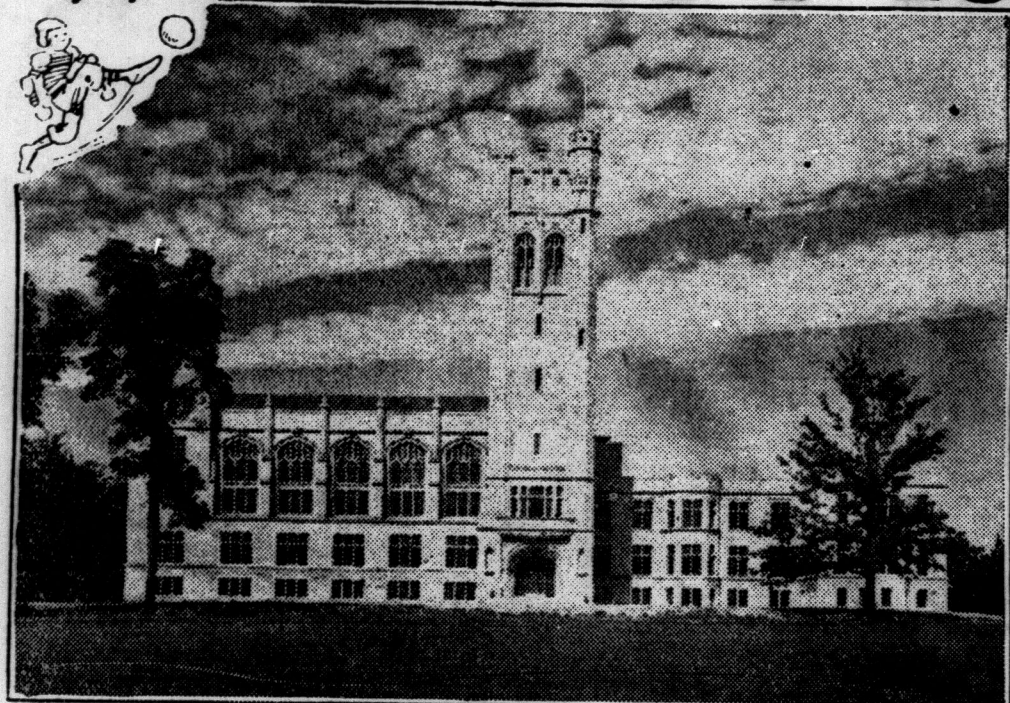


Western Makes New Records In '25



COLLEGE of ARTS

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Boom-a-lacka, boom-a-lacka, boom-a-lacka, boo!
Thick-a-lacka, chick-a-lacka, chick-a-lacka, choo!
Boom-a-lacka, boo, chick-a-lacka, choo!
Western, Western, Western U!

Here they come, a hundred freshmen from the university.

With fiendish glee they have torn each others' clothing to shreds. They are dirty, disheveled, even blood-stained. In their grinning faces is seen the light of conquest, the college spirit.

"Savages, young savages," remarks a middle-aged man to his daughter as the paint-besmeared students crash their way through the traffic at the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets.

"No, no, daddy; it's the boys from Western. You know, the annual battle between the sophs and the freshmen. It starts the school year."

"They act like a lot of young colts," says the man.

And colts they are; the wild horses from the human ranges. They are untamed bronchos of Ontario's countryside. They have already seen the interior of the university corral where they are to be broken in for useful work. They have torn loose for one last rampage before they settle into the harness of four years' study.

Save for occasional minor lapses they will plod along straight furrows toward a certain goal. Some, of course, will prove erratic, others will refuse to become tamed, even at the sight of the tempting peck-measure of oats labelled "B.A." or "M.D." in the hands of a persuasive professor.

So starts the year at Western. The scramble into new surroundings follows four high school years of Latin syntax, irregular French verbs, and the boring binomial theorem spiced with a dash of Tennyson and Coleridge.

In the new university buildings situated in a natural parkland of 255 acres by the Thames on north Richmond street, 700 students, 200 of them women bent on careers, have been studying since that initiation day last fall.

