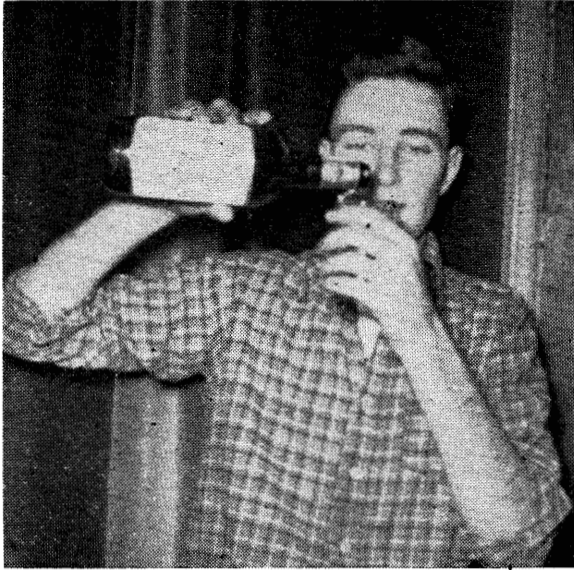


## MARTLET EXTENDS XMAS GREETINGS



The Martlet wishes to propose the traditional toast to the staff and students of Victoria College for good health and long prosperity in the New Year.

Our Assistant Editor, Mr. Patterson, is seen pouring a "wee nip" which, we think, is symbolic of the gay, carefree manner in which generally the staff and students will celebrate Christmas.

Once again the staff of the Martlet would like to express the hope that the merry Christmas festivities will revive its readers for the forthcoming arduous Spring term.

## CHRISTMAS GIFTS

### FOR DAD—

Get Dad interested in a hobby this year. For only 67c you can get a year's subscription to the Flea Trainer's Monthly. If your father is one of those men who swear that your younger brothers and sisters are not going to lead the life of riotous living that you enjoy, give him a large ball and chain to clamp around the kids' ankles.

Obtain several credit accounts for Dad—one for all the big stores and oil companies (including one for your use), all in his name.

### FOR MOTHER—

If Mother is interested in how you spend your weekends, buy her a complete filing system for people, places and social relationships.

Mom will appreciate rubber cocktail glasses for her friends who toss their empty glasses over their shoulders in a final dramatic gesture.

Similarly she will find loaded cocktail snacks useful. These deceptive little tit-bits will provide your family with the necessary motive to rid you of boring or unwanted guests.

### FOR SISTER—

Sister will like one of those wear-never rubber corsages that survive incessant crushing during dancing. If your sister is the type who plays rugby in her evening dress, this delicately designed flower will remain undamaged.

For the scientifically minded sister a chemi-perfume set will be ideal. A wide range of perfumes with test tubes, bunsen burners, other equipment and instructions are included in this interesting outfit. Your sister will be able to concoct such perfumes as "Purple Fury," "Flame-flower," "Hot-plate," "Scorching Sim," or "Yowee."

### FOR BROTHER—

Buy your little brother a Streamlined Guillotine complete with a sawdust basket for severed heads. The little fellow will have hours of good clean fun with this exciting gadget. Perhaps your brother would like a heap of "Elect Gundy" buttons, useful for many children's games. He will have great fun imitating Mr. Hoover's men with one of these buttons on his lapel.

## TNR - Scribblers' Paradise

Lately the TNR has fallen noticeably and student opinion has led the Martlet to examine this once-respected publication. As the TNR writers settle smugly back for a Christmas of esthetic delight, the Martlet hopes to stimulate them for the New Year.

The flux of literary criticism which TNR produces is astounding. In one issue, Mr. Sandys-Wunsch calmly analyzes literature in six hundred words without any qualms concerning his level of education. This assumption of competence also appears in Mr. Heb-

lom's discourse on the Utopian possibilities for Victoria College in which he omits to include all the factors involved. When not actually asserting propositions TNR writers squabble frequently over their particular opinions.

These writers' rather self-centred literary efforts have always bored TNR readers to death. Each writer tries intermittently to be witty (humour never succeeds in TNR) or cruelly analytic about the other's column. In a style which reflects most diligent choice of words, weakness of grammar, and reproduction of stock references, they slosh back and forth the same dull arguments each issue, each time questioning a definition, misreading an assumption or digressing conveniently.

