I've got a cauliflower-ear. The other night we saw "Forever Amber," the story of a broken traffic light.

### SHE'S ATHLETIC TOO

I took my girl to see one of the Vikings' games one Saturday. What a team! We got there just in time to see them kick off. Up till that I didn't even know they were sick. But I like the team spirit of the Vikings. When they lose six games in a row, are they discouraged? Naw—they go right out and lose six more. Speaking of sports I used to be a two-letter man until somebody told me about Lifebuoy.

could spend years looking into her windows. She's got two of the prettiest eyes I've ever seen. I know. I counted them. There's only one trouble with her. She's penny-wise. I haven't got a penny and she's wise. I asked if I could see her home so she sent me a picture of it. Then she kissed me and I kissed her back. My aim was always bad.

In conclusion I have a special announcement from my English prof. Be sure to tune in the story of "The Girl Who Wanted Two Bathrooms," or "The Wife's Other John."

Let's Have a Flood of Blood

### RUGBY TEAM PLEDGED 100 PER CENT

Viking's first division rugby team became the first Vic College organization to pledge a 100 per cent turn out at Tuesday's blood clinic. Spot announcements by four Vic College students will be used on CJVI to publicize the clinic. On the air starting today are Dick Macintosh, Beryl Harvey, Don Sword and Janet Bowden. The percentage turn-out of Victoria College students will be used in a nation wide competition with six other small colleges. They are: Carleton College, Ottawa; Brandon College, Brandon, Man.; Regina College, Regina; Mount Royal College, Calgary; Sir George William's College, Montreal, and St. Dunstons College, Charlestown, P.E.I.

### Tri-Service Ball At U.B.C. Feb. 27

U.N.T.D., C.O.T.C., and U.R.T.P. units from Victoria College are preparing to attend the Tri-Services Ball at U.B.C., February 27. Army and Air Force groups hope to fly to the Vancouver event.

An earlier Vancouver cruise will be made by the U.N.T.D. February 7. Mr. G. McOrmond has accepted the rank of Flight Lieutenant in the U.R.T.P. and will be sworn in soon.

### SAME ATTITUDE CARRIED INTO 2ND TERM MAY RESULT IN HEAVY FINANCIAL LOSS

By a Martlet Correspondent

Lack of freshmen support for College activities has come in for a solid round of criticism from sophomore members of the Victoria College Students' Council.

They point out that had it not been for the many former students home from U.B.C. for the holidays who attended the Christmas dance, it would have been a disastrous financial failure. As it was, the profit on the dance was only five dollars.

According to Treasurer, Geoff Conway, freshmen attendance at the dance was, for all practical purposes, nil. "Frosh should realize that all activities are paid for with their A.M.S. fees," he advised, "if they want to get their money's worth they should support all College activities."

### BLOOD RALLY: FRIDAY NOON

He did admit that with the profit, small as it was, the Christmas dance had not cost anything. But Conway expressed fear that the same attitude carried into this term would result in heavy financial losses, as there would be no U.B.C. students to offset the lack of Victoria College support.

### Roll Up YOUR Sleeve Tuesday

At each of the four Council meetings held in January there have been many remarks made concerning poor school spirit. This has been largely attributed to the freshmen who form 77 per cent of the student body at Victoria College.

### YOUR BLOOD IS NEEDED FEB. 3

Publicity Director, Lyle Robertson, "hoped the Christmas dance was not indicative of the support to be given the year book, The Tower."

### OUR GOAL: 250 PINTS OF BLOOD

"Without freshmen support," went on Robertson, "The Tower could very easily become a heavy financial burden on the Council. Because of the preponderance of frosh at Vic College it is necessary that they take the initiative in supporting activities. The sooner they come to realize this, the better it will be for all concerned."

A tea dance (whatever that may be) is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 6, at 3.30 in the Auditorium. It's sponsored by the Public Speaking Club.

### MAKE IT A DATE

Tuesday, February 3 YOU will be able to save a life.

It won't cost you a cent.

For half an hour of your time you can help give Victoria College nationwide publicity.

You'll be excused from a lecture if necessary and be able to enjoy free coke, apple juice, coffee and cookies.

It's so painless that you won't even know when it starts and there'll be 10 pretty nurses along to help fire your corpuscles.

