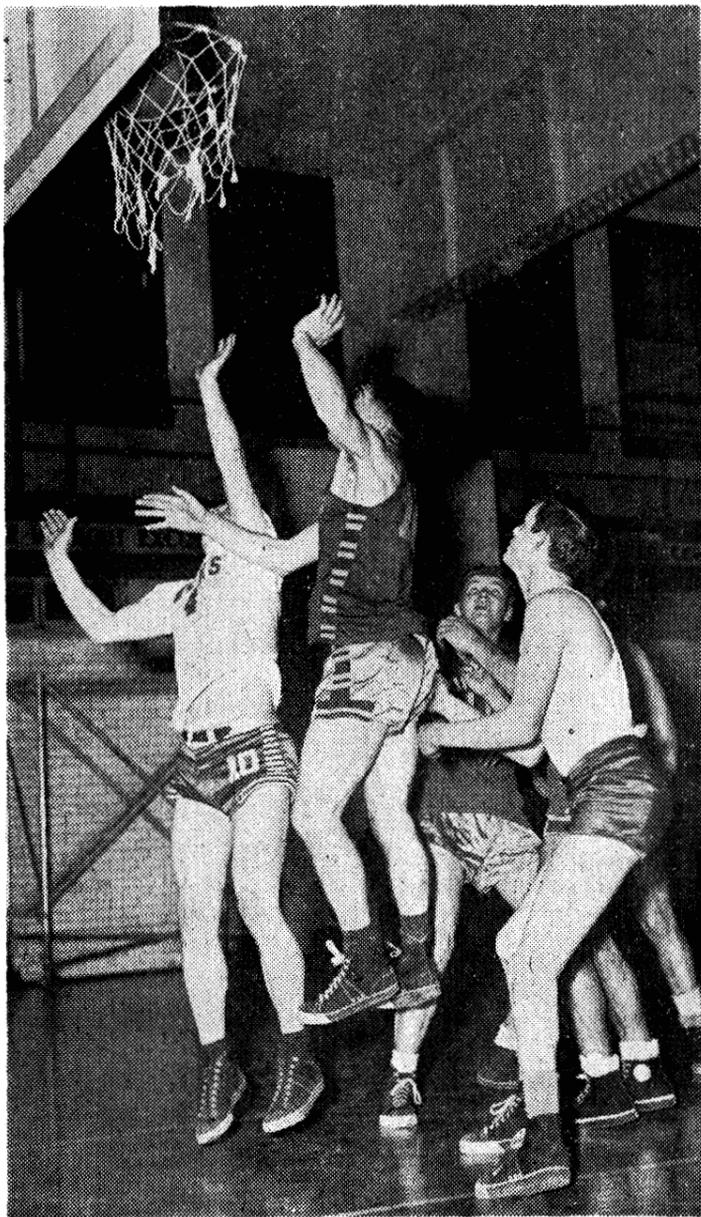


"Night Must Fall"
and
"Topaze"
are "musts" for
everyone.

The Martlet

Less than two
weeks until the
Co-Ed,
girls!

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Clarkson Scores Against Elks

Hans Gruber Forms Chorus

Believe it or not, the college has another musical activity in which any and all are warmly invited to participate. This is the College Chorus, recently organized by Hans Gruber, to supplement the Victoria Choral Society in all major functions presented by it.

The nucleus of the College Chorus was formed from a combination of the Music Appreciation Club and the Glee Club. Mr. Gruber explained to the M.A.C. that he thought listening to records was a "very passive" way to enjoy music. Therefore, at the end of last term, he outlined a proposal to build up a chorus within the College which would be recognized as a separate entity, and at the same time would be able to give vocal and moral support to the members of the larger Victoria society whose average age level is "dangerously high."

The proposal was greeted with enthusiasm by both clubs, with the result that the rich harmonies of the Requiem Mass may be heard emitting from Room 53 each Tuesday and Thursday. With a musical ear, one can detect Malcolm Hamilton's lilt-ing hand at the piano and Hans Gruber's fascinating baritone voice helping out the tenors.

At the present time the Chorus is practising the work mentioned above to be sung with the Symphony Orchestra at a concert on March 12 (tentative date). There are already about forty members in this club, but it is hoped to build it up to far greater proportions than that.

Mr. Gruber states that it is not necessary to have a good voice to sing in a chorus—in fact the opposite is more desirable because good voices tend to "stick out" and will not blend as well as the mediocre ones. So if you have any desire to be a Chorister, don't let your fog-horn voice deter you. You'll be more than welcome in the College Chorus.

LYNNE BALCOLM CROWNED QUEEN

In the third annual Beauty Contest held last Thursday afternoon, Lynne Balcolm was crowned Campus Queen of Victoria College. Meryl Evenden was runner-up.

The rules for the contest were very different this year. In the first place, it was found that this year's crop of campus beauties was too modest to parade in bathing suits before a hundred ogling students. However, these same students are quick to agree that no appeal was lost through the regulations calling for shorts and sweaters.

Another innovation was that of having each entrant sponsored by a College club. Those entered were Yvonne Mouat, The Tower; Marian Rainer, Women's Basketball; Annette Cabeldu, Players' Club; Gertrude Cunningham, Jazz Club; Margaret Hinke,

Second Division Rugby Team; Lynne Balcolm, Men's Senior 'B' Basketball; Meryl Evenden, Senior Rugby Team; Val McAllister, W.U.G.S.; Barbara Foster, Radio Club; Joan Davies, Literary Arts Society.