Quite recently a trend towards short story writing has appeared in TNR. Mr. Lester and Mr. Inglis wrote commendable stories. But competition flourishes in TNR and another writer produced a collection of revolting details which achieve little, climaxed by "(we) found him crumpled up on the manure pile." Now, an idea may be there to be discovered, but the going is pretty rugged.

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## Victoria College Political Ballot Shows Liberal Majority

### C.C.F. AND SOCIAL CREDIT GAIN MOST OF REMAINING VOTES, L.P.P. SHOWS SOME SUPPORT

In a ballot held by the Martlet on November 24th, the day of the Victoria by-election, the political trend in the College proved to be strongly Liberal. Half the students of the College voted in a poll which showed that the Liberal party with 77 out of 146 votes (52.6%) held a majority.

Because the recent by-election drew strong interest in Victoria College, particularly after the political rally held by the Men's Undergraduate Society, the Martlet held a political trend poll. Of the 292 students in Victoria College, 146 or 50% of the students voted giving the poll the necessary numbers to be able to produce a fairly reasonable cross election of student political opinion. The results were as follows:

Liberal	77 votes (52.6%)
L.P.P.	3 votes (2.5%)
Social Credit	29 votes (19.8%)
C.C.F.	23 votes (15.6%)
Conservative	14 votes (9.5%)

146 votes (100.0%)

These are the parties as they appeared on the ballot. From the figures, the College leans definitely towards the Liberal party (provincially and with particular attention paid to

the by-election) with the bulk of the remaining voters polling in favour of the Social Credit party and the C.C.F. The Conservative party gathered less than 10 per cent of the votes while the L.P.P., as expected, received only three votes.

### INTEREST IN POLITICS

The political rally held by the MUGS a week earlier demonstrated the attention that Vic College students are paying to British Columbia politics since the bill allowing the provincial franchise to nineteen and twenty year-olds was passed. This interest spread to the lively political meeting held at the Royal Theatre the night before the election voting. Several well-known Liberal College students were observed in the front two rows with "Elect Gregory" identification. Students supporting the other parties were also present.

### GENERAL IMPRESSIONS

The Martlet voting returns and general discussion during the by-election campaign period gave several definite impressions about the interest that Victoria College students have in provincial politics. Many students were seen arguing vigorously and intelligently from the different points of view prior to the ballot while on the other hand many had little interest in the election as demonstrated by the percentage of potential voters that marked their ballots. Of those who voted, many expressed the opinions that are handed down from their parents—that is, they argued politically from the same position as their parents do. This, however, is only a possible tendency noticed in discussions. Generally, Victoria College is relatively interested in political affairs—provincially at least.

## Origins of Christmas

Have you ever wondered about our Christmas customs? (1) We all know the religious significance of the holiday, but have you ever wondered how we came by our quaint practices of overloading electrical circuits and mailmen, getting drunk, executing small trees, and going in debt and the like? It is obvious that these customs are not Christian at all, but relics of our savage past. You see, Christmas is the biggest of our yearly holidays and over the years many traditions that were previously associated with other festivals have come to be part of Christmas. (2) Some of these customs are extremely ancient (3) and a study of their development can be very interesting.

One of the earliest celebrations of which we retain portions was that of the wild tribes of Sarnia who gathered once a year to throw vegetables at passing trucks. (4) The festival was held in August, lasted for several weeks, and was called Tuesday.

A similar holiday later turned up in Lithuania (5) at the turn of the century (6) being celebrated in the fall and called the Summer Solstice. On the day of feasting horse-racing was illegal (7) and debtors forgave their creditors. (8) This form changed slightly as it moved eastward (9) across Europe, and it emerged on the other side (10) as the well-known day of Blatzenhiem (11) when the peasants gathered on the shores of the nearest lake to toast cabbages over an open fire and sing. It was a general holiday. (12).

About this time the character we now know as Santa Claus made his first appearances. In his early forms he was an old woman who went from door to door in Denmark selling gin (13).

Now, it may be difficult to see any relationship between the things I have mentioned above and the things we know of Christmas today (14), but one cannot argue with history (15). And so, my friends, as you hang up your stockings this Christmas eve, think of the ancient Egyptians, or the Etruscans or Armenians, and smile (16).

