

Getting A Kick Out Of This?



In keeping with our policy of welcoming educators to our fair city, a Marlet representative interviewed Bowker Creek Elementary's newest grade three indoctrinator, Miss Theresa Twitch-A-Little. Commenting on B.C.'s education system, Miss Twitch-A-Little said "we've always had 'litle women', it's time we had 'litle men'." Born and educated in Alberta's booming oil town of East Gusher, she received her teacher's training at Walhalla Normal. "Where I come from marbles are gone and sex is real crazy," noted Theresa, an avid modern music fan. We of the Martlet wish Miss Twich-A-Little good luck in her endeavors and a happy, prosperous and lengthy stay in Victoria.

Student Body Will Vote on Fall Council Elections

Major Picture Premiere Free

To open the annual Canadian Red Cross Society appeal for funds, the Canadian premiere of the comedy "The Importance of Being Ernest" will be presented at the Odeon theatre Sunday at 9 p.m.

Victoria College students, particularly those who helped to put the recent blood drive over the top, by their pint donations, are invited to attend the showing.

As the premiere of this major J. Arthur Rank production is free of charge to everyone, Red Cross officials advise that those planning to attend should pick up programs in advance to ensure themselves of a seat. They may be obtained now at the Odeon theatre or at Red Cross House, Fort Street near Cook.

Lieutenant-Governor Clarence Wallace is to be patron of the event to be publicised far and wide by a powerful searchlight in front of the Odeon Sunday which will penetrate the heavens in the true tradition of major studio premieres.

In New York, the only other North American city where the movie has shown, critics have received it warmly.

QUESTION

Will Ron ever find out who wrote the letter?

THE MARTLET

Surveys prove . . . More students prefer The Martlet than ALL other Victoria College newspapers COMBINED, and The Martlet is Victoria College's most read newspaper.

PETITION PRESENTED TO STUDENTS' COUNCIL ASKS FOR CHANGE OF ELECTION DATES

by ANN SKELTON

A petition from 20 members of the Victoria College Alma Mater Society asking for changes in the constitution which would move the election of Students' Council officials from March to September has seen several varying views arise out of the resultant controversy.

At a Students' Council meeting where the petition was first explained by President Ray Frey, an hour long discussion arose dominated by Lyle Robertson and Walt Young.

Robinson, one of the signers of the petition, remarked that "clauses have been put in (the amendment) that aren't required."

Added Frey, "It is wholly unnecessary to change one word as has been done in the suggested amendment to

clause 5 (d)-8. Nevertheless, there are many good points outlined in the petition."

(The word referred to was "intercourse" which had been omitted in the suggested amendment from the sentence "It shall be the duty of the Students' Council to promote social intercourse and academic unity within the College.")

COUNCIL MEMBERS DIVIDED IN SUPPORT

Young said he could only see that a now streamlined working constitution would be made more cumbersome and inefficient by the chief change required. This was the postponement of all Students' Council elections from the Spring to the Fall term and the election of a steering committee to act as a unifying force between the Spring and Fall terms.

The President then claimed that he had talked to three of the petitioners who admitted signing the petition without reading it. Robertson denied the implication that none of the petitioners had read the amendment as he had carefully read it be-

fore signing it. And although he did not support some of the details, he felt justified in signing because he did support the general idea of the petition.

(When asked following the Council meeting, Bill Broadley, who drew the petition up, admitted that several of the signers had not bothered to read it. "But," he hastened to add, "they had all definitely been informed of the purpose of the amendment. Everyone who signed it did so because they wanted to have the Students' Council elected by the students most directly concerned.")

CONTENDS DETAILS CAN BE AMENDED

("As I explained to them, nine-elevenths of the Council is elected in the Spring for the following year by the student body. Yet only slightly more than 20 per cent of the students who do the electing are here for the tenure of office of the members they have elected. I felt this was wrong in principle. To move the election to September would avoid this discrepancy and might also help sustain the interest of the student body in College affairs throughout the year because, having elected the Students' Council, they would have a more common bond of interest.")

("The petition only asked that the constitution be amended 'along the lines outlined below,'" Broadley continued. "The petitioners did not have to agree with every detail, only the principle involved. Although the petition makes provision for a Sophomore Committee to handle affairs between the Spring and Fall term, this is only a detail designed to implement the principle involved. It should, therefore, be subject to change if a better alternative is made at the Alma Mater Society meeting where the amendment will be discussed.")

Tower Contest Closes Saturday

Subscriptions for the Fiftieth Anniversary edition of the Victoria College year book, The Tower, will remain on sale in the main hall for the next week or two.

Price for the 60-page annual is two dollars. Actual cost for producing it will be more than eight dollars per copy.

Candid pictures of campus life are wanted from students for publication in The Tower.

Two five dollar prizes will be awarded for the best entries in the literary contest, one to the best poet and the other to the best essay writer. The contest closes tomorrow.