Other entertainment was provided by John Shipley and Rich Paterson, as Miss Normal School of 1950 and 1951. There was another act on the programme.

To cap the afternoon's festivities, Suds Sutherland and his Record Al-Bums provided the music for a mixer.

Deserving of mention are Conna Wood, who organized the contest, Ray Orchard, who capably emceed, and Shirley Smith, who provided publicity.

The entire proceeds of twenty-six dollars are to go towards financing the Martlet, as it struggles to keep out of the red.

Comic Drama "Topaze" to Feature Soiree Francaise in Early March

On March 3rd the French Department will again put on a French evening at the College. As in other years, the programme will consist of French dialogue and music. The French Consul has indicated that he will attend as he has before.

The play to be acted is "Topaze," a comic drama concerning a poor, honest and misunderstood school teacher. M. Treil is to take the leading role in selected scenes from the play, while various students will portray the other characters. On the musical part of the programme, June Milburn, Gerald Shaw and Darryl Logan will perform.

The tickets will cost, as before, fifty cents each. No doubt Dr. Hickman will see to it that his students all buy several. In 1949, the money earned went towards the Caen University Fund, and in 1950, towards the Mme. Sanderson-Mongin Scholarship Fund. This year, the proceeds will be used for progress prizes in Oral French to students of the College. It is expected that, as before, the "take" will come to about thirty dollars.

If you want to improve your French accent or your French marks, you should certainly plan to attend the French evening.

V.C.T. Rehearses "Night Must Fall"

Slated for presentation in the Normal School Auditorium on February 23 and 24, the Player's Club production, "Night Must Fall," promises to be the highlight of the second term activities.

Directed by Mr. Roger Bishop, whose ability at making a play come to life is well known, the production's appeal lies not in extravagant sets or costumes, but in a mature plot: a melodrama featuring mounting suspense, which promises to be well sustained by its excellent cast.

Carol Wootten capably handles the feminine lead, partraying an old lady whose tendencies toward hypochondria confine her to a wheel-chair. Dan, (Michael Rothery) a cool, unemotional type, remains elusive, but is finally apprehended and charged with murder. Dora, (Elaine Moore) Mrs. Branson's maid, hasn't the brains to be lonely, and manages to involve herself in quite a little trouble.

Other characters include Hubert, (Ken Leighton) who proposes and is rejected by Olivia, (Eve Harvey) Mrs. Branson's niece; Inspector Belsize, (Pat Thomas); Nurse Libby, (Barbara Foster); Mrs. Terence (Margaret Allen) and Justice (Aluin Gilchrist).

Students associated with the production include Player's Club President, Eve Harvey; Vice-

President Conna Wood; Secretary Elaine Moore. Liz Oliver is in charge of costuming; June Orchard, scenery; Sylvia Dalen, tickets; and Shirley Smith, publicity.

W.U.G.S. Sponsor Co-Ed on Feb. 15th

The annual Co-Ed sponsored by the W.U.G.S. is being held Thursday, February 15th, at the Crystal. Charlie Hunt's orchestra will provide the music, while entertainment with a big "E" will be provided by the "Blue Danube" ballet troupe (composed of such world-renowned artists of the dance as Carlotta Brumwellovsky, Johanna Shipleyoff, and others, equally famous). Also, vocal solos will be rendered (?) by the Freshmen Five. Other attractions on the floor show are the presentation of the Wood-Pitching Cup, and the Corsage Contest, to be judged by Mrs. Noble and "Professor Bob."

Betty Yardley made all the arrangements for the dance, assisted by Joan Davies and Lolly Foster. The programme will be emceed by Joan Watson. Tickets for the dance (\$2.00) can be obtained in the council office from 12:30 to 1:30 Monday through Friday. From all accounts the Co-Ed should be a roaring success.

Bruce Hutchison Gives Students True Picture of Journalism

At the most recent meeting of the Literary Arts, attended by some twenty students, Mr. Bruce Hutchison, editor of the Victoria Daily Times and one of Canada's most prominent journalists spoke on "Journalism."

In a talk lasting an hour and a half Mr. Hutchison held his audience's undivided attention by discussing the economic factors affecting the press, news interpretation, the suppression of news by the press and the career of journalism.

The disappearance of the small newspaper is due to the ever increasing rise in production costs. They have, as in all lines of business, today been pushed out by the larger papers. This eliminates competition, but is an inevitable result of the complexity of our modern life.

The interpretation of news is a very recent development and as such is only in the embryo stage. Only in the last twenty years or so has the news been so complicated and the public so enlightened and interested as to require the interpretation of news. It is a gigantic task requiring long experience, an excellent background and a keen analytical mind. Mr. Hutchison was confident of the ability of

journalists to master this technique eventually.

Mr. Hutchison acknowledged the fact that the press suppressed news, but said it was due to the fact the public does not seem to want the true picture of events if these events are unfavorable. Instead it likes to be "kidded along" and to be told constantly that everything will turn out satisfactory. As an example, Mr. Hutchison cited the very recent statement of our own politicians saying there would be no Third World War in face of the ever-increasing danger.

Asked for his recommendation as to the preparation for a career in journalism, Mr. Hutchison replied that a newspaperman cannot have too much background. He emphasized the fact that the journalism schools have become in the last few years excellent training schools. Mr. Hutchison placed History and Economics first in importance for journalism.