### RELEVANT FOOTNOTES

1. If you haven't there's not much point in going on.
2. An example of this is our habit of sending Christmas cards. In pre-historic times Christmas cards were sent on the 24th of May.
3. So ancient, in fact, that nobody knows anything about them.
4. The plots in which these vegetables were grown were the first truck gardens.
5. Some historians say it was Japan.
6. None is sure which century or which way it turned.
7. There were no horses in America.
8. Social Crediters were unknown, but it is considered unlikely that they would have been forgiven if they had been around.
9. Possibly westward.
10. East or West. Certainly not South.
11. It is from this name that we derive our present word 'onion.'
12. This must not be confused with a Roman holiday. Roman holidays are ones like Easter which do not fall upon any specific date, but roam all over the place.

## Through the Key Hole

MR. POISSON and T.N.R. writers discussing the "stream of bilge-water" technique... PAT TURNER telling doubtful jokes to KEN GOODACRE... ANNE POMEROY declining to wear the Order of the Fur-lined Dog Collar... our Irish Friend PETE McMULLAN putting his best foot forward—through three inches of gyprock... SHEILA KINGHAM threatening to kil lanybody who says "Dig that crazy cat"... MR PETTIT declaring that he is "a fisher of minds" and the Philosophy joker whispering "He's wasting his time, he won't get a bite"... ANNE SKELTON defending the Socialist

cause in the library... GEORGE PLAWSKI dreading a nother THURSDay... JO ELLIS and GRACE CODVILLE destroying the evidence feverishly... Council President BILL O'BRIEN commenting on the "small tank"... MEL SMITH glumly paying election debts... Several fanatical LIBERALS celebrating their local success even at MRS. NORRIS's expense... MR. BISHOP gloating over another load of dusty English books... two brave SCOTS fighting off those enthusiasts who haven't got a kilt... CECIL BRANSON agreeing to agitate for an increased grant for the MARTLET.

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# MEET CHIPS

There are probably two main attitudes of behaviour displayed by humans when the chips are down. One is the attitude of selfishness which reveals itself in greed and looking after one's own skin; the other is the unselfishness and disregard for one's own personal aggrandizement in order that others might benefit.

The former is perhaps all too common, but there are demonstrations of the latter which remain as bright glimmerings in darkened chaos.

Such an instance as the latter was demonstrated by a man to whom the title of "the most unforgettable character I have ever met" would be well fitted.

The incident to which I refer happened in those dark days following the Japanese invasion of Asia. Our family found itself suddenly deprived of most of our worldly possessions, they having been looted; and in an internment camp in which there existed no organization at first.

Gradually, a semblance of order did emerge and from this resulted the separating of men's and women's sleeping quarters. Although housed in the same building the dormitories were segregated areas.

This meant that my brother, aged fourteen, found himself in a roomful of tough, English sailors off a Blue Funnel boat. And it was through this event that we met Chips.

He was just plain Chips. His name coupled with the gentle roll of his walk, professed his trade. He was the sort of man whose real name had long ago been buried by his working capacity, and like so many men of the sea his job had determined his moniker.

The reason we met him was that he had seen my brother and had felt a fatherly concern for him and as my father was not with, Chips came to see mother to assure her that he would keep an eye on my brother.

Chips wasn't much to look at. He was stooped and weatherbeaten, his face lined with an aura of timeliness that is hard to describe. His hair was a dirty grey, the accumulation of soot and sweat having had their staining effect and the very pores of his skin were filled with the grime of the ship. His clothing was soiled and dirty and altogether he was a most unattractive figure.

Mother was touched by his concern, however, and soon Chips began coming to our shack where he could find the cheerful warmth of home life. He would come suddenly. He would stand quietly by until noticed, he never obtruded himself.

Slowly he would put a dirty hand into a greasy pocket and produce a squashed bun which he had saved, and this he would give to Mother for us kids. Or, it might be some leftover rice in an old margarine can, or some tit-bit which he thought might supplement our rations. But it was always something.

In return Mother used to wash and mend his socks, clean out his stained mug, besides other little chores that Chips needed doing.

Such a one was Chips. We loved him and tried to brighten his lonely life.