THE CURIOUS SAVAGE

Tonight and Saturday
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DANCE PRECEDES INVASION TRIP

Next week-end (and we don't mean the magazine section of the Victoria Times) Victoria is going to get back at Vancouver for past injustices showered (this we do mean) upon the garden city by the mainland metropolis.

The plot involves the invasion of the smoke covered lands adjacent to Burrard Inlet by a group of students from Victoria College. Although they are associated in name with a larger institution commonly referred to as U.B.C., the Victorians have agreed to uphold the pride of the Island by meeting the teams of U.B.C. in several athletic contests.

Spectators from the wistful vista on Mount Tolmie will be along to support the effort (and perhaps to indulge in a few outside activities between games).

Turbo-electric (the C.P.R. having replaced its steamers) tickets are

available at the Students' Council office for the midnight sailing March 6th.

To ensure that all those making the trip will be known to one another a stag dance is scheduled for the College-Normal School Auditorium at 8 p.m. Buses will then transplant the howling mob on to the C.P.R. TEV after a quick run from the rarified strata of Mount Tolmie Hill to the more pungent atmosphere of the Belleville Street piers.

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A.M.'S MEETING CALLED FOR MARCH 6

Discussing the idea of a Fall election, Young declared that the present Spring elections were more satisfactory. Frey, supporting the general idea of a fall election, suggested that instead of a temporary steering group, the President, Secretary, Treasurer and a Wugs and Mugs representative be elected to the Council in March, with the bulk of the Council positions left to a fall election.

At this point both Young and George Metcalfe objected, saying that unless the Sports Representative and Clubs' Director were elected before the summer, much needless backtracking would result along with greater inefficiency.

As another alternative, the President suggested that only the election of the first year reps and the Wugs and Mugs president be held in the fall term.

Robertson indicated that the main question in preferring the petition was whether the changes would improve school spirit. He claimed it would even out the balance between sophs and frosh.

Young immediately maintained that it would make no difference.

As the meeting ended the President called for an A.M.S. meeting March 11, noting that "we should clear the air, instead of trying to escape our responsibility."

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Well Done, Victoria College! Rugby Replay Tomorrow

**The Canadian Red Cross Society
Victoria City and District Branch**

February 17th, 1953

Mr. M. A. M. Bell,
Victoria College,
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Mr. Bell:

Please accept our heartiest thanks and congratulations for the excellent job done by you and your committee, and through you to the students of Victoria College on the recent Blood Donor Clinic held there. The results were evidence of the amount of work that you and your committee did in organizing the students for the campaign.

We hope to pay a return visit to the College later in the year, and that the high standard already set will be more than maintained on that occasion.

With best wishes to you and your committee.

Yours very truly,

M. L. FitzGerald

MLF/VAT

Chairman, Blood Donor Panel

Letter to the Editor COLLEGE SPORTS DAY?

Sir: Why doesn't Victoria College have a sport's day? A sports day would do a lot to promote school spirit and a feeling of unity in the College. I am sure it would be of interest to the entire campus. Such a sports day could be held some Sunday, a few weeks before the final exams, with both elimination and final heats on the same day. A Victoria College sports day would be worth while and should be given a trial.—P.G.E.

The Scrapped Book of Poetry

LIQUOR AND LONGEVITY

The horse and mule live twenty years,
The pachyderm shuns wine and beers,
The goat and sheep at twenty die
And never taste a Scotch or Rye.
The cow drinks water by the ton,
At eighteen years it's almost done.
The dog at fifteen cashes in
Without the aid of rum or gin,
The cat in milk and water soaks,
Then in twelve short years it croaks.
The modest sober bone-dry hen
Lays eggs for nogs then dies at ten.
All animals are strictly dry,
They sinless live and swiftly die,
But sinful, ginful, rum-soaked men
Survive for three score years and ten,
And some I'd say, but rightly few,
Stay pickled 'till they're ninety-two!

—Anon

FROM WALL ST. TO THE KREMLIN

(Sometimes known as Corpuscles are Red, Corpuscles are Blue, I am a Commie and so Are You.)

While giving blood the other day
I heard a College professor say,
"Not me, thank you, my blood is blue
And therefore of no use to you."
Well this was fine and no one cared,
Though a few of us peasants stood and stared,
But he gave us a look and then stalked off,
This imperialistic lackey prof.
A fellow traveller chanced to meet
This same professor in the street
Guiltily standing in front of the door
Of the Red Cross Clinic, Bottom floor.
Soon he saw him lift his chin,
Turn the handle and wander in.
Our hero by the window crept,
Then through the door he softly stepped
To see the nurse with bulging muscles
Filling his arm with red corpuscles!

—m.f.r.

ADVICE TO PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

If you cannot go to College and it's time to leave your school,
Just climb in your drapes and strides and shoot a game of pool.
For the average entrance passing mark gets lower year by year,
You cannot run a College and keep your conscience clear.
And as the student body begins to grow much less
The faculty will panic and in time they'll murmur "yes."
Amalgamation, fatal word abhorred by all the staff,
For if to U.B.C. we're joined their ranks are cut by half.

—m.f.r.