Opportunities for advancement in journalism are totally dependent upon the individual capacities. Taking the typical pessimistic view of all newspapermen, Mr. Hutchison advised against entering the profession of journalism.

Consider War Not Inevitable

On Thursday, January 18th, the first Forum of the second term was held in the Auditorium at 12:30.

In marked contrast to previous Forum discussions, the debate proceeded without any of the rowdiness that we had come to expect in Forum meetings. The debate was, nevertheless, by no means dull. Mr. Wallace, in the chair, did an excellent job of keeping the many questions relevant to the matter in mind, which was the subject of the inevitability of war.

Mr. McGugan, for the negative, seemed to be apologizing for Russia, rather than to be making a point, and the whole discussion tended to assume the form "He's a good fellow, all will be well," whether the "He" was Stalin, Truman or the common man.

The other speakers, Aluin Gilchrist and Robin Thornton for the affirmative, and Pat Thomas for the negative, were more or less rhetorical in their arguments, since most of us agree that until war comes, there is always a chance, however slim, of avoiding it. That this is the opinion of many, and that only several think that the chance is hopelessly slim, was shown by the vote, whereby students indicated, by a margin of 46-35, that they considered war not inevitable.

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A Word of Precaution

This month, students of the College will be called upon to nominate and elect a Students' Council president and executive for next year.

In the past, campaigns for these positions have proved to be a highlight of the College year. Last year, for instance, the six presidential candidates fought a battle not soon to be forgotten, in which more originality and College spirit was in evidence than at any other time of the year.

In this respect, however, there are two dangers that must be avoided. The first, and most obvious, is that of "dirty campaigning." Considering the intensity of feeling last year, the amount of this was remarkably low, although there were isolated cases of poster removal and the like.

Far more to be guarded against is the threat of sentimentalism, by which is meant voting for someone for reasons other than his own personal merits. It seems amazing that college students should be so immature as to carry on this practice, but it continues from year to year.

Perhaps the reason may be the hope of gaining a personal advantage, a factor which influences civic and national elections as well. Such would be the case when the men support a male candidate, and women, a female. The only possible explanation for this action is the desire to obtain a sex majority in the Council, an advantage which counts for little, if anything.

Another form of sentimentalism is high school loyalty, which is often seen in other aspects of College life. Although, admittedly, it is good to continue an allegiance to our former school, we must never think of ourselves as students of Oak Bay, Mt. View or Victoria High. Nevertheless, so evident is this feeling that it has even been suggested for ex-students of one school to split the votes of another by nominating a second candidate from that school.

Therefore, we are confronted with an old principle, which should be too familiar to need repeating, that of not allowing personal feelings to affect one's decisions. If we want the best possible Council for 1951-52, let us adopt an objective attitude, consider carefully the speeches of the candidates, and vote in accordance with our reason, not our emotion.

Musical Fortunes High

With the announcement of the formation of a College Chorus, the musical situation at the College took yet another upward swing. If one stops to consider, one can see outlets for every form of musical taste.

In the first place, there is the new Music 200 course, long overdue at the College. In Mr. Hans Gruber, students are privileged to have the best instructor available, a man admirably qualified to instill an appreciation of good music.

At the opposite end of the scale, the Jazz Club advances on its healthy course. Possessing a small but fanatically eager membership, it has sponsored many enjoyable hours of Bop and Dixieland, and at present is attempting to bring some live entertainment to the College.

The Music Appreciation Club, under the conscientious leadership of Fred Anderson, is continuing in addition to the Chorus, while the Glee Club, in the past a rather apathetic group, now has a tangible objective in view.

The reason for such success, in the latter cases, can be traced to the dynamic Mr. Gruber. Shamefully underpaid for his work with the Symphony, he has, nevertheless, built it into a body of which the city can be justly proud. In addition to his strenuous duties in this endeavour, he has found time to revive the musical life of our institution.

Our hats off to him!

Politically Speaking

By Archie McGugan

(Ed. Note—While not necessarily agreeing with the views expressed by the writer, the Martlet feels that readers should see both sides of the political picture.)

A great deal of publicity was given in the press to the sessions of the Second World Peace Congress when Prime Minister Attlee threw an "iron curtain" around Great Britain in order to prevent the Congress from being held in Sheffield. But the unreasoning fear of the power of persuasion of the spoken and written word that led to the ban apparently prevents the same papers from printing the proposals adopted by the Congress at its Warsaw meetings.

Could it be that these self-proclaimed guardians of freedom and democracy are afraid that the free competition of ideas might show up the weakness of their arguments?

The Congress adopted a ten-point program for peace which is worth summarizing. It is as follows:

1. A cease-fire in Korea with the withdrawal of foreign armies and discussion of the matter in the U.N. with Peoples China as a member; an end to U.S. intervention in Formosa and French military action in Viet Nam.

2. Condemnation of "attempts to break past agreements" by rearming Germany, and sabotaging the demilitarization of Japan.

3. A declaration that attempts by force to maintain inequality among peoples and block their attempts to gain independence are a dangerous source of war.

4. A definition of aggression as the "first state which uses armed force under any pretext against any state," without qualification of political, economic or strategic considerations and without pretexts based upon the internal situation of any states.

5. Enactment by all countries of a "law for the protection of peace"—aimed at making the dissemination of war propaganda a crime of the deepest gravity.

6. A demand that an international tribunal examine Gen. MacArthur's responsibility for "ruthless measures" against the civilian population of Korea.