Present "Faculty Follies."

A school year has elapsed; days filled with plenty of study and some leisure; nights of class parties, of dances and more study.

It has been a notable year at Western. The old has given way to the new, or rather that which was old and found wanting was discarded, that which was new and needful was taken up.

The old buildings which rendered signal service had seen their day. They were left behind. But the priceless spirit that dwelt within those rambling halls was brought to the new, a precious heirloom to be the firm foundation of a college spirit which is as sure a part of academic life as examinations.

Concrete evidence of the spirit reigning at Western was shown in the first term, when the instructors offered an original form of entertainment known as the "Faculty Follies." In a series of skits the professors went back to their schooldays. They took the parts of the boys and girls. In travesty they showed the seniors, sophs and freshmen as they appeared to the dean and his associates.

The burlesque was given because money was none too plentiful around the new buildings. Furniture was needed for the faculty rooms. The heads of the departments decided to earn it themselves.

The result, whether intentional or not, went deeper than the mere buying of chairs and tables for faculty rooms. It proved the democratic spirit of the college; cemented more firmly the bond of understanding between the student body and the faculty. It was a new departure credited to the first year of the new Western.

So great was the success of the "Faculty Follies" that the students set about at once to return the compliment with a frolic called the "Student Follies," which reversed the theme. And while the auditorium resounded with applause, the professors saw themselves as others saw them. Thus was set another precedent.

The innovations planned and carried out

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proof that the play was well done. For after all the actor is or should be the mouthpiece of the playwright.

But the real value of the little theatre in the college of arts is, behind the footlights, where the men and women are able, apart from their lectures, to gain a sound knowledge of the art of the stage. They play their parts. They conceive their lighting effects and carry them out. They have their own wardrobe mistress, their own scene painters, scene shifters and carpenters. All the details are arranged and brought to a successful conclusion.

The result is that something for art is actually being accomplished. The little theatre movement is not conversation. It is not theory but an established fact. The tireless workers that wrestle with a play for months to place it before the public for one or two performances have not labored in vain. Something has come out of it. Its value has been recognized by the sagest heads in the theatrical profession.

On the Athletic Field.

During the year the Literary society, the Glee club and the Players' club gave "The Lost Silk Hat," by Lord Dunsany; "O Hara San," the Japanese operetta; "The Changeling," a Canadian play by Mary Eccleston MacKay; "Such a Charming Young Man," by Zoe Akins; "Beck Sharp," from Thackeray, and other productions. Over 100 students took part in the work.

A greater year is promised for 1926, for university theatre has acquired an up-to-date lighting system, properties, and an undying enthusiasm.

The university during the past year experienced the largest program of its history, both in the development of intra-mural games and athletics and in the participation that the university had throughout the Intercollegiate Athletic Union.

Many interesting features have developed, Dr. G. A. Smith, director of physical education groups them under three heads, namely, equipment, advanced series and general.

The equipment includes a 21-foot cinder track a quarter-mile in circumference, located in an ideal spot on the lower levels of the university park property. It incloses an area large enough to stage regular intercollegiate matches of soccer and rugby.

The upper campus, situated to the west of the natural science building, provides a playing field of proportions that will permit the playing of rugby, soccer, field hockey and cricket simultaneously.

Local college championship tennis games are now played off on three new concrete courts on the east end of the campus. Sports officials hope to see a team emerge from the student body to represent Western in the annual intercollegiate tennis matches.

Won Five Out of Seven.

In the advanced series playing privileged were extended to the university throughout the year by the Intercollegiate Athletic Union in senior basketball. This gave the students and basketball followers an opportunity of seeing for the first time Queen's, Varsity and McGill's senior cage quintets in action on the local courts.

Western was also given competitive status in the senior track and field meet. This arrangement was completed too late in the season for the local athletes to receive proper preparation and the showing was not what it might have otherwise been. However, the organization of a track and field club here will provide for proper training next year.