Gradually, however, he seemed to fade like a pile of snow on a warm day, imperceptibly. Life in him seemed to be gently ebbing. His stoop became more pronounced and his

# Rugby First Team Remains Undefeated; Grass Hockey Game Provides Hilarious Afternoon

On the rugby front, the picture is exceptionally bright. The first team remains undefeated, and leading the league, while the seconds are in third place, and continually improving. The Vikings 1 edged University School 5-3 on a try by Phil Ney, and

an all important convert by Tom Ward. Last week they swamped Oak Bay Wanderers 23-3. Sparked by Malcolm Anderson, scoring three tries, and Pete McMullan with one try and a convert, Vikings found it easy-going against the short-handed Oak Bay squad.

Vikings II erupted into a rash of scoring as they downed Wanderers two weeks ago, 19-3, and went on to slaughter Vivat II team 32-0. The boys went hoot in the latter game as Mike Kendall, Doug Townsend and Georgie Balfour scored two tries apiece, and Mike Young, Chips Fil-leul and Harold Robinson each scored one apiece. Hamish Simpson also chipped in with a field goal. They should beat Shawnigan Lake on Saturday if they carry on like this, and if Townsend doesn't steal any more tries from his team-mates.

Besides winning on the rugby field, the Vikings accepted a challenge from the girls' grass-hockey team. This thrilling match, played among mud and general hilarity, saw the boys edge out the girls 7-1. George Jackson led the scoring, while the girls' lone marker was the kind gesture of the only chivalrous gentleman present. (As this little item was written by Ian Parker, it should be obvious who scored the goal).

score at half-time, the boys' strength gave out, and dropped behind for the remainder of the game. Although Al Snowsell shot in 13 points, Pete Winters 12 points, and Gary Corbett 10 points, the absence of Dave Price, Len Anderson and Dunc Smith was keenly felt. This, however, is not detracting from the excellent performance given by Harold Robinson, Buster Browne and Monty Little. Monty, in particular, proved extremely valuable as repeatedly stole the ball from taller players by sheer determination and speed. However, when our team gets back to full strength, I am sure that the College can expect a smashing victory over the Totems, and an addition to our silver collection.

Congratulations to those who turned out to cheer for College, and particularly the basketball game. It was a pleasant surprise, and added a great deal of zest to the game!

## SOCCER

The last two Sunday games for the Vic College Vikings soccer team have been rained out although one game was played mid-week. Last Thursday, the Vikings held Vic High to a 1-1 tie in a game of twenty-five minute halves. Pete McMullan, on loan from the rugby squad, scored early in the first half to give College the lead. The score was tied up late in the game and failing light prevented a decision being made. Thanks are due to Pete McMullan, Dan Henslowe, Dick Owen and Stu Wright for helping the soccer team out, and to Hamish Simpson for handling the team in the absence of Jim Sherratt.

## GIRLS SPORTS

On Saturday, the 28th of November, the College grass hockey team played four games in the Bridgeman Cup competition. We lost the first two against Vic High Blacks and Queen Margaret's but triumphed over Vic High Golds 5-0 and Esquimalt 4-0 to place fifth in the tournament. Louise Heal, centre forward, and Pat Turner, right inner, were the stars of the day. The friendliest game of the season took place on Sunday when the girls' hockey team challenged the rugby team. (For further fantastic details look ).

In basketball, College played Victoria High on Friday evening and won 42-11. Outstanding in the team were Louise Heal, who scored 14 points, and Anne Snowsell who scored 12. Earlier in the season the girls defeated Mount View 18-12 while dropping a close decision 25-28 to the Normal School.

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# How is Vic College Spending It's Christmas

Since early December is often associated with Christmas plans, the big question which usually arises is—what do people propose to do during the coming festive season?

This question of universal interest was posed to a number of students of this institution of progressive education and effective living, and the variety of answers received, which ranged from the utterly irrelevant to the utterly ridiculous, made me wonder which way education is really progressing. One thing which can be predicted with Pearsonian accuracy is that Mr. Seagram will undoubtedly notice a big boom in his profits. As usual, Mr. Ron Birch provided an unprintable answer, and the efforts of our censors have reduced other replies to more socially acceptable language. However, the remainder, untampered with, are given below:

Mr. George Bowering: "Going on a campaign to sell salt shakers in Siberia."

He'll do better with iceboxes for Eskimos.

Miss Dorothy Rogers: "It makes no difference because I don't know now, and I won't remember after."