7. A call for unconditional banning, with strict control, of atomic, bacteriological, chemical, and all other means of mass destruction; and that the first government to use such weapons shall be guilty of a criminal act. In addition, a meeting of the five great powers including Peoples China, to reduce armies and armaments from one-third to one-half within the next two years.

8. The re-establishment of normal trade relations between nations.

9. A wider interchange of cultural treasures and literature.

10. The establishment of a New World Peace Council, representative of all the peoples of the world to carry forward the struggle for peace.

It is worth noting that these proposals would apply to all countries large and small, and to the U.S.S.R. equally with the U.S.A. They are proposals aimed at eliminating the present threat of war—they do not seek to impose the political view or economic organization of one country on any others, but visualize countries of widely differing views living side by side in peace.

None of the problems of the world can be solved by war; but pious wishes for peace are not enough. Every individual has a responsibility for preventing war. What the World Peace movement offers is a realistic program for peace and an organization for carrying out such a program. In the words of the Congress, "Peace does not wait on us, it must be won."



PROFILE OF Fred Anderson

"Tex" was a bit modest when interviewed for this column, but, as his achievements are so obvious, it was not hard to find sufficient material to write about him.

Fred came to us from Vic High where he was prominent in musical activities and was known to all as a swell guy.

Last year Fred was the conscientious business manager of the "Tower" and the runner up for president of the Students' Council.

This year he is a member of the College Chorus, co-business manager of the "Martlet," the president of the Music Appreciation Club, and our newly elected treasurer of the Students' Council.

How he manages to excel in studies, efficiently manage his extra curricular activities, and keep Jean satisfied, amazes us all. It would be difficult to find a better type of person to enter the honorable profession of Theology. Good Luck, Tex.

Inquiring Reporter

By Charlie Harris and Terry Rutherford

This column has gripe: no copy, even tripe. Have asked till blue for thought from you. We try to find why flag. Can't find why Sundays should be closed. Why girls powder nose. Why girls lose charm when not in arms, why boy sometimes hick what makes girl tick. But who will say what he must think? Don't know, something stink. Our brow tight knit. Can't take. We quit!

Nostalgic Ex-Editor of Martlet Gives His Impressions of U.B.C.

Dear Martlet:

Victoria College is more than a mere educational institution; it is a way of life which you cannot fully appreciate until you have left it behind.

The happy hours spent gossiping in the Caf, the hilarity of the Rookery, the friendly chats with professors, the carefree indifference to clubs and government so wrongly maligned as "student apathy," the priestly reassurances of Mr. Pettit, the sun shining on the tidy rock gardens, the discussions in the Zoology Lab will be counted among the blissful memories of youth.

There is a certain charm to the College, the gently sloping landscape unfolding beneath it, the picture mountains in the background, the oak-dotted meadows, the little steps leading to the bus stop, the faintly English atmosphere and the leisurely pace of life.

U.B.C. Different

U.B.C. is an entirely different experience. The campus faces across the Straits of Georgia. The towering mountains of the North Shore stare you right in the face, bleak, snow-covered and uncompromising. Despite its size Vancouver impresses you as being a Western outpost carved out of a wilderness. The trees are the tall, straight trees of the forest, not like the gnarled, wizened oaks of Victoria. The mountains are untamed and wild, not like the gentle hills near Victoria. One feels an awesome sensation of the power of nature and the transience of mankind. It seems that Vancouver must expand at a feverish rate lest it be engulfed by the forces around it.

At first the university strikes you as being horribly impersonal. The architecture is cold, bleak, grey and unfriendly. The chilling

smog creeps in from the factories, bringing with it a depressing sense of futility and despondency. The smog lifts and there are the mountains, frozen, white and somehow evil. When the wind blows it is icy and piercing.

Degrees Commonplace

Degrees are handed out much as meat is certified by government inspectors. The professors seldom know you, and they seldom care to. Classes are large and the lectures (mine anyway) uninspired. You feel disillusioned at the realization of your own unimportance and insignificance as one of a vast crowd.

Soon, though, you discover that U.B.C. is vital and alive. Students work hard and play hard, living fully and making every moment count. They throw themselves with verve into student activities, confident of success and unafraid of failure. The newspaper mirrors student life with an enthusiasm that borders almost on sensationalism.

U.B.C. is cosmopolitan, liberal and often radical. It is one of the few universities where the Communist front Student Peace Movement was allowed to solicit signatures. Students from Europe, Asia, South America and Africa mix freely with no hint of discrimination. There is a strong, active United Nations Club, which hit the news recently by issuing a brief calling for the recognition of Communist China. Only Contrast Evident

Compare U.B.C. with College and you will have little but contrast, a contrast between the frontier and the Old World, giant forests and landscaped gardens, mass society and individualism, liberalism and conservatism, sharp outlines and soft contours.

A happy New Year to College students, especially Martleteers.

—John Napier-Hemy

Irate Letter

The Editor, Martlet.

While it is true that wet rags occasionally suffer spontaneous internal combustion, it seems no such accident is likely to occur to our council. We have a smoothly running, well-oiled machine in control of student affairs. This is good, but how about a little more elan? We students are, for lack of other amusements, driven to drink and the devil. I see the day coming when my idea of a good time will be driving around in a snazzy convertible with a bottle of rye and a dame. Such an end to the high and pure ideals of youth is surely too horrible to contemplate. The Council sets the tone of this College, and it is surely in its power to improve this deplorable state of affairs. Let it provide interest, not merely efficiency.