The football record last year was the best in the history of the college. The team played seven games and won five. In every game the university gave ample evidence of careful preparation and consideration of the finer points of the game. The results were much better than they had been for many years.

The great factor in sport was the spirit of unbounded enthusiasm which prevailed, as shown by the splendid response in attendance at the intercollegiate fixtures and the fine cooperation which existed throughout the organization of the association.

Swimming privileges were obtained in the Intercollegiate Athletic Union, but on account of lack of proper equipment here it was impossible to place a team in the intercollegiate series.

With an early start and a better knowledge of the material at hand the sport directors hope to develop fair contenders for the events offered by the swimming association of the union next year.

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During the fall and spring semesters were not confined to entertainment and events in lighter vein. Something new was offered in every department, from the cafeteria kitchen's "good meal for 35 cents" to the latest instruments constituting biological apparatus, which Dr. A. B. McCallum, A.B., M.B., B.A., Ph.D., has been using in research work in the medical school.

Must Keep Up His Work.

Time was when universities were considered by many to be the playground for the sons of the rich, where the bored and languid scions of old families dallied away four years, their object being to go from one year to the next on the minimum of study and the maximum of sport.

That day is no more, according to the records of Dean W. Sherwood Fox, M.A., Ph.D., F.R.S.C., D.Litt., of the college of arts. The student still plays, but he must study if he is to remain in the college. As soon as he misses more than one lecture in ten or falls behind in his work he automatically dismisses himself from the university.

65,000 Volumes in Library.

New to Western is the library. There was a library in the old buildings, but it was so cramped as to be valueless. The present reading-room seats 90 readers comfortably. It is bright and airy. It has been an incentive to study. There are 65,000 volumes, which will be increased by 20,000 this year.

Of the several forward steps taken in the college of arts this year the institution of the courses in municipal government are looked upon as of primary importance.

Prof. R. A. Freeman, M.A., B.Litt., of the department of economics, has arranged with the senate to offer a wide range of subjects dealing with corporation finance, underwriting, receivership, city management, taxes and budgets.

The courses will go into effect this fall. They will be optional in the general arts curriculum. The first thought in outlining the study has been to increase through education a sincere interest in and a high regard for the exercising of the franchise.