Gee, what a crazy mixed-up kid!

Mr. Roland Chalmers: "I wish to drown my sorrows through the festive season."

Definitely a water-sport enthusiast.

## GET LOST GEORGE

Miss Jo Ellis: "Get lost, George! Doesn't take any chances, does she?"

Mr. David Heblom: "Except for a perfunctory visit with my wife and three children in Salt Lake City, I

shall devote myself to such pleasant avocations as: sleeping, listening to "Don Juan in Hell" for the 13th, 14th and 15th time . . . (Eds. note, unprintable except in the TNR), and making yet another attempt to play "Oh, doth the butterfly flit" on the Spanish guitar."

Miss Sue Harrison: "Waiting for Santa."

Watch that rush on Santa suits!

Mr. Alan Snowsell: "Im going to see Caddy's rival, Ogo-pogo."

Any relation to a pink elephant?

Mr. Pettit: "Ostensibly, I shall be studying."

Don't we all?

Miss Sheila Hardie: "I don't know yet, anything could happen."

Here's hoping something will— Empire 1916.

Mr. Gerald Guest: "Depends on three things: Santa, the liquor control board, and Joan."

Let's not drag our family into this.

## SOBER REFLECTIONS

Mr. David Price: "I shall devote my time to cober, intellectual reflections (feminine)."

Here's a boy with an ideal.

Mr. Don Cox: "Socially speaking, I feel that . . . (let's get on with it, ed.) . . . and if she doesn't like it, she can (unmentionable) get another boy friend."

Did the gentleman get the question?

Mr. Ron Beaumont: "You don't know do you?"

Give him to the Senate Investigating Committee.

Miss Myrtle Bratvold: "Return to Paradise."

Duncan?

Well, that seems to be all we have room for, except of course the author who is going to retire into the sombre tranquillity of intellectual pursuit as he has planned for nineteen years (and will probably plan for another nineteen).

Don't forget the Christmas Ball.

Watch for the Marlet's big dance.

shuffle increased.

They took him to the hospital where he died, but it was not without a final gesture on his part. He sent me, by another fellow, a jar of fudge, though in itself was little, did demonstrate the spirit behind and brought tears to my eyes.

I wasn't at the funeral when they buried him. The service was at dusk and Mother said later that just as they were lowering him into the grave, the sun burst through the clouds.

Well, I'm a religious guy and that would seem to be a fitting salute from the Almighty for one who followed in his steps.

# CLUB CLIPPINGS

This year, in the midst of the usual flurry of athletic and academic activity, many students have discovered the extra stimulus club membership offers. Of the four following clubs, the first two are organized on a partly intellectual basis while the latter two give an opportunity to learn more and practice these hobbies.

## STUDENTS CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT

President: Anne Skelton

The members of this club study all phases of Christian doctrine and discuss what their personal faith means to them. Problems are attacked from all possible angles, from the viewpoints of different denominations and religions, and from the viewpoints of atheists and agnostics. Guest speaker John McKee, connected with the national Student Christian Movement, gave a talk recently on student affairs in India. In the Spring, the club will sponsor a Blood Drive and a committee has already been chosen to complete the plans.

## PRE-MED CLUB

President: Lynn Thow

Membership in this club is not limited to those who intend to enter the medical profession, but is open to all who are interested in the health and welfare of their community. So far the club has had two speakers. Mrs. Masters, hospital administrator, spoke on the effects of polio while Dr. McNiven discussed drugs and alcohol. As attendance at these meetings has been good the club will have more speakers during the year. At present, however, member discussion groups are being organized.

## SQUARE DANCE CLUB

President: Wayne Halstrom

Members of this club swing their partners every Monday from 12:30 to 1:30 in the gym, and the spectators have as much fun as the actual participants. Music is provided by the enthusiasts who like to bring their own records. You don't have to be an expert dancer to belong to this club—beginners find the steps surprisingly easy.

## CAMERA CLUB

President: Alan Patterson

The main purpose of this club is to provide snap shots of College life for the Tower, which means that members clutching cameras are constantly patrolling the halls. This year the club has bene fortunate in getting a darkroom in the chemistry lab., thanks to Mr. Savvanah. Members will be able to develop and print film belonging to the students as soon as the darkroom is equipped.

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