A. Gilchrist.

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The Sporting Thing

By Bruce Naylor

There is a common tendency to condemn athletics in universities for their professional aspect. This is especially true in speaking of American colleges. The argument brought forward can be made to sound very logical. It is claimed that some young men attend universities for the sole purpose of gaining publicity on the merits of their athletic prowess. It is said also that cash payments to these athletes is contrary to the purpose of athletics in colleges. This purpose, they state, is to balance mental strain by physical exertion. All of this is probably true, but let's look at this question in another light.

It is common knowledge that athletes are paid to participate in college athletics. I will not be so silly as to try to contradict this fact. So they are paid, so what? Most of these athletes who receive highly valued reimbursements eventually turn to professional sport. Then, if a college athlete turns to professional sport after graduation, the college has served its purpose. For, hasn't college trained this athlete for his job in professional sport, just as it trains students for law or for medicine? The university is supposed to train students for their future profession, and has accomplished just this when an athlete turns to professional sport for his vocation.

I know, all athletes in college don't become professionals. These students, however, still have the chance in the university to take what course they need, to train them for their future profession. In other words, they have received their tuition free in exchange for their participation on college teams. Has anyone suffered? I believe no one has. The student certainly hasn't, for he has received his college training free of charge. Is the university out of pocket because these athletes have not paid their tuition fees? Definitely not! For the money that flows into the university coffers as a result of university athletics makes this tuition deficit minute. The net result—both the student and the university have profited, both are satisfied.

I admit that the athletes are privileged members of the student body, and that some have a tendency to abuse this privilege. However, when these privileges are not abused, the results are outstanding. The university benefits from this so-called "college professionalism" far more than does the student. The thousands of dollars raised at these athletic functions serve a definite purpose. This money can be used for a multitude of purposes. It provides for better athletic equipment, which can be used by the student who just delves into athletics for relaxation. Better coaches can be acquired for the training of athletes, thus providing well-paying and highly-respected jobs for professional athletes whose active playing days are past. Moreover, a lot of this money goes for providing equipment, other than athletic, for the university. Therefore, it would seem that all sections of the university benefit from this professionalism.

Second Division Reorganizes

by Geoff Craven

Through the efforts of Rich Paterson and Don (B.O.) Taylor, the famed Vikings (small letters) have again come into contention for the B.C. 2nd Division Championships.

With three players from last year's team, Glen Guest, Ted Howard, and Geoff Craven, the co-managers have done their best, producing seventeen enthusiasts who either have played before or are willing to learn the fine art of informal slaughter.

There has been no small feeling shown in the arguments for and against thirteen-man rugby, and the type of game to be played by our stalwarts has yet to be decided. However, with keenness at its present pitch, details such as this are negligible. (It might be said here, apropos of nothing, that some of the lads are regretting their Christmas debaucheries.)

Last year the team did very well; bad breaks were the only items that prevented it from winning the Championship. However lack of enthusiasm and support on the College's part is not generally termed a "bad break." So let's have lots of both this year; the players deserve it, as the rugby that they are playing is among the finest on the West Coast. (All right, so the first team hasn't killed anyone yet!—It hasn't been from lack of trying.)

As this goes to press, the team has played an exhibition game against Oak Bay Wanderers' First Division team, who were held down to a 28-0 victory. At half-time, the winners were leading only 8-0, a creditable performance on the part of the Collegians who were not in good condition, and for whom it was

the first game of the year. Although Rich Paterson has been doing a fine job this year, the lack of Mr. Howatson was felt by those who were under his orders last year.

The Martlet is always full of burblings about College Spirit—one of Mr. Savannah's unknowns, which, like them, will probably remain unknown—but seriously, lads, let us try to whip some up for the boys.

C.O.T.C. Accepts New Members

By Ken Leighton

Five applications to the Canadian Officers Training Corps have been accepted from Victoria College. There are, in addition, three students who are still awaiting notification.

Those accepted for the Armoured Corps are Don Paterson and Larry Wright, who will take their summer training at the R.C.A.C. School, Camp Borden, Ontario.

The Service Corps training centre is also at Camp Borden. Officer Cadets selected for this Corps are Owen Erwin, Peter Henslowe, and Fraser MacPherson.

There will be six indoctrination lessons for these cadets before they leave for their sixteen weeks of intensive training.

It is expected that the four second year cadets, Ian Hogarth, Ken Leighton, Conrad Namiesniowski, and Pat Thomas, will be participating in two weekend schemes along with C.O.T.C. from U.B.C. One of these schemes will be at Chilliwack and the other one here in Victoria.

Survey of Student Opinion Shows Varied Opinions on Armed Service

By Pat Thomas

The subject of universal training for young men of eighteen years and over has been brought into the limelight with the outbreak of the Korean "affair." In Canada this question is somewhat more difficult to solve than in other countries such as the U.S. In this country we have ardent supporters for both pro and con, and the situation is further complicated by the problem of Quebec.

However, there seems to be little doubt that in Canada a majority of our people would support some program of training in the light of world conditions. The fact that the U.S. holds the greatest power also should make Canadians more willing to see a program of preparation put into effect. This must, in fact, be done if we are not to become a satellite country of the U.S. and be forced to follow its immature and blundering path of blind power politics. As it is now, if war should break out on a world-wide scale, it would be necessary to depend largely on the U.S. for Canada's protection. Once under the military wing of the U.S., it would indeed be hard to retain our Canadian values.