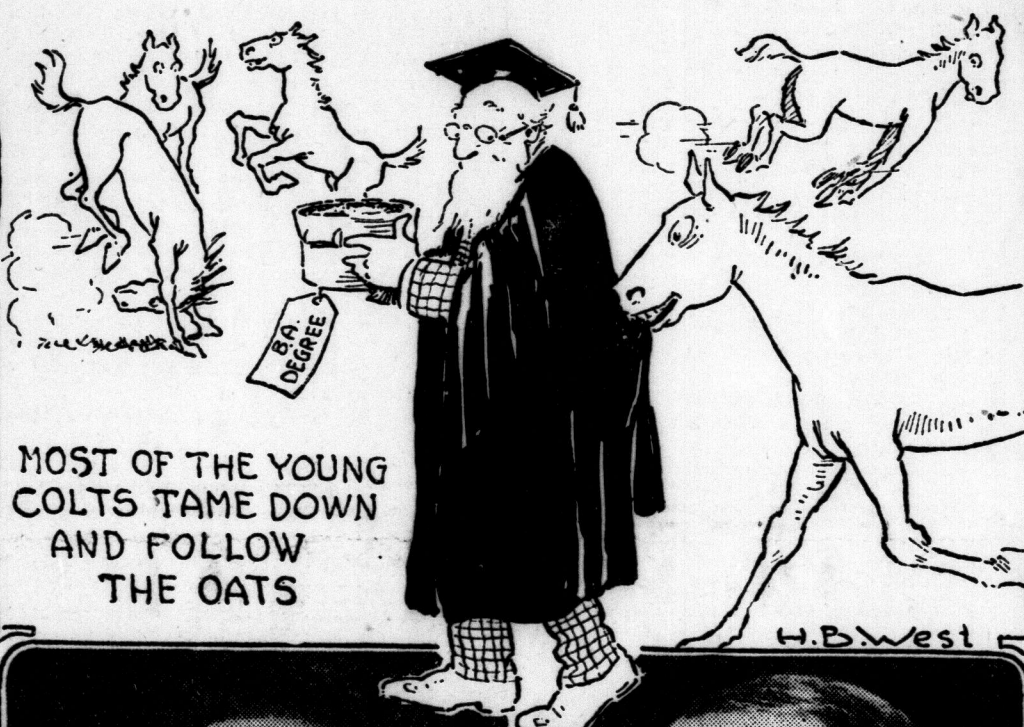
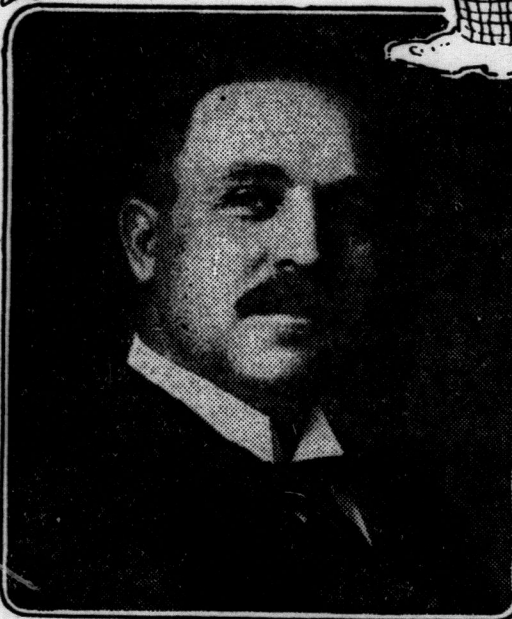
For the first time in the history of Western, the physics department was this year recognized by the Research Council of Canada. The body is an advisory council appointed by parliament. It grants bursaries of \$750 a year to carry on scientific investigation.

The allowance received assisted the university to secure the services of K. Thompson, M.A., who is devoting his time to the study of the spectrum lines of hydrogen gas.

Extension Courses.

R. C. Dearn, M.A., Ph.D., professor of physics, is enthusiastic about the gift. For with the well-equipped laboratories in the natural science building continued work in the direction of further discoveries in the realm of light, heat, sound, electricity and mechanics is assured.

The experiments have enjoyed a distinct advance since a skilled instrument-maker who re-

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ceived his training in England has been installed to make special apparatus for trial tests.

Within the last few months radio interference has been taken up in the physics department. An effort has been made to trace the cause of and find a solution for the static so noticeable about London. Suggestions have been received and acted upon, and much useful information has been gained. The work will continue when new and improved trouble-detecting apparatus is received.

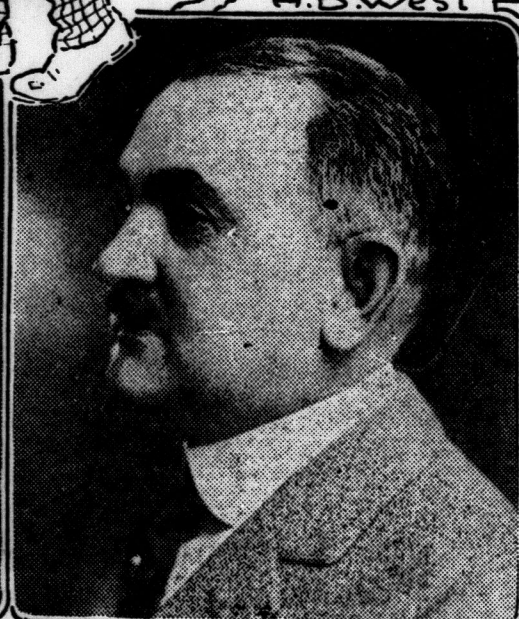
Significant of the broadening principles of the university is the extension system offered to citizens of Western Ontario who can not attend the regular lectures. It was highly developed this year. Addresses on a variety of subjects were given in thirty high schools in the district. The lectures threw light on a wide variety of subjects, from "Who Should Go to College and Who Should Stay at Home," by Prof. H. H. Bullard, to "Insulin and Diabetes," by Prof. A. J. Slack.

