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THE "T"

What the laurel of the Olympiad was to the youth of Sparta and Athens in days gone by, our "T" with its maple leaf, is to the undergraduates of Toronto University. A Varsity man would rather have a "T" than any other honor in the world of sport.

The emblem is given annually to men who win a place on any first intercollegiate team, to the champion fencer and tennis player, and to those who, while they have not been in intercollegiate meets have displayed a great amount of athletic prowess in games and contests around the University.

The executive of each club holds a meeting every year for the purpose of recommending men for the emblem. Their nominees, with complete histories, are proposed to the Athletic Directorate, who go into each case very exhaustively before making a decision. Often a man's past record, including his activities in sports outside of the one for which he is named for the "color" will help him to get the coveted emblem, but it must be distinctly demonstrated that he has aided the progress of sport in the University.

The recipient of the color receives with it a finely wrought certificate, and his name, with the facts which led the Directorate to honor him is placed in the "Color Book" of the University. Since 1903 228 names have been entered, the majority of these of late time, since swimming, tennis, and cross-country running have been made intercollegiate sports.

Many and many a "T" has been won by men who had no particular athletic record when they came to college, but who went to work to build themselves up for one or more branches of sport. The tortoises win in Toronto University, as well as in the fables of the ancient Phrygian.

CORRESPONDENCE

In our last issue there appeared a letter from "Arts Soph," with which, we may say, we have not the slightest sympathy. We think that the writer is quite unjust in his arraignment of Varsity men; in fact, he might almost be thought to be in the condition mentioned in the first paragraph of this epistle, which, we believe, states the position of practically every student.

With regard to letters to The Varsity, we would have it distinctly understood that we take no responsibility for the views expressed. Every letter must be signed by the writer, who will be allowed any pseudonym he desires to append to his letter. Hereafter no letter will be published that is not signed.

To the Editor of The Varsity:

Sir:—Would some good Samaritan kindly buy the "Arts Soph" who has written the articles on "Ottawa Cheer" in the last issue of The Varsity a pair of horn spectacles and an ear trumpet. He needs them badly.

We regret sincerely that a programme of songs and yells was not prepared especi-

ally for the benefit of the visiting team. Scrutinizing our "true" sportsman's effort we note that either the honorable gentleman slept peaceably throughout the game or else he had "lucru" up on Ottawa.

"What about cheers for Ottawa?" shouts the type. Had our good friend been awake to the world he should have had no difficulty in hearing the "Rooter" give the "Ottawa College" yell twice when the players were coming on the field and again at intervals during the game. The plays of Cornellier and Hefferman were applauded from both stands repeatedly. Surely he does not desire us to maintain the impartiality of a high-court judge when our boys go over for a "touch" Students in general are not gifted with that trait of character which enables some to set back and see the home team lose without raising their yells in defiance.

Perhaps arrangements could be made, whereby our aspiring "Soph" could be carried about the gridiron for the visiting players to fall on when tackled.

Varsity always did cheer the "enemy" whether winning or losing and always will. In closing let us remind our critic that he is but one month and a half removed from the wisdom and glory of a mere freshman.

SOME OF THE OLD GUARD

MORE ABOUT STREET CAR FARES

To the Editor of The Varsity:

Dear Sir:—The correspondent who in last Monday's issue broached the subject of cheaper street car fare for students certainly struck a vital theme. The business man with his large income, the factory hand with his weekly earnings, are all allowed a distinct advantage over the student. We are a source of great revenue to the Toronto street railway for many have to ride four times daily and out of the hours when any reduction is given. We have not an unlimited supply of funds. The majority of us can't earn a dollar from October till June, each year. Why should the student not be entitled to at least the same privileges as the working man? There is not much doubt but that if the proper authority, the students' parliament took the matter up and presented their plea before the officials of the company, that something could be done. The members of the Parliament owe this much to those of the college who are so situated that they have to pay the regular fare. Each student could be supplied with a ticket when he has registered at the colleges. Then by presenting this when ever he desired to buy a series of car tickets and signing for the same at the head office or branch office or with the conductor, all chance of wrongful use of the privilege might be eliminated. What ever plan is adopted, it is only fair that we should be given a consideration in this matter.

BIOLOGY.

ONLOOKER'S CORNER

THE LAZY LOAFER

We are at this University primarily to read, study, attend lectures and in general to acquire scholastic knowledge. This is obviously not our whole duty to ourselves and our College, but it should be first and most important work. From this we must deduce that a man who neglects his work is a Loafer. He may be everlastingly busy along committee and athletic lines but he is never the less a Loafer, albeit not Lazy. However, this sketch is to deal with the pure unadulterated shiftless po' white trash that find their way into the University.

In the fall term, his habitat is the tennis court, where he loafs luxuriously on the grass and makes wittily cynical remarks about the style of the players. When the snow begins to fly he seeks the warmth of the Union and there discusses anything from Semitic literature to the latest stunt at the Gayety.

But the worst Loafer of them all is to be found in the Library. There you will see him at any hour of the day calmly sleeping behind a redoubtable rampart of lexicons biographical, *belles lettres* and encyclopaedia. Often he is literally asleep, more frequently he is in a sort of dream, reverie, trance, or coma. His symptoms are well defined but not alarming. You will note his regular breathing, his pre-occupied stare, and the automatic way in which he turns over the pages of his book the while he heaves a heart rendering sigh. Poor fellow he is the most harmless of all hypocrites for he deceives no one but himself.

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The College is a Government institution, designed primarily for the purpose of giving instruction in all branches of military science to cadets and officers of the Canadian Militia. In fact it corresponds to Woolwich and Sandhurst.

The Commandant and military instructors are all officers on the active list of the Imperial army, lent for the purpose, and there is in addition a complete staff of professors for the civil subjects which form such an important part of the College course. Medical attendance is also provided.

Whilst the College is organized on a strictly military basis the cadets receive a practical and scientific training in subjects essential to a sound modern education.

The course includes a thorough grounding in Mathematics, Civil Engineering, Surveying, Physics, Chemistry, French and English.

The strict discipline maintained at the College is one of the most valuable features of the course, and, in addition, the constant practice of gymnastics, drills, and outdoor exercises of all kinds, ensures health and excellent physical condition.

Commissions in all branches of the Imperial service and Canadian Permanent Force are offered annually.

The diploma of graduation, is considered by the authorities conducting the examination for Dominion Land Surveyor to be equivalent to a university degree, and by the Regulations of the Law Society of Ontario, it obtains the same examinations as a B.A. degree.

The length of the course is three years, in three terms of 9½ months each.

The total cost of the course, including board, uniform, instructional material, and all extras, is about \$800.

The annual competitive examination for admission to the College, takes place in May of each year, at the headquarters of the several military districts.

For full particulars regarding this examination and for any other information, application should be made to the Secretary of the Militia Council, Ottawa, Ont.; or to the Commandant, Royal Military College, Kingston, Ont.

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