The extreme left in Canadian politics undoubtedly has a following which is opposed to any form of military training. This would create difficulties in putting such a plan into operation, but on the whole Canadians appear to realize the necessity of this course of action.

Since a great many College men would naturally be affected by a military training program, let us see what some of their opinions are.

Most of the men we spoke to on this question favor military

training in varying degrees. Andy Cochrane, for example, believes a plan is necessary but that there should be some way to enable the men to be sure of getting jobs when the training is through. The C.O.T.C. contingent in the College also approves of the institution of military training in Canada.

On the other hand, Dick Chester disapproves of the idea on the grounds that war is unnecessary, and hence military training is wasteful of time and money, besides fostering a warlike spirit among youth. Agreeing with Dick is Robert Young, who feels that military training disrupts the ideas and life of the men undergoing it.

Our president, Ken MacKay, feels that military training is not really good, but is necessary at the present time.

Opposed to this, Aluin Gilchrist believes that "hate, fear, suspicion and distrust are arising on both sides of the present international struggle. Let Canada, U.S.A., Britain throw their arms, at least 95% of them, into the nearest ocean. I prophesy that if Stalin did not die of a heart attack, we should have permanent peace thereafter."

These are just some of the opinions prevalent in the College. But they represent the two main ideas on the subject.

As a conclusion, let us remember that in the long view, no nation has avoided war with a conqueror merely by having no army and professing peaceful intentions; and also, no nation has avoided war merely by having a strong army but doing nothing else to preserve peace. Neither military action nor inaction alone has, will, or can bring peace.

Vikings Lose Playoffs to Powerful Shamrocks

On January 31st, both the Intermediate "A" and Senior "B" Viking basketball teams bowed out of city league competition. After consistently defeating Chinese Students throughout league play, the Inter "A" squad, without the services of big Bill Garner, were soundly trounced in the playoffs by this same team. Garner was suspended by league officials on the grounds of a "player's form" technicality. Without the big centre's guiding hand the team seemed hopelessly disorganized. The Chinese Students flashed an uncanny scoring attack and won the two-game total point series 94-47. The pick of the College team was Bob Affleck, Archie McIntosh, Jim Baxter, and Gerry Bowden.

The Senior "B" team fared a little better in their playoff games. They won the right to meet the Shamrocks in the semifinals by beating the Elks by the narrowest of margins 97-96. Here

Bhagat Basi proved the hero, as he scored two long two-handers in the dying moments of the last game to clinch the victory.

Against the Shamrocks it was a different story. Although the Vikings outthought and outlasted their opponents, they were unable to outscore the Shamrocks, who came up with a dazzling scoring display. In the first game it was Ernie Fox who gave the Rocks their victory with a 27 point performance. In the second game, with Fox blanketed by a tight zone defence, the rest of the Shamrocks got "hot."

Everyone of the Vikings played good ball throughout the series, in spite of the little rest they got from the fact that injuries had cut the club down to six for the playoffs.

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Uncle Joe's Corner

By UNCLE JOE

Good evening Mr. and Mrs. North America and all the students at sea, let's go to press. Flash! After that original topic sentence, which has nothing whatsoever to do with the rest of the column, I shall proceed with the topic under discussion. To-day the object is to sort and classify the various specimens of humanity which inhabit the building at Richmond and Lansdowne. (not including the subservient clement attending Normal.)

Class No. 1: Male, 22 years of age. Celebrating his fourth year at Vic. College. Came because he doesn't like the idea of finishing a job and papa has an unlimited supply of money. Owns a convertible; chain smokes Exports; drinks beer; considers himself wordly, a b.m.o.c. (big man on campus) and takes pride in being a "wheel." This type is hoping for a rugby scholarship to "yew-of-double-yew," but his athletic prowess is limited to playing poker on Saturday nights.

Class No. 2: Female, Average age, 18. She heard college women are outnumbered two to one, and is hoping to find a husband. Skips lectures to sit in the caf, because someone told her that is where "the boys" hang out. Is especially fond of Players and Sportsmen, drinks caf. coffee, and considers herself quite boor-ge-wah, or is it bourgeoisie. This type is a social menace, but usually dies a horrible death at a very early age from cafein poisoning.

Class No. 3: Male, age 19. At Vic. College because he wants to be an engineer and go to U.B.C. Smokes a pipe and drinks rum. Can be found in the caf, second booth from the left, where he engages in lengthy discussions on politics, economics and women. Hopes someday to square the circle and build an underground tunnel from Mt. Tolmie direct to Tudor House. (or is it Half-way House?)

Class No. 4: Male and/or female. Aged 16 up. This type came to college, believe it or not, to learn something, but is a very small minority. Can be found in the library, perusing the latest copy of "True Life" magazine. Smokes Havanas, drinks root beer, and was labelled "the most likely to" by fellow-inmates at dear old Balai High.

And that, people, is 30 for today. We always aim to please, but remember, if the shoe fits, wear it.

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Club Activities

The Jazz Club

One of the highlights of the year was produced last Tuesday when the Jazz Club presented the Clare Anderson Quintet. The group provided a fine program to an attentive audience who were impressed by the variation of Heybroek, Anderson, and Glover on sax, trumpet, and piano respectively. Greaves and Peaker backed up these solos with an ever-moving beat. The turnout at the regular meetings soared up with the presentation of an all Louis Armstrong program. Watch for more in the future!

