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Special Registration Issue

# WELCOME, FROSH!

### **INITIATION PLANS** COMPLETED AS BIG DAY APPROACHES

· Freshmen will be given ample opportualty to become intimately acquainted with an age old college tradition when the sophomore initiation committee hits its stride next week. Nothing definite could. be gleaned from the chairman as we go to press, but persistant questioning revealed the fact that, "There will be no bloodshed." Other than this he would say nothing.

If the actions of the committee members mean anything the ritual will certainly be a well planned affair. Numerous bundles were being smuggled into the ordinance rooms, while mysterious errands seemed to occupy the time of many. of those in charge. Washroom chatter has it that the residence initiations will be something out of the ordinary, while several loudmouthed local frosh are being markeo out for special attention. The festivities will get under way next Tuesdây it is believed. 🚣



DOUG. DOWNING Senior Stick, 1937-38

### Frosh Reception Set For Friday Night:

The initial social function of the year, planned for Friday night, promises to be an entertaining atfair. Rumour has it that; considerable departure from traditional routine will be made and that even the customary pie and ice cream may be discarded for something more intriguing. When queried as to the possibilities of punch, the lady stick, Mary, Musray, explained that it was, out of the question. "Too much of a temptation" she answered. No amount of questioning would eligit an explanation for this rather unusual statement.

Punch or no punch, the affair promises to be a real one, so old and new students can get out the old blue serge and high themaelves to the Chapel at 8.15, Friday night. It's a date. And then it may be your last chance to be civil to each other for a while.

Members of Class '38 will be pleased to learn that their old class mater Rod McKenzie, has been awarded a scholarship at M.A.C.

News from Toronto has it that Dr. Rae, formerly of Brandon College, has accepted an appointment on the staff of Toronto University.

The paralysis epidemic has held two '37 grads from going to Toronto U' next week. Jack Labelle and Walter Dinsdale are planning on leaving next Saturday for the Eastern metropolis.



EVAN M. WHIDDEN, M.A., B.D. Dean of Arts

Isn't there an old song somewhere which welcomes a lot of hard-bitten heroes to their gory grave? It runs in my mind that they were Scots and that a gory grave was considered quite a glorious reward for the privilege of defending Scotland. It is downright cruel to tell new students that Brandon College has a yearly. habit of welcoming at least some of them to a gory grave in this good old-fashioned way; but it is true and the bitter fact had better come out now. What is worse, no rewards, real or fictitious, are offered to them: they are simply buried, dripping and without ceremony, under the examination room.

There is something barbaric about all this, but let me hasten to add that this only happens in these halls to a few—to the people who leave their swords at the door when they enter and decide on playing courtier or having sleeping sickness the live long year. Only these unfortunates get into the College Crypt, which to date is not large and which should now be left to its own population.

To all other, (and, as a matter of fact, to you too if there are among the new students any seekers after a premature sepulchre) I gladly extend a welcome to something far better than a sepulchre to a house of work and play; to a place of friendship and of solitude, "with all the sweet serenity of books"; to a search for truth and to its discovery. I hope that here all will be able to penetrate deeply into the mysteries of religion and of learning and find that the two are partners; and trust that through your studies and your social activities and your hours of reverence you will be able to prepare yourselef both for a vocation and for living. May I join with others in welcoming you to an institution that will make you as happy and as virtuous, and as learned and successful as you are willing to let it.

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JOHN R. C. EVANS, PH.D. President

On behalf of the Board and Faculty of Brandon College, it is a pleasure to say a brief word of greeting to the students of 1937-38...

A sincere welcome we extend to you all as you come to make up the student body of Brandon College. This welcome we trust you will appreciate more and more as the days go by, for we hope that you will find it is not a mere welcome of words alone. We are interested in you and we are anxious that your stay at Brandon College should not only be happy in your experiences, but profitable as well.

Toward this end we invite you to consider well at the beginning of the College year the main thought you have in mind in coming to College and to relate it to the purpose of a Liberal Arts education. Indeed, if this is not done, there is a strong probability that disappointment will be yours before the end of the College year.

The aim of Brandon College is to provide opportunities through which you as students may make the most of the talents you possess, and may develop as fully as possible an appreciation of life values that will serve you in good stead throughout all time.

-Such opportunities will be yours as you proceed with the course for which you have registered, but, needless to say, they will be of no value to you unless you take advantage of them, using them to the best of your ability. Brandon College, like all other institutions of learning, cannot give you an education. As a matter of fact, she is powerless to educate you without your utmost co-operation.

It is with this thought particularly in mind that we welcome you te these halls and invite you to become active and worthy members of the student body of the institution you have now chosen as your Alma Mater,

Mrs. R. M. Fraser, it is learned, is recovering from a serious operation at her home in the East. She will arrive in Brandon about the middle of October.

### **BIG REGISTRATION** IS INDICATION FOR THIS YEAR

Early indications are that the 1937 registration at Brandon College will be one of the best on record. Although last year established new highs in all departments. the present session is expected to: attract at least an equal number to the halls of the Alma Mater, and "those in the know" are quite; optimistic for the success of the coming year.

New students will be in evidence from many large centile of the; prairie provinces, notably Edmonton, Calgary, Weyburn and Lethbridge. Grade Twelve and Second Year Arts will attract an unusually large number of local students beginning their college careers. while registrations from the surrounding agricultural districts will; be heavy. It is likely that several of those in attendance last year will not be back, but their places in college activities will be more than capably filled by the latest addition's to the student body.