Your only loss will be one pint of blood.

The date: Tuesday, February 3 in the auditorium from 10:30 to 3:30.

### Commons' Closure Brings Criticism

Students' Council decided unanimously Tuesday not to change their ruling on the election of a president of the Mugs.

The action was taken in approval of last Wednesday's Mugs meeting where Jack Ward was named president by acclamation. A letter from the Mugs. Executive requesting that the election be nullified was consequently filed by the Council.

Reasons for the request were that the election had been held contrary to regulations outlined in the A.M.S. constitution, that there may not have been a quorum present, and that the general attitude of the meeting was too apathetic.

(Several nominations were presented at the meeting, but the parties concerned declined to run. Mr. Ward himself was nominated three times before he would allow his name to stand. A further indication of the attitude of the meeting was the successful nomination and seconding of Willy Loman, a completely mythical character. Only after considerable laughter from the section from which he was nominated did his name come down.)

During discussion of the letter, A.M.S. President Ray Frey said "it indicates to me that the Mugs is falling apart at the edges" but he felt that the Council "should leave the action as it stands."

He termed it "unfortunate" that the commons had to be closed because of a leaking pipe in the floor. The collection of furniture by the Mugs has since been stopped because there has been no place in which to keep the furniture. A grant from Council to purchase furniture remains unused because of the closure.

Walt Young informed council that "Mr. English (Normal School Principal) seems to think that the (College) men are going to stamp up and down on the exposed pipes along one side of the former library and break them if they're allowed in. I can't see why the room can't be used."

When asked by Mugs President Jack Ward what to do about acquiring furniture Young suggested that they go right ahead "and plunk furniture in the middle of the hall if they won't let you in the commons. Then they may hurry and finish repairs completely."

Answering a complaint by Geoff Conway that the staff sponsor, R. Poisson, was too insistent as to what type of furniture should be bought, Mr. Frey reminded council that "the staff sponsor is only there to help the president—you don't have to go by his methods but you should work in liaison with him."

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### Martlet Plans Student Poll

A poll of student opinion on many controversial subjects is being planned for the near future by The Martlet. It will be similar in form to one conducted last year.

Suggestions by students as to what subjects they would like to see included in the poll will be welcome at the Martlet office.

The other day I asked my girl if she liked nuts and she wanted to know if I was proposing. I said I'd phone her every day or dial in the attempt. The other night she asked me for a lock of my hair. She's stuffing a mattress. She said my kisses reminded her of an intoxicating liquor—Old Granddad. She says her eyes are the windows of her soul. I

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EDITORIAL

## Indifference -- But Why?

Let's face it. For nearly 80 per cent of the students who attend Victoria College it's a one year stand.

Yet the leaders of the students are chosen from the 23 per cent who stay for a second year's education in Victoria. The likelihood of obtaining a unified school spirit under these conditions has proved to be minute during the last two years.

This is not to say that the leadership has not been capable. But, unfortunately, the leaders have been too far removed from the majority of students. Nor can this latter fault be entirely attributed to short-sighted leaders. We are more inclined to feel that the student body as a whole are too inclined to keep their good ideas to themselves while at the same time those in charge often give a cool reception to any new idea.

High school graduates arrive at Victoria College full of enthusiasm and willing to participate actively in the varied activities outlined in the Calendar. Before long the majority of students appear to reverse this attitude.

Why?

"We can't answer that one. But it does appear, to us at least, that when the leadership is from the smaller group who have had little contact with the frosh that the attitude of indifference is hurried along.

Although only in general terms at present, our solution is to have all council elections held during the first week of College in September.

Freshmen are capable of holding important positions on the Students' Council. Many have held important posts at high school where they have gained much experience in leadership. When, as at present, there are only two frosh council representatives, a great part of this talent is lost.

This would prove to be a radical change and would entail the overcoming of many problems that would arise in the administration of this plan. However, these problems would not be incapable of being solved.

Of course there may be a much more simple reason for the attitude of indifference complained about by Students' Council members.

Although it shouldn't be so, maybe you just don't give a damn!