The S.C.M.

Recently the S.C.M. has had two speakers. The first, the Rev. T. L. Tucker of the United Church Mission in Angola, gave an interesting account of the work done by his mission in education and hospital work, despite the lack of funds and a rather negative attitude on the part of the colonial government. Work in the schools of Angola is carried on in two languages, Portuguese and the native dialect. This, of course, presents an acute problem for the missionaries. There is a real need for more workers if the life of the natives is to be raised above the level of animism and superstition.

The second speaker, the Rev. Jim Puxley, addressed the club on the topic "Jesus Christ was not primarily an ethical teacher." Showing a real mastery of public speaking, Rev. Puxley spoke of the mistake of many people in regarding Christianity as merely a system of ethics. This address was definitely the banner event of the year.

Club officials have planned, for the rest of the term, discussion groups on the book "Stop, Look and Listen," as well as the usual programme of speakers. Officials are pleased with the increased attendance at club meetings, which shows that the organization possesses life and spirit. A cordial invitation is extended to all interested to attend future meetings.

Literary Arts

The Literary Arts Society was most fortunate in obtaining for their speaker in the last pre-Christmas meeting, none other than Mrs. Nancy Hodges. Mrs. Hodges' topic was "Precedents of the Speakers of the House." She traced the history of the speakers with many amusing and informative anecdotes up to the present. Mrs. Hodges is herself a custom breaker, being the first woman speaker in the Commonwealth, and in the world for that matter. Letters of congratulation have poured in to her from all corners of the world; one of the most amusing of these was read to the members. A short discussion followed her talk, after which refreshments were served by Pat Sinnott at whose house the meeting was held. Later in the evening Mr. Sinnott very kindly entertained the members with films taken in Europe.

The Science Club

Last term the Science Club conducted various educational programmes including movies and an interesting talk on "Chromatography" by Prof. Clark. This term a similar programme of movies and lectures, a visit to the Dominion Astronomical Observatory, and a tour of the Mineral Assay Department at the Parliament Buildings have been planned by the executive. A cordial invitation is extended to all interested to attend these meetings.

Music Appreciation

Last term the Music Appreciation Club concentrated on listening to the symphonic works of such men as Beethoven, Bach, Schubert, Haydn, Stravinsky, and Rachmaninoff. These selections were received enthusiastically, but the trend this term seems more towards opera. It is hoped that we can obtain selections from many of the better-known operas like Aida, Rigoletto, The Barber of Seville, La Traviata, Don Giovanni, Il Trovatore, Carmen, and Faust.

Incidentally, the regular meeting day of the M.A.C. has been changed from Tuesday to Monday. This innovation took place as a result of the College Chorus to which all good members of the M.A.C. are supposed to belong. Mr. Gruber explained to the club before Christmas that he thought just listening to records was a "very passive" way to enjoy music. He hoped to form a Chorus using the M.A.C. and the Glee Club as a nucleus. This he did, but the "record listeners" have decided to continue enjoying music "passively" as well as attending the Tuesday and Thursday Chorus practices.

The M.A.C. has sponsored the sale of tickets for the special Sunday concerts presented by the Victoria Symphony Orchestra. The first of these concerts, presented on January 14, was commended highly by all those who attended, and Mr. Gruber informs us that the next one will be presented in the near future. Tickets will again be sold by a committee sponsored by the M.A.C.

Girls Appreciation

The girls appreciation club held its weekly meeting in the men's commons, January 22 at two p.m. It was unanimously decided that girls are a necessary part of our society. This came as a surprise to the supporters of the anti-sex movement now on the rampage in our institution. Girls, it was decided, are made up of three basic parts: head, body and legs, the most basic part being the head and the most basic the legs. The space between taken up between the head and legs, the body, is also important as it joins the two. The meeting closed with the singing of the club anthem, "Drink to me only with thine eyes but make mine rum."

International Relations

On November 30th, the I.R.C. was addressed by Mr. Brian Tobin of the Victoria Daily Times, who spoke on "The Press and Current Affairs." Mr. Tobin told the interested audience of the structure of the press agencies and their role in news gathering.

This term the I.R.C. is participating in the Local U.N.A. Model Assembly to be held late in March. Keen interest is being shown in response to appeals, and it is hoped that the assembly will be the highlight of the year 1950-51 in I.R.C. activities.

The Forensic Society

On the evening of Friday, November 24th, at the home of Miss Sylvia Southin, Mr. Gouge, guest of the Forensic Society, led a discussion on "Estates," which was very important to all present. Attending, in addition to Miss Southin, were David Smeaton, John Wood, Denis Levy, Peter Henslowe, and Raphael Jackman.

The Society offers its thanks to Prof. Wallace for inviting its members to hear Mr. L. MacKenzie address the Labor Relations Class, Evening Division, on the "Aspects of the B.C. Labor Law."

Sea Scouts "Invade" Mainland

By B. J. Travers-Smith.

Since the last writeup the U.N.T.D.'s have visited Seattle, weathered the Christmas holidays and been on a cruise to Vancouver. The trip to Seattle took place on the weekend of the 10th of December, and although the number of cadets was small, because of the unhappy timing of the Christmas examinations, the voyage was enjoyed by all concerned. The weather "left much to be desired," as it rained nearly the whole weekend, and the rain assumed tropical proportions during the all too short hours of shore-leave. Most of the officers, cadets and men were to be seen at Nanco, the U.S. Services' canteen, at some time during Saturday in search of Christmas presents. Manoeuvres were carried out on the return trip, with the second-year and the single first year cadets standing four-hour watches on the bridge. The "Sault Ste. Marie" tied up at Esquimalt at 2000 on Sunday.