MARY MURRAY Lady Stick, 1937-38

### Student Questionnaire May Speed Activities

The innauguration of a student questionnaire to discover the capabilities and inclinations of incoming students is a step which will be recognized by many to be long

Registration day will see the questionnaire distributed from the student desk, also a new idea, with the idea of getting all available in. formation regarding new and old; students at the start of the year, ... New students. will have an opport tunity to list their preferences in sport and other student activities. and thus speed their absorption into these undertakings.

The idea, it will be remembered by old timers, was tried-in '34 butdue to faulty organization of the the scheme was never carried. through. If students co-operate by supplying the needed information the scheme should be a boon to all concerned.

### PROSPECTS FOR BASKETBALL GOOD ---

With last year's Provincial Jun-Champions intact, Brandon can look forward to even greater : doings in the hoop world this sea-. son. Besides an active city league. for junior and senior men, women's basketball will again be featured on the "Y" floor, Outside, " competitions will not be lacking as, our teams will entertain Wesley; and M.A.C. this season, as has been

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# WELCOME!

On behalf of the Students Association of Brandon College we wish to extend a sincere welcome to all new members of the faculty, staff and student body.

THE QUILL STAFF.

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### **EDITORIAL**

#### ANOTHER MILESTONE

It is most fitting that the Quill should mark its 28th anniversary by publishing a paper on registration day, an achievment hitherto held impossible. It is sincerely hoped that this early success will serve as an incentive for another year of We give you volume twenty-eight, number one. triumph.

#### FROSH RECEPTION

The Quill' believes itself to be echoing the opinion of the student body when it urges the Executive to start the social ball rolling with a bang-up Frosh Reception. Hackneyed as the expression is, the saying that "first impressions are lasting ones" is still true. A successful year can be assured by a successful start. Lets have a really enjoyable first function.

### **Executive Council Governs** College Student Association

The Executive Council, elected by the members of the student body is the head of all student government at Brandon College. The control of Athletics has been delegated to the Athretic Board of control (A.B.C.), which is represented on the Executive by the men's senior Athletic Representative, while the supervision of all publications, including the Quill, is vested in the Board of Publications (B.O.P.). The managing Editor of Publications is also a member of the Executive. As elections are held in the spring, vacancies occur, when the elected officer fails to return. The following are the offices of the main executive and the present incumbents:

Senior Stick (Pres. of B.C.S.A.) ...... Doug. Downing Lady Stick (Vice-Pres.) ...... Mary Murray President Literary Society ....... Vacant Treasurer B.C.S.A. Jack Trowell Secretary Elva Way 

In addition to the above the presidents of each of the four classes automatically becomes a member of the Executive. This latter feature was provided by an amendment to the constitution last year.

### MORE ABOUT

### BASKETBALL

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the time honored custom.

A new note will be introduced if negotiations begun last spring are completed. Torough trouncings of Wesley and M.A.C. teams drew the spotlight on Brandon as a basketball centre. When lectures closed last term the Manitoba University Athletic Board was angling for a game at Brandon: A full slate of student affairs and approaching exams prevented the playing of what would certainly have been a "natural." This fall should certainly see something definite done regarding a tilt with the highly tout-, ed "Toba" team.

### MANY CHANGES IN **FACULTY THIS YEAR**

Several changes have been made Brandon College for th prantETE in the personnel of the Faculty of Brandon College for the present year. Mr. Whidden will replace Mr. Richards as Dean of Arts, Mr. Richards having accepted the posrtion of Dean of Men at Denison University, Granville, Ohio.

Dr. Rae has joined the staff of the University of Western Ontario, and his place will be taken by Dr. L. H. Cragg of Toronto. Dr. Cragg studied at the University of Toronto, graduating in Honour Chemistry in 1934. In 1935 he obtained his M.A. and in 1937 his Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry. While pursu-

ing his graduate work, he devoted

half-time demonstrating to classes in Chemistry and also lectured in the Department of Extension, Toronto University. Dr. Cragg will take over the duties of Resident Master.

D. M. Robertson has joined the meteorological branch of the civit service and will work in connection with the new Trans-Canada air route. Martin W. Johns will be the new Physics instructor. Mr. Johns is a graduate of McMaster University, having obtained his B.A. in 1932 and his M.A. in 1934. He was a demonstrator in the Physics departments of both McMaster and Toronto Universities. Since 1934 he has studied at Toronto University, doing research and practically completing his work for the Ph.D. degree.

Replacing Mr. Richards as professor of Philosophy and Psychology is Mr. W. H. D. Vernon, an Arts graduate with first class honors from Queen's University. While studying in Kingston, he took a medal in Philosophy and Psychology and is holder of the Leonard Post' Graduate Fellowship. Mr. Vernon has done tutorship work at Queen's. "University during the past two and

a half years. Mr. Westcott has obtained a year's leave of absence to study in Toronto and during that time his classes in Political Economy

# will be taken by, Mr. Aitchison.

Registration always reminds us of the freshie who, when asked by the Registrar for the name of his

parents replied "Poppa and Mom-

Then there's the one about the two Scotch kids who killed their parents so they could go to the orphans' picnic.

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