## Anonymous Poet Complains

Dear Sir:

The reason for this outburst is that, while patiently waiting of the start of a thrilling lecture last week, this writer perceived in the Student Council bulletin a part that stated the present students of this noble institution were noticeable by their absence at the Christmas Dance. So . . .  
To drink, or not to drink; that is the question;  
Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer  
The slams and remarks of outrageous professors,  
Or to take deadly corkscrews against a sea of faculties,  
And by opposing end them? To drink, to be expelled;  
No more: and by expulsion to say we end  
The heart-ache and thousand natural shocks  
That college life is heir to, 'tis a desired end  
Devoutly to be attained. To drink, to be expelled;  
To be expelled; perchance to be idle: ay, there's the rub;  
For in that idleness of alcoholism what dreams may come  
When we have shuffled off this learned life;  
For who would bear the whips and scorns of biased teachers,  
A certain professor's wrong, a proud professor's contumely,  
The pangs of despised liquor; the laws delay,  
The insolence of the Student Council and the spurns  
That patient merit of the unworthy student takes,  
When he himself might his quietus make  
With a quart of rye? Who would fardels bear,

To grunt and sweat under this teetotaling life,  
But that the dread of soberness after drinking,  
That undiscover'd feeling that no true student knows  
Puzzles the will  
And makes us rather bear those ills we have  
Than fly to others that we know not of?  
Thus alcohol makes drunkards of us all;  
And thus the ruddy glow of inebriated thought  
Is sickled o'er with the pale green of a hangover,  
And enterprises of great pitch and moment  
With this regard their currents turn awry,  
And lose the name of action. (He sees a professor)  
Soft you now  
The fair lecturer: - Nymph, in thy orisons  
Be all my drunks remember'd.  
end-all." Did it never occur to those who asked the question about the vanished students that they themselves might have been the ones who created the situation?  
These learned people perceived that there was a majority of ex-College students, than present College students. It all boils down to the fact that ex-College students have no fear of expulsion, while the present ones have. So rather than go to a function where they will be so closely examined for drinking, these same students deserted their old Alma Mater and went to their own parties where they could enjoy themselves without fear.

A probable solution to this would be a dropping of the liquor question, as most students drink, but are not going to functions where they can't. Any grammatical errors in the above must be taken into due consideration, as being a true student, this writer is now consuming his third quart of oak-leaf liquor. And very good too!

—"A SILENT DRINKER"

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# New Year Brings New Effort And -- Amazingly Enough -- A Trophy

## Down Our Way

By Janus

The first item of news to come our way this year is that Regular sized Herbert Tareyton wished he could have been the King sized vanity for the New Year's festivities.

Malcolm and his skiing partner tell me that they voted on the most Cabinable girl at College while they were staying at the Forbidden Plateau Lodge. Names and addresses can be obtained on request.

Garry's 21st birthday dance went off very well even if it very nearly didn't get started at all.

We would like to know what T. Ward's car was doing parked near the Gonzales Observatory at dead of night. We know what it was doing, the question is, who?

As a great number of girls are either engaged, going steady or otherwise occupied, the Co-ed dance ought to be pretty satis. pickins for the rest, that horde of panting males being what it is. Courage girls I'm not going yet. Enclose 50 cents and a box top with your application stating: name, age, address, height, etc., and College references, including Christmas average. (I never dance with morons, not even female ones).

Not content with having Bill in for the Christmas holidays Belinda had him come down with appendicitis so he can outstay his Royal Roads leave.

The amiable "entente" existing between Chris and Danny is gradually forming itself into an alliance. All, however, is not roses and honey on this merry-go-round.

Now for our sportscast: The Loving Cup is to be run off in a few weeks' time and much speculation has been aroused as to who will be the winner of this symbol of skipped lectures. Here are our top bets: GK and JP—disqualified for jumping the gun; JM and JK—our favorites, they have come along very nicely in the last few weeks. Even money. CB and EH—Not so good lately. About 8 to 5. DR and MY—very dark horses indeed, say 10 to 1; DF and CC—Internal friction renders this pair a 100 to 1 shot; BC and VP—not a sprinter, but they'll stay the course, 5 to 2; VK and MR—a lot of money changing hands on this one. Around 9 to 4 now.

## BASKETBALLERS WIN HI-Y CUP; RUGGERS BREAK LOSS STREAK

The Vikings' Basketball quintette won the Victoria High School HI-Y trophy for their third place finish in the Inter-Scholastic League.