The Vancouver Cruise took place on the weekend of Jan. 19-21 when sixteen first-year and three second-year men arrived on board at 1915 on Friday. The senior cadets were made cadet captains and put in charge of five first-year men, who were given instruction on fuel systems, communications, steering

equipment, electrical layout, and the use of echo-sounding and radar instruments. The cruise was an opportunity for the Reserve Officers to undertake problems in night navigation, but proceedings were rather hampered by foul weather during the early part of Saturday morning. The ship ran into fairly rough weather at 0400 on Saturday, and it was noted that breakfast was refused by not a few of the first-year men for whom this was the first experience of life at sea. Harried cadet captains spent most of Friday night attempting to lever or wedge by main force several first-year men into their "micks, and although a few of them fell out again during the night, and everyone was awakened at 0415 by the crash of breaking crockery, a few hours of troubled shuteye were presumed enjoyed by all. It rained, (as usual), in Vancouver, and shore-leave was piped until 0100 for first-year, and 0400 for second-year cadets. The return crossing was cold but uneventful.

Second-year cadets were examined on navigation on the evening of Wednesday, January 17th; the exams were written at Reserve Training Establishment at H.M.C. Dockyard, Esquimalt. Two men were missing due to illness, and will write the exam at a later date.

Tower Report

The staff of the Tower this year is suffering from a lack of co-operation on the part of the student body. Perhaps this is because of the fact that not all the Tower Staff are known to you. Here is a list of the Editors and Directors of the departments: Editor-in-chief...Beverley Michell Associate Editor...Ken O'Shea Business Manager... Don Matheson Advertising Manager...Patty Joe Art Editor...June Orchard Cuts and Illustrations... Marian Rainer

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Our main problem at present is money. We cannot go ahead and plan the size of the magazine, the number of candid snap pages, etc., until we find out how much money we have to spend. Please turn in your two dollars immediately.

Second year students who did not have their pictures taken this year but had them in last year's annual will have the same pictures this year.

Anyone who knows of a firm that would like an ad for the annual is asked to see Patty Joe at once.

Remember, this is your annual, and should be particularly interesting to second year students. Therefore, try to assist the Tower Staff in every way possible.

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Introducing... Vera Stanley

By Joan Davies

There are several ways of describing a girl (in case you didn't know!) She can be the efficient, studious type, the popular, vivacious type, the good-natured, happy-go-lucky type, and so on. The problem is how to describe Vera Stanley, since she has all these attributes and more besides.

Although not a "native" of Victoria, Vera has lived in this fair city since she was thirteen years old. An ex-Vic High student, she distinguished herself during her four years at that well-known institution by being popular with both students and teachers. Of course, anyone who knows her could tell you why—who could resist her charming smile and sparkling eyes? In high school, Vera was a member of numerous executives; these activities have made her well suited for her position of Council Secretary. In Vera's capable hands, the responsibility of seeing that the minutes are typed, of sending out letters on College business, and of generally keeping things in order is well looked after.

Vera tells us that her chosen field is bacteriology; in fact, she intends to take a course in that subject next summer at U.B.C. Her future plans include more years at this institution of higher learning. Somehow we don't envy her the many hours spent over a pencil and sheet of drawing paper in the labs, but she feels that it's worthwhile.

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Big Ed Says...

Well, here we are at the old stand again. All the exam results are out and we see some old faces missing; this boy, however, is still here, much to his surprise. New Year's is over too—had a lovely time, sober, too. What about others and their celebrations?

Richard was in fine shape. He wanted to get tight and start a fight but he couldn't see the person he was aiming at. He finally had to be clipped and sent home. Cromie seems to like ladders. He saw the new year in from the second rung. All he got that night was a cold. Naylor won't say; he tried to plant his head in the middle of the street to see what would come up. He spent the next few days in bed.

Ken had another party to celebrate the end of exams. Monaghan has a fascinating new hobby which consists of walking through the caf on a crowded afternoon and counting the girls wearing tight sweaters. By actual count one day a few weeks ago, there were forty-eight with, twelve without, two in coats, and three pigs. The mystery of the week: what happened to Mr. Wallace? What does the other ruddy look like?

Miscellaneous Filth: Elmer seems to have added a NEW TON to his already ample frame. Hah hah! (Joke and hah hah's by kind permission of Garner.) The rugby team got their new pins, but most of the boys did not keep them long. Stead won't tell whether his went to Vancouver, Duncan, Esquimalt, or Koksilah. Conna has dropped the Commodore's daughter for a Brigadier's close relation.

Ed etait sobair pendant les vacances.

We got quite a shock to see what Shipley dragged to the last dance.

Lost: One Picture. Someone gave me a picture of Brynjolfson standing on a log, wearing a lily leaf. It's gone. Anyone finding same, please return to the Martlet office.

The U.N.T.D. went to Vancouver again. Wire had a lovely time... so did Craven. Ask them for details. Sherwood was drinking antifreeze, and had to have his stomach pumped out. Should lay off that sort of stuff, it ruins your connections they say.

Well, that's about it, see you at the co-ed.

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