SATURDAY DANCE \$2

In an independent move to raise money to pay for their expenses on the Vancouver invasion, the members of the Rugby team are sponsoring a private dance Saturday night at the Cadboro Bay Pavilion.

The dance is open to anyone with the admission price of two dollars a couple.

Lloyd Orchard's Orchestra will be providing instrumental stylings from 9 to 1. Refreshments will be provided free.

Athletic Awards To be Scarce

Walt Young, Men's Athletic Director, has announced plans to make athletic awards a more coveted prize. To achieve this aim the all-round standard is being raised to the extent that no minor letters will be given and not more than 10 big blocks will be handed out.

Last year 16 of the latter were awarded along with 27 major and 11 minor awards.

Mr. Young is awarding points on last year's system and also on his own scheme to compare the two results and thus pick out the best possible method.

"A list will be posted before the Awards Dance with all winners and their points totals stated so there will be no complaints," he observed.

Also listed will be the final method of choosing successful candidates, but a student would have had to play at least two majors and a minor or one major and three minors to merit a big block.

Victoria College Vikings meet Crusaders Saturday at 2.30 in a replay of the sudden death semi-final series for the first division rugby honors.

Last Saturday's game at the Macdonald park enclosure ended in a 6-6 overtime draw which necessitated this week's replay. In the other half of the semi-finals Saturday the league-winning J.B.A.A. XV will face off against the Oak Bay Wanderers.

The two winners will meet March

14 in the final for the Bernard Cup.

In their encounter last week, College took successive 3-0 and 6-3 leads on a penalty kick by Gerry Rovers and a try by Dick Hales before the Knights could knot the count.

Although the students were able to hamstring their opponents throughout the two ten minute overtime periods, they were unable to garner the needed points.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL FINISHES FOURTH

The women's basketball quintet entered the Hocking Cup competition for the first time in three years and did very well for themselves, winning four games and tying two out of a possible nine, to finish fourth in a field of ten squads.

Irene Young and Marian Stevenson with 27 and 25 points, respectively, contributed two-thirds of the Viking's total in the fifteen minute contests.

Three championships have now been decided in the annual Victoria College badminton tournament.

Sally Pollard took the women's singles with a 11-6; 11-5; win over Francis Appleton and then joined with men's finalist Geoff Conway to down Miss Appleton and George Forbes in a hard fought mixed final, 6-15, 18-17, 17-16.

Janet Parsons and Francis edged out Sally and Belinda McConnell 11-9, 11-5, to take possession of the women's doubles trophy.

In the men's singles George Forbes, Ron Birch and Geoff Conway have advanced to the semis, while Birch and Conway together with Forbes and Blane Coulcher have reached the charmed circle in the doubles.

The fourth division badminton squad came up with its first win of the year Tuesday when they downed Navy 14-2 at Naden.

Marlene Vance continues to dominate the College bowling scene with a high average of 187 and a high total of 13,058 points in 33 games.

Her closest competitor is Ellis Achtem, who has racked up the high single of 330 and a 184 average. MacIntyre's high three of 721 has made him second to Ellis in "the stronger sex," while Art Gamble is the only other kegger to top the 175 average.

Second in a Series

Declines To Recline In Time

by Samuel L. Peabody

In my second article I would like to point out how the infiltration of subversives aided in the fall of the Roman Empire. Unfortunately the ancient Romans had no McCarthy or McCarran, no loyalty boards or investigation committees to keep their country 'pure.'

The population gradually became infiltrated by Saxons, Jutes, Franks and Angles (chiefly due to the work of Pythagoras.) The famous Roman legions recruited 'foreigners' and even the legions' standards bore crossbred eagles. When the Romans fought skirmishes in the provinces with the local guerillas, half the legions would fraternize openly with these men because they were often related. Finally the army had no one close at hand to fight against, properly that is, until the barbarian hordes arrived. By this time the army was run by a bunch of peace time cadets.

'Foreigners' soon infiltrated into responsible occupations. Customs officials, travelling salesmen, gladiators and barmen became non-Roman positions (the last named occupation entirely filled by Anglo-Saxons!) During this period of change the phrase 'fifth column' was first coined. The number of temple roofs that fell in increased enormously because subversive temple-builders omitted the fifth column which supported the final marble block.

Perhaps the main cause for the increased number of foreigners in ancient Rome was the emancipation of the slaves. No longer were honest citizens allowed to beat these inferiors; all the rights of the Roman citizen vanished with this equality. Add to this the peaceful attitude of those Christian doctrines—the Roman almost became civilized.

When the barbarian hordes first arrived, the Romans in their new friendly, peace-loving, democratic way invited these shaggy humans in for a Roman equivalent of a cup of tea.

(The name of this beverage will be withheld in order that The Martlet is not invaded by fearful professors, irate mothers and the local temperance union). However, according to the record they have not left yet and many of these people emigrated to the States, disguised as Afghan hounds. Nonetheless, in conclusion, may I quote the words of the Roman historian Tacitlessly: "The best laid plans of mice an' Romans, gang aft agley."

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