College dropped their opener 68-65 to the powerful Normal School contingent after a 15 minute period of overtime, but experienced little difficulty in posting a 76-39 win over Royal Roads in their second attempt.

Al Snowsell paced the blue and gold with 21 points the first night and 25 points the second for a total of 46 markers, high for the four teams.

## STARTED LAST JANUARY

Victoria College's first division rugby fifteen finally snapped out of their fourteen game slump in the 1953 opener of the Victoria Rugby Union League.

During that winless skein which started in January of 1952, the Vikings could only come up with four ties, and many near misses.

The win itself was a 20-6 effort against the third place Crusaders, and was followed by a 20-0 victory over Oak Bay High in an exhibition contest.

In their second league contest of the year against Wanderers, College was hit by hard luck in the form of a knee injury to fullback Tom Ward in the opening minutes of the game and having to continue with 14 men.

The final result saw College on the short end of a 3-0 score even though

## ADD SOCCER TO THAT LIST OF WINNERS

Sunday College downed Punjab United in the Junior division of the Lower Island League to give them their first win in that circuit.

In the opener College faced a 13 point deficit with ten minutes remaining but managed to knot the count on a last second basket by bucket-man Dirom.

But by this time Snowsell, Len Anderson, and George Woollett had fouled themselves out of the game and their teammates could not keep up with their steadier opponents in overtime.

they had a territorial edge and had engineered some near breakaways.

Last Saturday the Vikings had a league buy and so played an exhibition against University School which they won handily.

**Dotted Shorts:** Next week will see the start of the Badminton Tournament with games being played off every Wednesday at the Amphion Street Hall . . . Points will be awarded to all entrants with bonuses going to the winners . . . All interested can sign up on the list on the main bulletin board . . . The Student's Council has announced that plans are underway for an invasion of U.B.C. in early March . . . The five teams who will probably make the trip are rugby, soccer, men's and women's basketball, and badminton.

The 6-1 margin was run up by Al Cliff, Tryg Carlsen and Vic Skinner, who netted 3, 2, and 1 goals, respectively.

## No Decline, Just Fell

by Samuel L. Peabody

It is my intention to present a series of three articles on little known determinants which assisted in the decline and fall of the Roman Empire. The first of my articles deals with traffic problems in the major cities, particularly Rome, and throughout the Empire.

Roman roads, it will be remembered, were a masterpiece of construction (ironically enough the Roman roads built a thousand years ago lasted longer than the Saanich roads built five years ago!) These straight, long roads were an irresistible temptation to reckless teenage chariot drivers. Apart from increasing the possibility of "rolling" the chariot, these wild charioteers added dangerous accessories. Imitating Boadicea (Britain's Reserve Army Queen), they added sharp, curving knives which projected from the wheels—more and more peasants claimed disability pensions, thus reducing national wealth considerably. The morale of these simple folk was also affected and, shortly before the fall of the empire mutterings of "dirty capitalists" were heard.

Another aspect of the traffic problem was parking in Rome. The Coliseum (famous for gladiatorial battles) was almost inaccessible to the nobles because of the mass of country carts and low cost chariots. Consequently, the "mobs" gained control of much of the entertainment. The low-grade of Christian, which the mob liked most, made combat unartistic, so loosening moral standards.

During the height of prosperity of the Roman Empire, the plebians (Marx called them proletariat) discovered they could afford a chariot—on a budget plan, of course! Even the efficiency of a monarchical dictatorship was not able to control the traffic problem. One-way streets, sidewalks, police and patrol cars had not been invented at that time. The accident rate leaped fantastically, the driving age had been lowered, allowing speed-crazy juveniles on to the roads, and unparalleled confusion resulted everywhere. Even when the savage hordes were invading Rome the army took hours to gather and prepare for the attack. Even the Roman historian, Tacitlessly said, "With the wheel—comes the chariot—traffic troubles—end of empire!"

## Washing The Ear

We dereyked and dugg'an' found that it's a sure bett that three blondes, 10 cases of beer and a white house make for a merry New Year's Eve. Art that not so?

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On the same night it was noted that Walt's approach leaned towards women. What say Sheila?

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Jack says that when it comes to strip poker he really has good hands.

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