Notable advances in medicine have been made at Western. During the last few months these have verified the contention that the medical school is something more than a training ground for doctors; that it is a research laboratory where white-gowned scientists discover the secrets of health.

Research Facilities.

Dean Paul S. McKibben, B.S., Ph.D., F.R.S.C., says that the facilities for research compare favorably with other schools. An attempt has been made to give the staff time to labor toward new and greater benefits to mankind.

This has been done by keeping as many graduates as possible in Canada and retaining in

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the school a sufficient number as internes and instructors to carry on advanced work. In the last few years twelve such graduates have been employed. Those who contribute successfully to the cause of science receive the degree of master of science. Six were conferred last year and three in 1925.

Proof is not wanting that the vigorous application to research will continue to increase. The alumni have recently expressed their love for the alma mater by providing tangible evidence of the high regard in which they hold their school.

The class of 1917 has endowed a scholarship in clinical work, awarded for the first time this year. The principal is deposited with the London & Western Trusts. It has the value of \$65 at present and will increase from year to year.

A form of scholarship which is finding increasing favor with donors is the insurance policy drawn to the credit of the institution. Dr. O. J. Shore, a former London boy now living in Detroit, had a \$5,000 contract willed to the school. It goes for a scholarship in internal medicine. It was an unexpected gift which proved unfailing faith in the home town.

Recently a clinic clerk service in both the wards and out-patients departments of Victoria hospital has been instituted. The senior medical students take the histories, physical examinations and laboratory tests among the patients under the supervision of internes and members of the staff. The method insures a thorough grounding for the student, inasmuch as he deals with every detail of the patient's case.

The course in organic chemistry as offered

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men who are planning to enter upon a medical career is unique, says Prof. J. A. Gunton, M.A., Ph.D., F.C.I.C. No Canadian institution offers such a course to pre-medical students. It gives an opportunity of acquiring the fundamentals in organic chemistry before the student enters the medical school. This allows him to devote all his medical course time to advanced work and specializing topics.

Excellent Laboratory Equipment.

The facilities of the new laboratories and the equipment have enabled the staff to present this branch of their science with thoroughness. During the school year that has just closed considerable interest in the course has been exhibited by the authorities of other Canadian colleges.

The laboratory textbook was compiled by instructor J. W. Burns. It is expected that the work will be published in permanent book form.

The instruction of students of chemistry is planned so that all members of the staff come in contact with the freshmen both in the classrooms and laboratories. This applies even to the grading of the final examination papers.

Some very accurate measurements of the properties of solutions have been made during the past year in the division of physical chemistry. The apparatus built for the purpose was made in the institution and is capable of maintaining a constant temperature within the range of one-thousandth of a degree centigrade. A special thermometer with a scale magnifying attachment is required to register such small fluctuations.

Recently the department of chemistry has been frequently called upon to act in a consulting capacity by municipalities and industries in the university constituency. It is planned to extend this service as rapidly as laboratory facilities and the time of the staff permit.

Contact has been made with a number of the more prominent industries utilizing chemical processes and a collection of the products from such organizations has been commenced.

Although there are no courses in dramaturgy or in stagecraft listed in the curriculum, a comprehensive study of the theatre is now available within the university.

Student Plays a Success.

A student may take part in the several plays produced each year by the student body. The dramatic offerings go far beyond the realms of mere entertainment.

Practical self-taught lessons mold the theory of the stage into histrionic and technical triumphs.

Triumphs is indeed a strong word when applied to a student play. But witness George Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion," produced by the Literary club, given for two nights following four months of serious study, intensive rehearsing and honest coaching. The result was a piece of finished work seldom excelled in the professional theatre.

It was well acted, skillfully directed and managed. The audiences were given a good measure of entertainment. Some, making their first acquaintance with the expletives of shockingly frank Shaw, felt that they received more than entertainment. This was perhaps the best